

# JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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Permit Application Number  
MVN 1997-0169 EOO

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Project Manager  
Elizabeth Hill  
WQC Application Number  
WQC 160831-03

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the U.S. 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); and/or [X] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

Application has also been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Certifications, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in LRS30:2047 A(3), and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L.95-17).

## **Permit Modification: Marina Expansion in Grand Isle, Louisiana**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** Grand Isle Acquisitions, LLC, % SPEC, LLC, Attn: Robert Potier, Post Office Box 80594, Lafayette, Louisiana 70598.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** Near Caminada Bay within a vacant lot at 1851 Louisiana Highway 1, Grand Isle, Louisiana in Jefferson Parish, as shown on the enclosed drawings.

Latitude: 29.210797, Longitude: -90.032711  
Hydrologic Unit Code: 08090301 – Lower Mississippi Region

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** The applicant proposes to expand “Hurricane Hole Marina” which would include dredging and filling activities to accommodate land reclamation, 51 boat slips, and piers/wharves. Project construction would result in dredging approximately 3.2 acres of non-vegetated waterbottoms (22,962 cubic yards) within the project footprint. The dredged material, along with 1,000 cubic yards of crushed stone would be deposited within 1.3 acres of tidal wetlands for land reclamation.

The applicant proposes to purchase 1.7 acres of compensatory mitigation credits from the Chef Menteur Mitigation Bank in order to offset the unavoidable impacts to jurisdictional wetlands associated with the proposed project. The applicant utilized the Louisiana Wetlands Rapid Assessment Method (LRAM). The LRAM is the New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ compensatory mitigation calculation model. The applicant’s proposed mitigation plan will

only be considered after the sequence of mitigation (avoidance, minimization, compensation) is followed as directed in the Section 404(b)(1) guidelines.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC will close **20 days** from the date of this joint 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/or this WQC request 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 BRANCH**. **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.** Similar letters concerning the Water Quality Certification must reference the applicant's name and the WQC Application number and be mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at the address above.

The application for this proposed project is on file with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and may be examined during weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Copies may be obtained upon payment of costs of reproduction.

### **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. Issuance of

this public notice solicits input from the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

The New Orleans District has determined that the project area is located within waters known to be utilized by the West Indian Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*). It was initially determined that this action is "not likely to adversely affect" the West Indian Manatee based on the Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species of Louisiana (SLOPES), dated October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office. If issued, the "Standard Manatee Conditions for In-Water Activities" will be made part of the permit conditions.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would neither affect 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 those 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 **4.5** 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, Water Quality Certifications, 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.

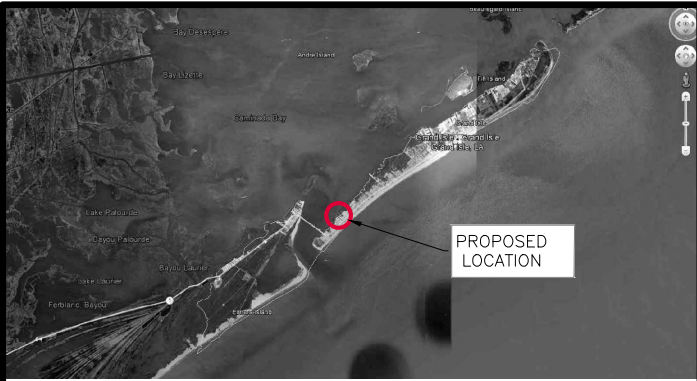
The applicant has certified that the proposed activity described in the application complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program. The Department of the Army permit will not be issued unless the applicant received approval or a waiver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

