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SUBJECT: MVN-2021-0546-CQ

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received by the District engineer for a Department of the Army permit to authorize the following pursuant to (X) Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); and/or (X) section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

### **BARGE FLEETING, BARGE ANCHORS, AND ACCESS ROAD NEAR SARDINE POINT WITHIN MISSISSIPPI RIVER ALONG LEFT DESCENDING BANK IN EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** River Ventures, Attn: Jerry Hannah, 11744 River Highlands Drive, St. Amant, LA 70724.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** In and along the left descending bank of the Mississippi River, near river mile 220.5 by Sardine Point, near 10415 River Road, near Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in East Baton Rouge Parish, within the Mississippi River Basin in hydrologic unit (HUC 08070100), as shown on the attached drawings (Latitude 30.339856 N, Longitude -91.218764 W).

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** The applicant has requested Department of the Army authorization to excavate and deposit fill to improve an existing access road within the Mississippi River batture for access to install and maintain eight (8) barge anchors within the batture to moor the proposed barges. The proposed barge mooring area consists of an approximate 2700 linear foot long by 365 linear foot wide fleeting area (9 barges wide) and will contain 8 shore wires to the proposed anchor points. Approximately 0.02 acre of batture herbaceous wetlands would be temporarily impacted as a result of anchor point installation. Approximately 0.15 acre of batture habitat would be temporarily impacted as a result of existing road improvement. The applicant has stated that the existing road improvements will not impact any forested batture areas and that the borrow areas will re-vegetate naturally. Approximately 2,914 cubic yards of sand material would be excavated for road improvements and anchor installation. The project will temporarily impact approximately 0.17 acre of batture habitat. It is anticipated that the proposed action would have minimal impact on adjacent wetlands. The applicant is proposing a one year growing season to allow for the disturbed batture area to naturally re-vegetate before any assessment of wetland impacts that may require mitigation.

No compensatory mitigation is being required for the temporary impacts to bature habitat but will be reassessed post construction after a one year growing season.

The applicant proposes to avoid additional direct impacts and minimize secondary impacts (to wetlands) to the maximum extent practicable by utilizing best management practices for erosion and siltation control during and after the construction phase of the project.

The comment period for the Department of Army will close in **30 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, RGC, Kenny Blanke.**

### **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, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Copies of this notice are made available to the State Archeologist and the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would neither affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Departments of Interior or Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would not affect any species, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of such species, listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Interior. Utilizing the Information & Planning Consultation for Endangered Species in Louisiana protocol, 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 Corps has determined that the proposed activity would have no effect on any listed species.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of NA 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.

If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, before a permit is issued.

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. 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

Enclosures



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Vicinity Map 1



**REGULATION:**  
 IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE APPLICANT TO COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE AND CITY-PARISH LAWS AND ORDINANCES GOVERNING THE SALE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY. IN PARTICULAR, NO FILING OF THE PROPERTY SHALL BE COMMENCED UNTIL ALL APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 15 OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE ARE ADDRESSED.

