

PUBLIC NOTICE

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United States Army
Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District
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Permit Application Number: MVN-2021-01038-CA

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the US Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to: **[X]** Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403), **[X]** Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

PROPOSED 3-BOAT CAPACITY BOAT SHED WITH OFFICE **TICKFAW RIVER, LIVINGSTON PARISH**

NAME OF APPLICANT: LIVINGSTON PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE, c/o ELOS Environmental, Attn: Taston Brookshire, 607 West Morris Avenue, Hammond, Louisiana 70403.

LOCATION OF WORK: Tickfaw River. Adjacent to Louisiana Highway 22, in Section 42, Township 8 South, Range 6 East, Killian, Louisiana, (30.376144, -90.550800), in Livingston Parish, as shown on the enclosed drawings, within Hydrologic Unit Code 08070203, Lower Mississippi – Lake Maurepas Watershed.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant has requested Department of the Army authorization to remove an existing dock, drive piles in order to install and maintain an office above a boat shed that can accommodate three (3) boats, a bulkhead and walkway, within the Tickfaw River. Approximately 78 linear feet of sheet pile bulkhead will be installed along the bankline with approximately 115 cubic yards of hauled-in topsoil to be placed behind the bulkhead for stabilization. The applicant will drive twenty (20) 12-inch pylons in order to create a 50-ft by 60-ft boat shed with an office to be constructed above the boat shed. A proposed 3-ft wide walkway will be installed for access along with two (2) 2-ft wide walkways to be installed to create three (3) 25-ft x 18-ft boat slips. All work will be conducted at the end of old Louisiana Highway 22 or from the water by barge and boat. No trees will be cleared during construction. No direct impacts to vegetated wetlands are expected and no mitigation is anticipated.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit will close in **20 days** from the date of this public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit and must be mailed so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters concerning the Corps of Engineers permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be mailed to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION: REGULATORY DIVISION**. Individuals or parties may request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by writing or e-mailing the Corps of Engineers Project Manager listed above. Any request must be specific and substantively supportive of the requested extension and received by this office prior to the end of the initial comment period. The Section Chief will review the request and the requestor will be promptly notified of the decision to grant or deny the request. If granted, the time extension will be continuous to the initial comment period and, inclusive of the initial comment period, will not exceed a total of 30 calendar days.

Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, federal, state, and local agencies and officials, Indian Tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to make, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The New Orleans District is unaware of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places near the proposed work. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, pre-historical, historical sites, or data. Issuance of this public notice solicits input from the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would not affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Interior, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species.

Utilizing the Information & Planning Consultation for Endangered Species in Louisiana (IPaC), dated January 27, 2020, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office, the Corps has determined that the proposed action is consistent with a determination of “no effect” or “may affect, but not likely to adversely affect (NLAA)” the threatened West Indian Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*) and the endangered Atlantic sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus*) along with a “no effect” to the endangered Red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*).