Michael V. Farabee  
Chief, Eastern Evaluation Section

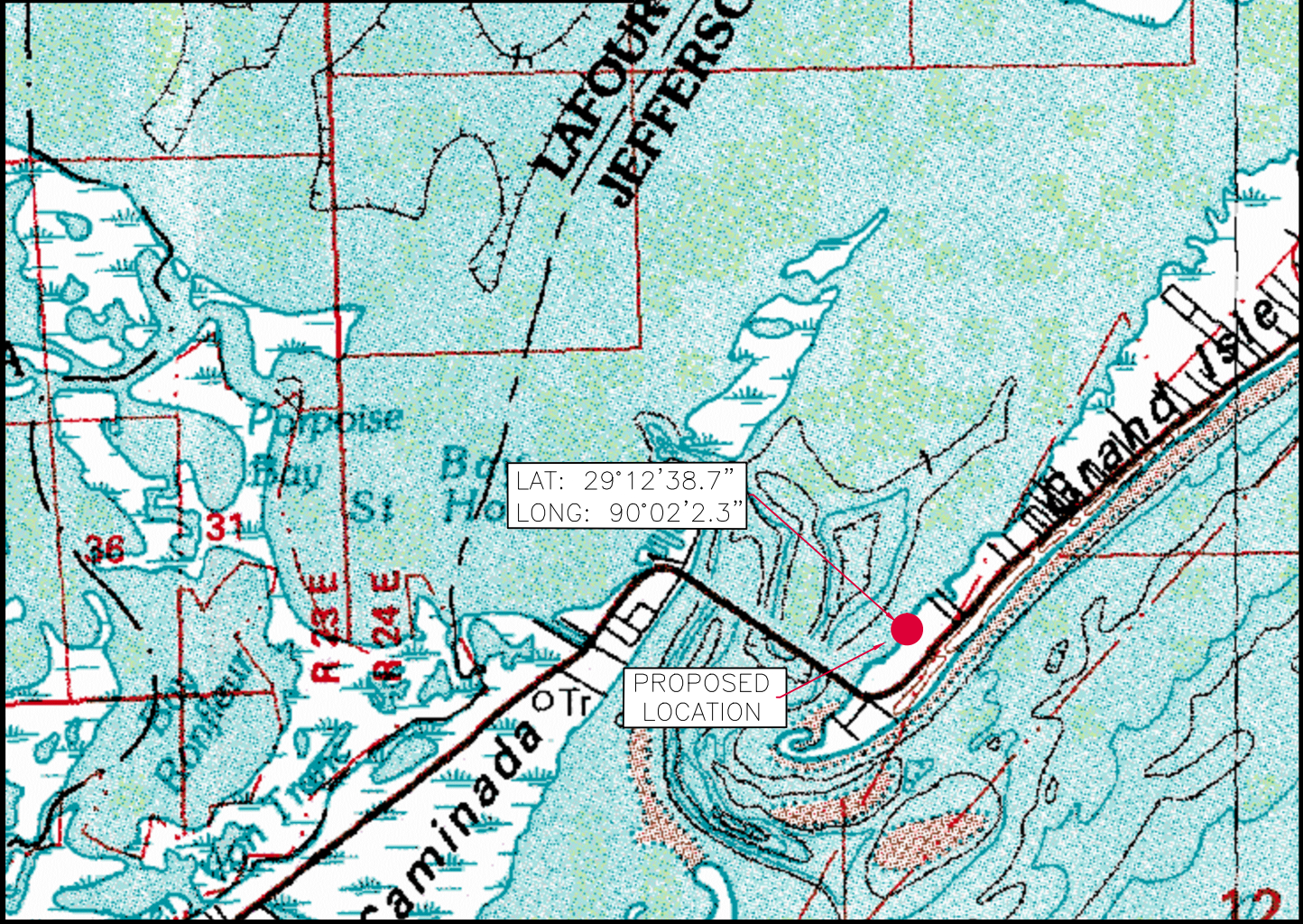
Enclosure

THIS PLAT IS TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REGULATORY PERMITS



PROPOSED LOCATION

VICINITY MAP



LAT: 29°12'38.7"  
LONG: 90°02'2.3"

PROPOSED LOCATION

LOCATION MAP

REPRODUCED FROM TERREBONNE 100K QUADRANGLE

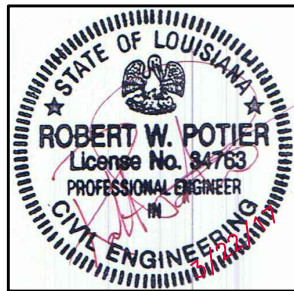


REFERENCE PERMIT NO'S.  
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### EXHIBIT A PROPOSED HURRICANE HOLE MARINA VICINITY MAP

LOCATED IN SECTION 26, T22S - R24E  
1850 LOUISIANA 1, GRAND ISLE  
JEFFERSON PARISH, LOUISIANA

REVISION 4 DATE: 3/22/17



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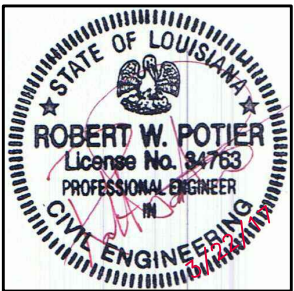


