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Application #: MVN-2023-00163-CR

PUBLIC NOTICE

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), and/or [] Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. Section 408).

PROPOSED BAYOU PIGEON BOAT LAUNCH IMPROVEMENTS NEAR PLAQUEMINE IN IBERVILLE PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA), 150 Terrace Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

LOCATION OF WORK: Bayou Pigeon Boat Ramp located on the eastern shoreline of Little Tensas Bayou (30.078997, -91.306794), approximately 10 miles northwest of Pierre Part, Louisiana, in Iberville Parish, within the Atchafalaya River Basin in hydrologic unit (HUC 08080101), as shown on the attached drawings.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant has requested a Department of the Army authorization to dredge, excavate, discharge fill materials to expand/lengthen existing concrete boat launch ramps, install additional floating docks and timber piles, install a kayak launch, resurface the existing parking lot, and install a sheet pile bulkhead along the eastern shoreline of Little Tensas Bayou. Approximately 3,715 cubic yards of material with a footprint approximately 0.4 of an acre in size is proposed to be excavated and reused on site. A total of 4,291 cubic yards of fill is proposed to be discharged at the site for backfilling the bulkhead supports and resurfacing the parking area. The proposed project is situated on an approximately 1-acre tract and a preliminary assessment suggests that construction of the project may result in the permanent loss of approximately 0.38 of an acre of wetland habitat. It is anticipated that the proposed action would have minimal impact on adjacent wetlands.

A preliminary analysis has determined wetlands to be present at the project site; however, extent of coverage and impacts is undetermined at this time pending wetland delineation.

MITIGATION: The applicant states that the proposed project footprint was minimized to avoid impacts to wetlands and water bottoms. The applicant stated that best management practices will be employed during construction to avoid impacts to wetlands and water bottoms. Should the proposed project result in the permanent loss of wetland habitat, the applicant will be required to offset the loss at a Corps approved mitigation bank within the watershed.

The comment period for the requested Department of 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 request, and must be submitted so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters and/or comments concerning the subject permit application must reference the Applicant's Name and the Permit Application Number and can be preferably emailed to the Corps of Engineer's project manager listed above or forwarded to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION: REGULATORY DIVISION, RGC, Jeremy Rodriguez**. Individuals or parties may also request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by mail or preferably by emailing the specified project manager listed above. Any request for an extension of time to comment 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 Branch Chief will review the request and the requester will be promptly notified of the decision to grant or deny the request. If granted, the time extension will be continuous and inclusive of the initial comment period and will not exceed a total of 30 calendar days. This public notice is also available for review online at <https://go.usa.gov/xennJ>

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. Further, all factors that may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the potential cumulative effects associated with the proposed project.

The New Orleans District is presently unaware of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places near the proposed work but is pending further review in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. As deemed necessary, copies of this public notice will be sent to the State Archeologist, State Historic Preservation Officer, and federally listed tribes regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would have no effect on any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species. Based on the Information Planning and Consultation (IPaC) tool for Endangered Species in Louisiana, as signed on January 17, 2020, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District (CEMVN) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, CEMVN has determined that the project would have no effect to any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any such 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 up to 0 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 before a permit is issued.***

