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MVN 2019-00373-CF

**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).

**PROPOSED NAVIGATIONAL CHANNEL DREDGING AT THE MOUTH OF THE AMITE  
AND BLIND RIVERS IN LAKE MAUREPAS in ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST AND  
LIVINGSTON PARISHES**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** LIVINGSTON PARISH GOVERNMENT., c/o Elos Environmental, LLC, 607 West Morris Avenue, Hammond, LA 70403.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** In Lake Maurepas, dredging and disposal latitude and longitudes shown in the drawings, Louisiana, in St. John the Baptist Parish and Livingston Parish, within the Lake Pontchartrain Basin in hydrologic unit (HUC 08070204), as shown on the attached drawings.

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** The applicant has requested a Department of the Army authorization to dredge navigation channels via cutterhead suction dredging at the mouths of the Blind River and Amite River in Lake Maurepas. The dredged material will be transferred to the disposal locations via floating disposal pipe and disposal will be unconfined. Approximately 50,460 cubic yards will be dredged at the mouth of the Amite River and 101,000 cubic yards will be dredged at the mouth of the Blind River. The dredged material will be disposed into waterbottoms of Lake Maurepas and minimal fill locations at the edge of the cypress swamp. No dredged material disposal equipment will be located shoreward of the cypress trees.

The applicant claims that the proposal will have no impacts to wetlands and that the deposited spoil material on the waterbottom will not increase the elevation of the ground surface of the wetlands onshore.

The comment period for the 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 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, ODR-C, Zachary Steinkoenig.** 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, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Copies of this notice are being sent to 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, 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 (IPaC) procedure, as signed on 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 activity would have no effect on any listed species.

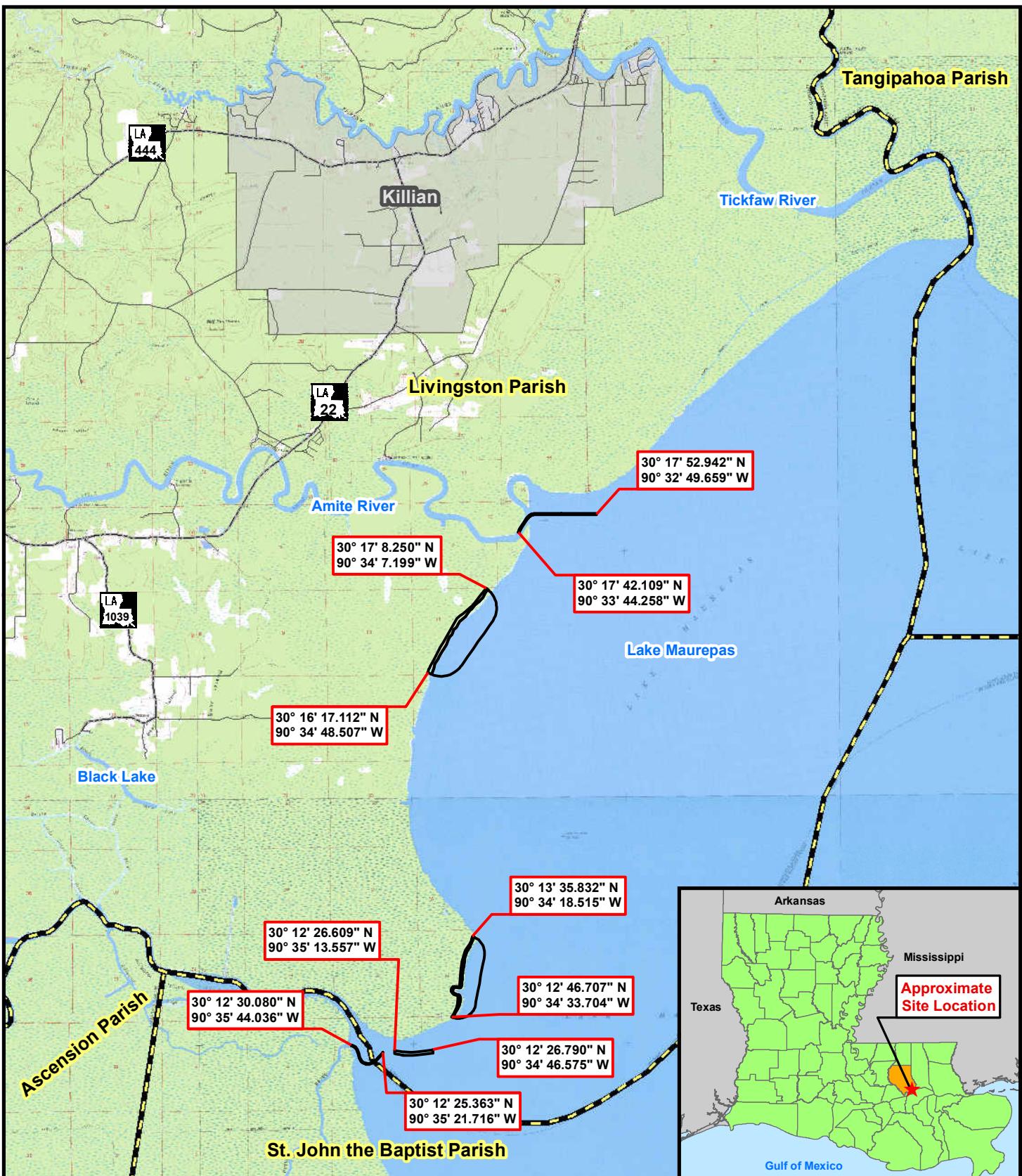
This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of up to N/A acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. 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 water quality standards will be required from the Louisiana 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.

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 (Louisiana Coastal Zone Applications P #20210405 and P#20210406). 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.

JOHN M. HERMAN  
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Regulatory Branch

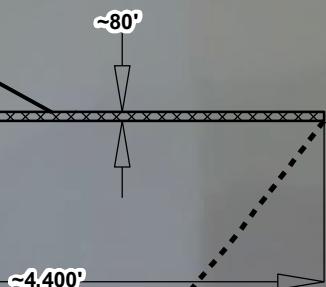


## Proposed Impacts

Site Outline ~230.47 Acres  
 Other Water Impacts ~230.47 Acres  
 Total Volume ~50,460 CY

- 1) Barge mounted Cutter Head Suction Dredge will be used.
- 2) Disposal will be unconfined.
- 3) Max Draft of Vessels = ~6'

**Amite River Dredge Area ~9.85 Acres**  
 Proposed Channel Depth -10'  
 Top Width~90-100' Bottom Width ~80'



Amite River

**Edge of Cypress**  
 Minimal Fill, No Equipment

Floating Disposal Pipe

~6,400'

~1,500'

Lake Maurepas

Disposal Area  
~220.62 Acres

### Legend:

- Disposal Area ~191.52 Acres
- Minimal Fill Area ~29.10 Acres
- Dredge Area ~9.85 Acres
- Disposal Pipe

Figure 2: Amite River Plan View

## Amite and Blind Rivers Maintenance Dredging

## Proposed Impacts

Site Outline ~147.55 Acres  
**Other Water Impacts** ~147.55 Acres  
 Total Volume ~101,000 CY

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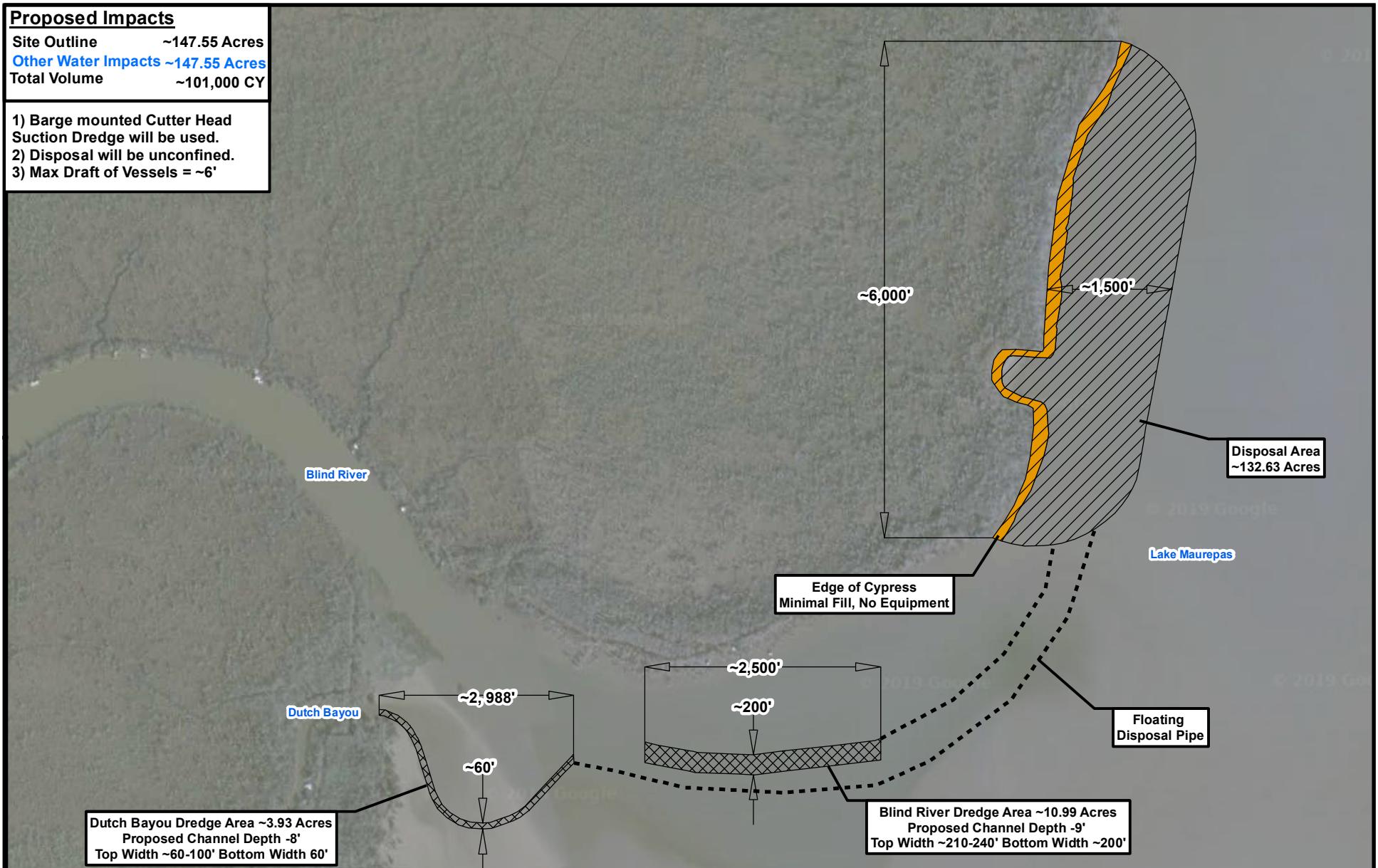


Figure 3: Blind River and Dutch Bayou Plan View

## Amite and Blind Rivers Maintenance Dredging

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### Legend:

- Site Outline
- Minimal Fill Area ~14.66 Acres
- Dredge Area ~14.92 Acres
- Disposal Area ~117.97 Acres
- - - Disposal Pipe



