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Application #: 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, Latitude 30.296389, Longitude -90.561228, Louisiana, in St. John the Baptist and Livingston Parishes, 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. The material will be disposed into waterbottoms and extend into the swamp from wind and wave action. 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 **15 days** from the date of this public notice. This public notice is also available for review online at <https://go.usa.gov/xennJ>. 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 and/or comments concerning the subject permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number and preferably emailed to the Corps of Engineers project manager listed above or forwarded to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION:**

REGULATORY DIVISION, RGC, 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 Branch 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 is to have No Effect any species as endangered by the U.S. Departments of Interior or Commerce, affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species. Utilizing the Information Planning and Consultation (IPaC) procedure for Endangered Species in Louisiana, as signed on January 27, 2020, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Corps has determined that the proposed activity would have no effect to 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 may result in the destruction, alteration and/or disturbance of 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 Department of the Army permit can be 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 Application P #20210405). 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 Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of Coastal management.

JOHN M. HERMAN
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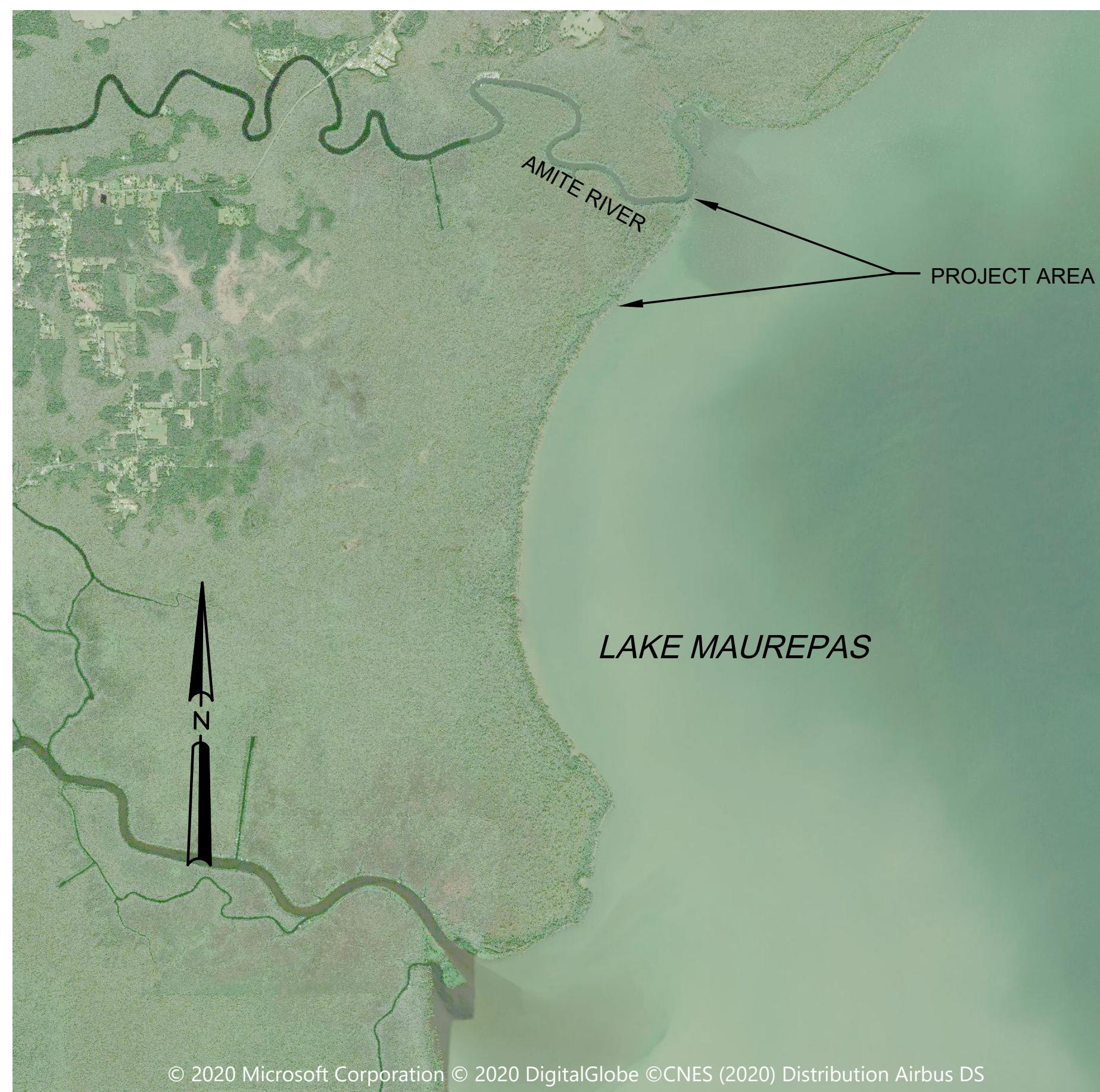
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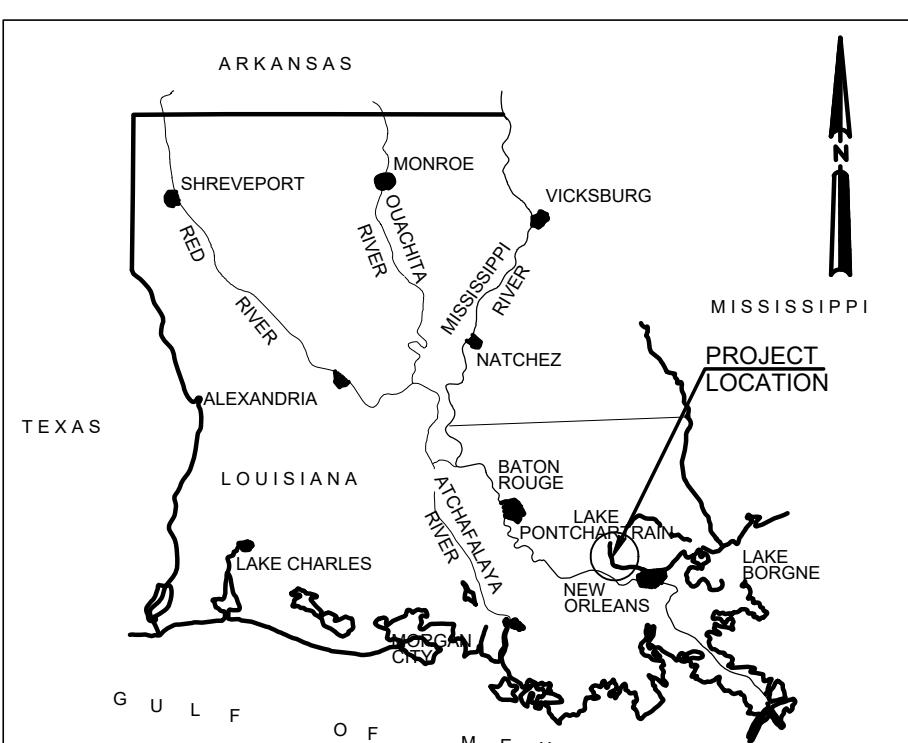
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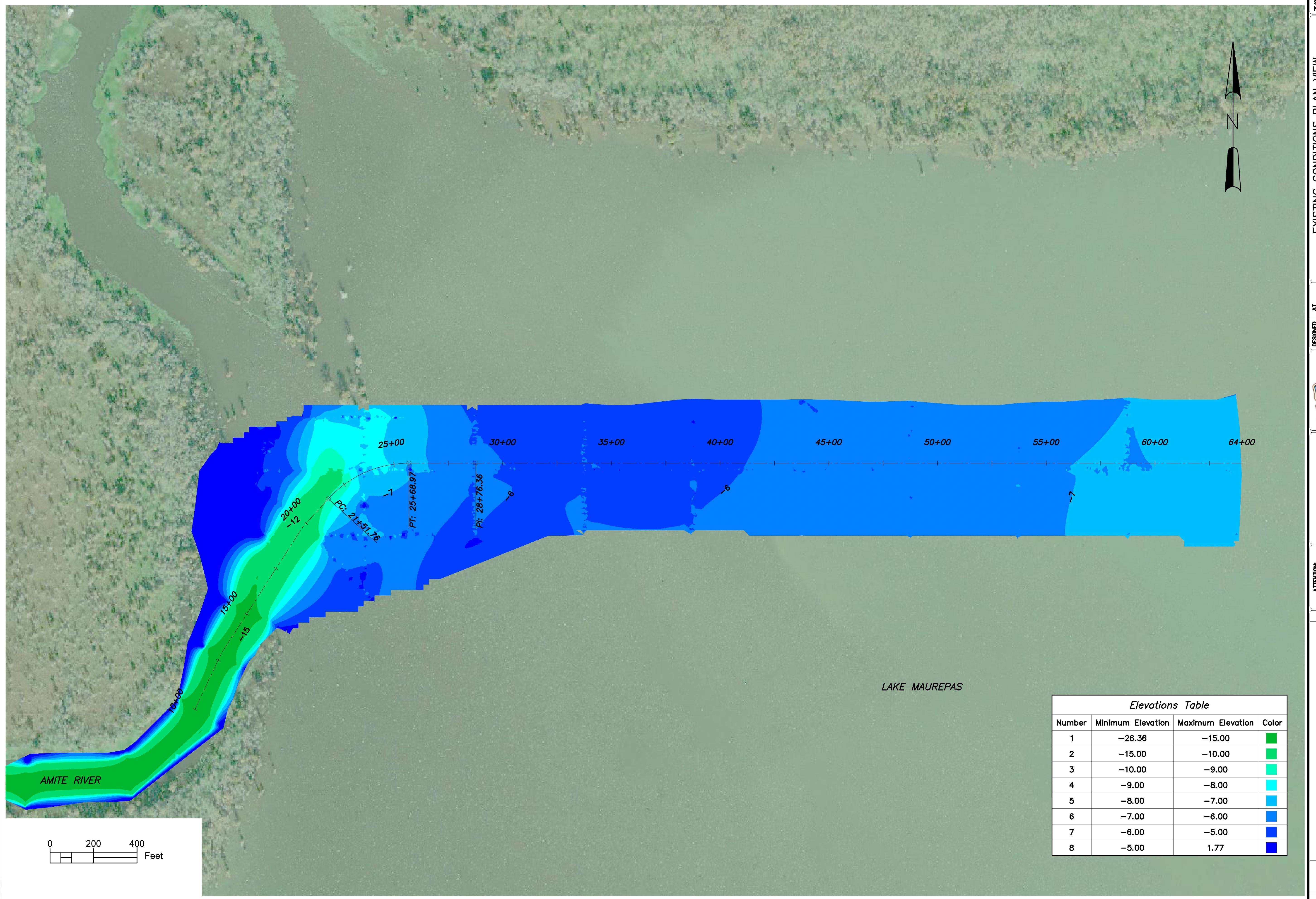