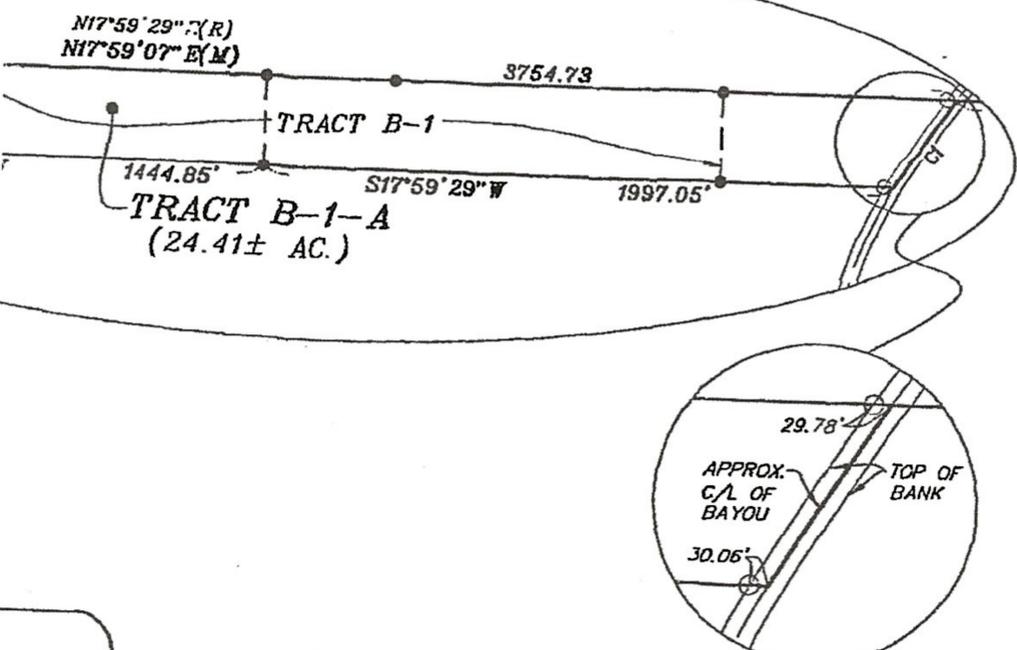
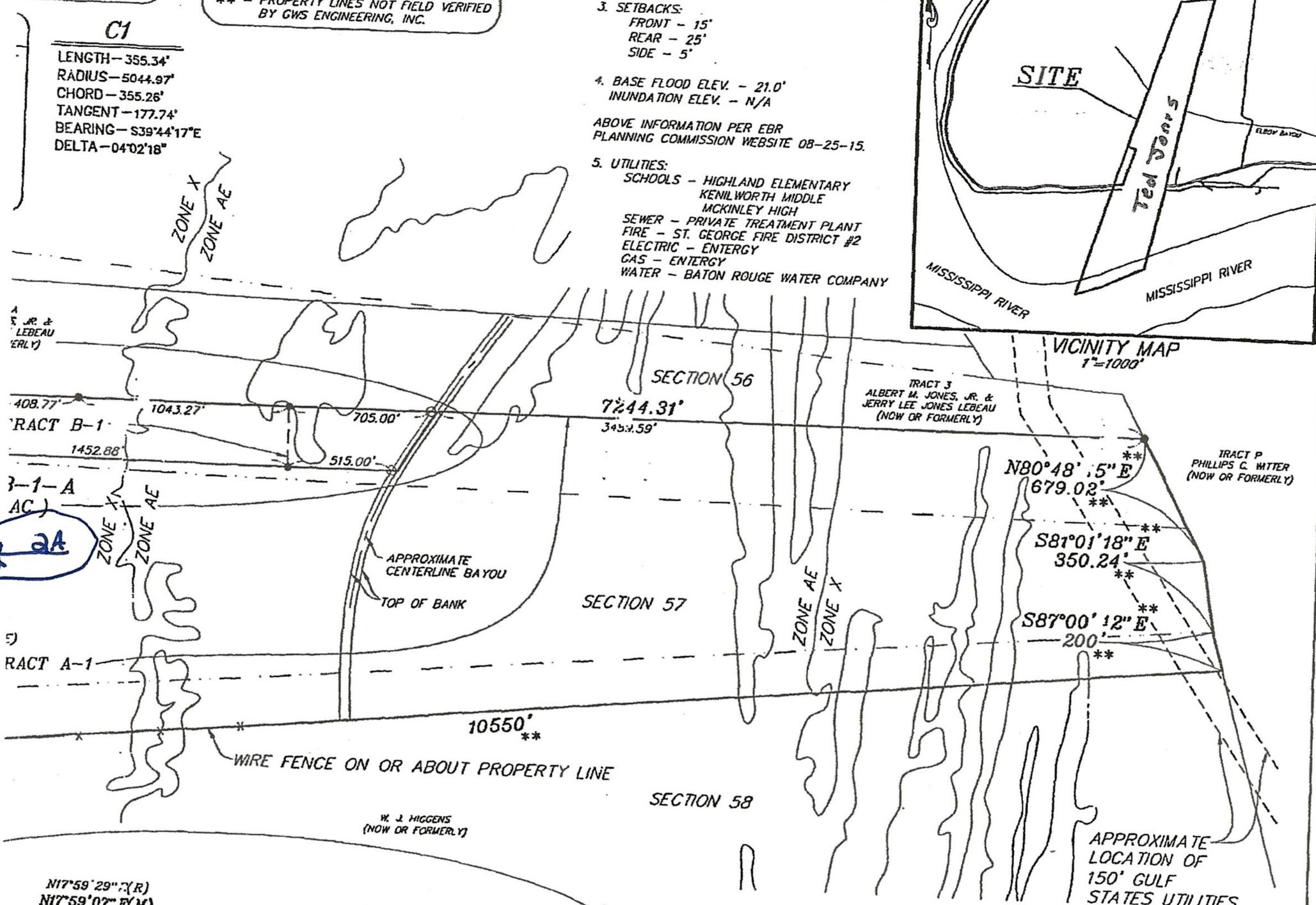
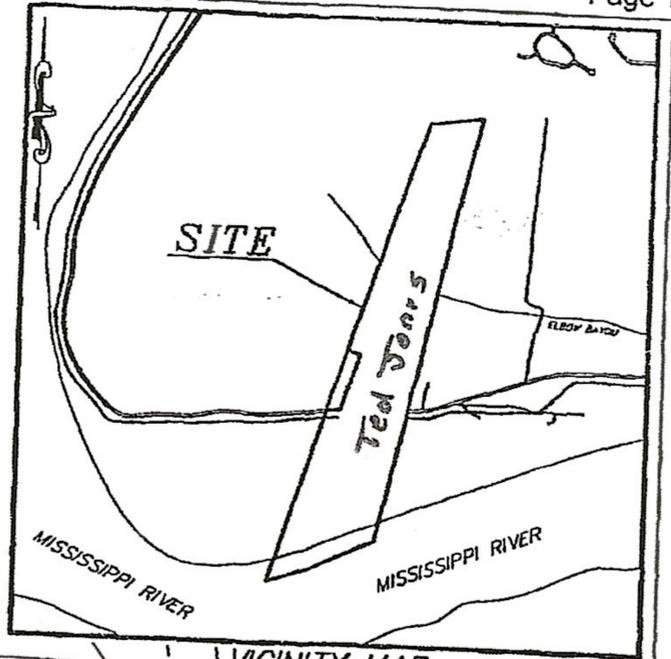
**BASIS OF BEARINGS:**  
 BEARINGS ARE REFERENCED TO THE LA STATE PLANE GRID, SOUTH ZONE, 1702.