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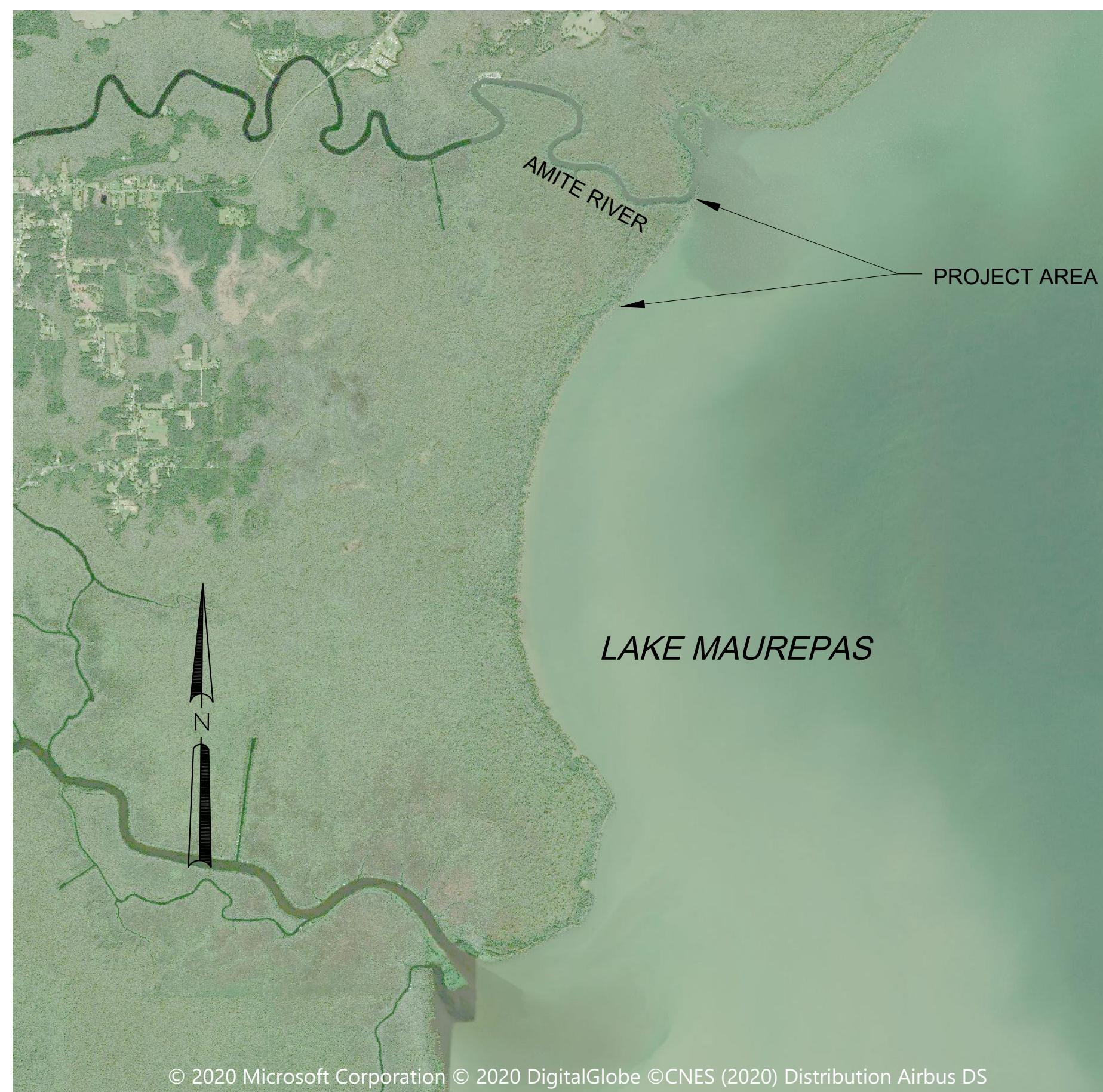
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# AMITE RIVER MAINTENANCE DREDGING

PARISH PROJECT NO. 9232, CFDA #15.435  
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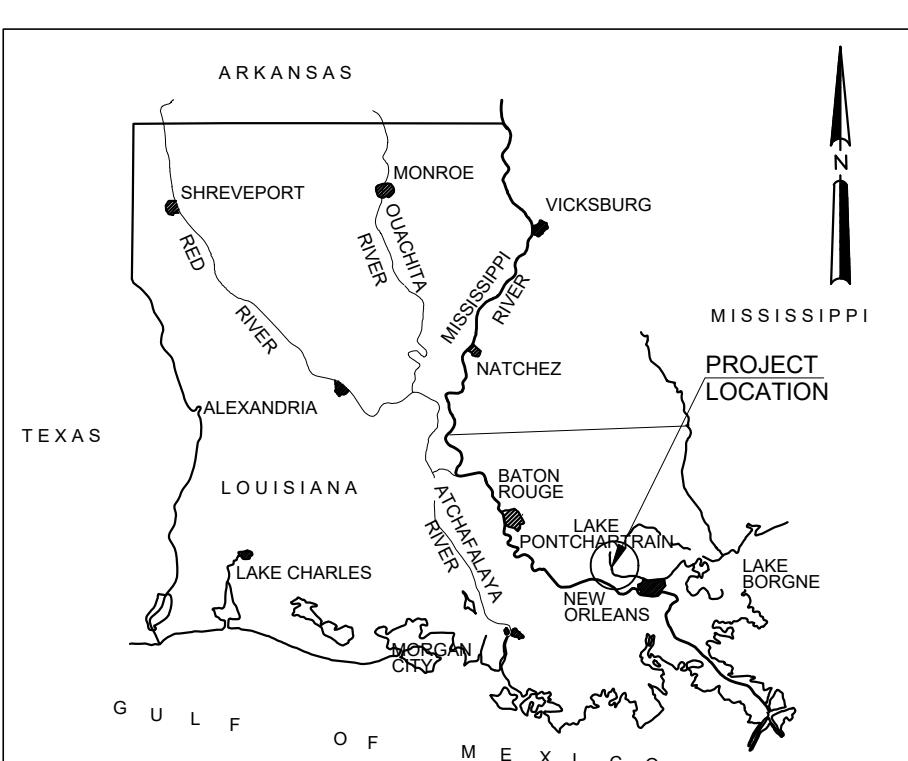
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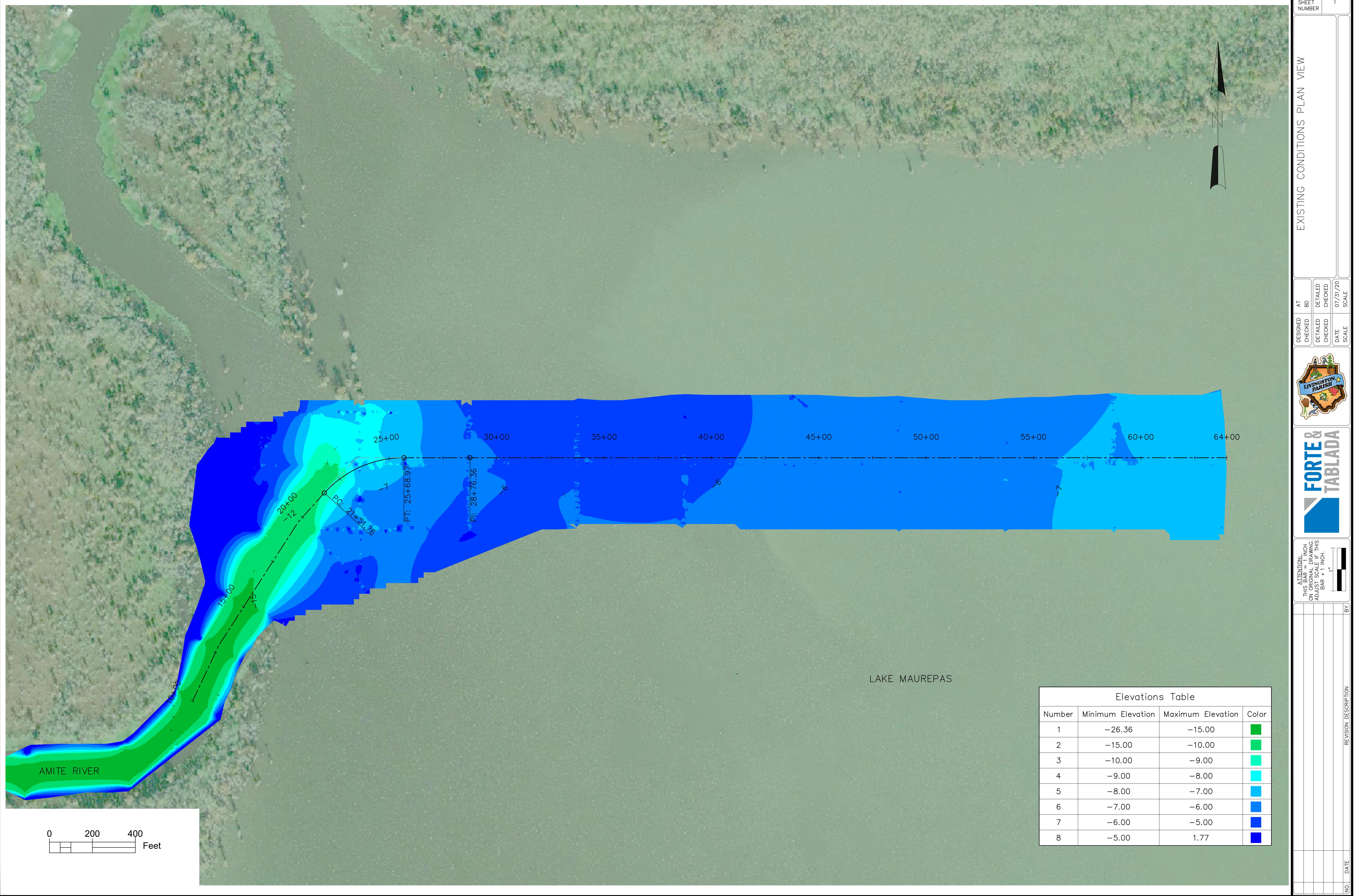