Any person may request, (preferably by email to the project manager, or 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 invited 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
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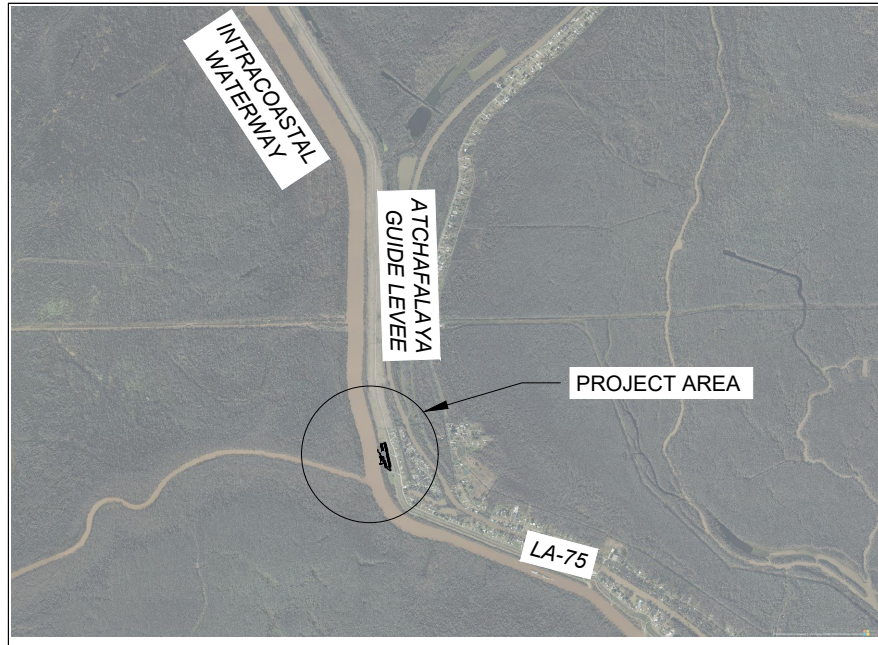