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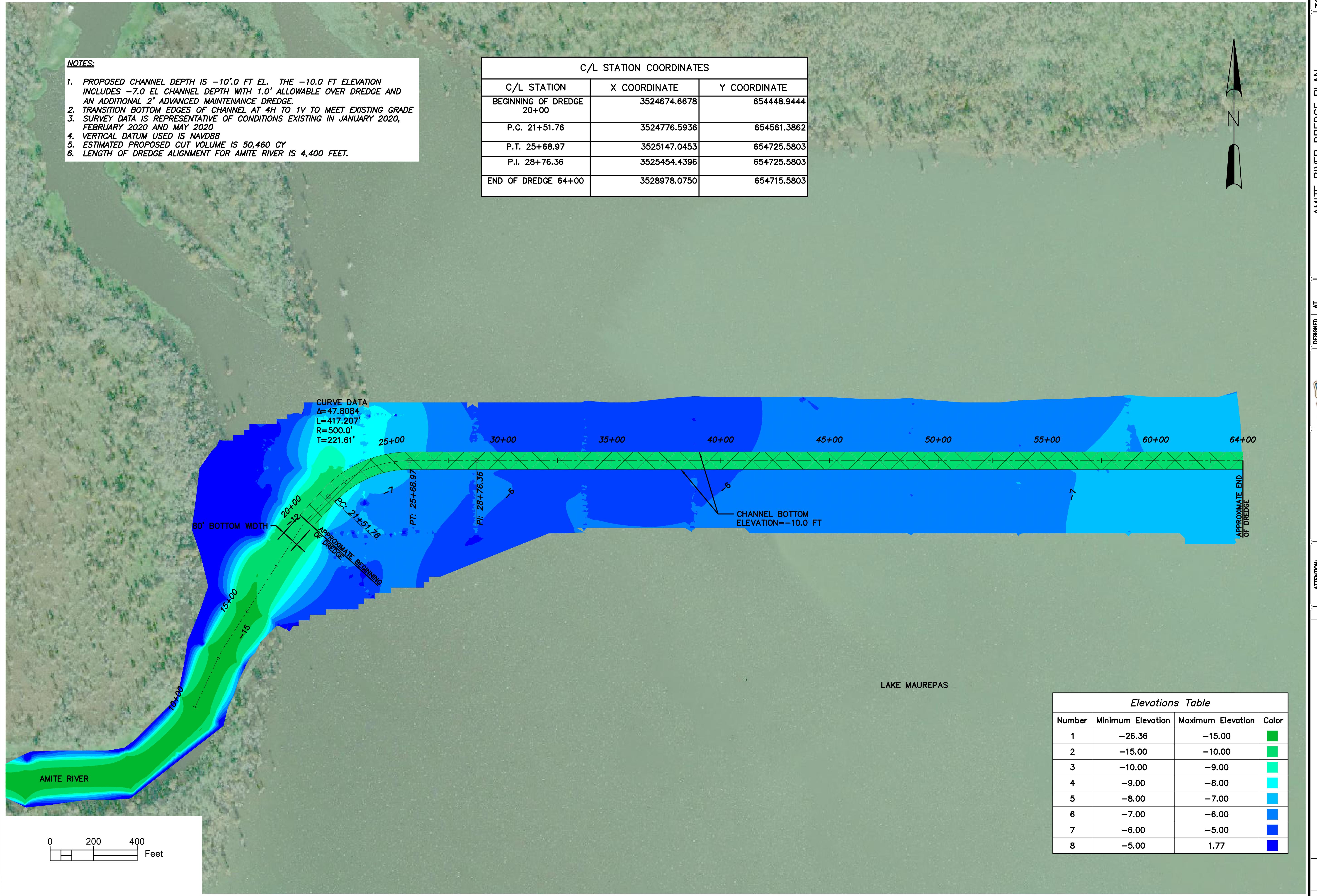
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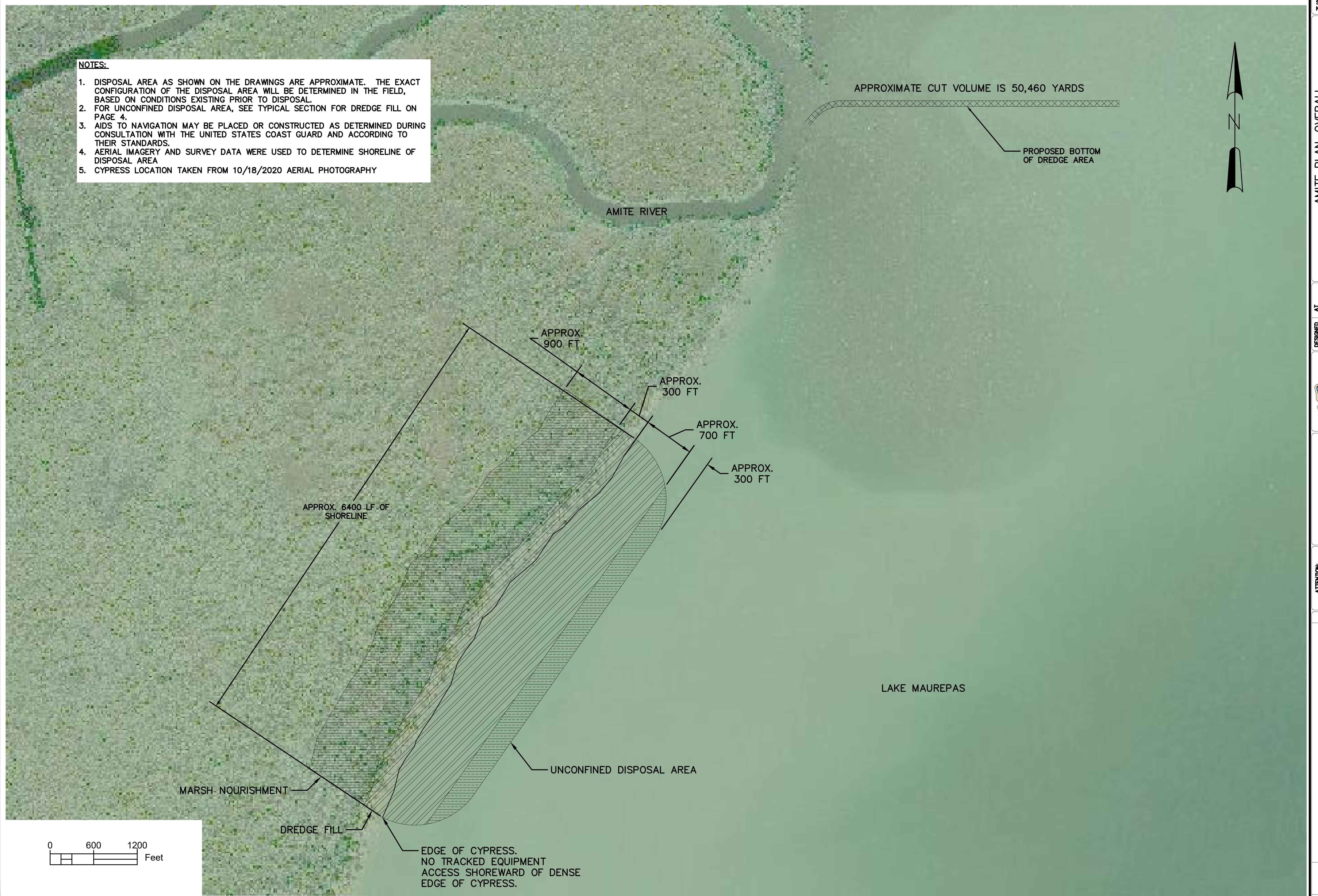
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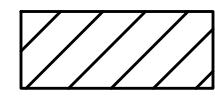
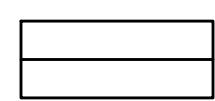
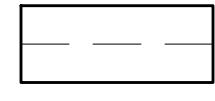


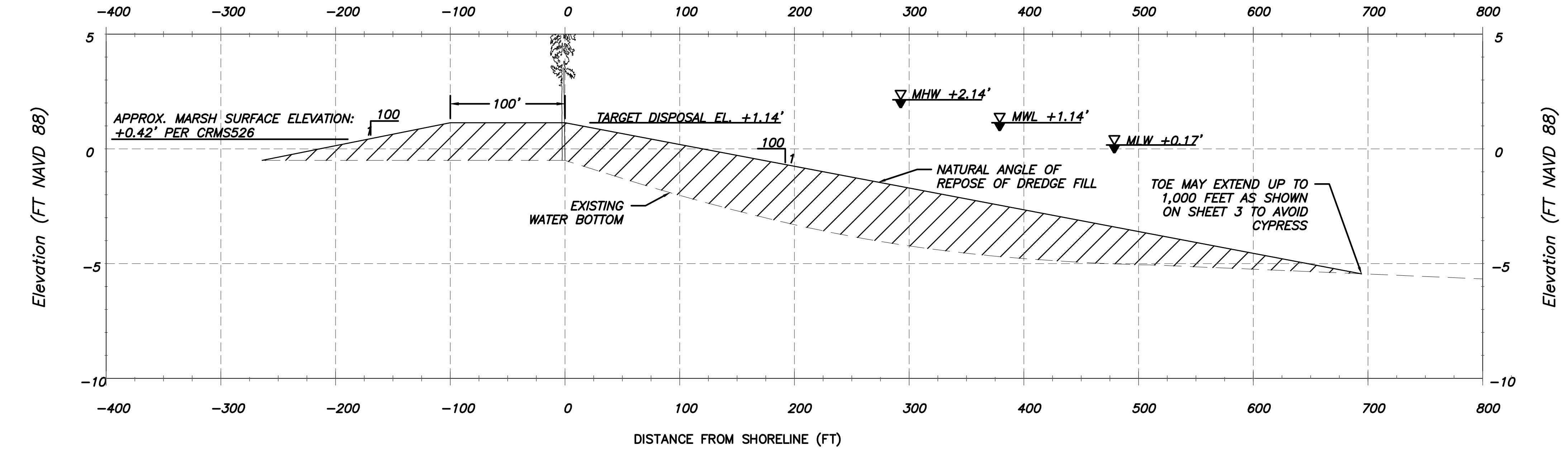
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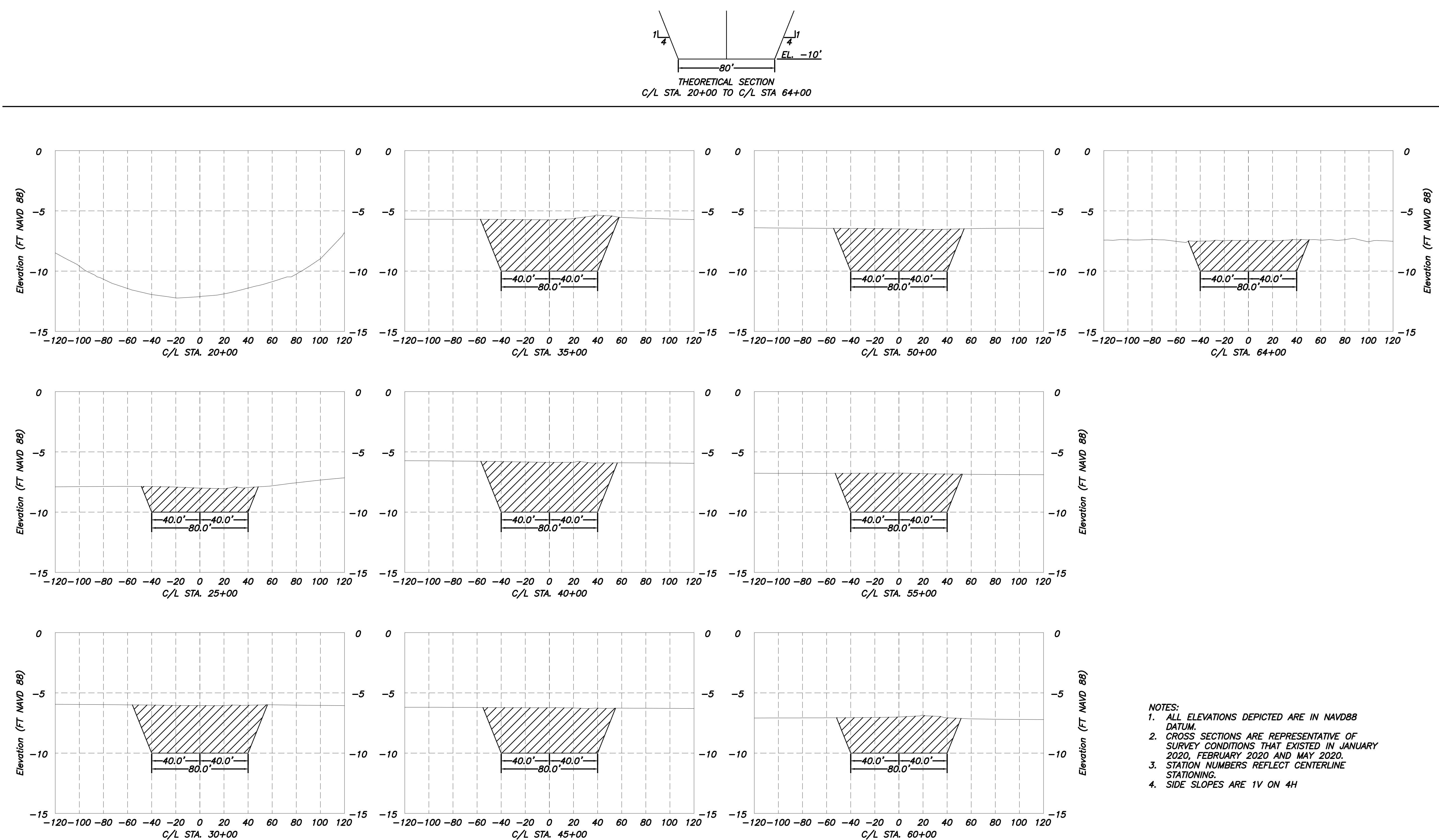