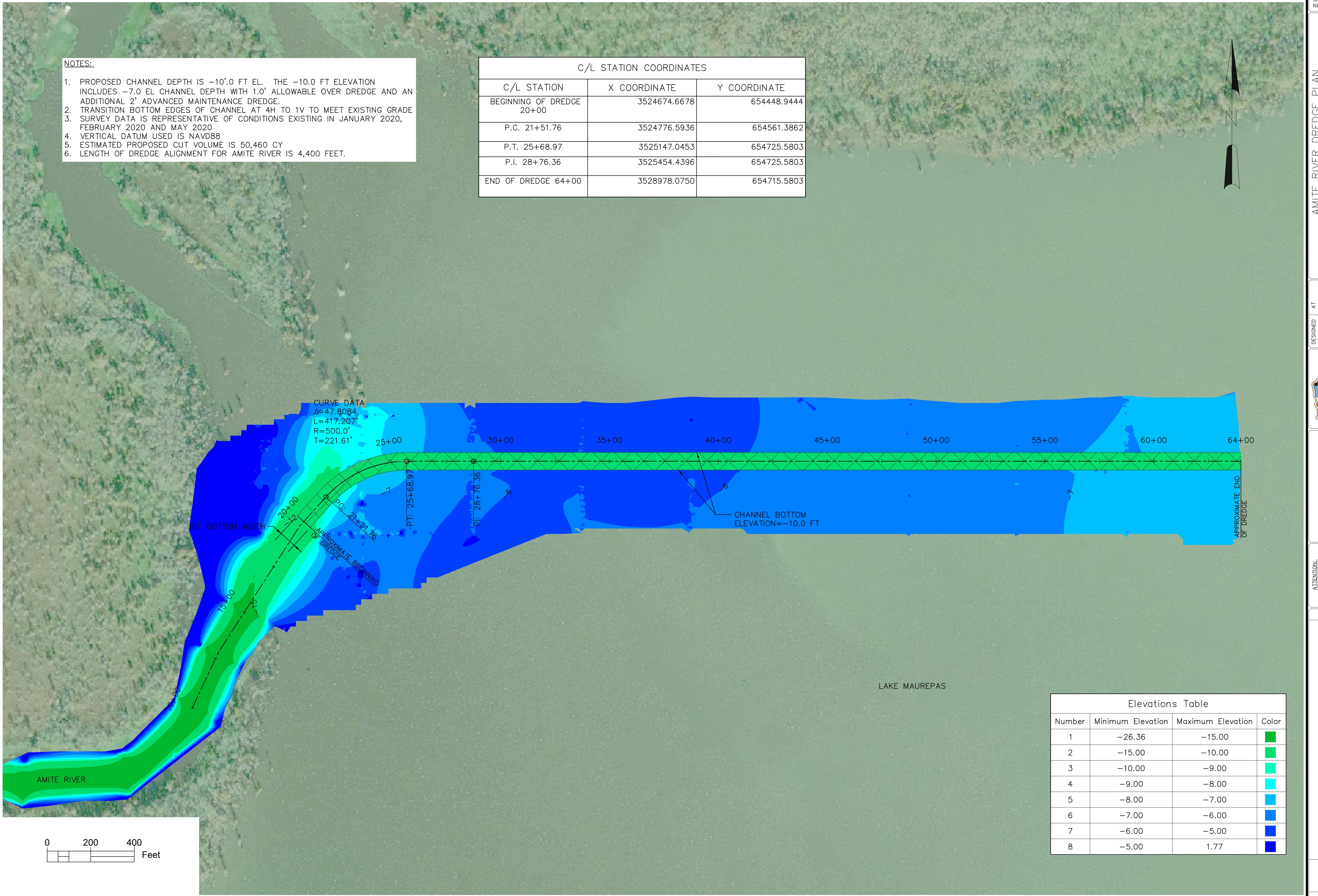
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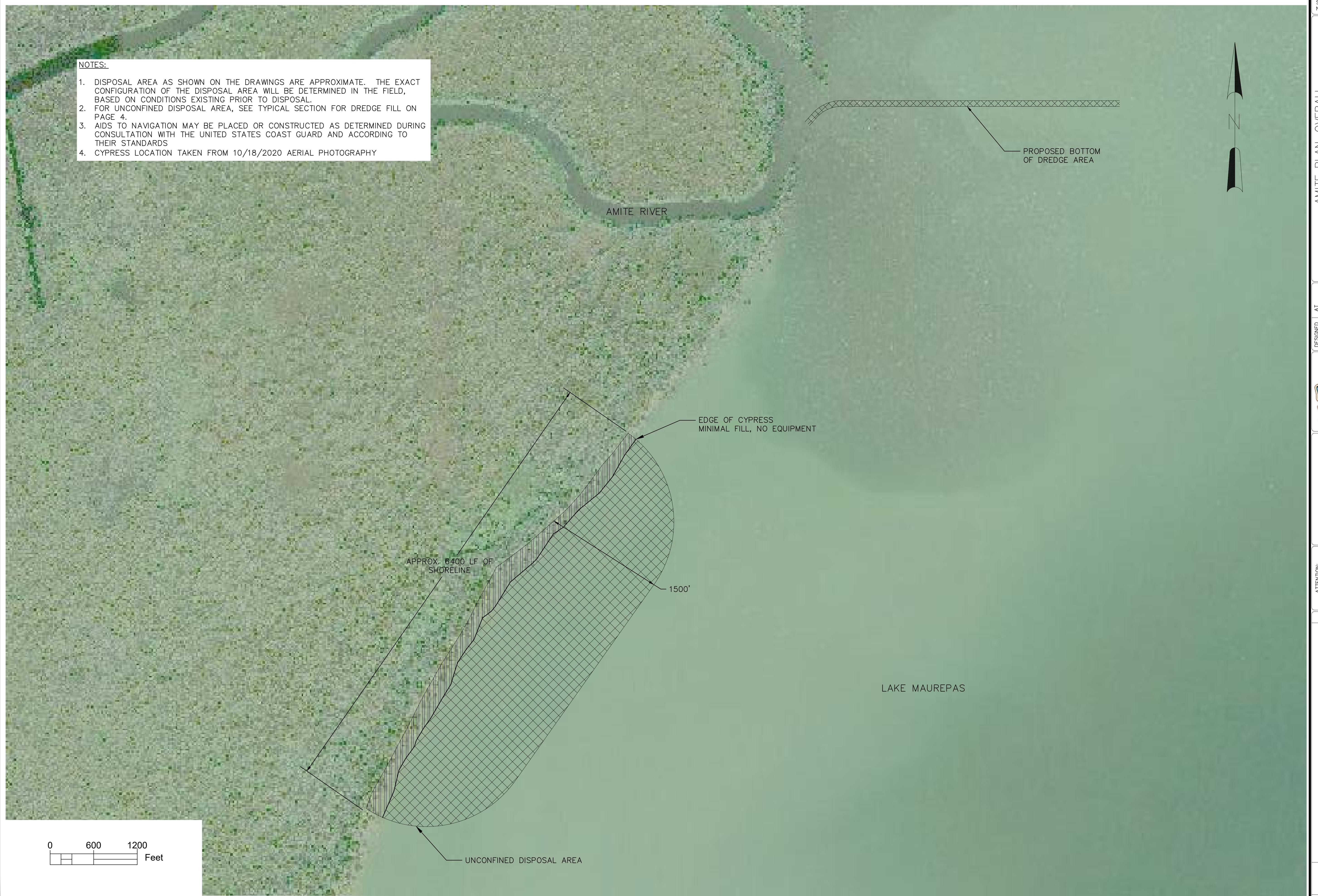




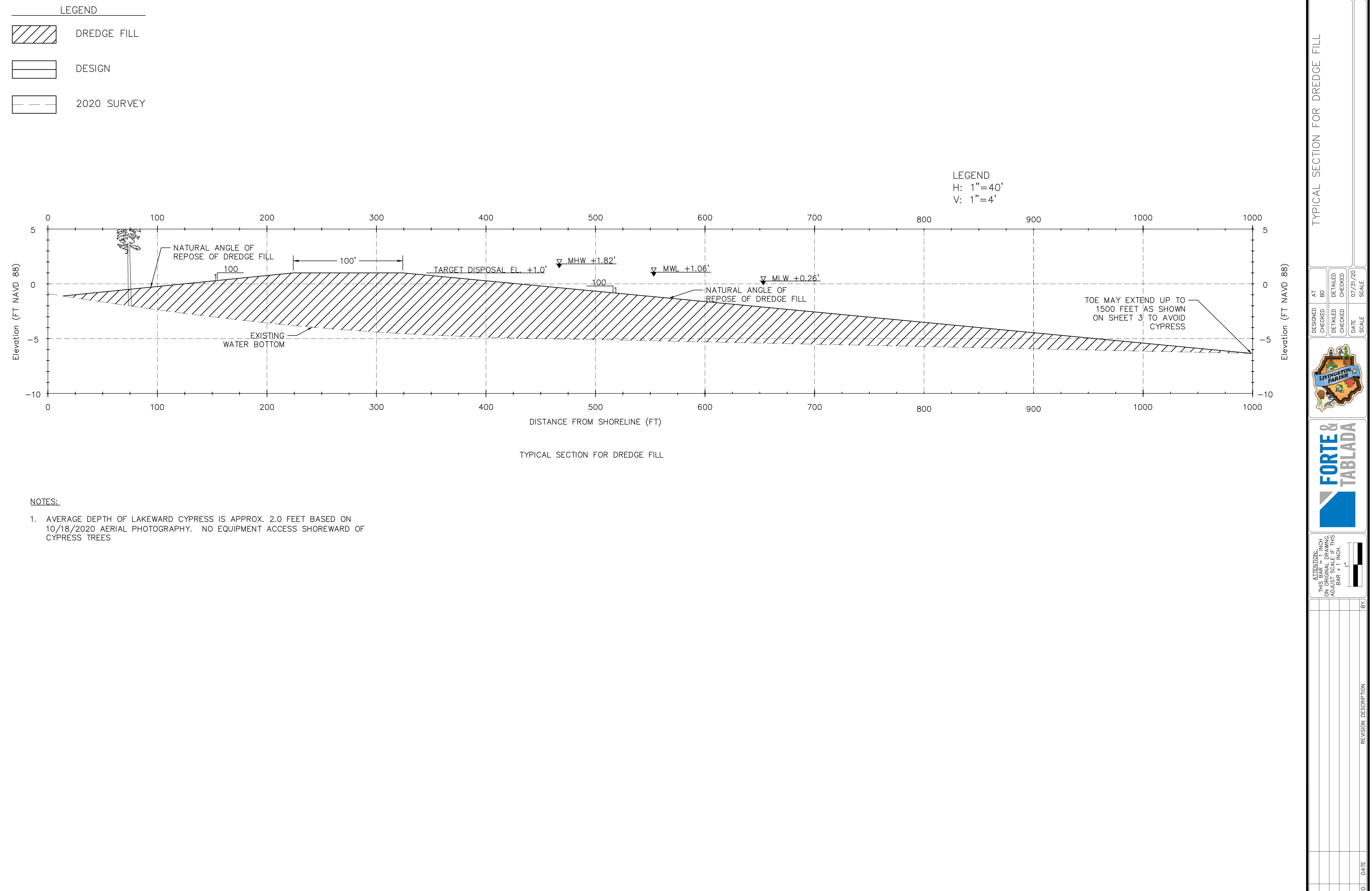
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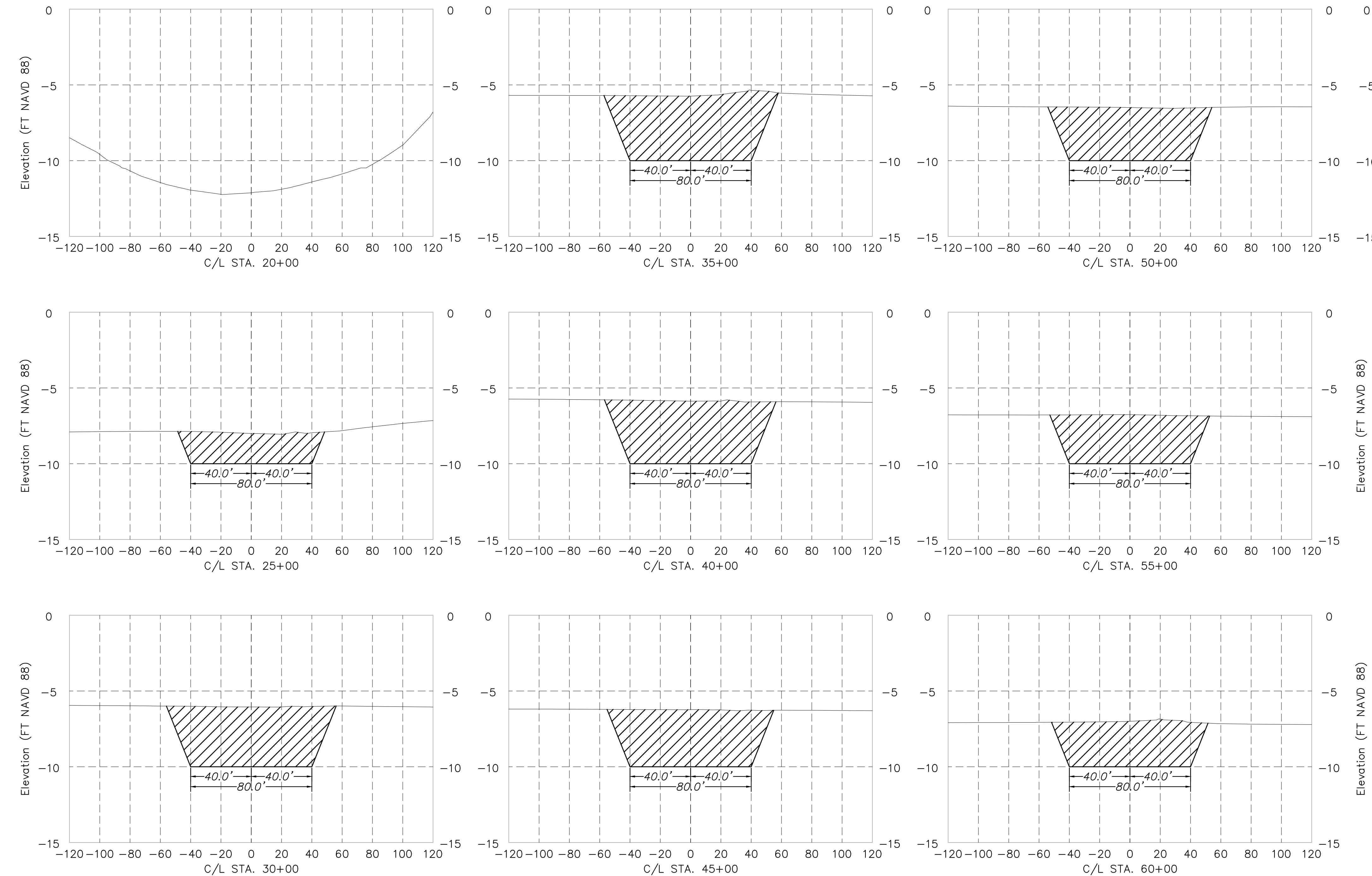
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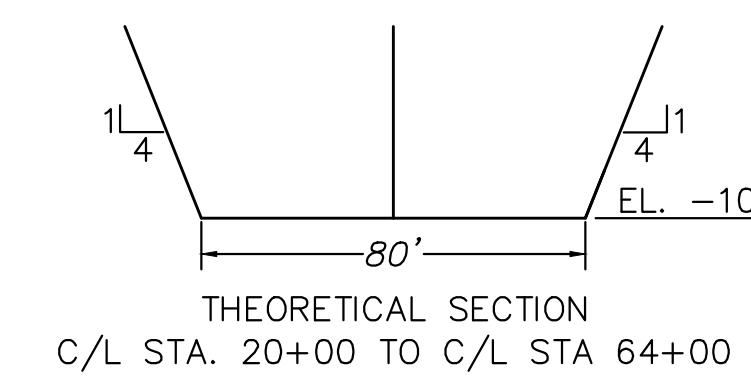