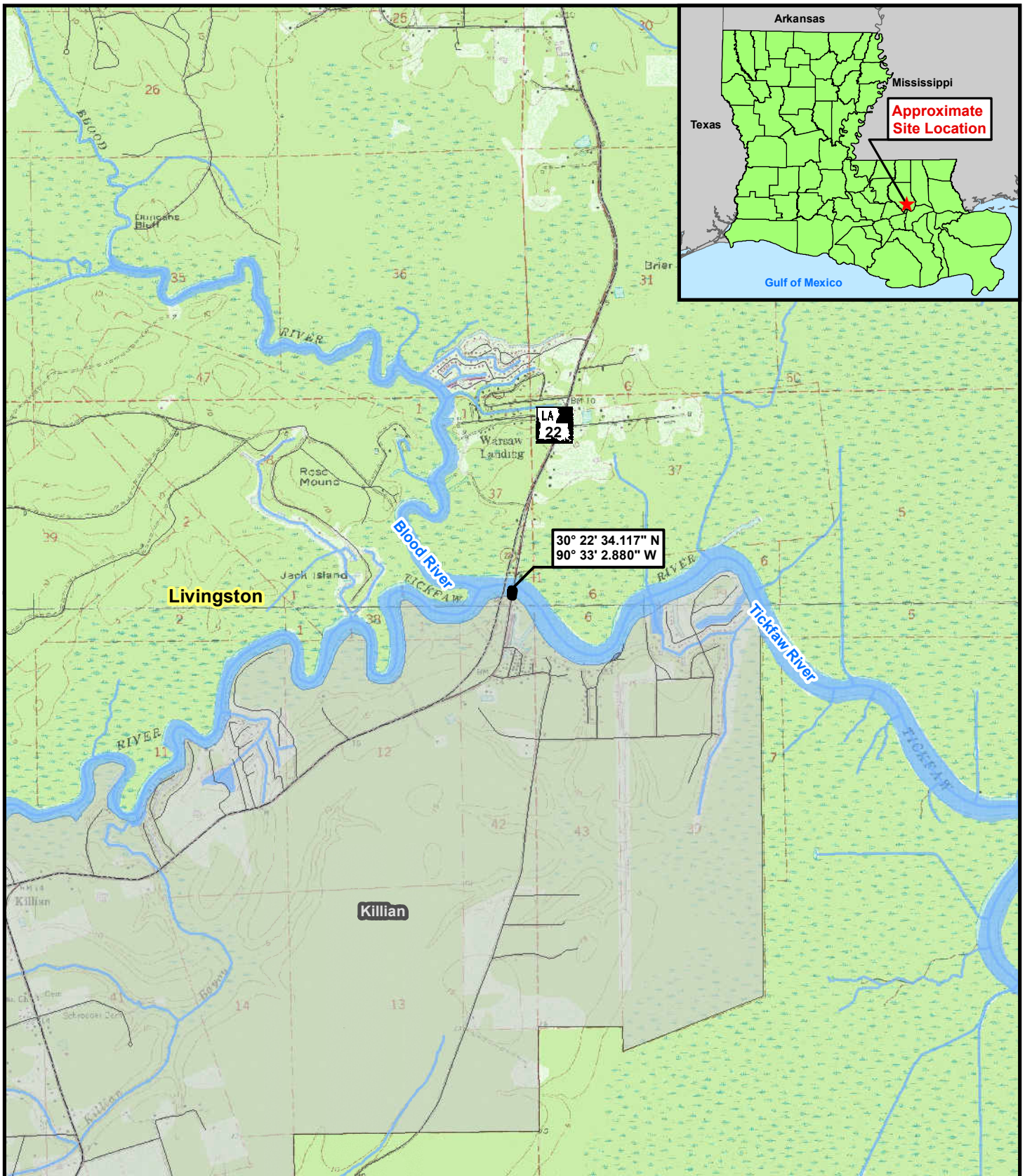
This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal may result in the destruction or alteration of 0.06 acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity described in the application complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program. The Department of the Army permit will not be issued unless the applicant received approval or a waiver of the Coastal Use Permit by the Department of Natural Resources.

You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

JOHN M. HERMAN
Chief, Central Evaluation Branch
Regulatory Division



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**Livingston Parish
Boat Shed**


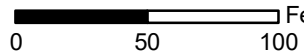

Legend:

- Site Outline
- ▭ City/Town
- Highway
- Roadway
- Stream/River

Sections: 42
Township: 08 South
Range: 06 East

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 <p>http://elosenv.com/</p>	 	<p>Legend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site Outline ● Existing Elevation Existing TOB Existing Dock Roadway
	<p>Figure 2: Existing Conditions</p>	
	<p>Livingston Parish Boat Shed</p>	

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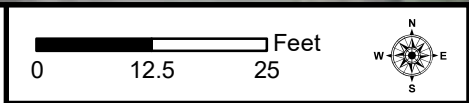