**NOTE:**  
 \*\* = PROPERTY LINES NOT FIELD VERIFIED BY GWS ENGINEERING, INC.

**GENERAL NOTES:**

1. ZONING - (R) RURAL
2. COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE - OPEN SPACE
3. SETBACKS:  
 FRONT - 15'  
 REAR - 25'  
 SIDE - 5'
4. BASE FLOOD ELEV. - 21.0'  
 INUNDATION ELEV. - N/A
5. UTILITIES:  
 SCHOOLS - HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY  
 KENILWORTH MIDDLE  
 MCKINLEY HIGH  
 SEWER - PRIVATE TREATMENT PLANT  
 FIRE - ST. GEORGE FIRE DISTRICT #2  
 ELECTRIC - ENERGY  
 GAS - ENERGY  
 WATER - BATON ROUGE WATER COMPANY

ABOVE INFORMATION PER EBR PLANNING COMMISSION WEBSITE 08-25-15.



**MAP SHOWING EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY**  
 BETWEEN  
**TRACTS A-1 & B-1**  
**TED A. JONES' PROPERTY**

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FILED AND RECORDED  
 EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH, LA  
 CLERK OF COURT AND RECORDER

INTO  
**TRACTS A-1-A & B-1-A**  
**TED A. JONES PROPERTY**

LOCATED IN SECTIONS 56, 57 & 58, T-8-S, R-1-W  
 GREENSBURG LAND DISTRICT,  
 EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH, LOUISIANA  
 FOR  
**TED A. JONES, SR.**

**NOTE:**  
 THE APPROVAL OF THIS PLAT OR MAP DOES NOT RELIEVE THE IMMEDIATE PROPERTY OWNER OR FUTURE PROPERTY OWNER FROM COMPLYING WITH ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE AND CITY-PARISH LAWS AND ORDINANCES GOVERNING THE SALE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY. IN PARTICULAR, NO FILING OF THE PROPERTY SHALL BE COMMENCED UNTIL ALL APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 15 OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE ARE ADDRESSED.