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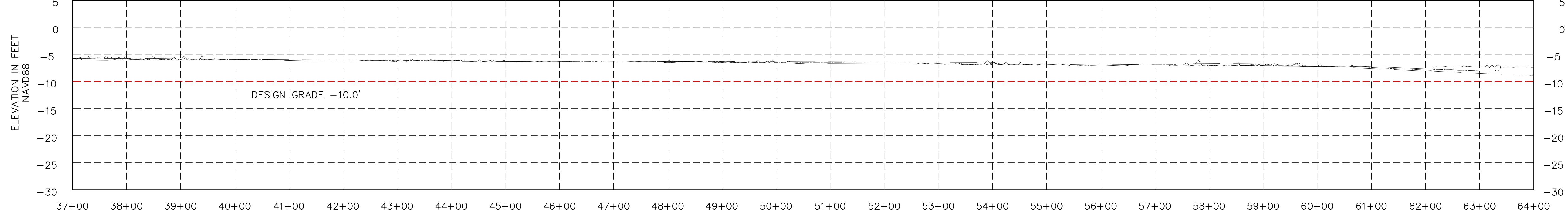
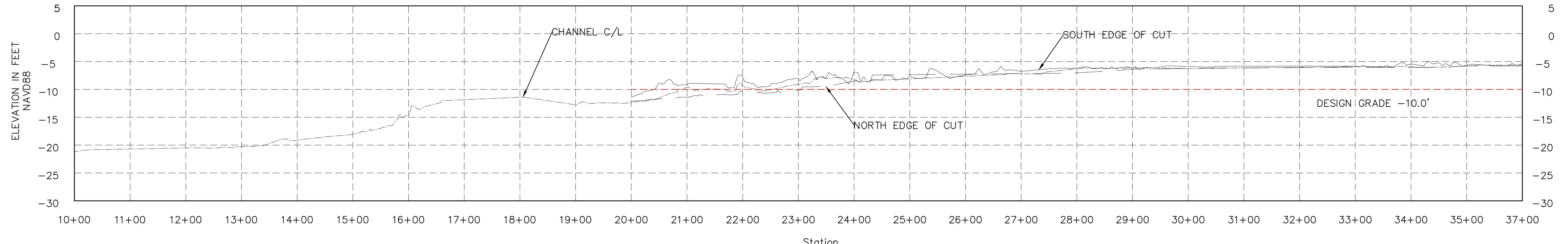
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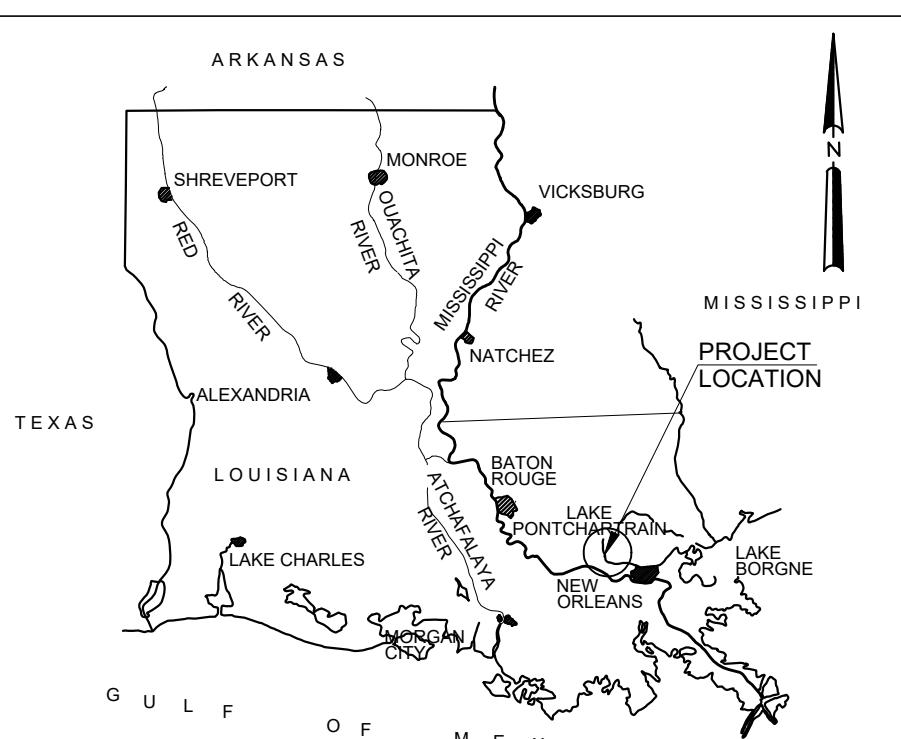
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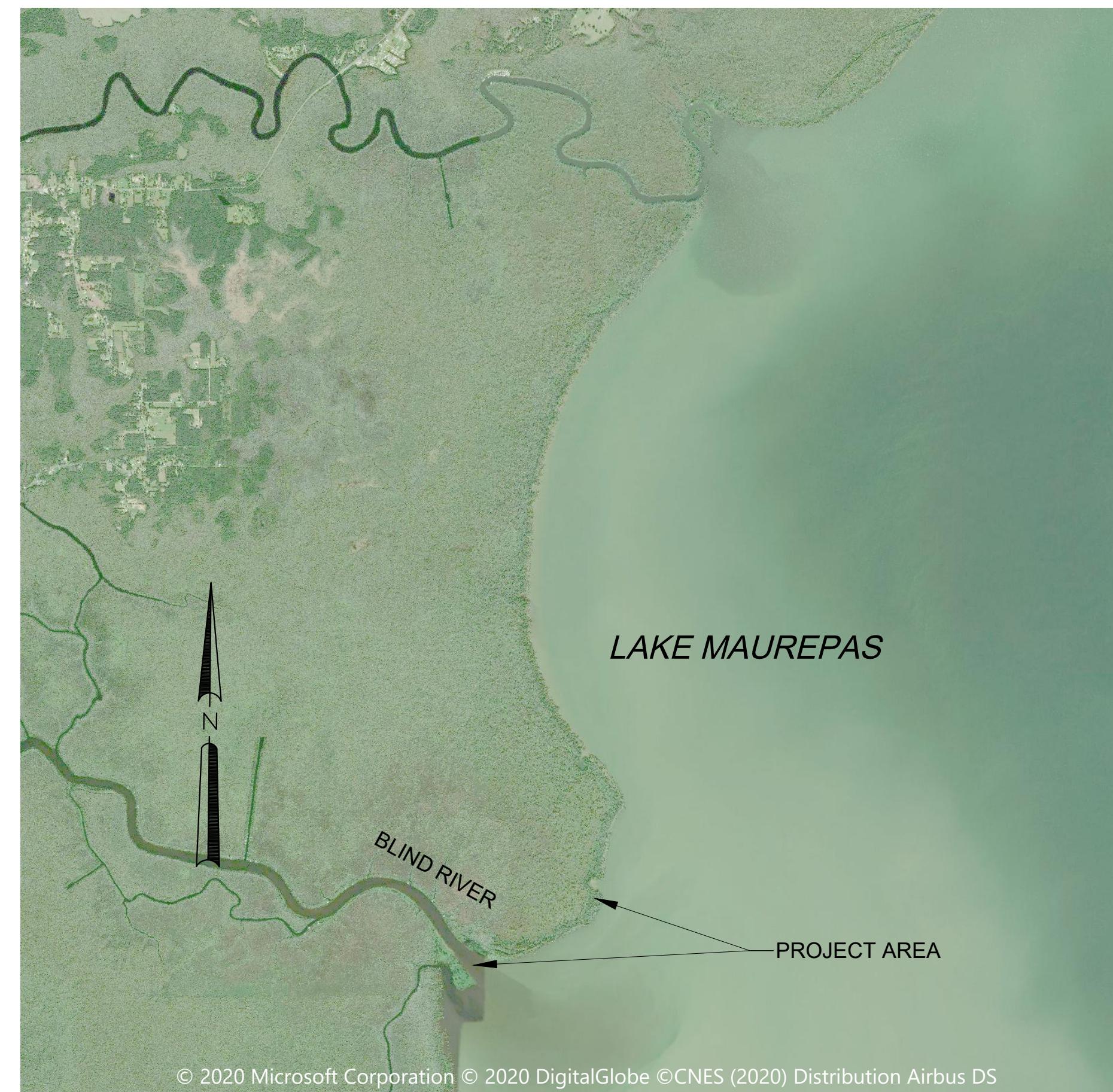
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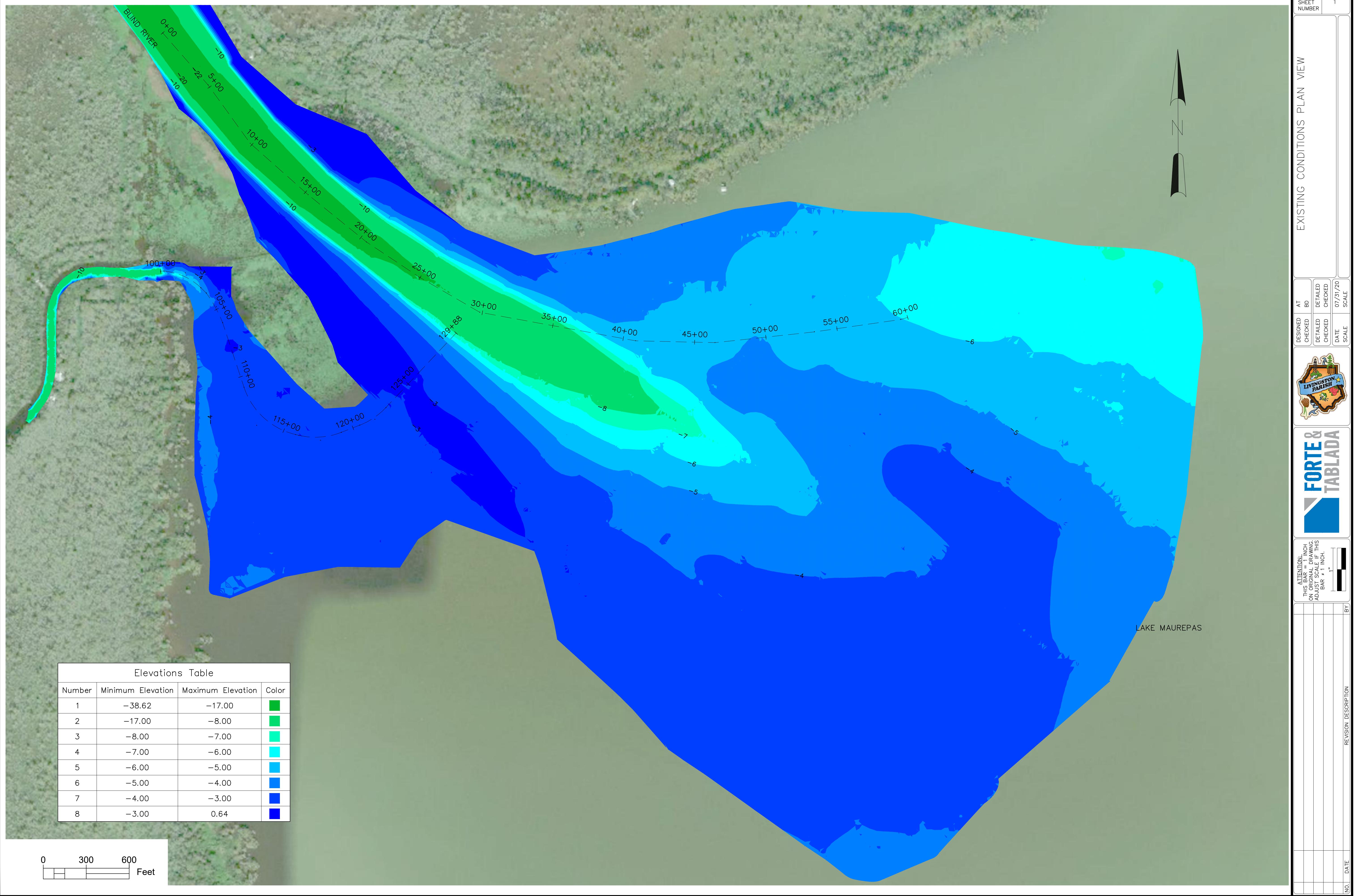