Figure 3: Plan View

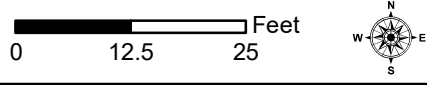
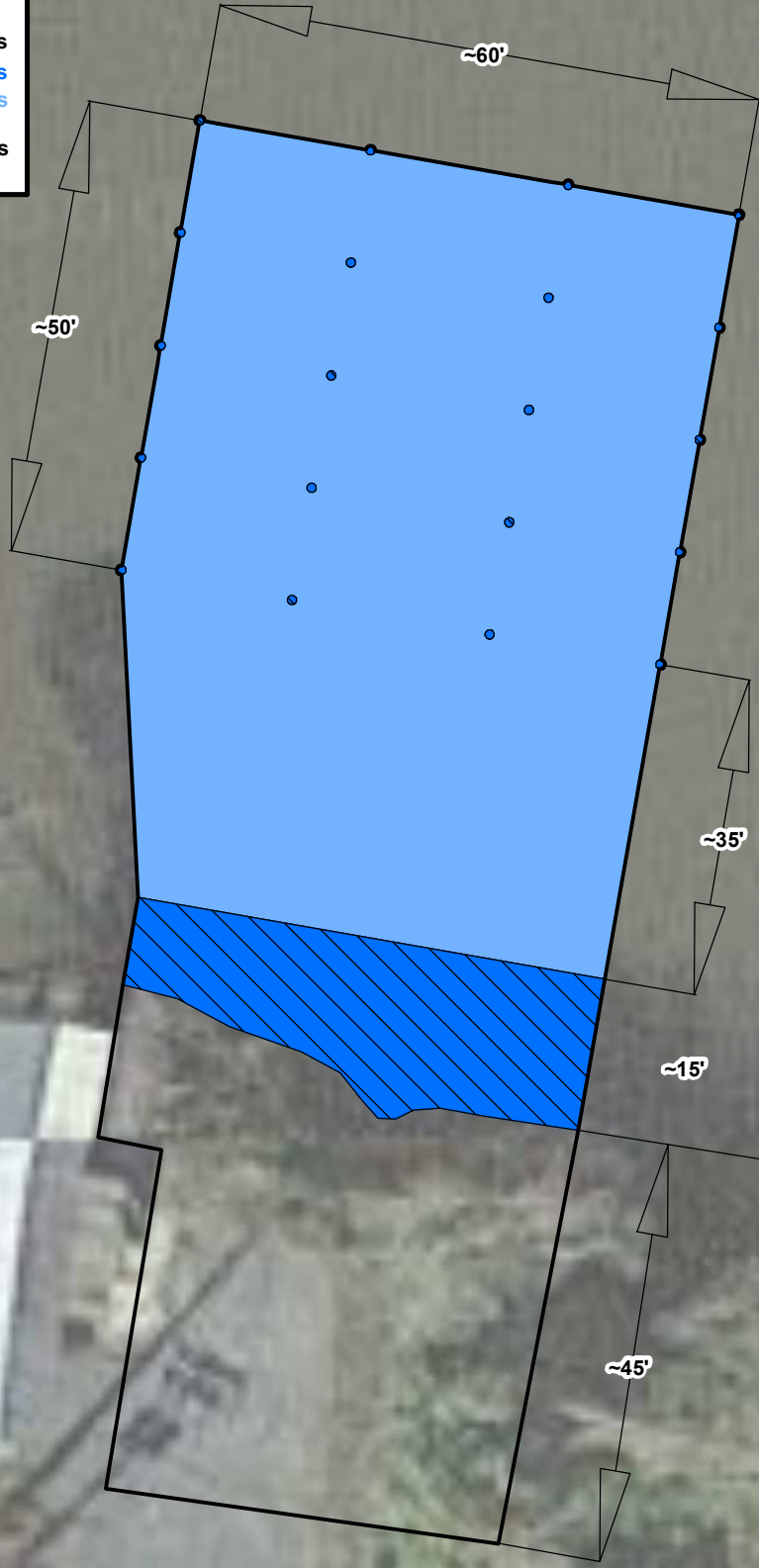
Livingston Parish Boat Shed

Legend:	
Site Outline	Boat Shed/Office
Proposed Bulkhead	Dock/Walkway
Backfill	Pylons
	Temp Work Area

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Proposed Impacts

Site Outline	~0.18 Acres
Other Water Impacts	~0.02 Acres
Temp. Other Water Impacts	~0.11 Acres
Fill	~0.02 Acres
Clay	~115 CY