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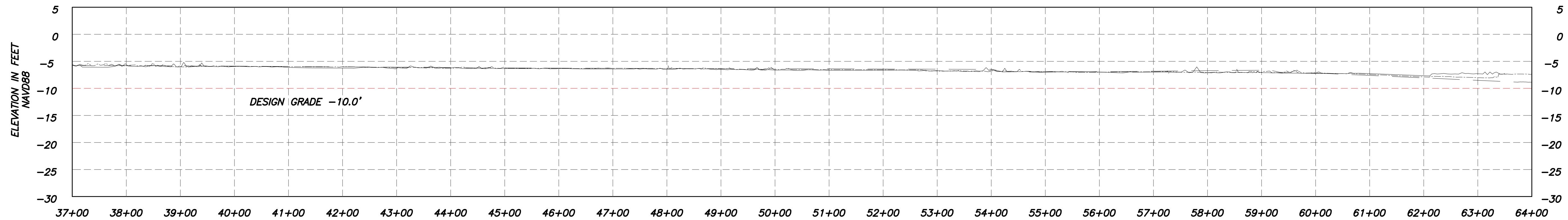
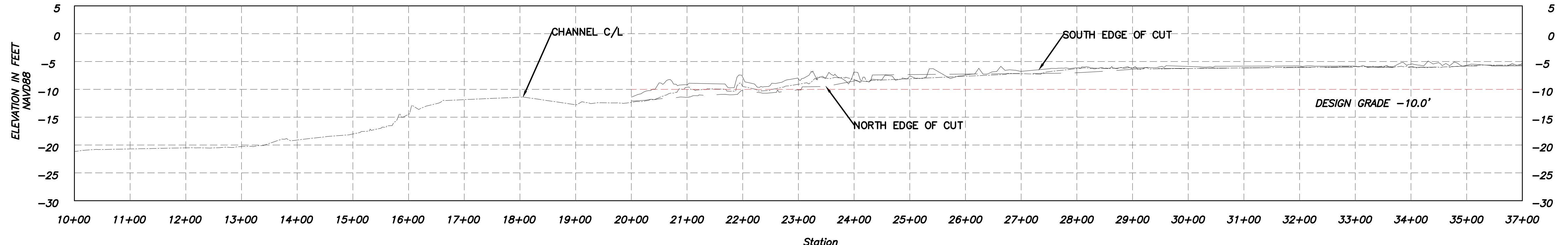


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Proposed Impacts

Site Outline ~339.00 Acres

Other Water Impacts ~206.45 Acres

Total Volume

- 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'**

~4,350'

Amite River

Marsh Nourishment Area

~6,300

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Floating Disposal Pipe

Lake Maurepas

Disposal Area

Edge of Cypress
Minimal Fill, No Equipment

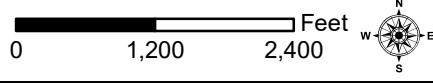


Figure 2: Amite River Plan View

Amite and Blind Rivers Maintenance Dredging

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 Minimal Fill Area ~44.01 Acres

 Dredge Area ~12.13 Acres

 Minimal Filled Area ~11.6 Acres

 Disposal Area ~150.31 Acres Disposal Pipe

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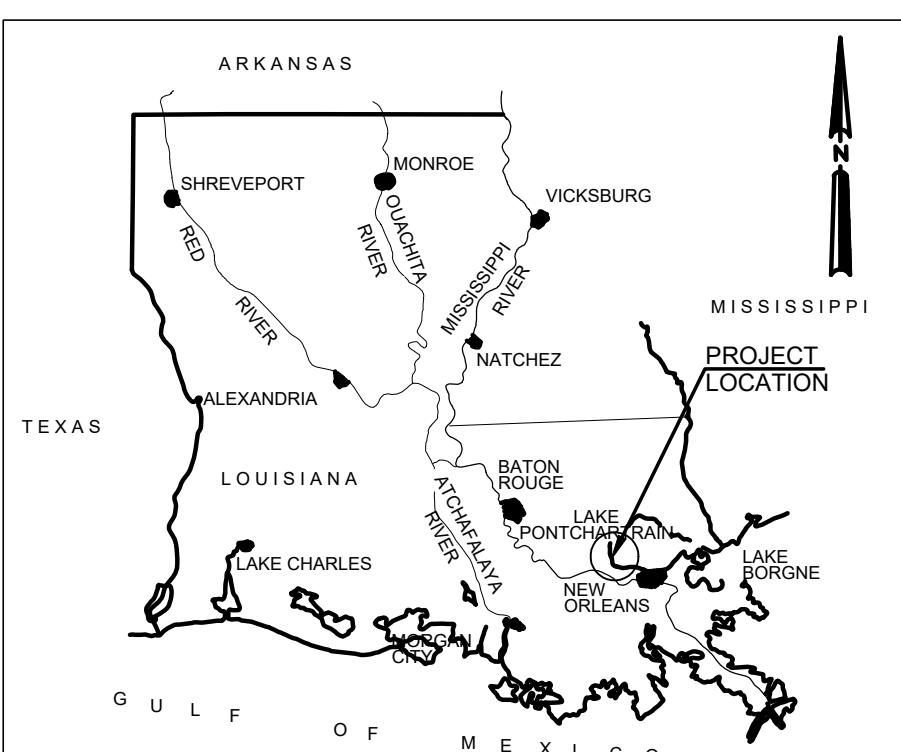
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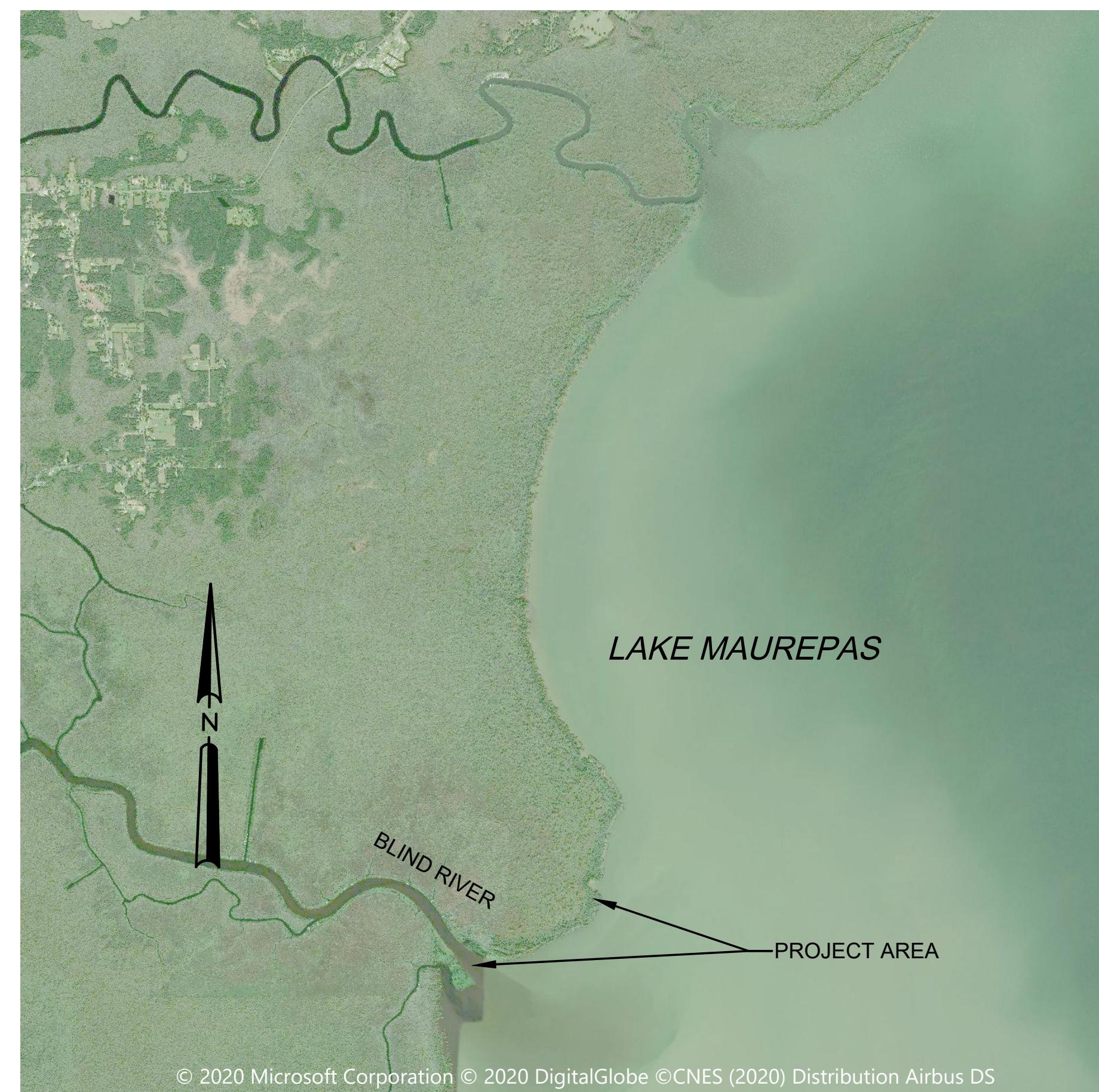
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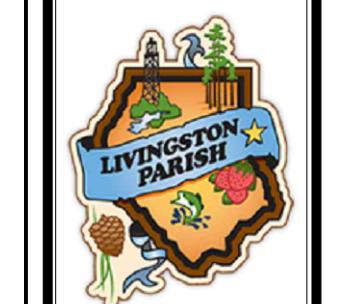
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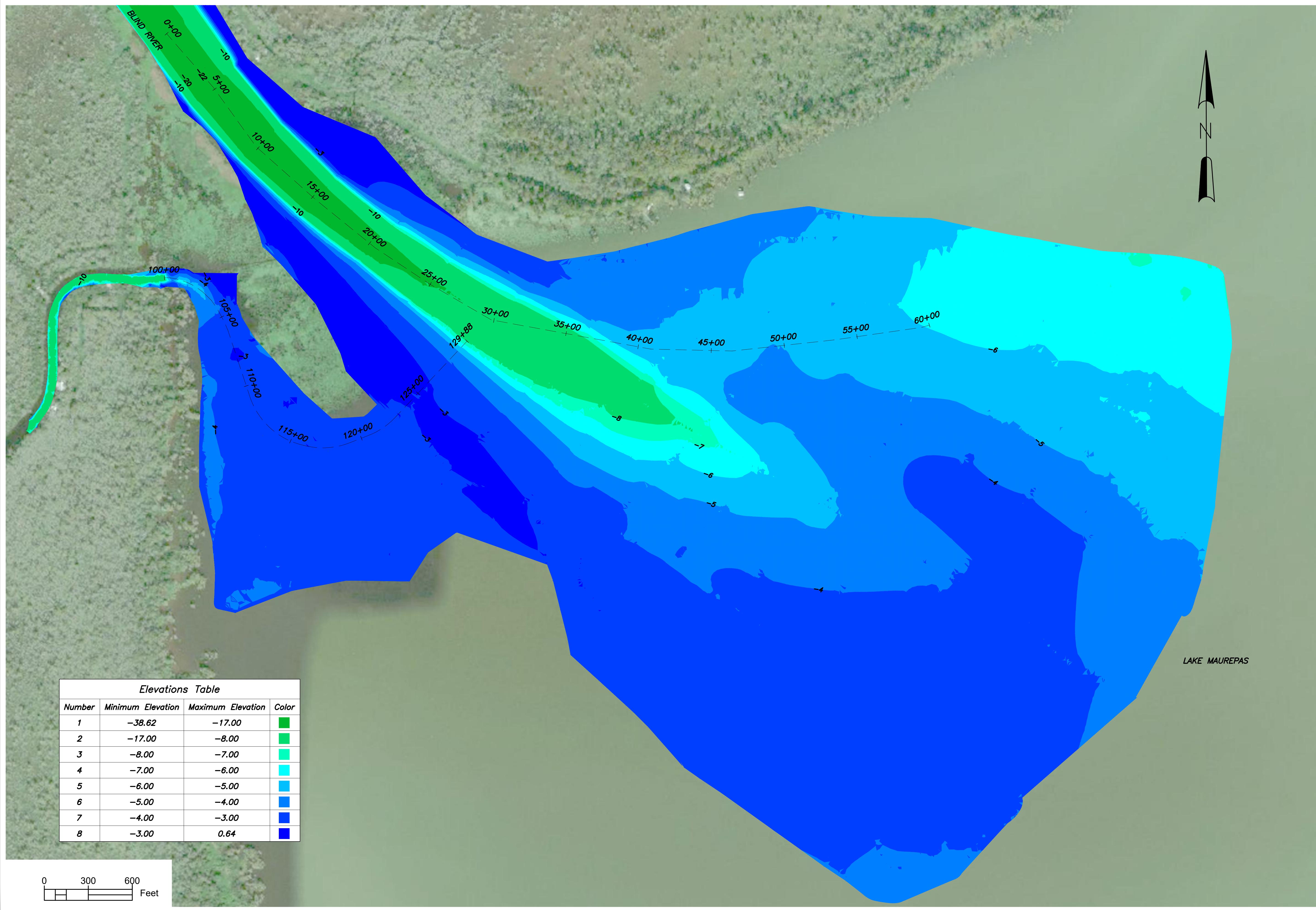