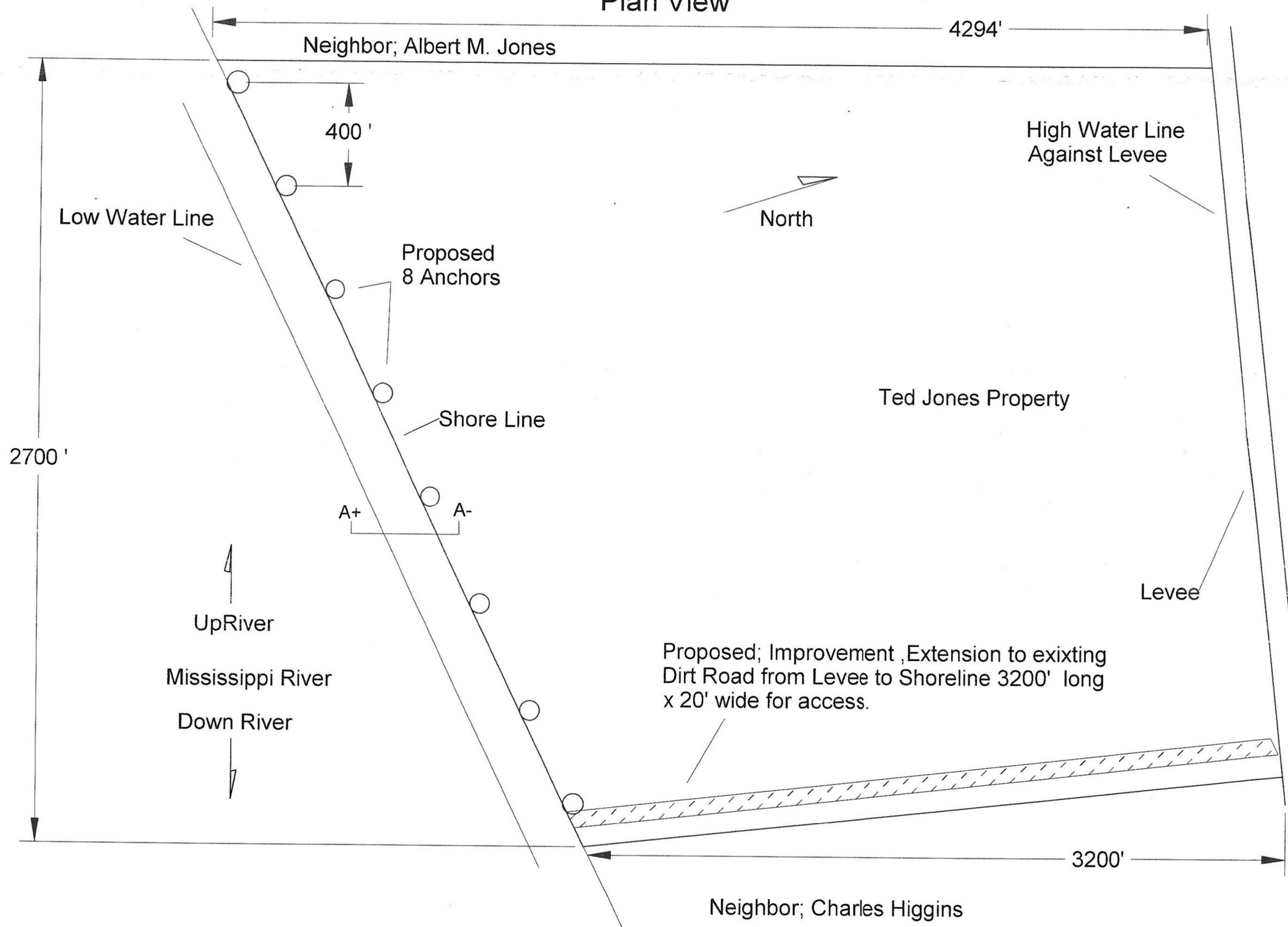
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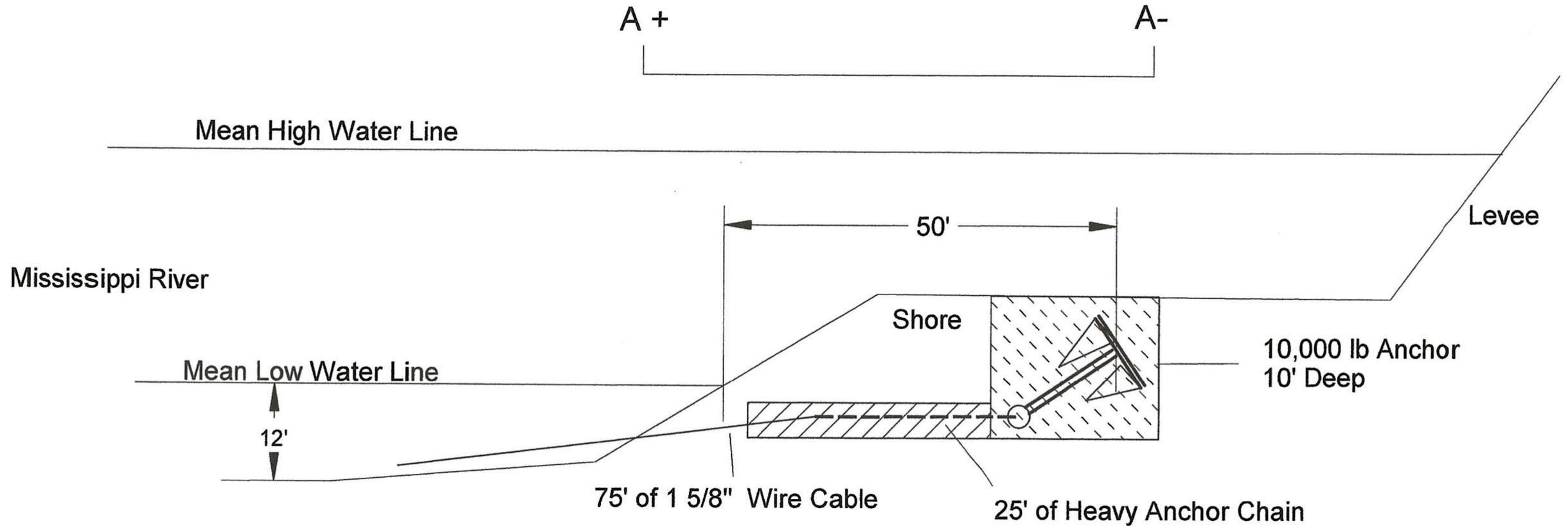
Vicinity Map 2B