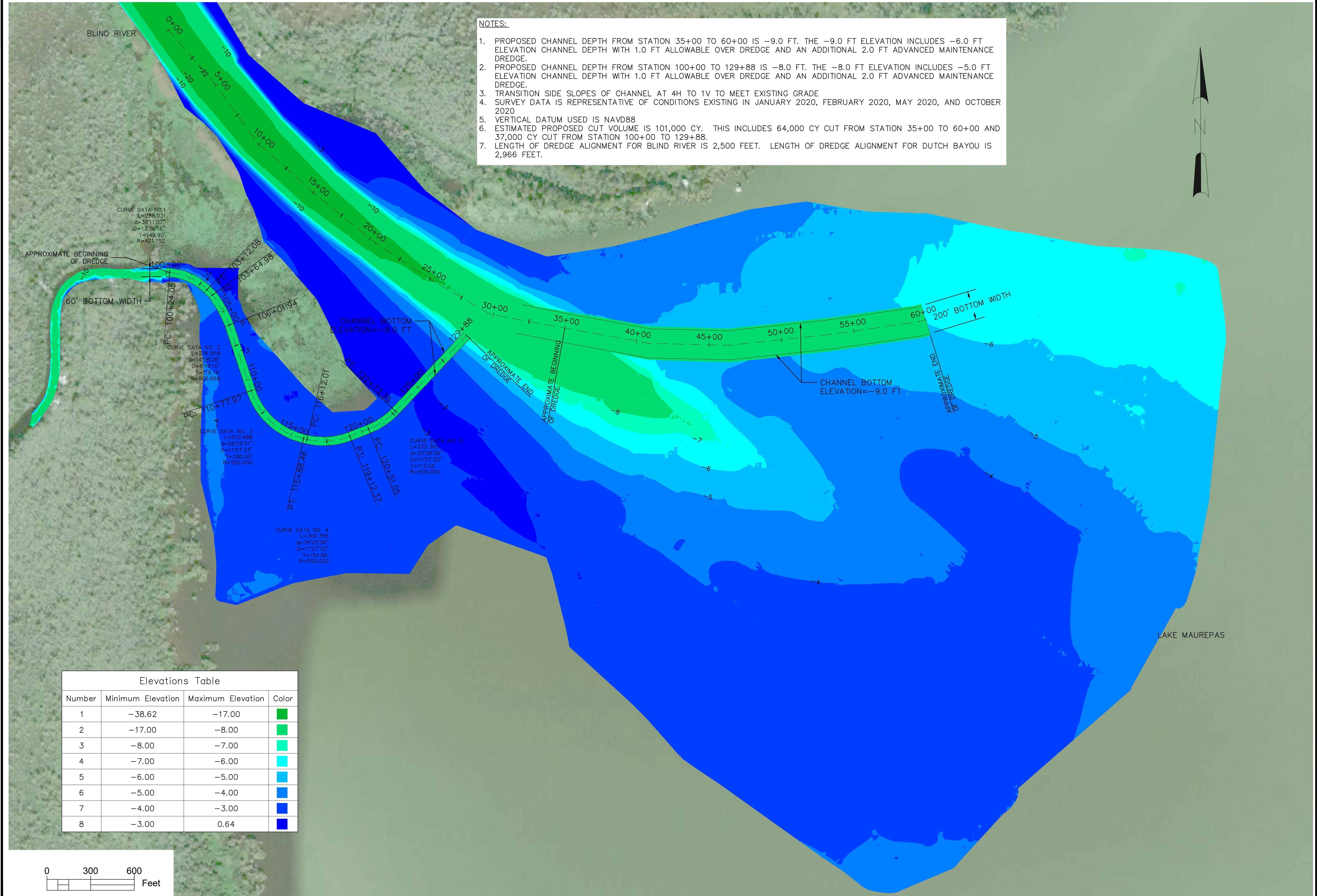
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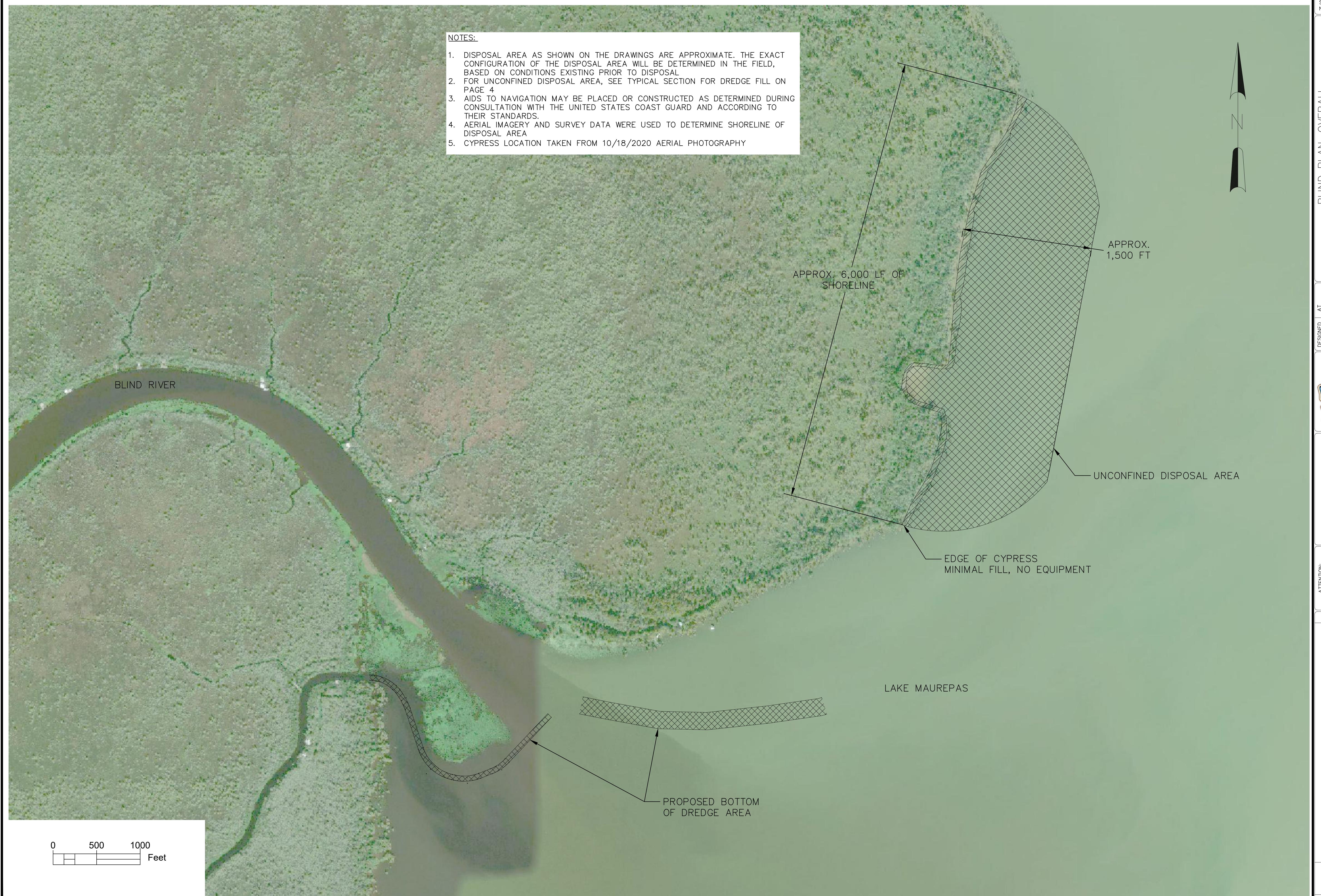


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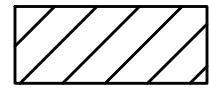
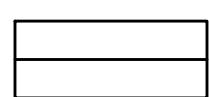


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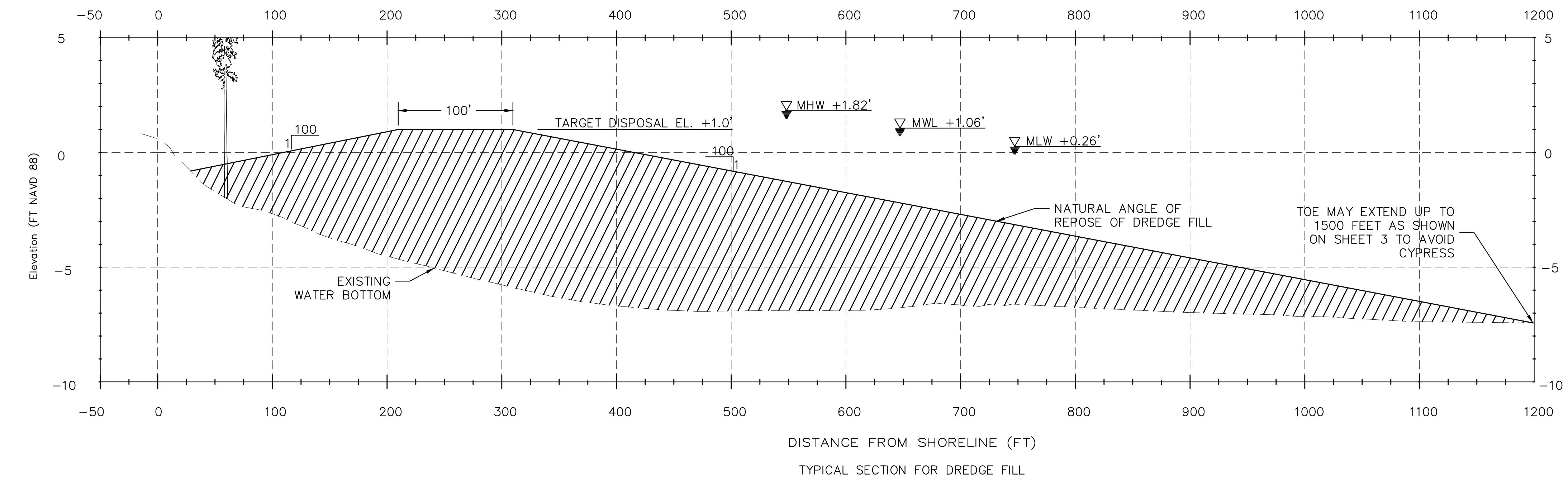