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**EXHIBIT A-1**  
**PROPOSED**  
**HURRICANE HOLE MARINA**  
**VICINITY MAP**

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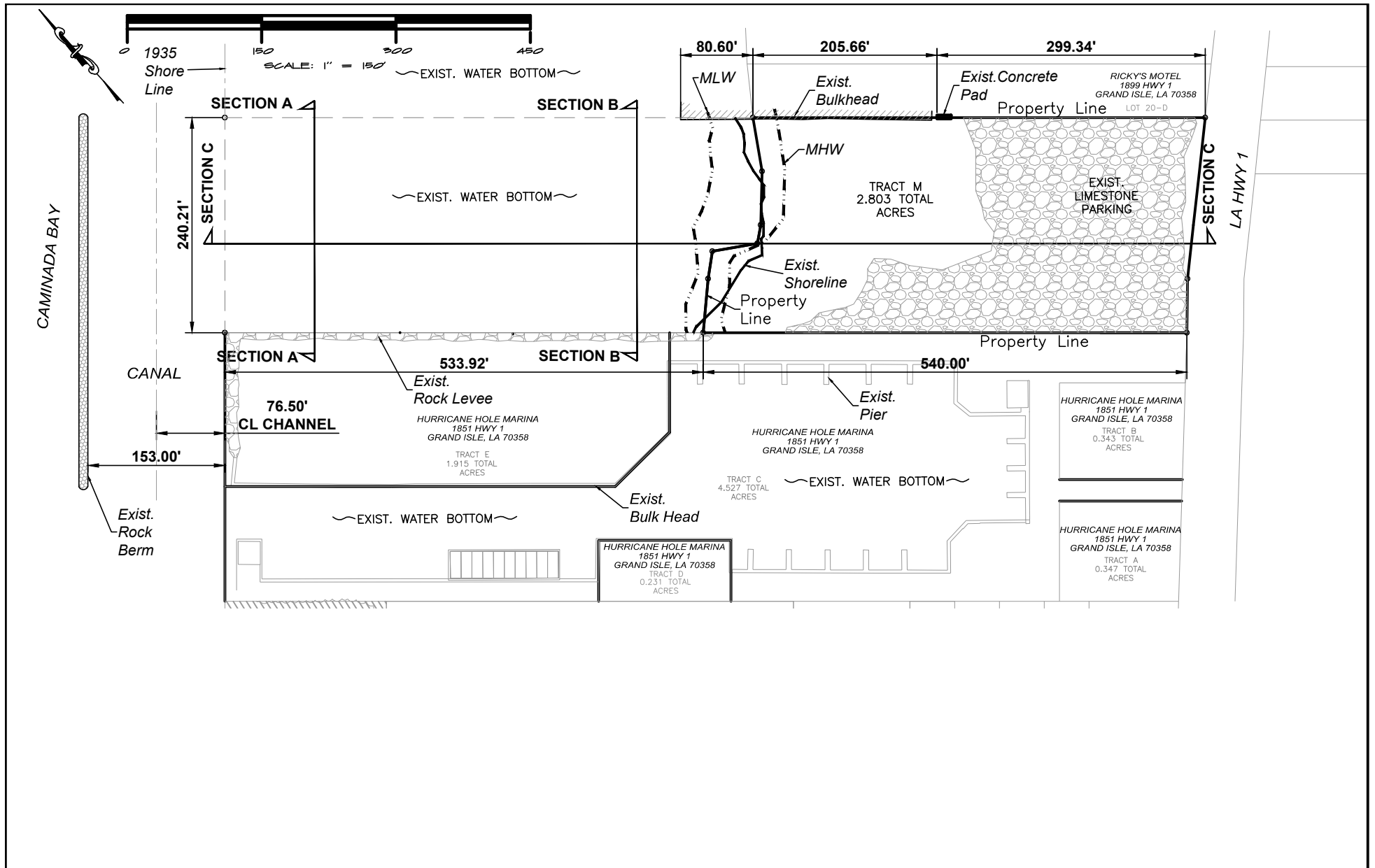
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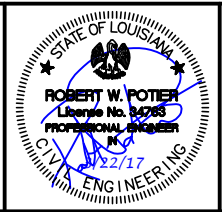
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**PLAN VIEW**