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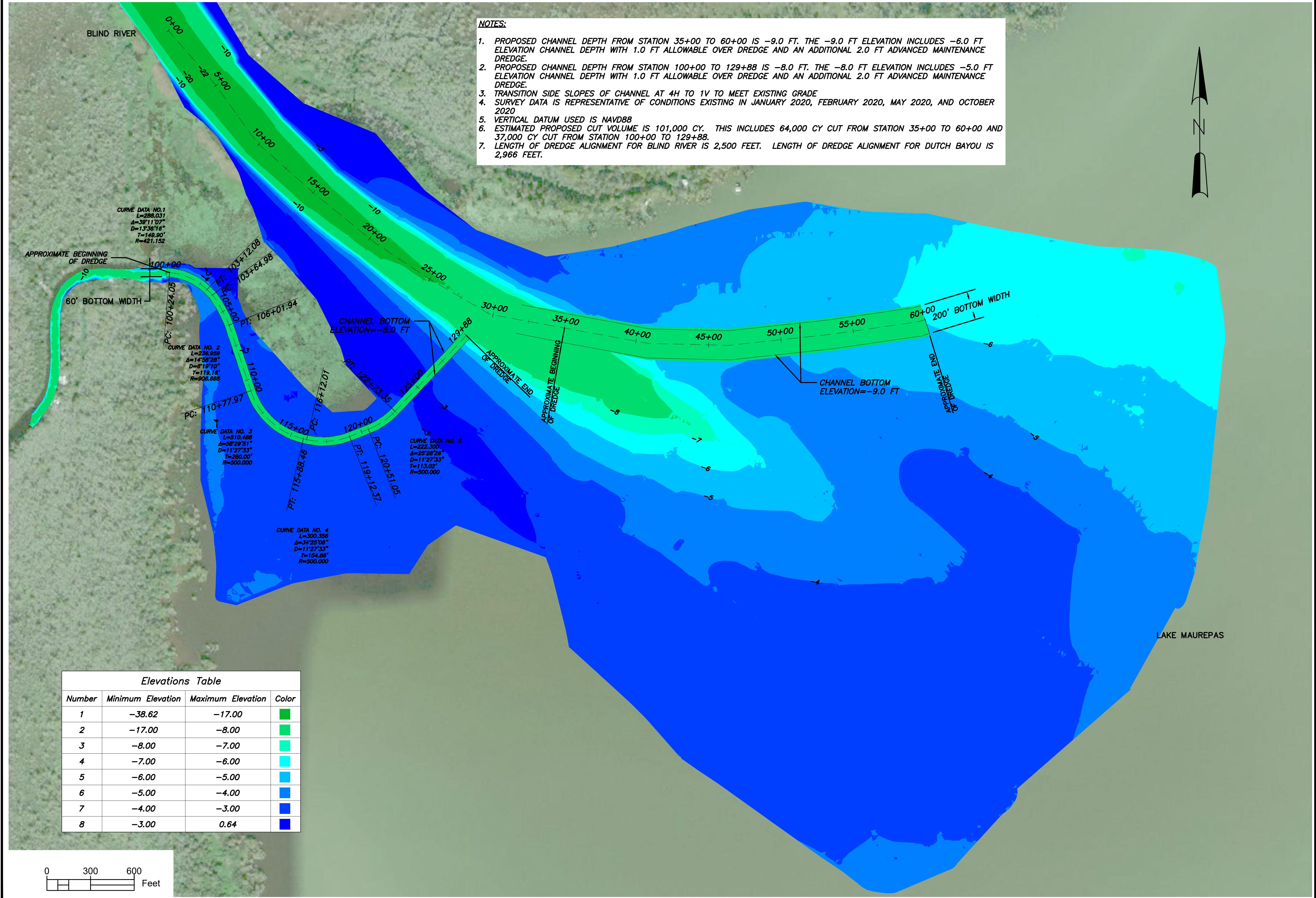
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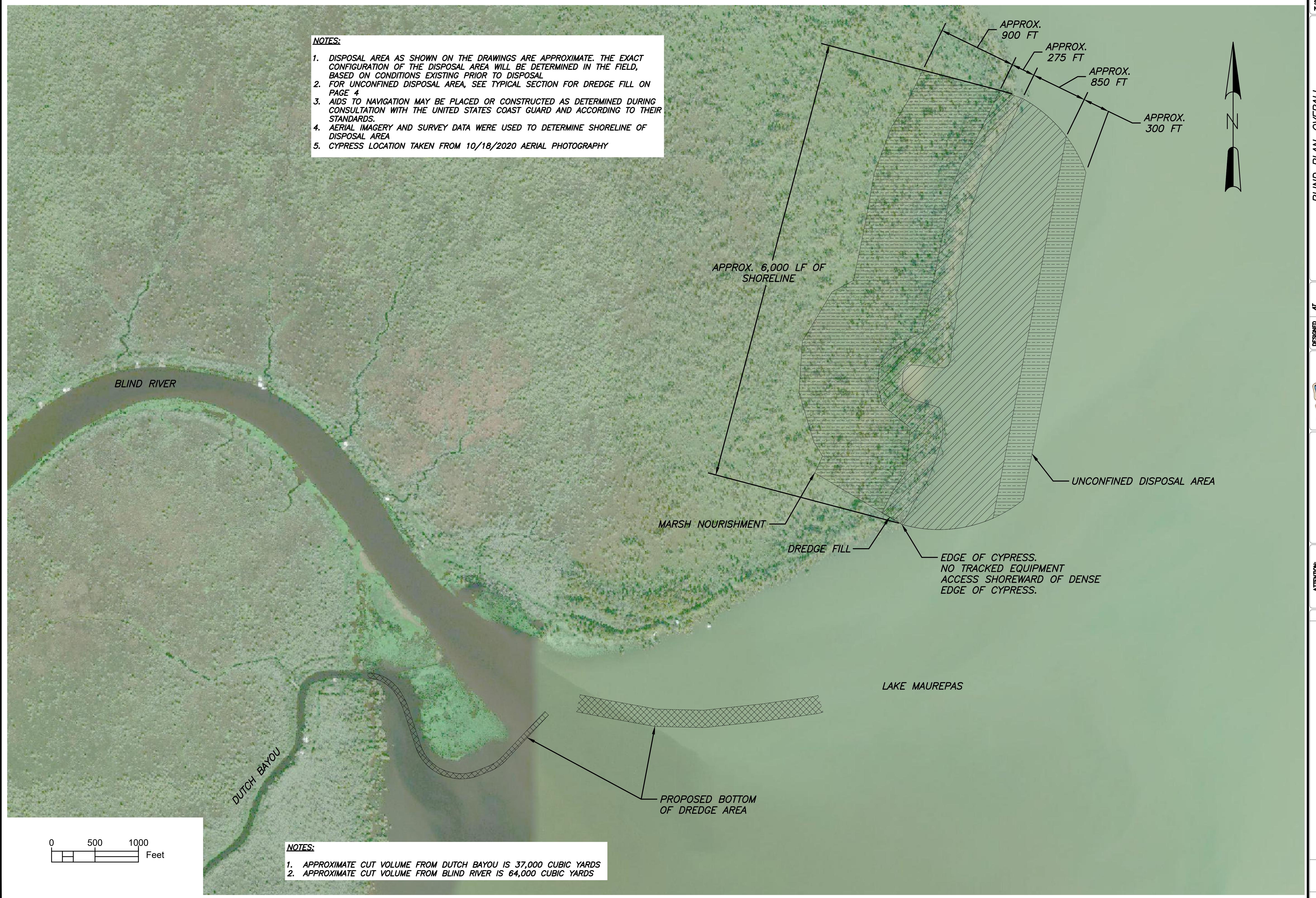
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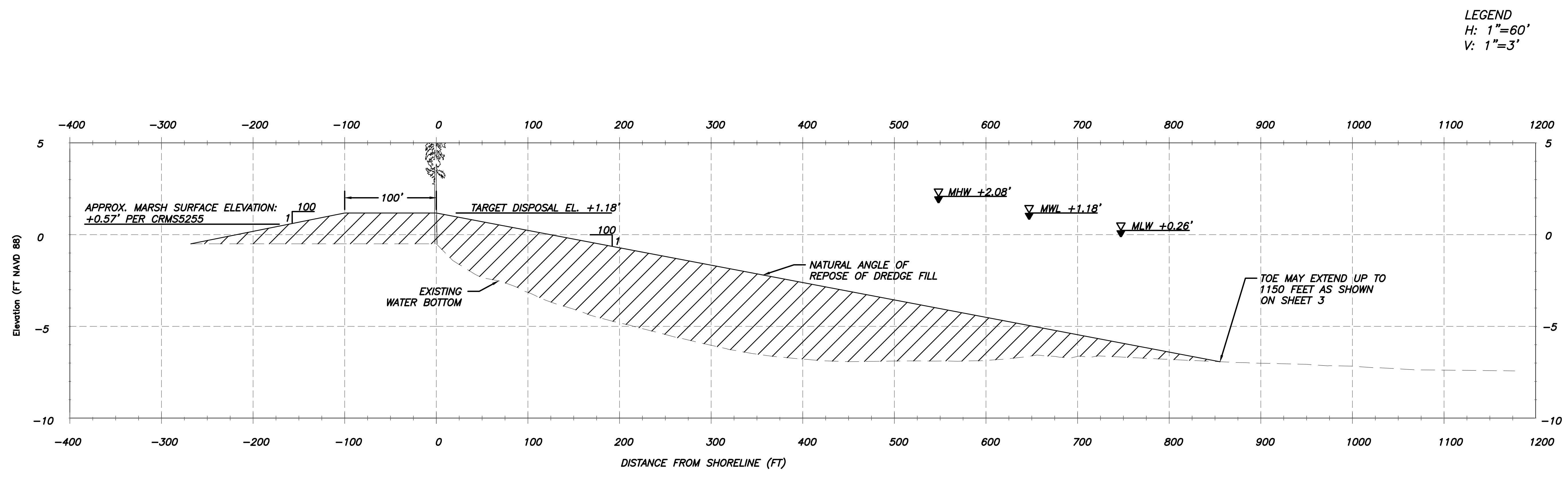