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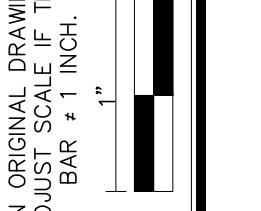
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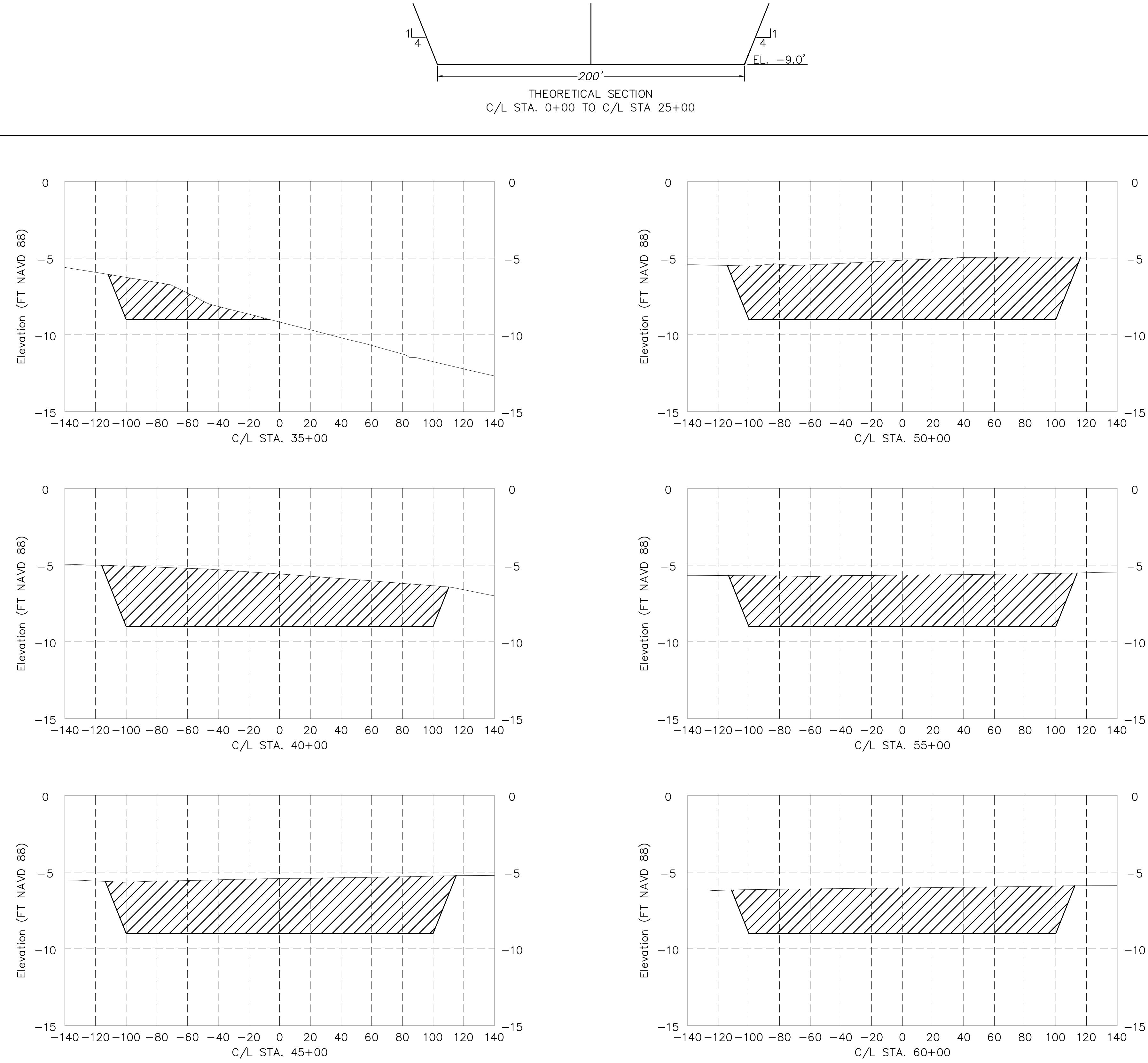
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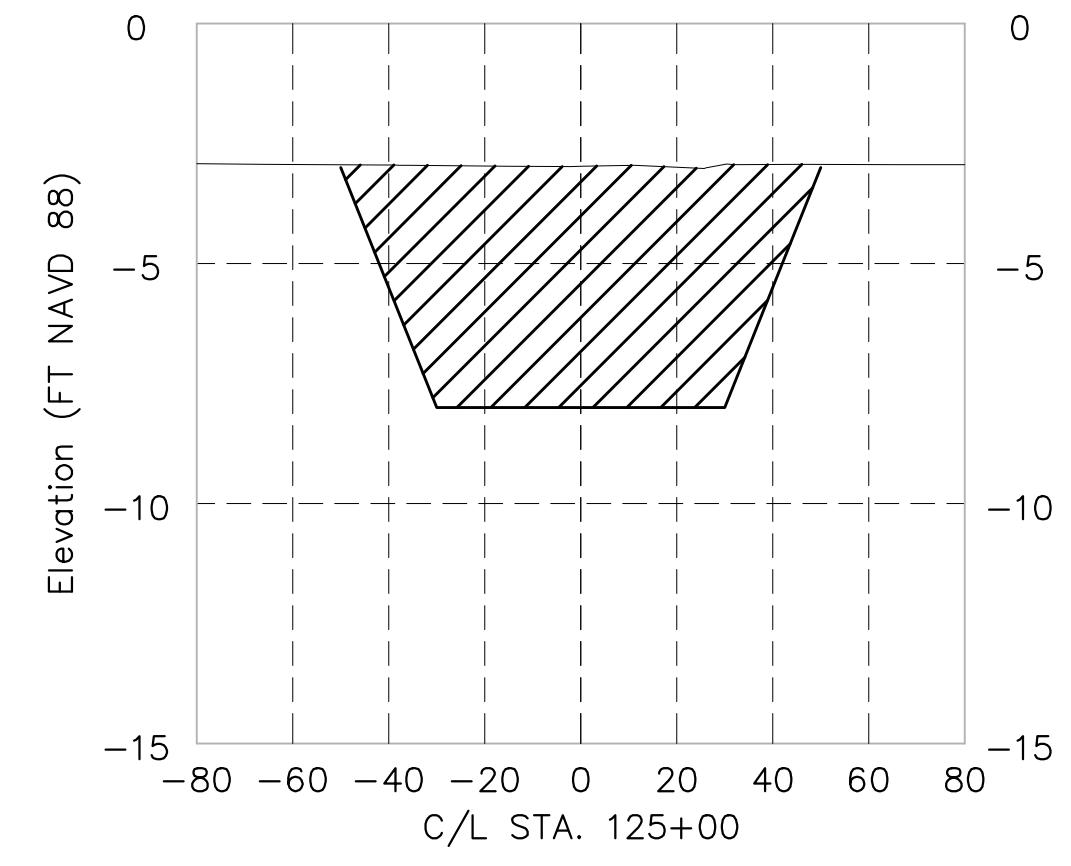
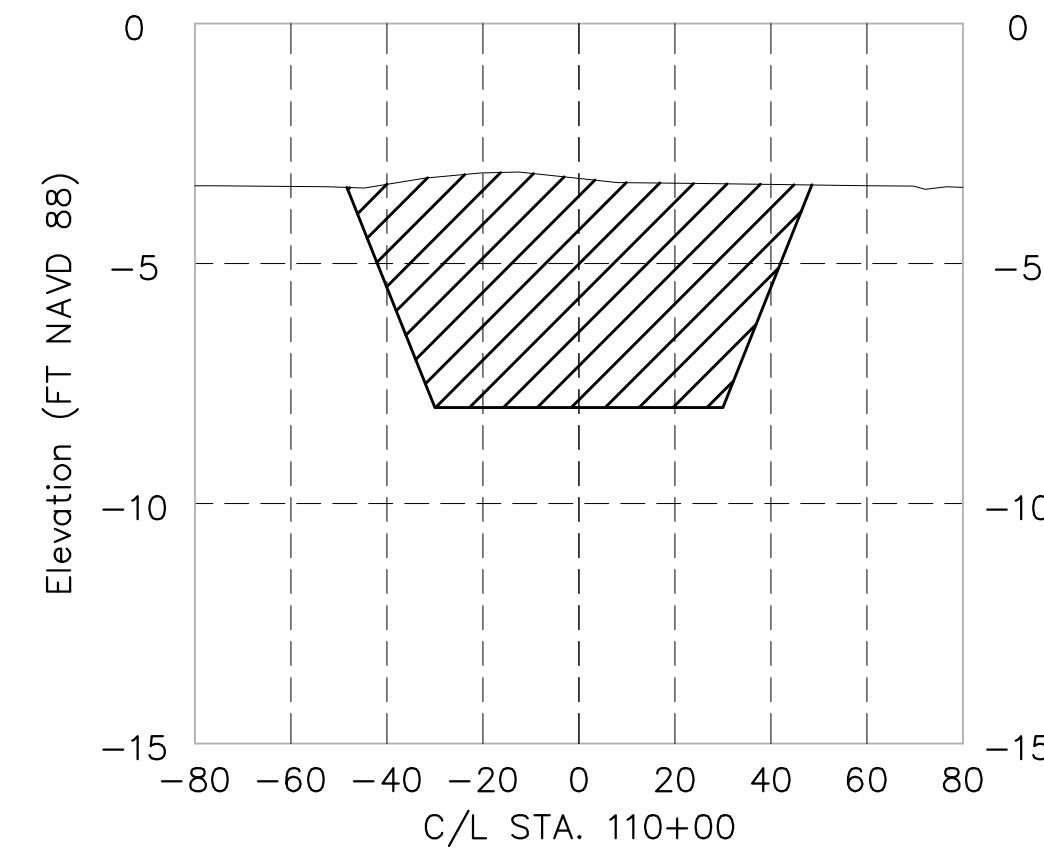
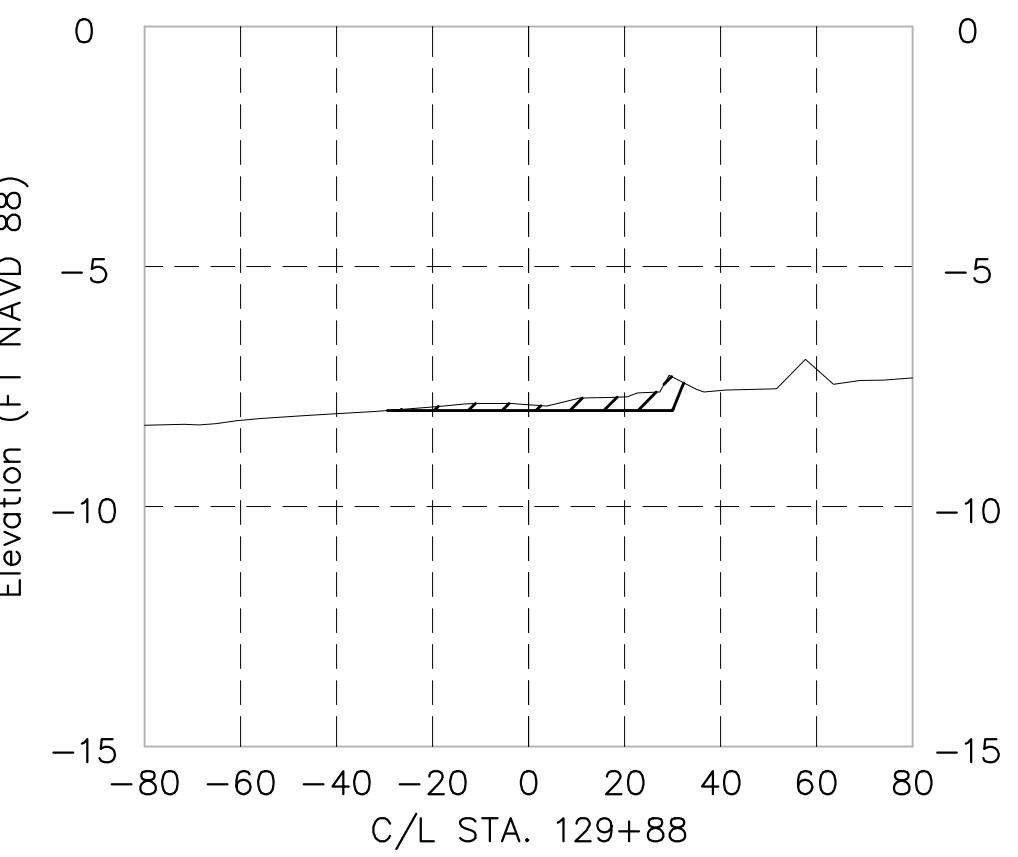
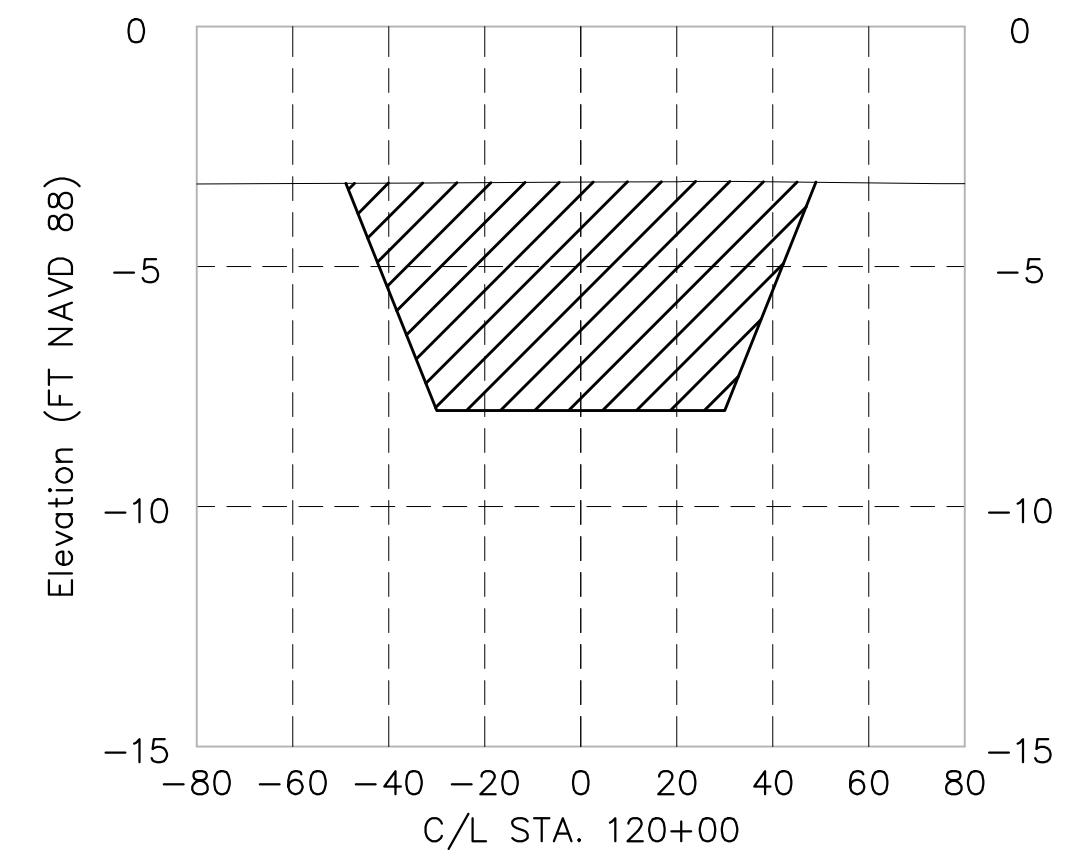
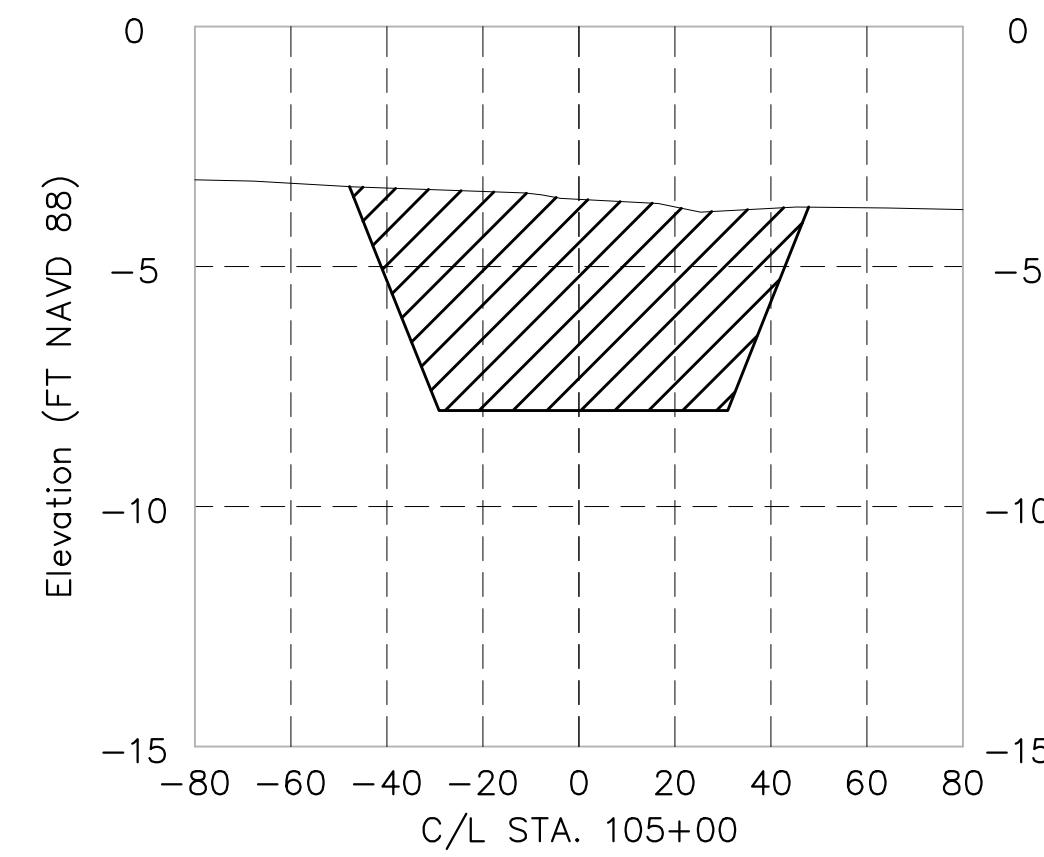
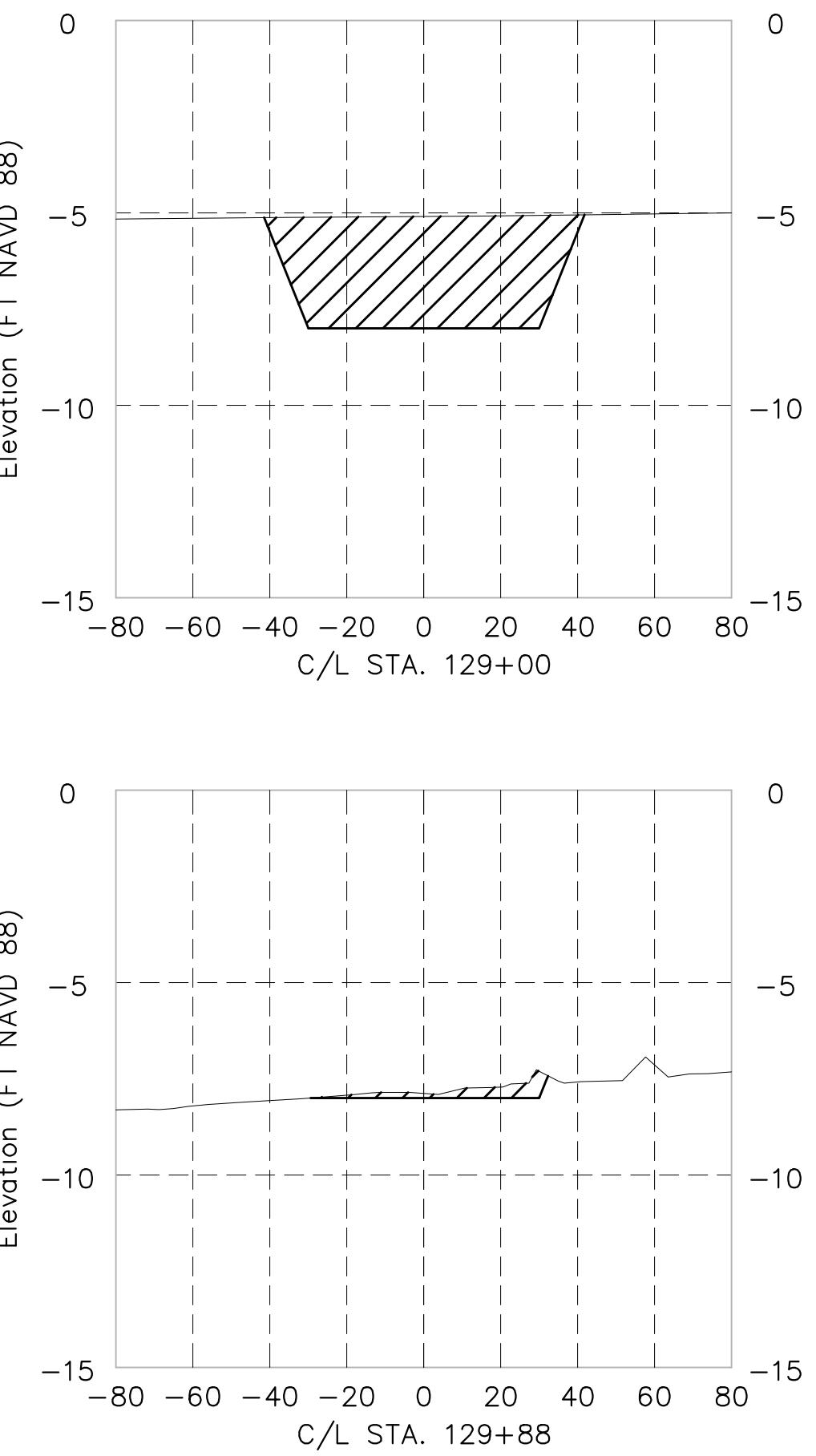