Plan View



Drawn by: Jerry Hanna  
Sardine Point Fleet  
6/26/21

# Cross Section View 1 Propossed 8 Barge Mooring Anchors



8 Anchor dredge areas = 10'x10'x10'  
37 Cu Yd each to be refilled with the same dirt,

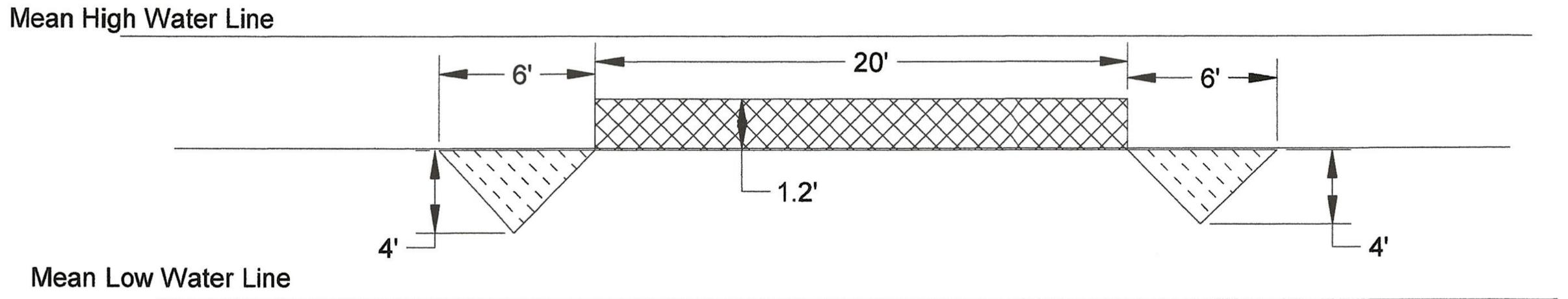
8 Anchor chain slopping ditches  
2' wide going from the surface to 10' deep  
in 25' = 9.25 cu Yd each,  
To be refilled with the same dirt,

Note ! All Dredging/ Filling will be done by Barge mounted  
Excuvator, for the Anchors and Chain only.  
Outside of existing Tree Line.

Total Cubic Yards = 370 excuvated  
All to be put back in the same holes.!

Drawn by: Jerry Hanna
Sardine Point Fleet
6/23/21

## Cross Section View 2 Proposed Road Profile



 2 Road Side Ditches dredge areas = 6'Wx4' Center D x3200'L  
 =2'844 CuYd Total to be reused on Road Surface  
 Note! Ditch sides sloped to 45 Degrees when computing  
 Cubic Yards

 Road fill = 1.2' H x 20'W x 3200' L  
 2,844 Cu Yd of dirt taken from Ditches.