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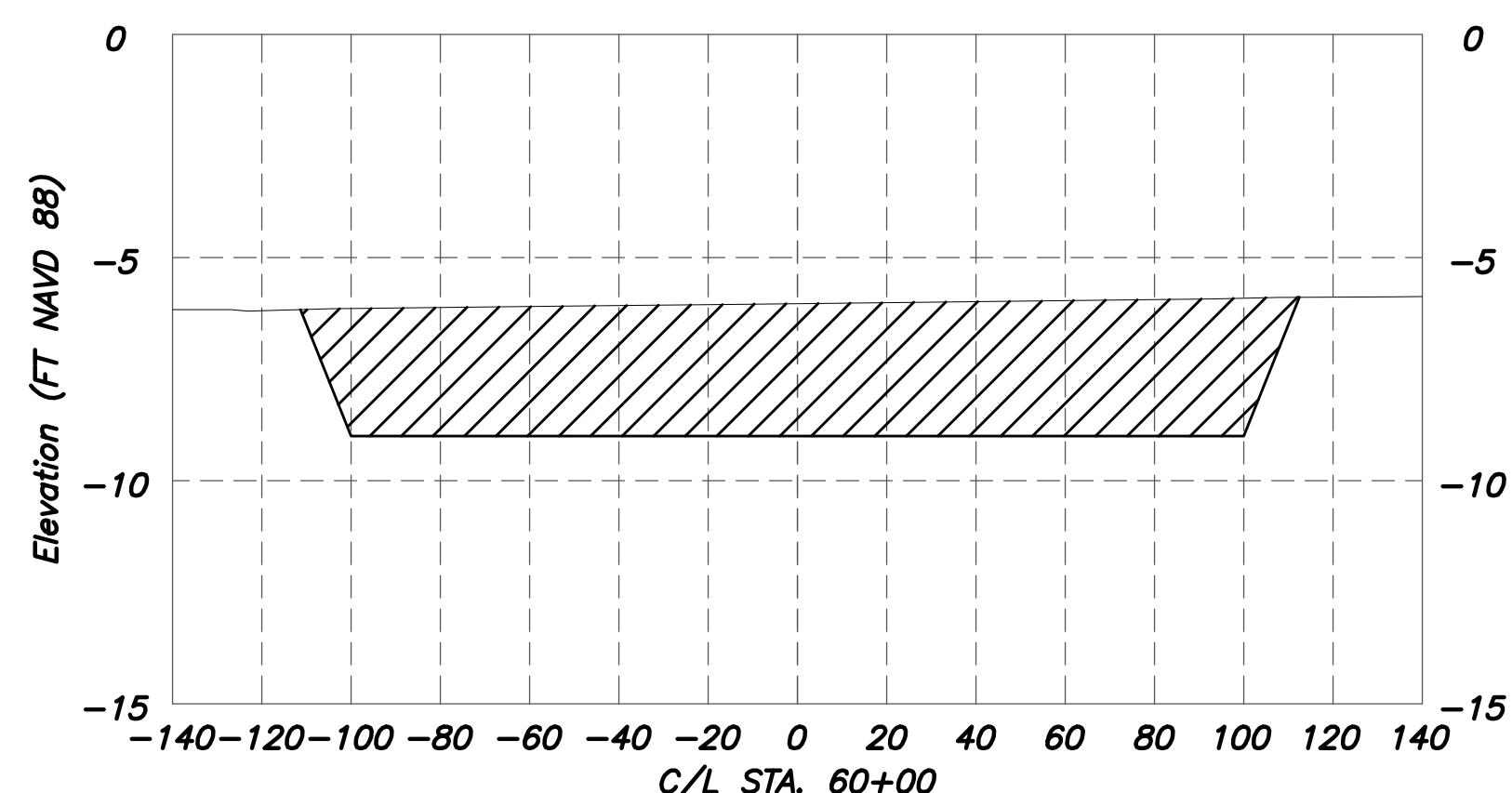
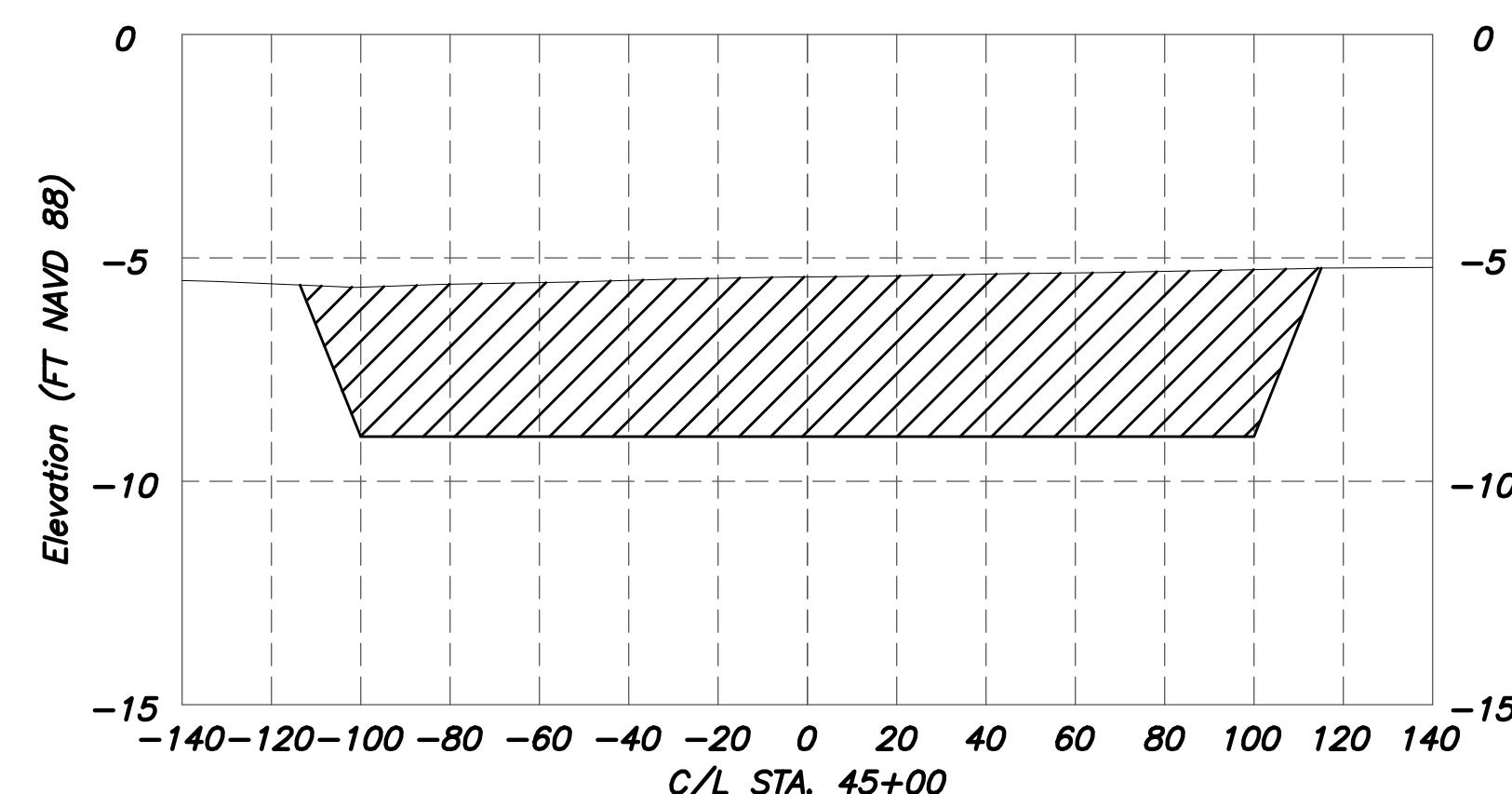
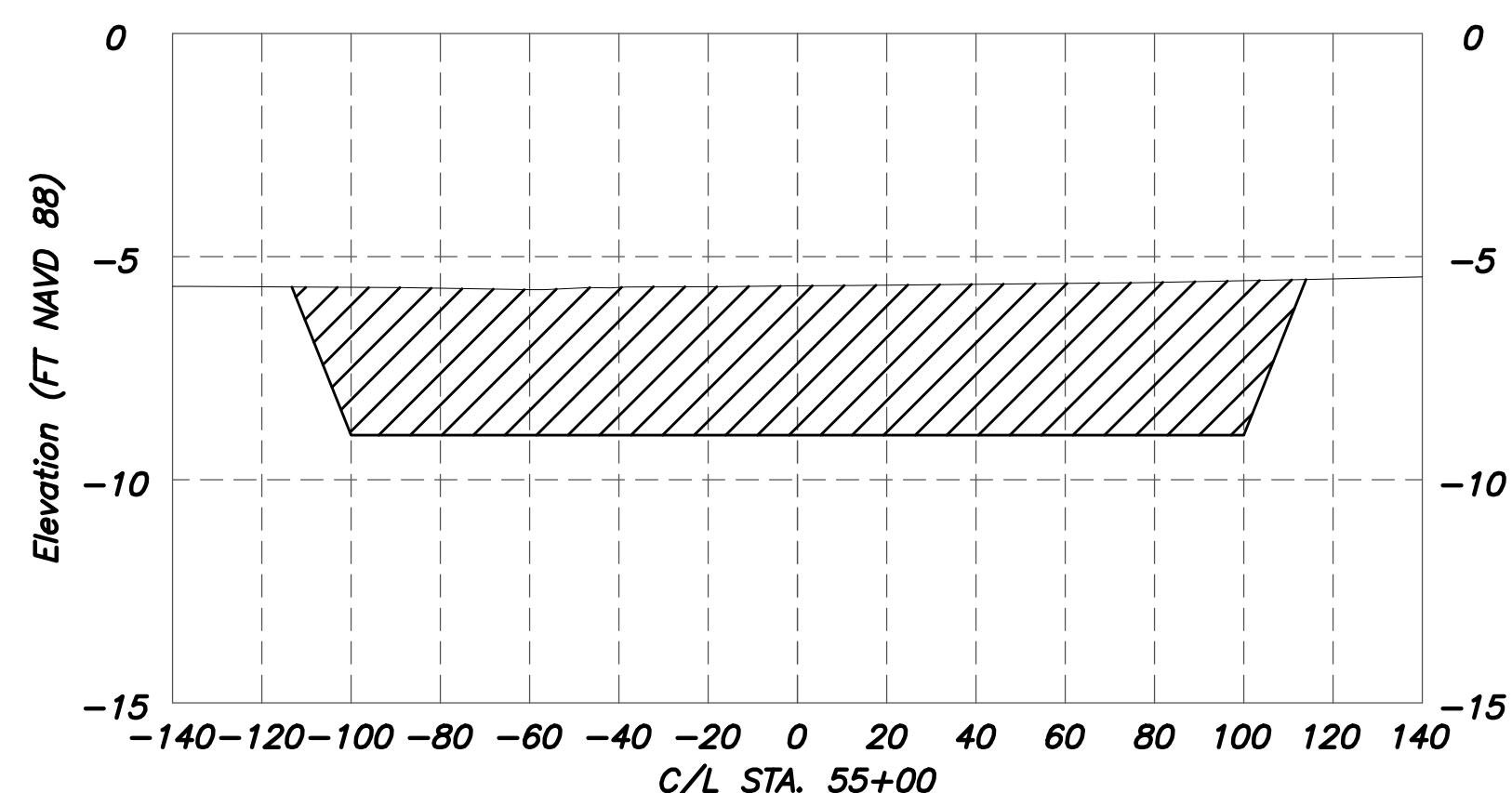
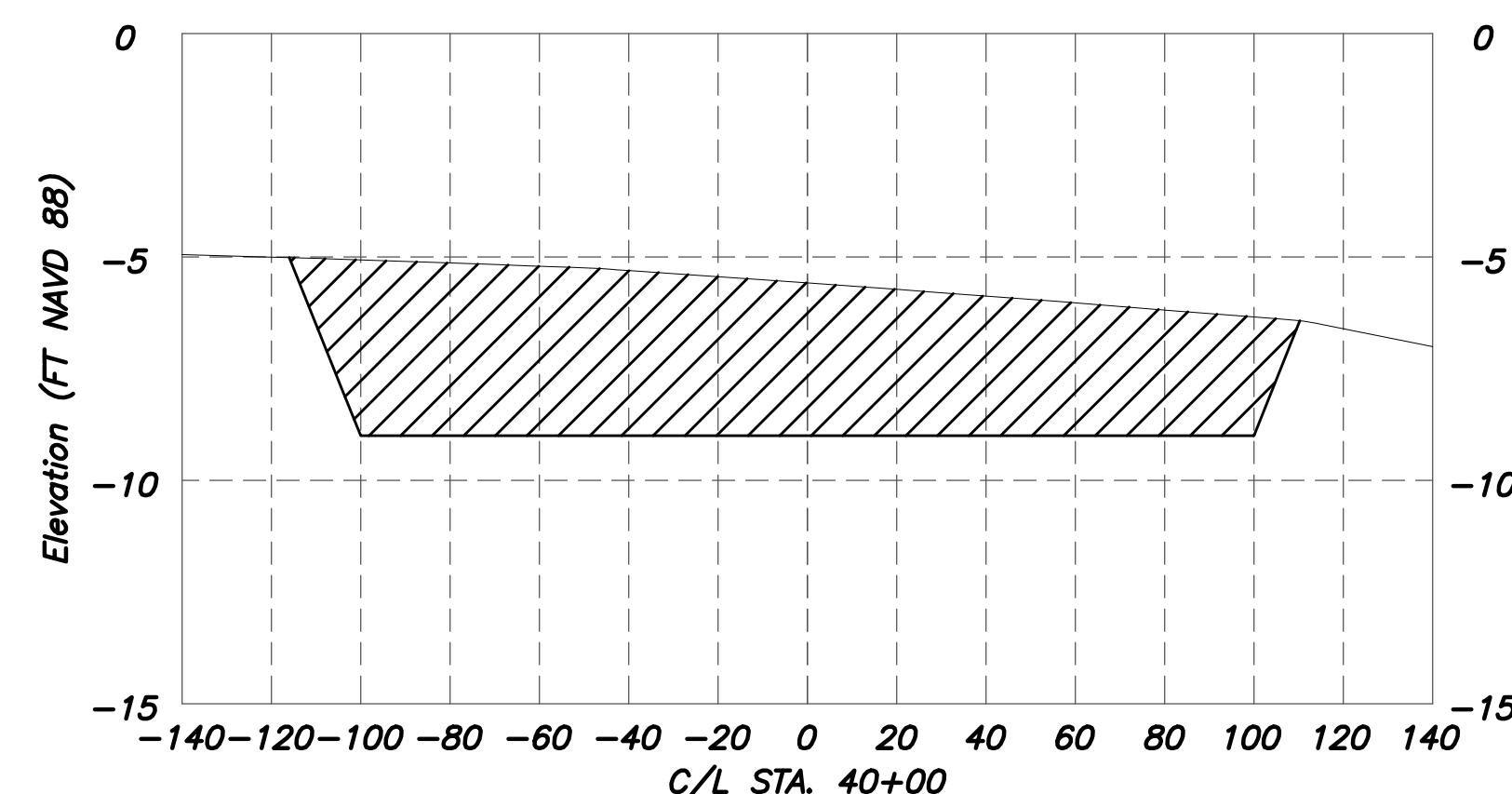
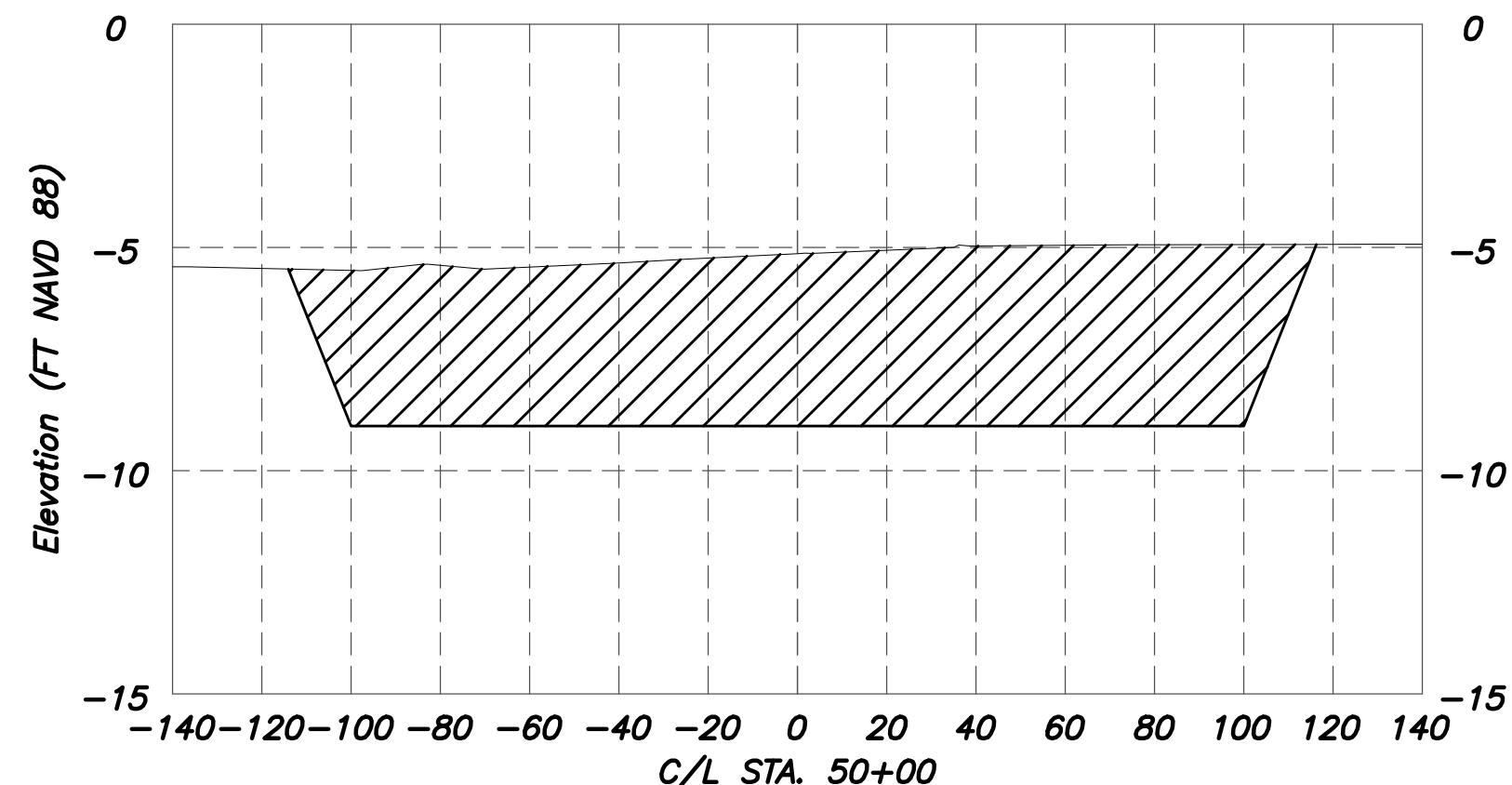
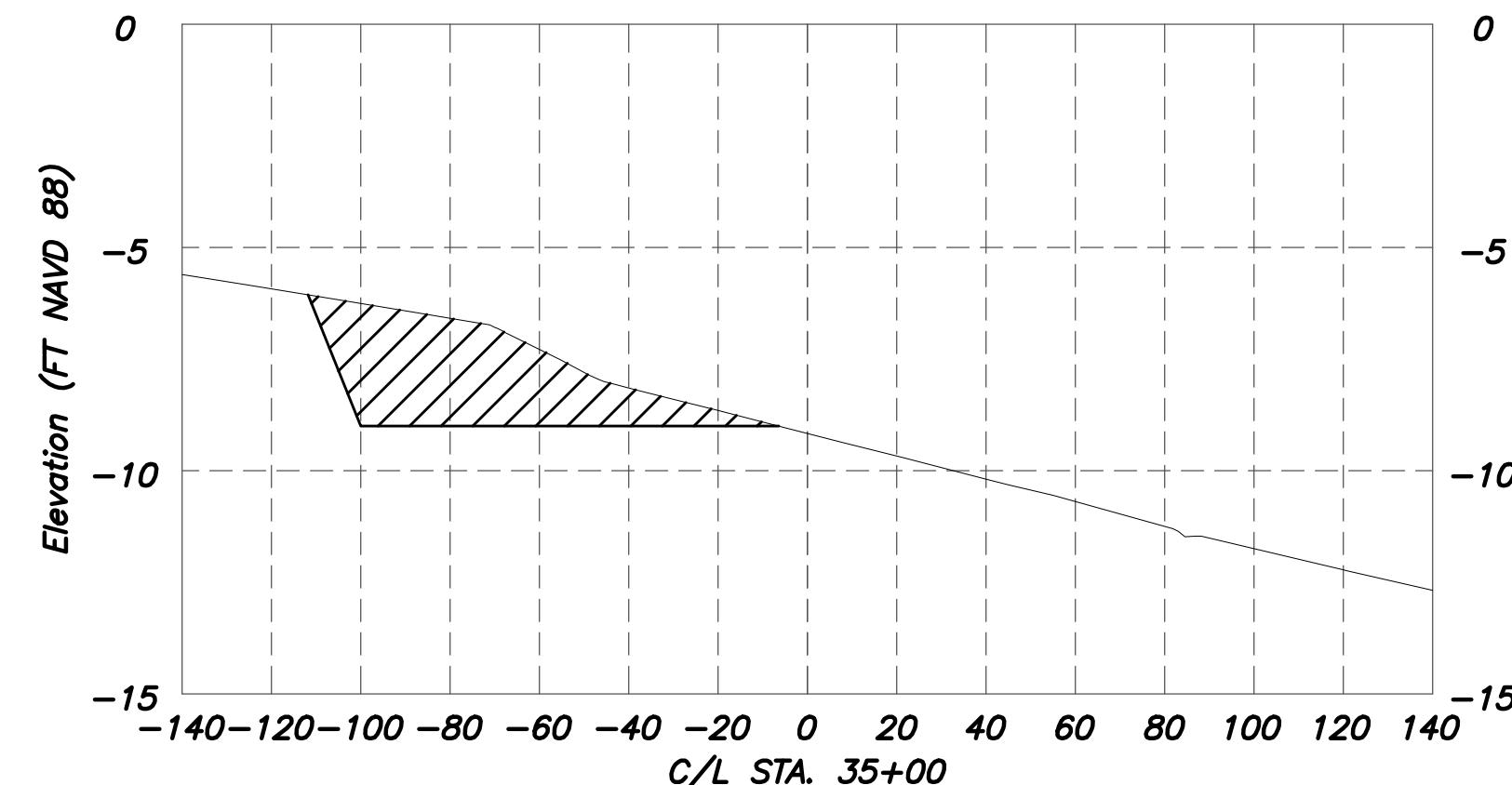
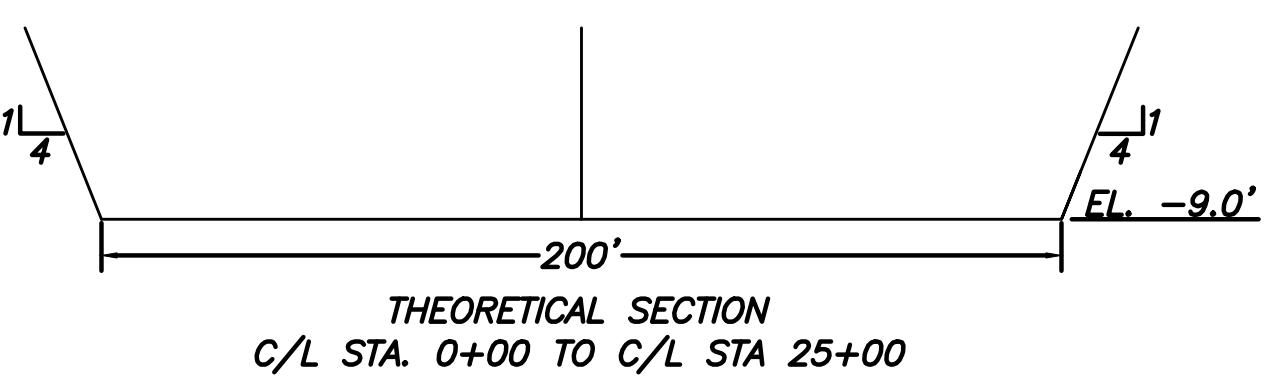