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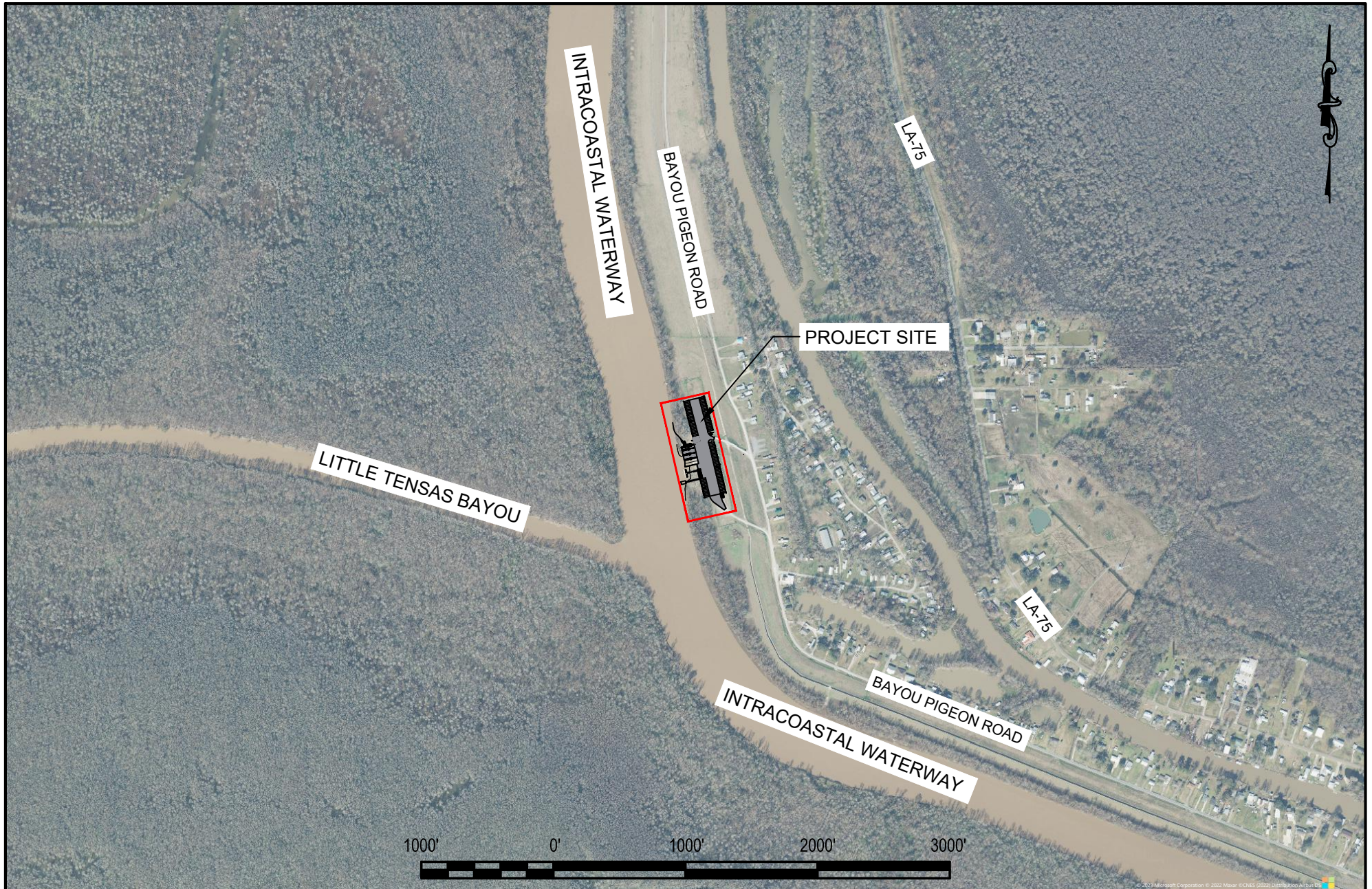
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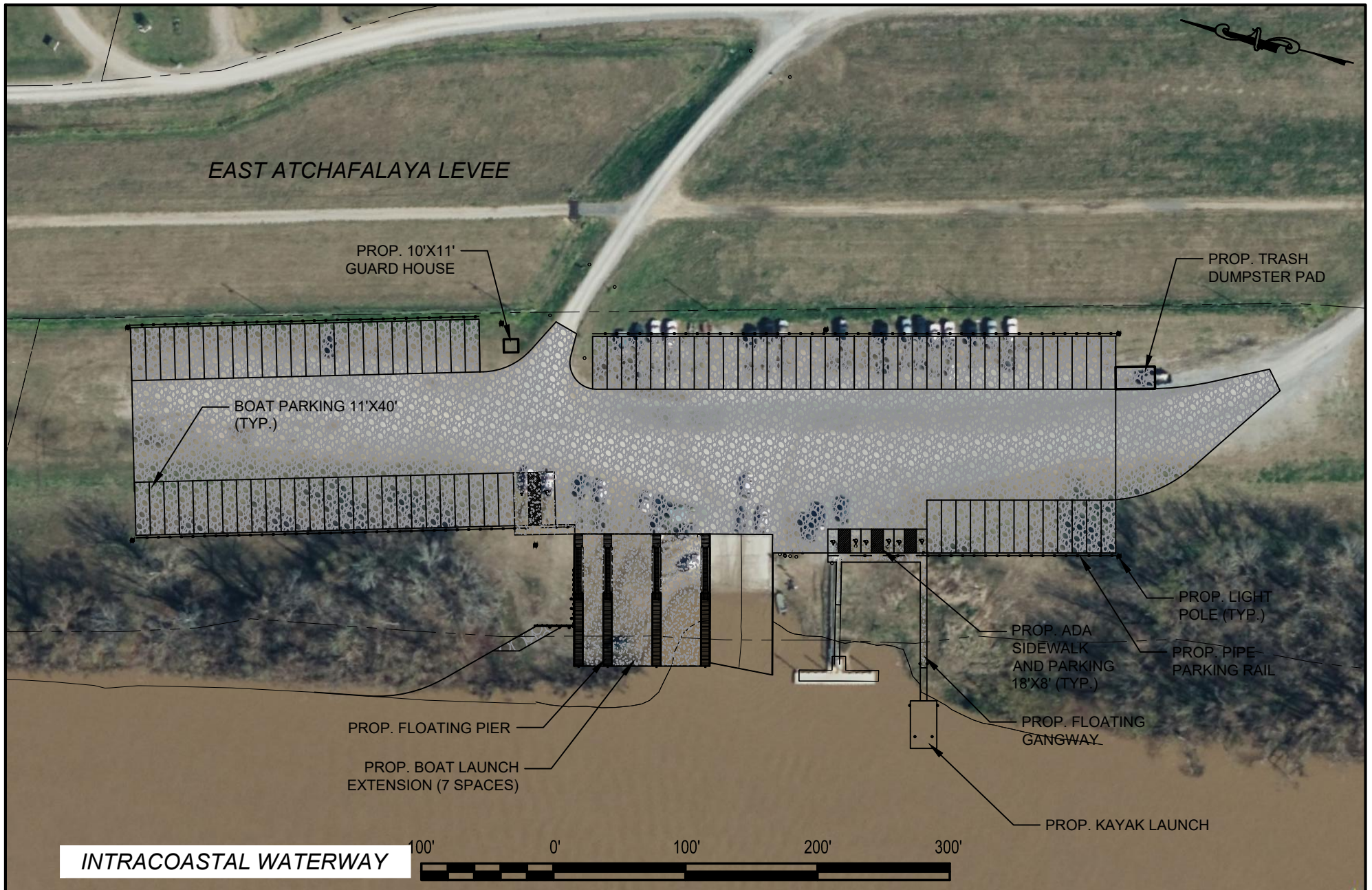
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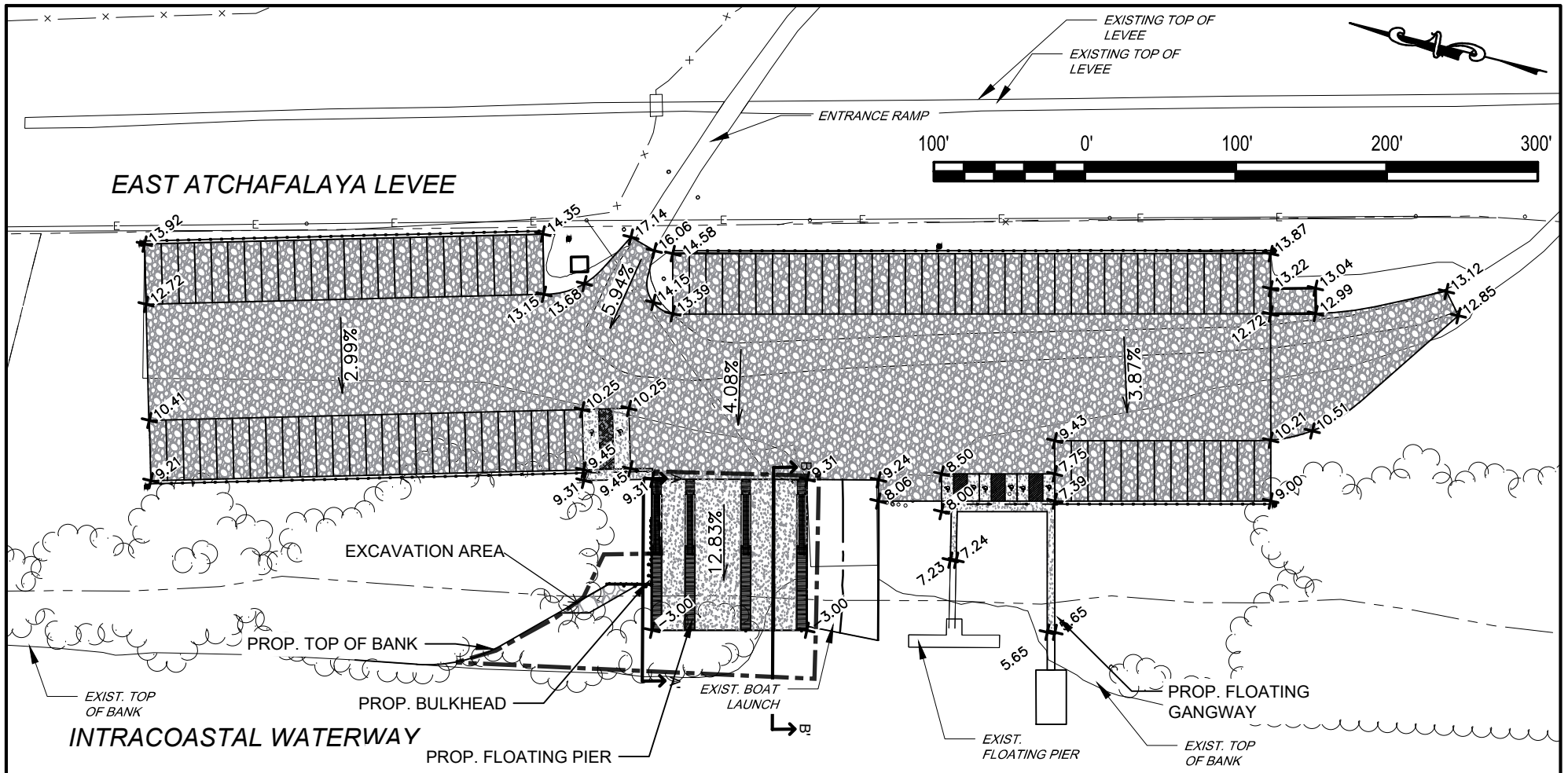
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MATERIAL EXCAVATED		
CONSTRUCTION AREA	AREA (ACRES)	TOTAL VOL. (CY)
DREDGE MATERIAL EXCAVATED	0.27	1,131
PROPOSED BANK EXCAVATION	0.46	1,246
PROPOSED SITE EXCAVATION	3.20	896
DEADMAN/ANCHOR EXCAVATION	0.03	442