## HURRICANE HOLE MARINA EXISTING SITE PLAN

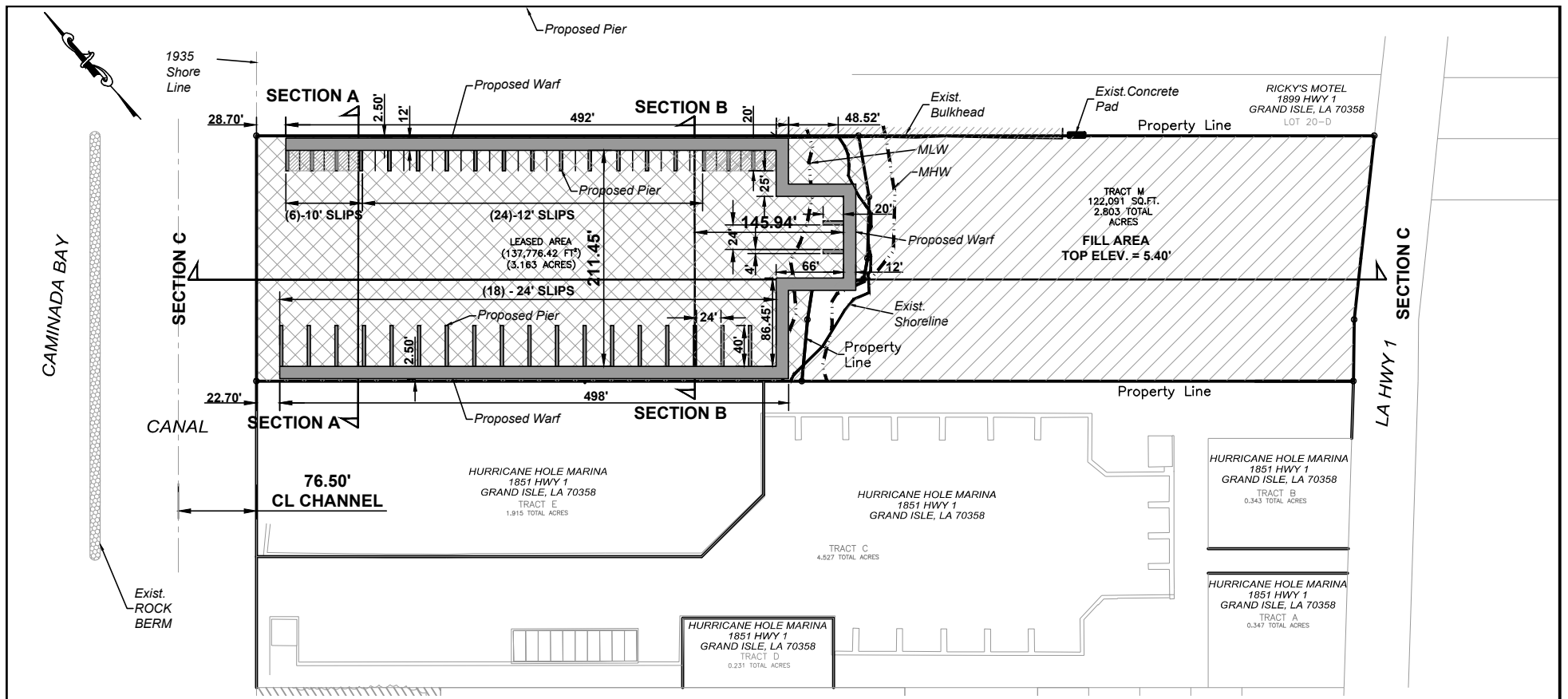
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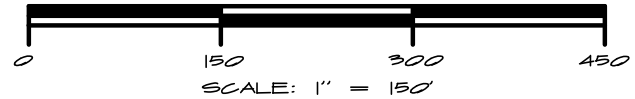
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 DREDGE AREA=137,776.42 FT<sup>2</sup> @ 4.50' CUT AVERAGE  
DREDGE QUANTITIES: 22,962 CY

 DREDGED FILL PLACEMENT FOR RECLAMATION: 22,962 CY  
SEE PLAN FOR PLACEMENT LOCATION.