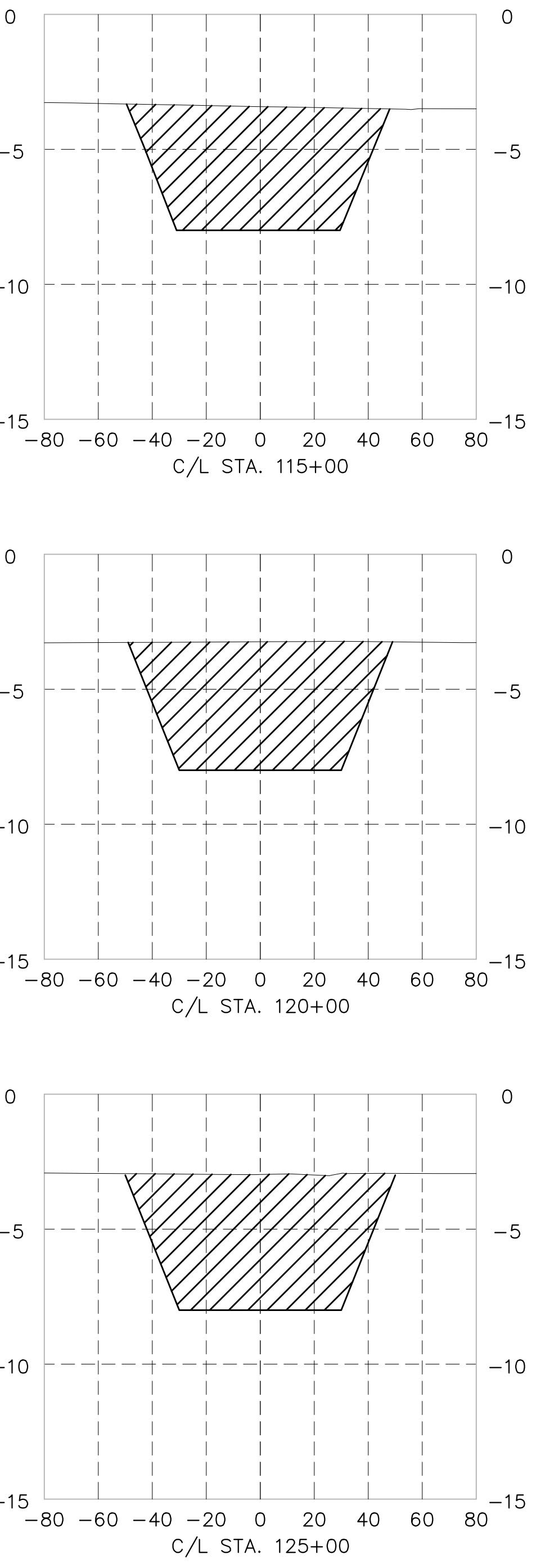
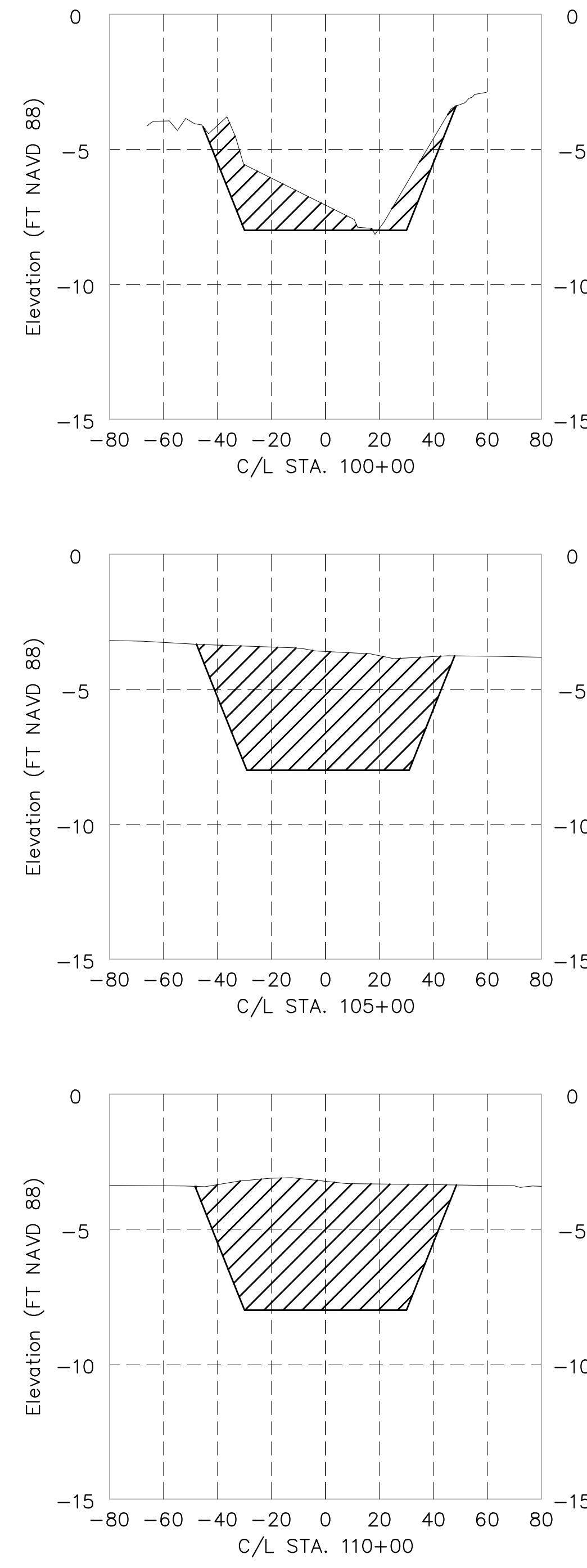
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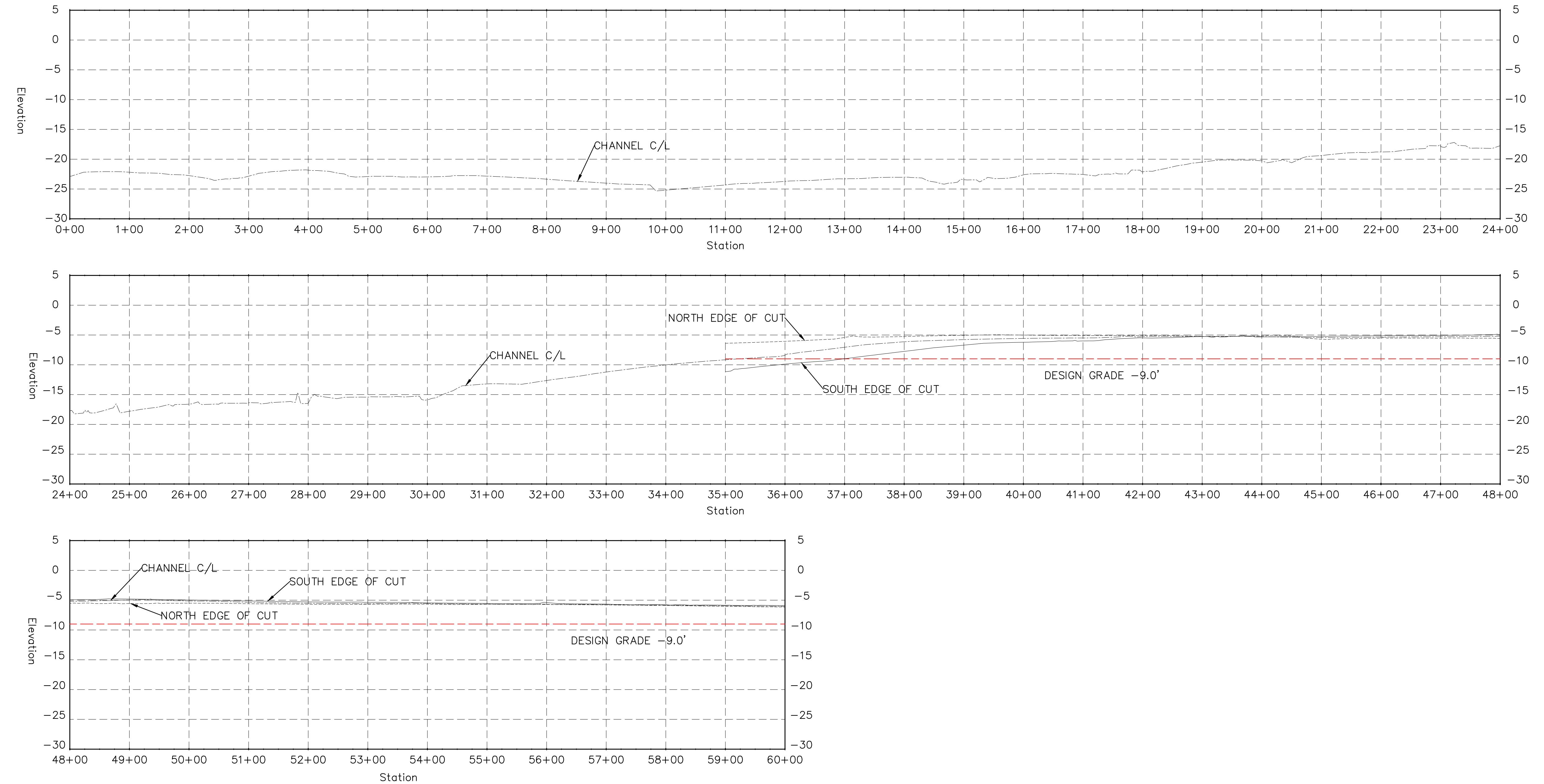
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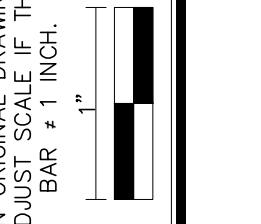
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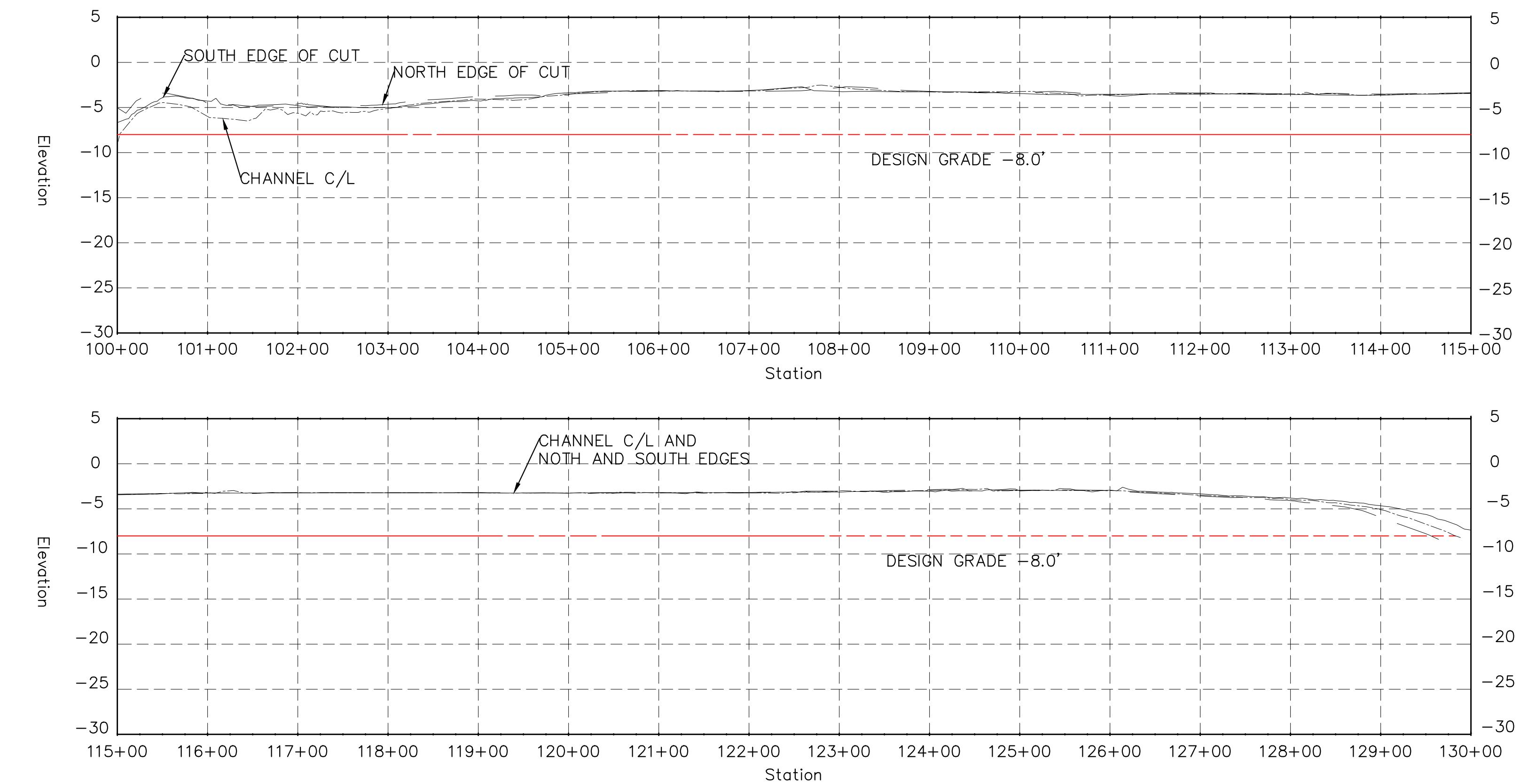
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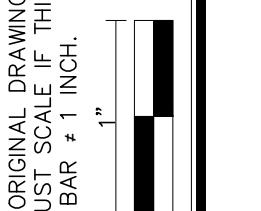


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<small>ATTENTION: THIS BAR = 1 INCH ON ORIGINAL DRAWING. ADJUST THIS BAR TO 1 INCH.</small> 	
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DATE _____	BY _____



LEGEND  
H: 1"=100'  
V: 1"=10'

DREDGE PROFILE—DUTCH BAYOU	
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Detailed Checked	DATE
SCALE	SCALE
07/31/20	
 <b>FORTE &amp; TABLADA</b> 	
<small>ATTENTION: THIS BAR = 1 INCH ON ORIGINAL DRAWING. ADJUST SCALE IF THIS BAR &gt; 1 INCH.</small> 	
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