MATERIAL FILLED		
CONSTRUCTION AREA	AREA (ACRES)	TOTAL VOL. (CY)
PROPOSED SITE FILL	3.20	1,586
PROPOSED GRAVEL SURFACING	2.82	2,271
DEADMAN/ANCHOR EXCAVATION	0.03	434

LEGEND

+12.14 NEW SPOT ELEVATION

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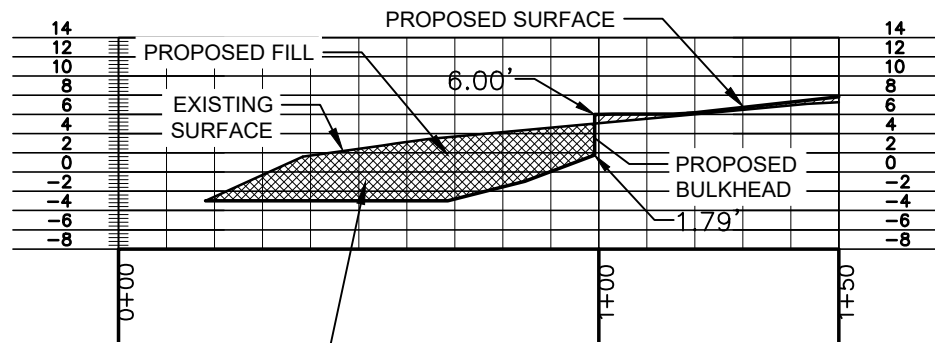
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GRADING PLAN
 PERMIT FIGURES

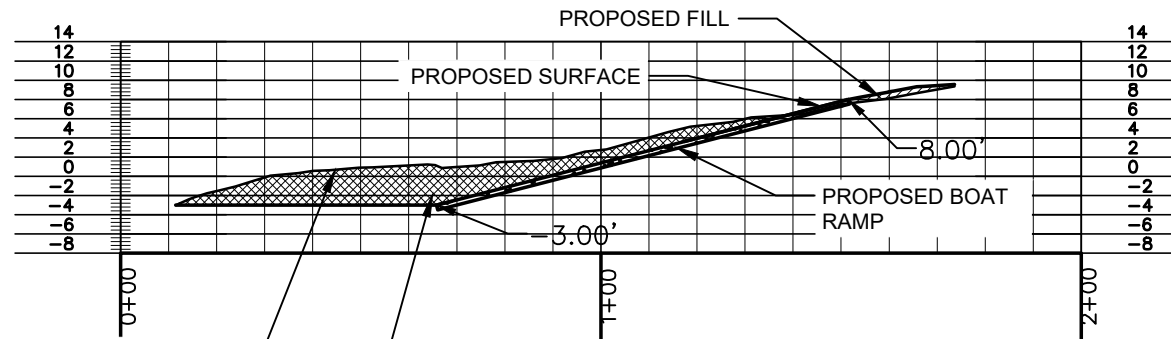
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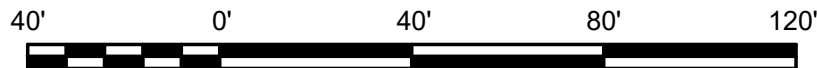
PROPOSED MATERIAL REMOVED