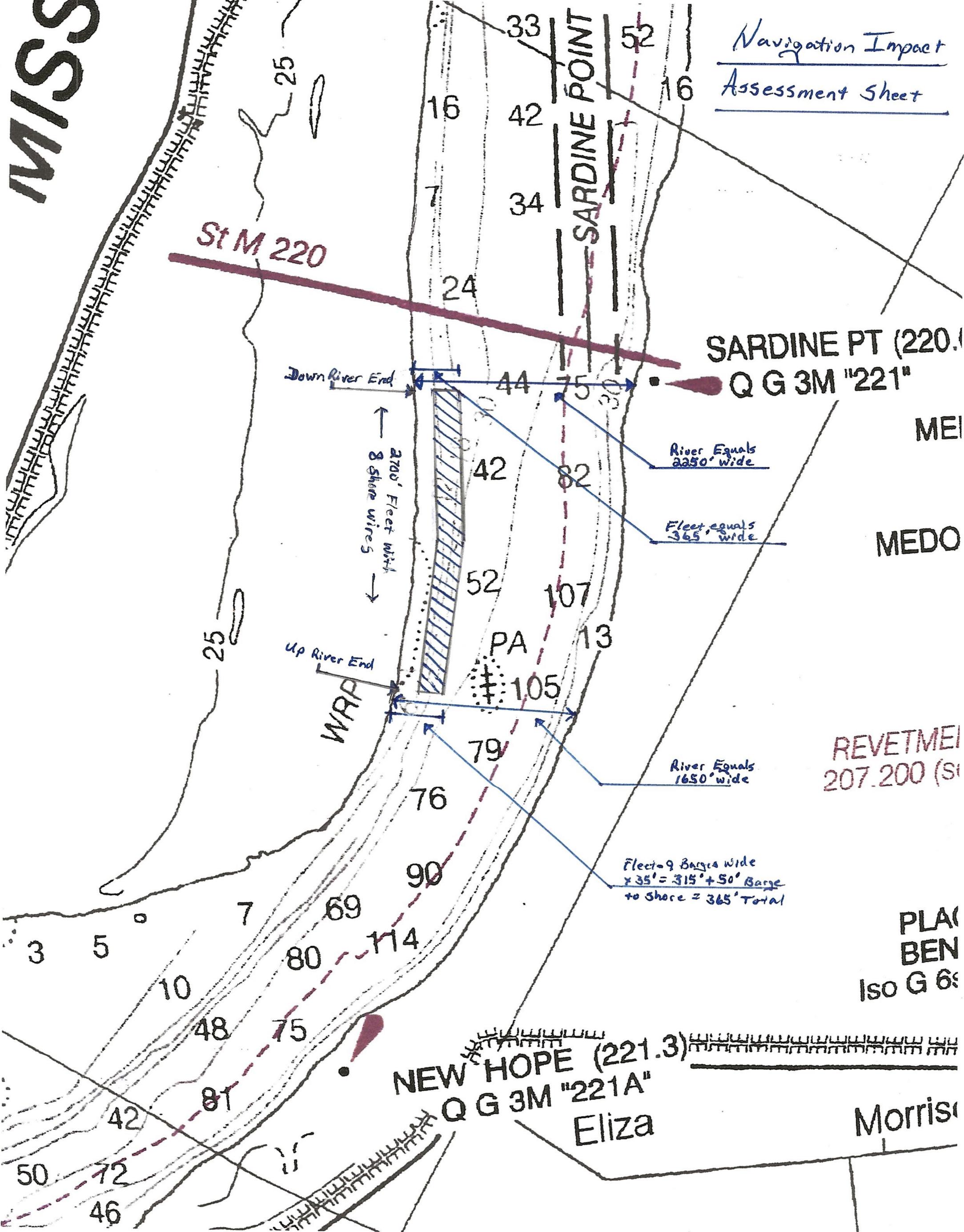
Note ! All Dredging and Filling will be done  
by a Land based Excuvator for the Road only.

Note! There is a existing road that needs improvement.

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Navigation Impact Assessment Sheet



SARDINE PT (220.1)  
Q G 3M "221"

Down River End

2700' Fleet with  
8 Shore wires

Up River End

WRP

River Equals  
2250' wide

Fleet, equals  
365' wide

River Equals  
1650' wide

Fleet = 9 Barges wide  
x 35' = 315' + 50' Barge  
to shore = 365' Total

NEW HOPE (221.3)  
Q G 3M "221A"  
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