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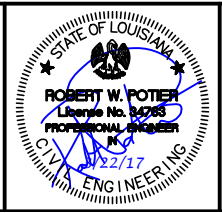
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## HURRICANE HOLE MARINA

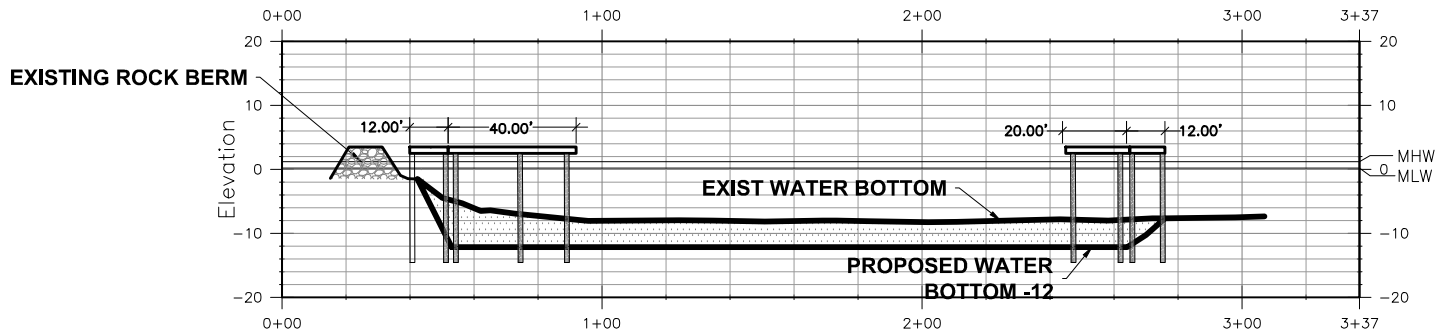
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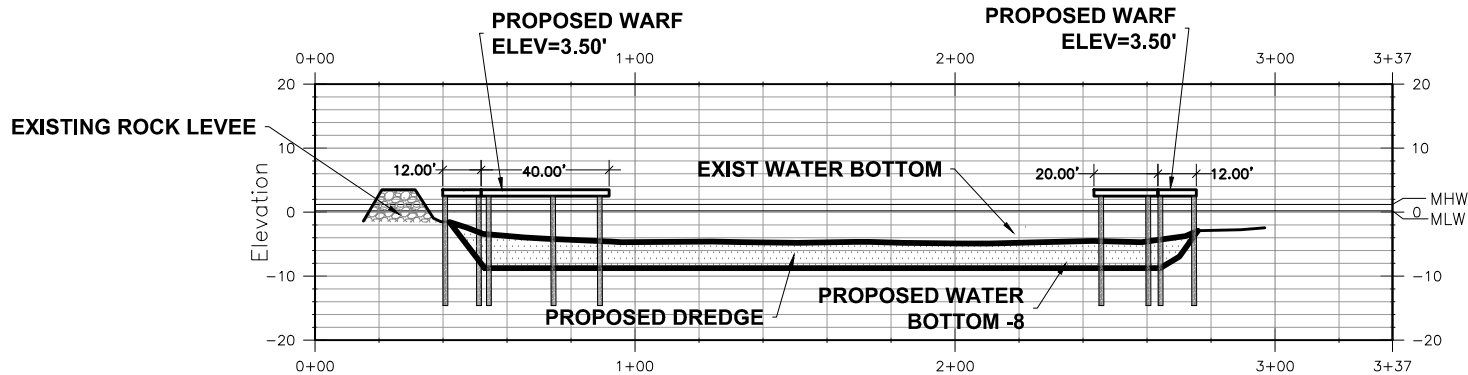


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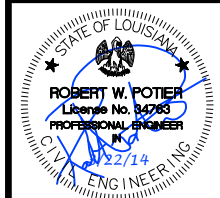