SECTION A-A'
VERTICAL: 1"=20'



EXISTING SURFACE
PROPOSED MATERIAL REMOVED

SECTION B-B'
VERTICAL: 1"=20'



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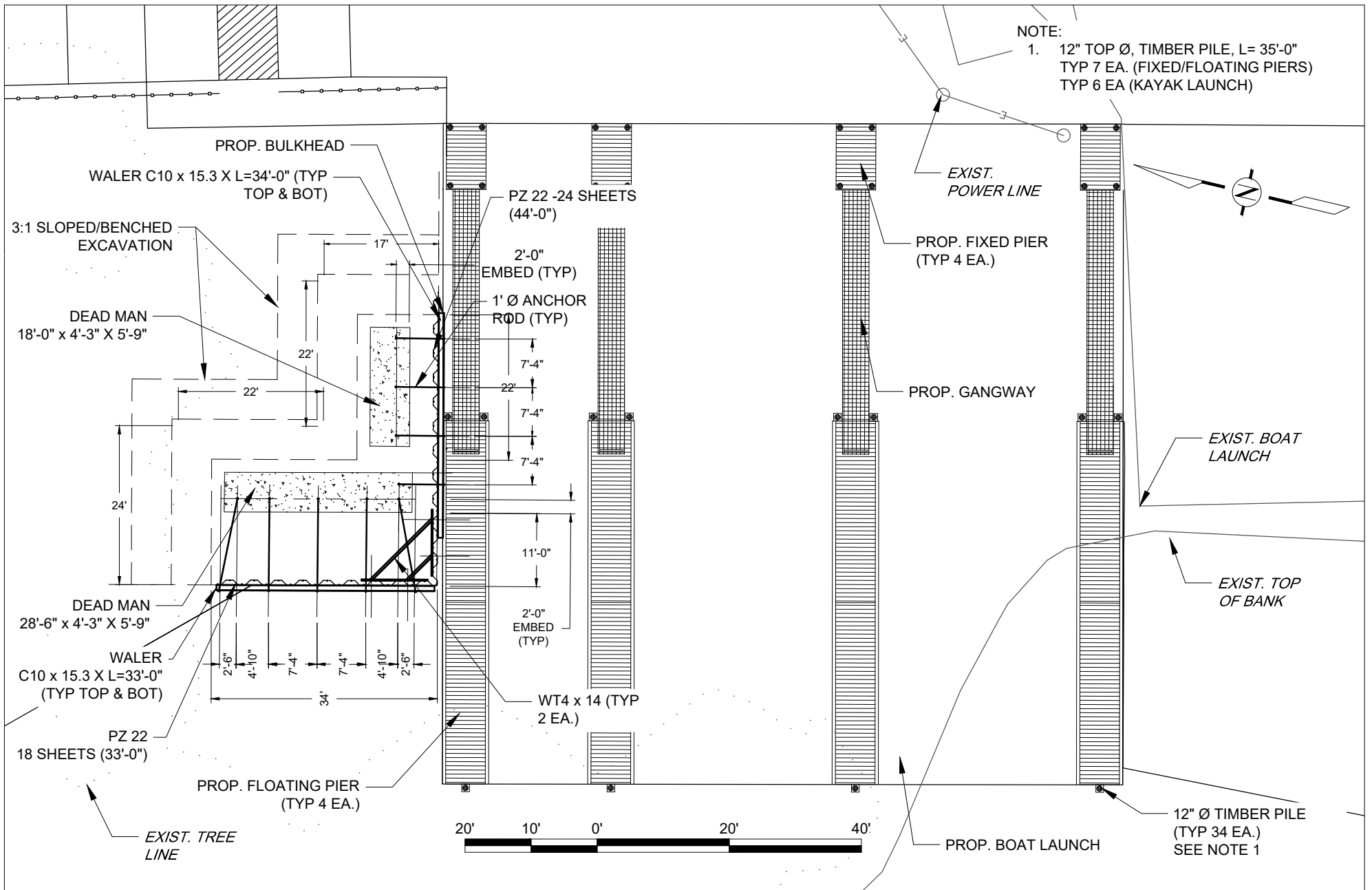
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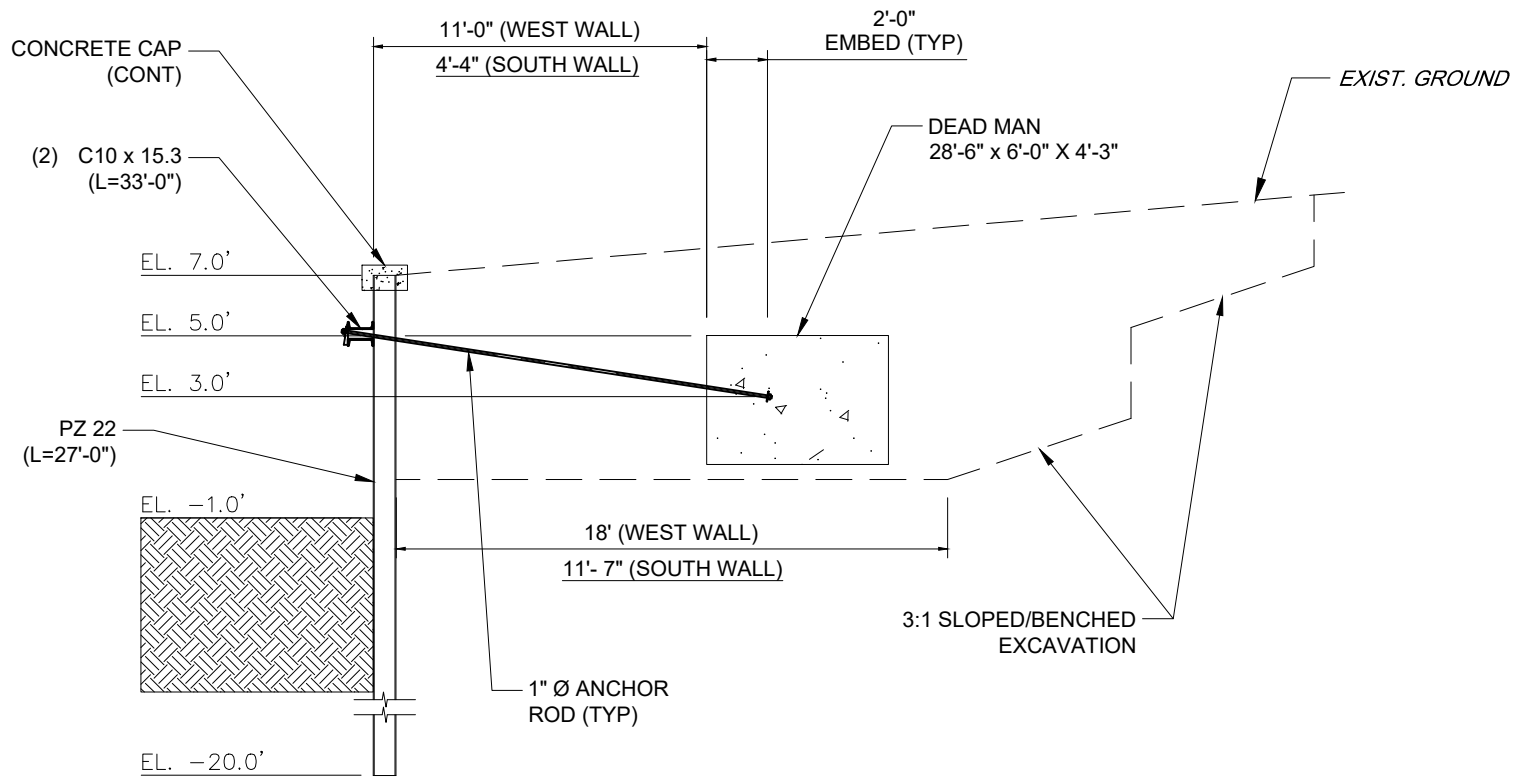
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PROPOSED BULKEAD SITE PLAN


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1 TYPICAL SECTION - BULKHEAD
N.T.S

VOLUME
 CUT = 442 CY
 FILL (REUSE) = 434 CY
 REMOVAL FROM SITE = 8 CY

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