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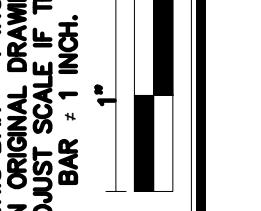
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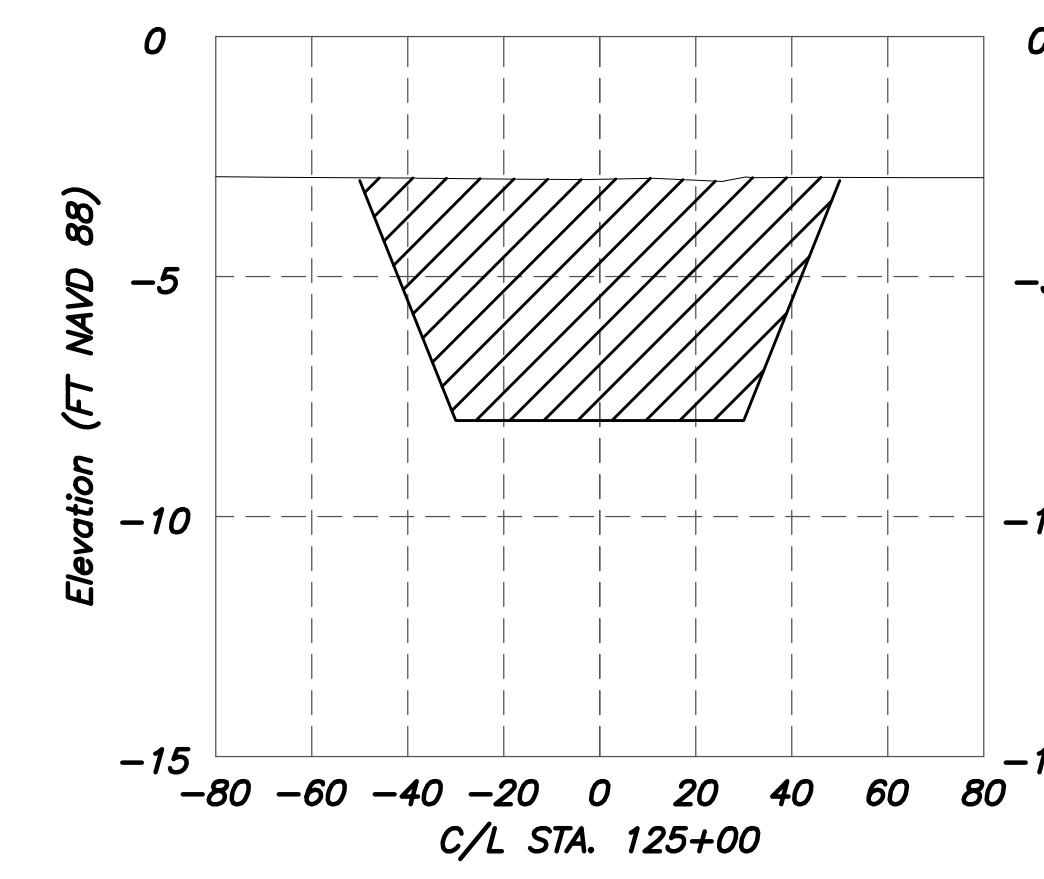
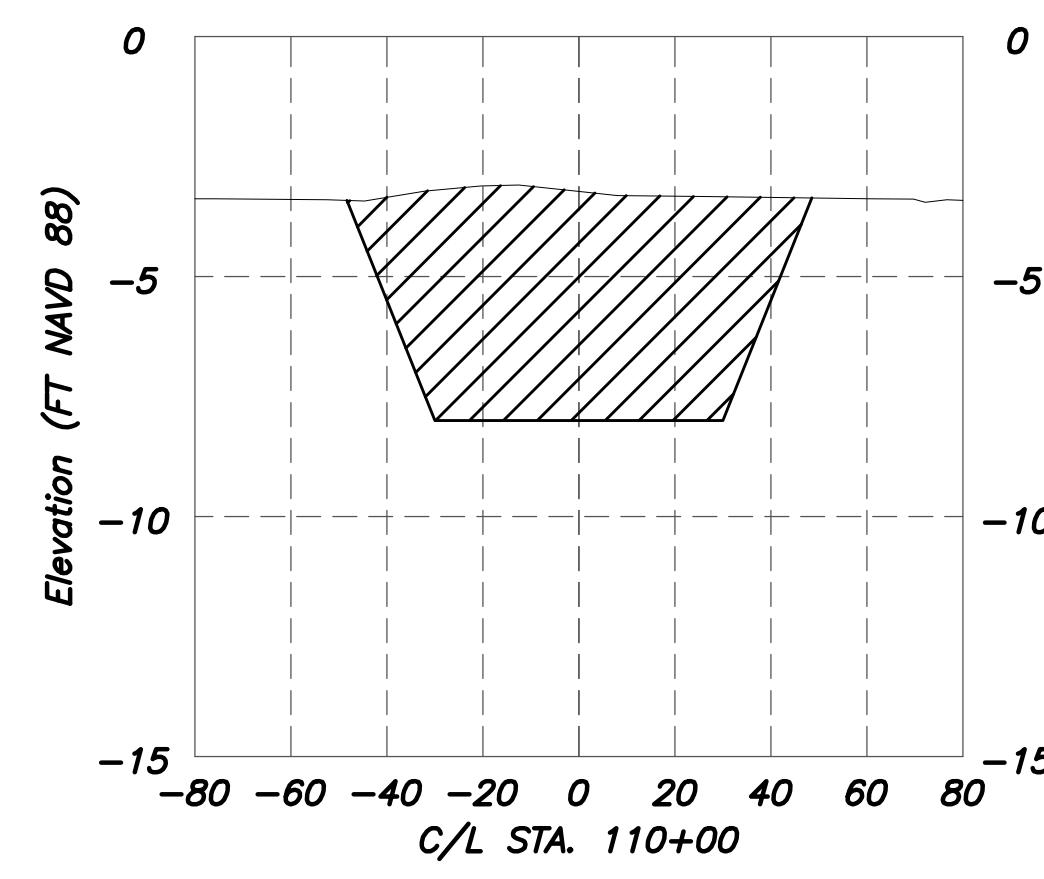
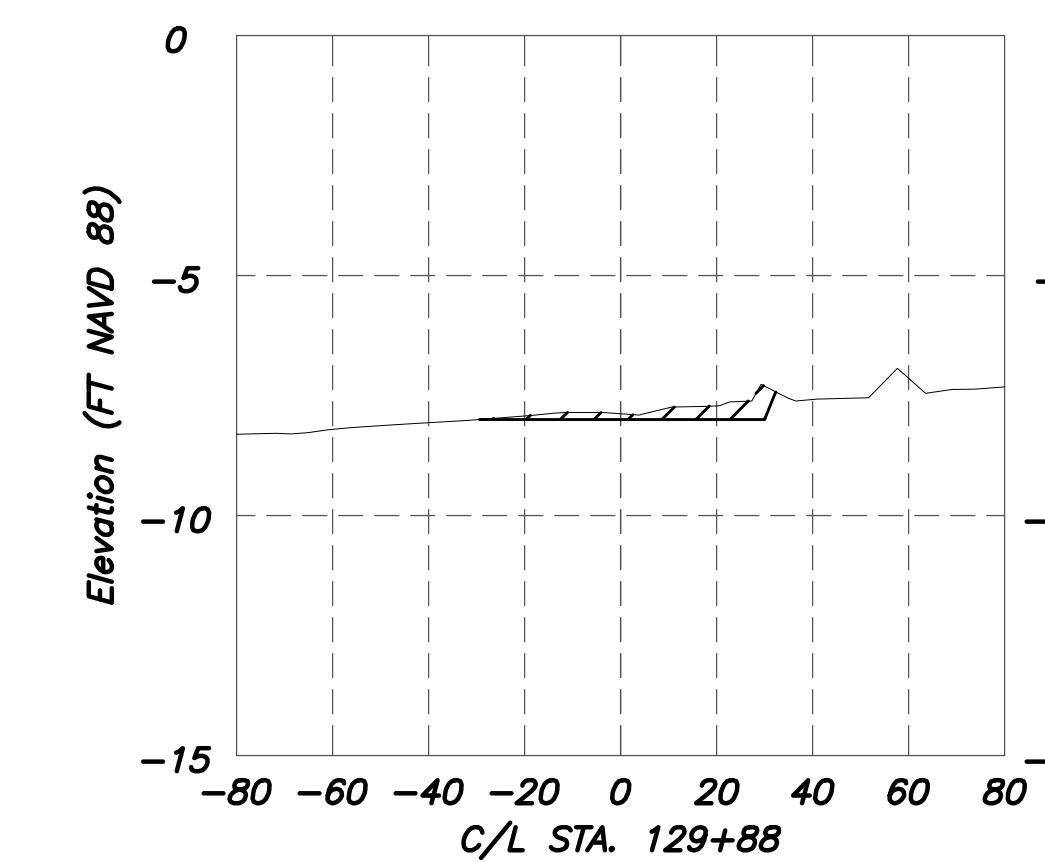
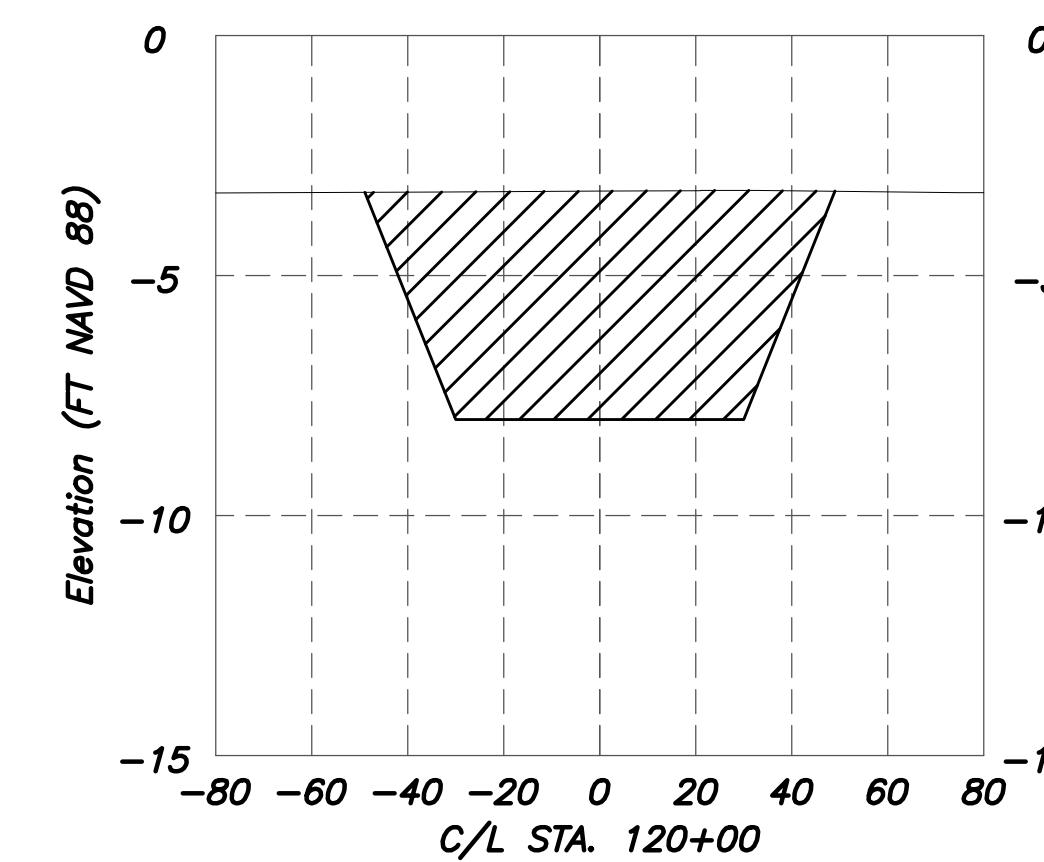