SECTION A



SECTION B

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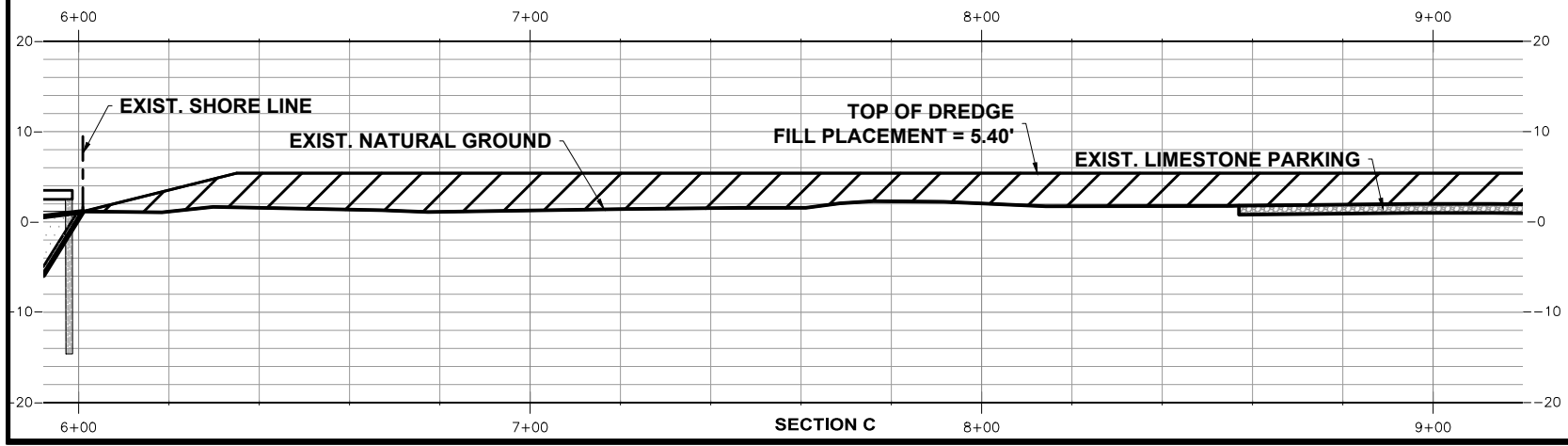
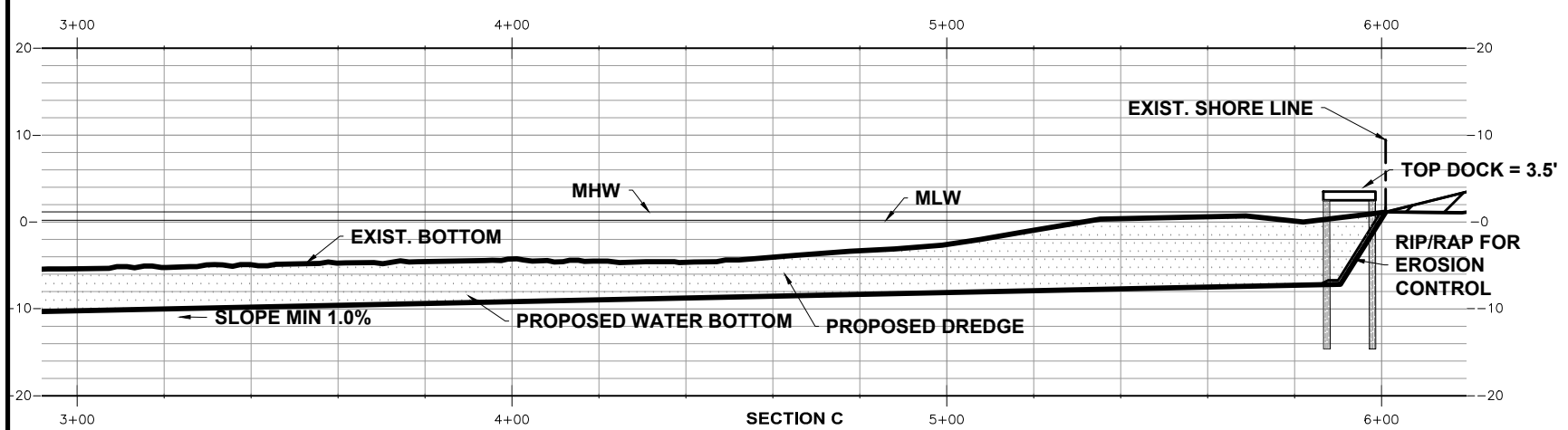
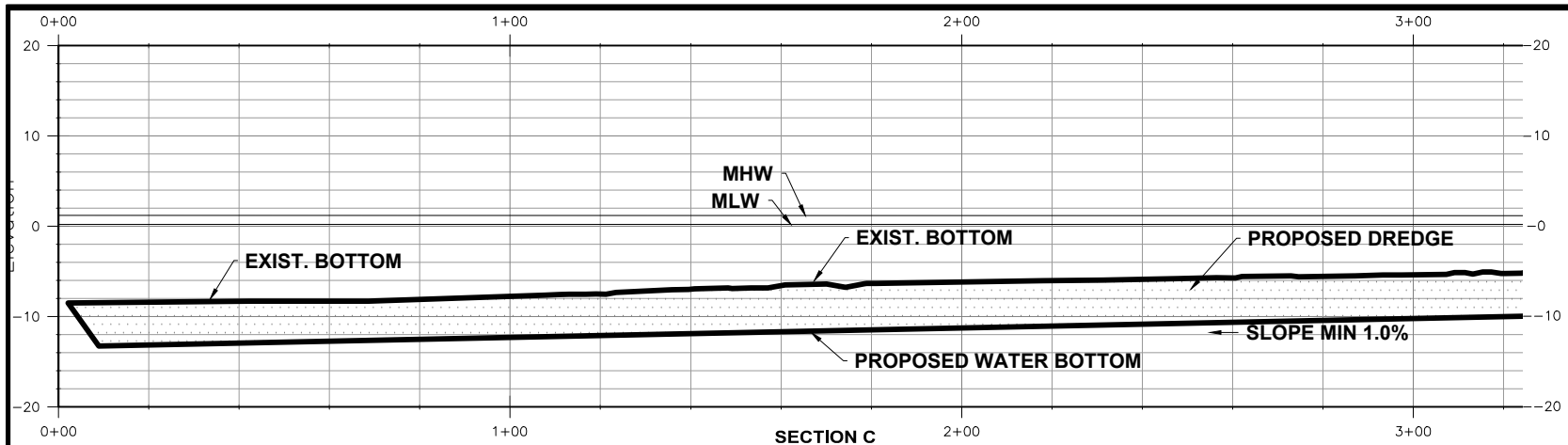
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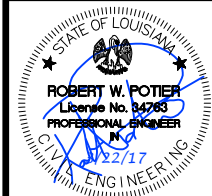