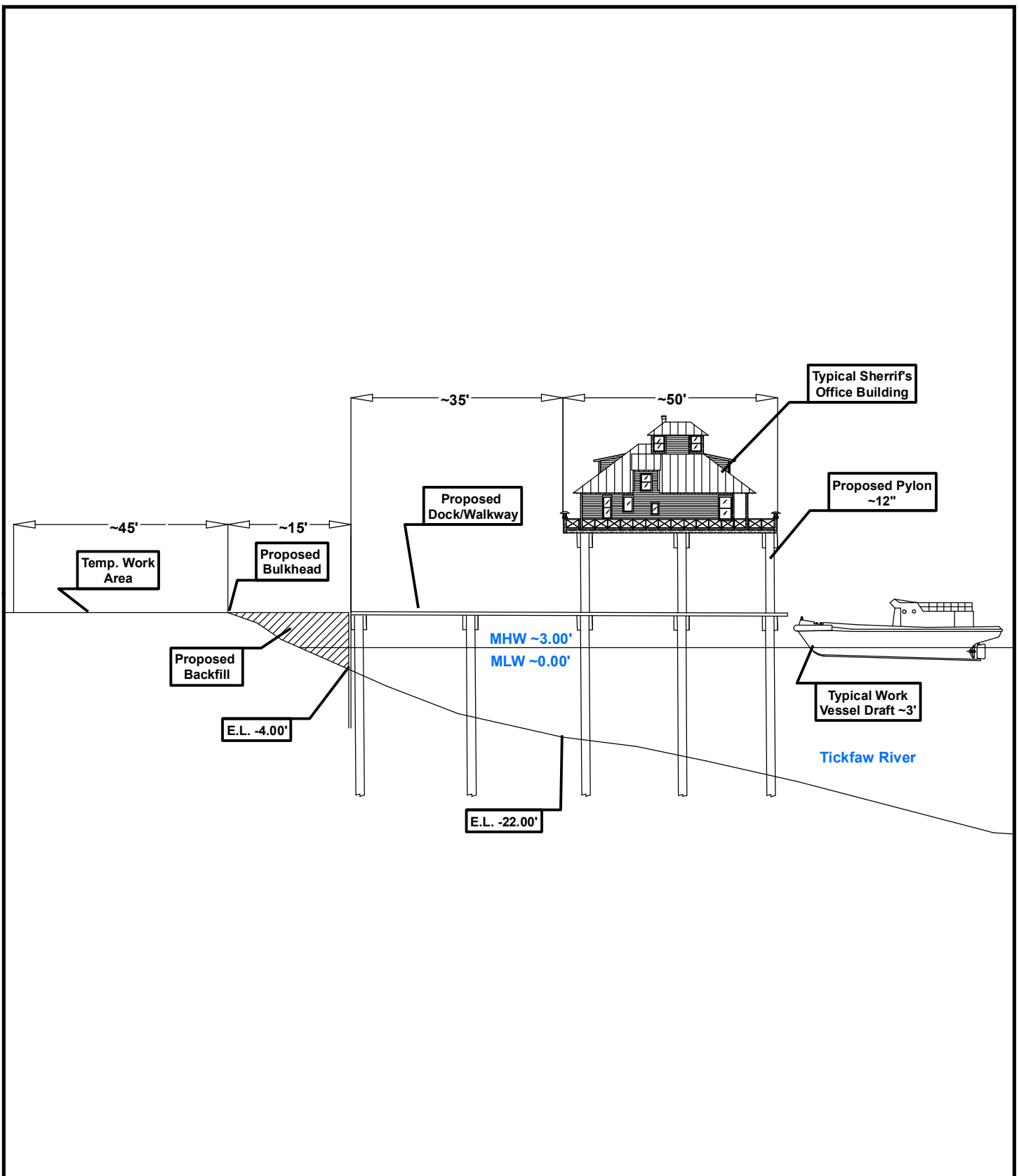
Legend:


Site Outline	Other Water Impacts
Fill Area	Temp. Other Water Impacts

Figure 4: Proposed Impacts

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	<p>Figure 5: Typical Section</p>	
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