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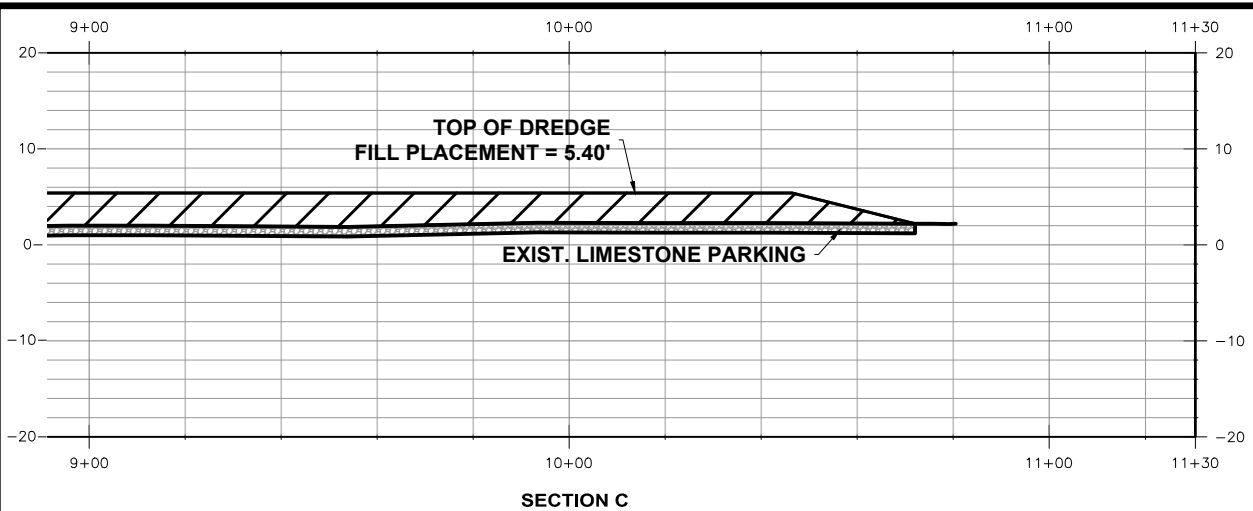
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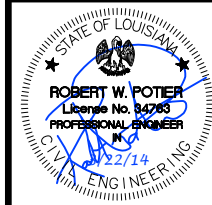
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