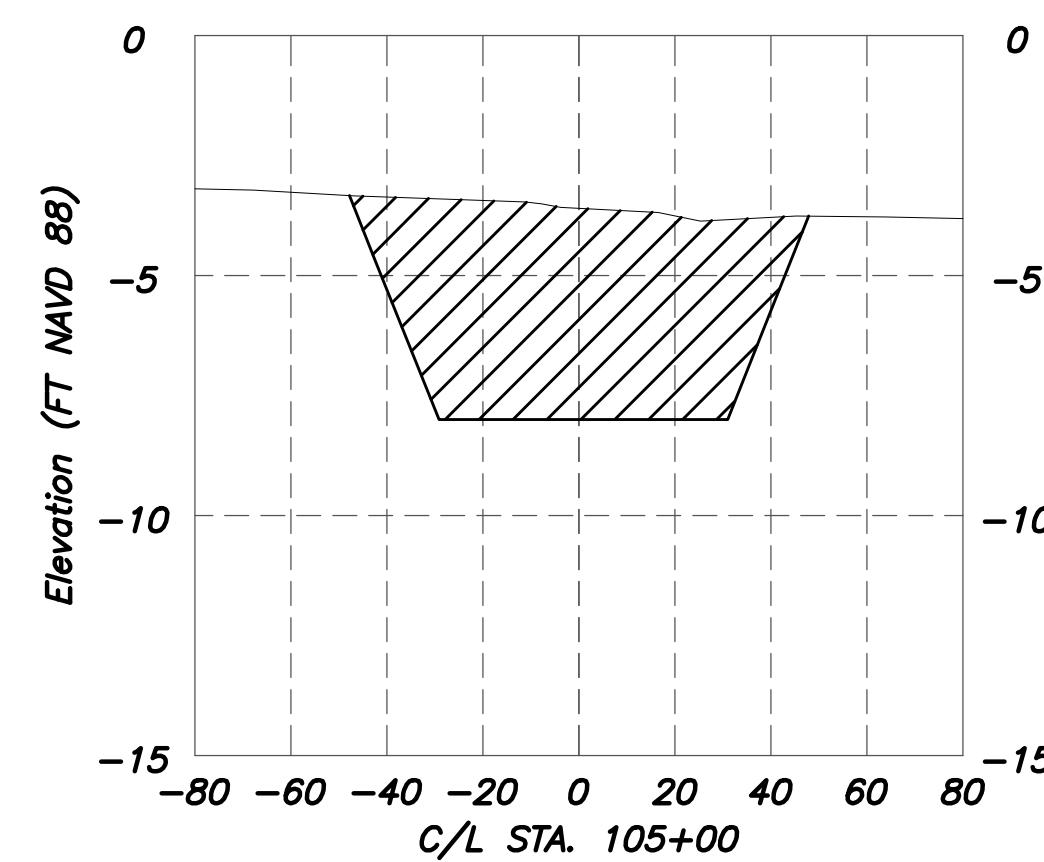
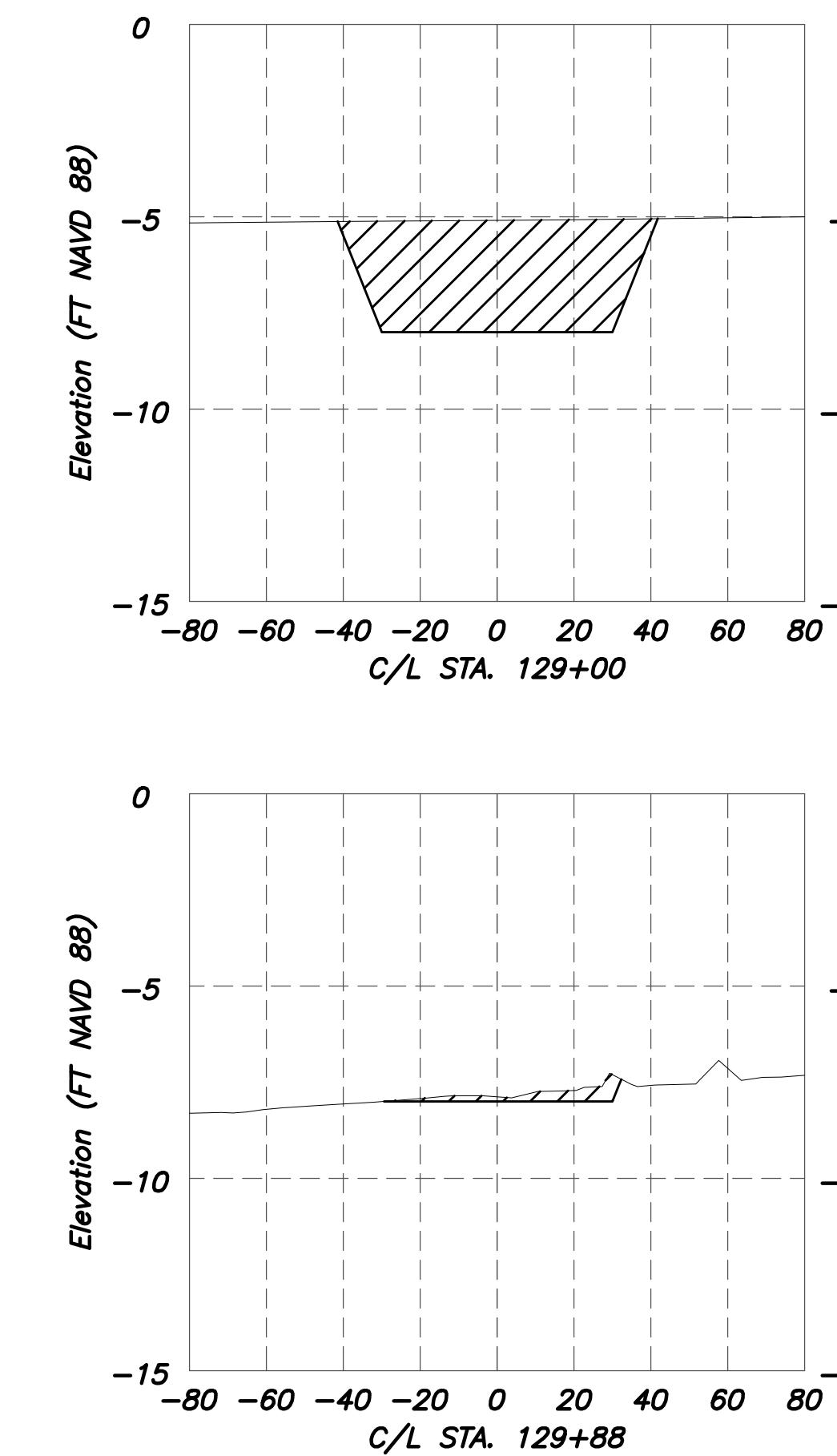
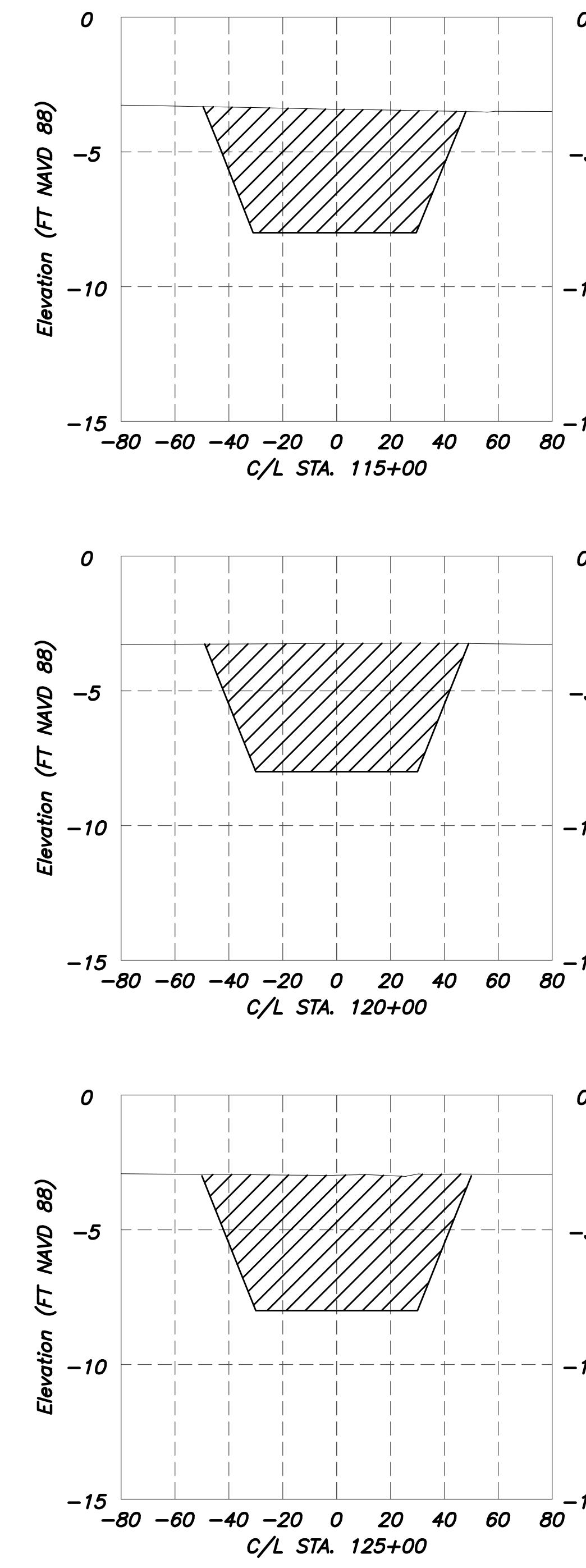
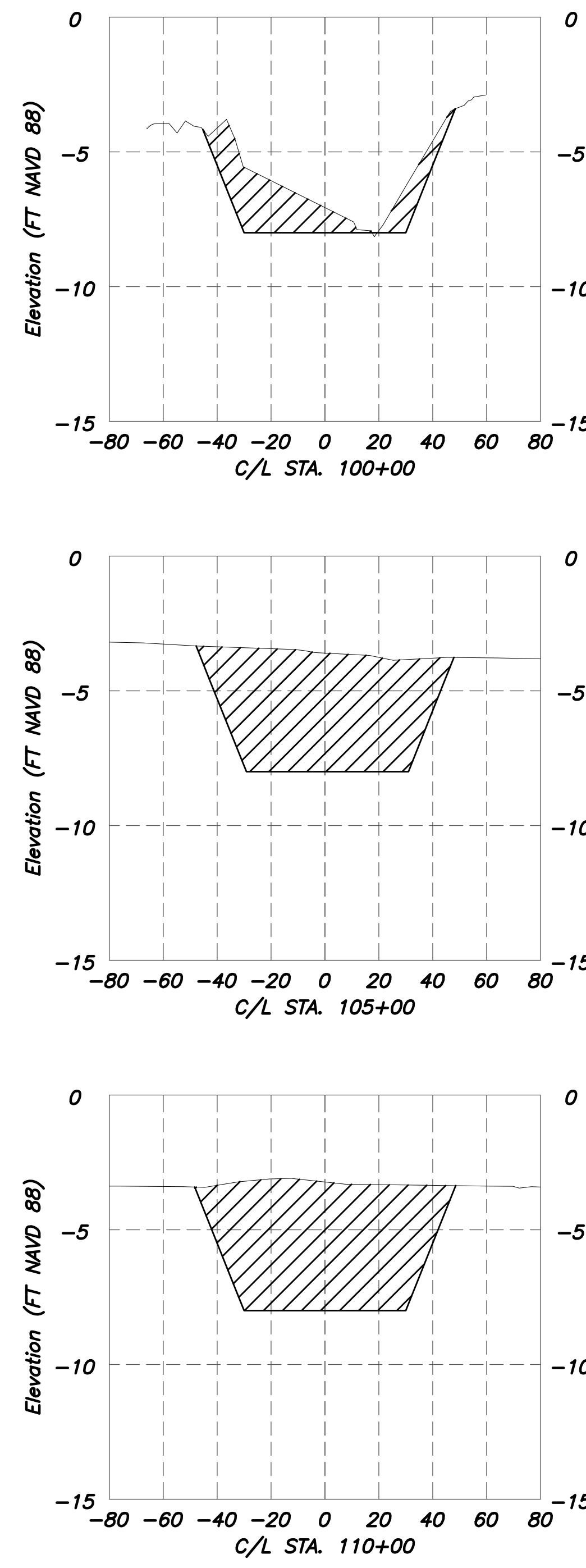
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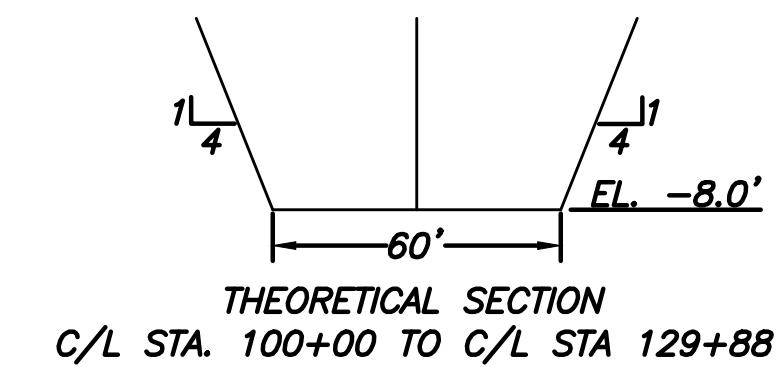
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 4. SIDE SLOPES ARE 1V ON 4H

SHEET NUMBER		5
TYPICAL SECTIONS DREDGE-BLIND RIVER		
DESIGNED AT BD	CHECKED DETAILED	BY
DETAILED CHECKED	DATE 07/31/20	SCALE
 FORTE & TABLADA 		
<small>ATTENTION: THIS BAR = DRAWING. ADJUST THIS BAR .1 INCH.</small> 		
REVISION DESCRIPTION	BY	
NO. DATE		

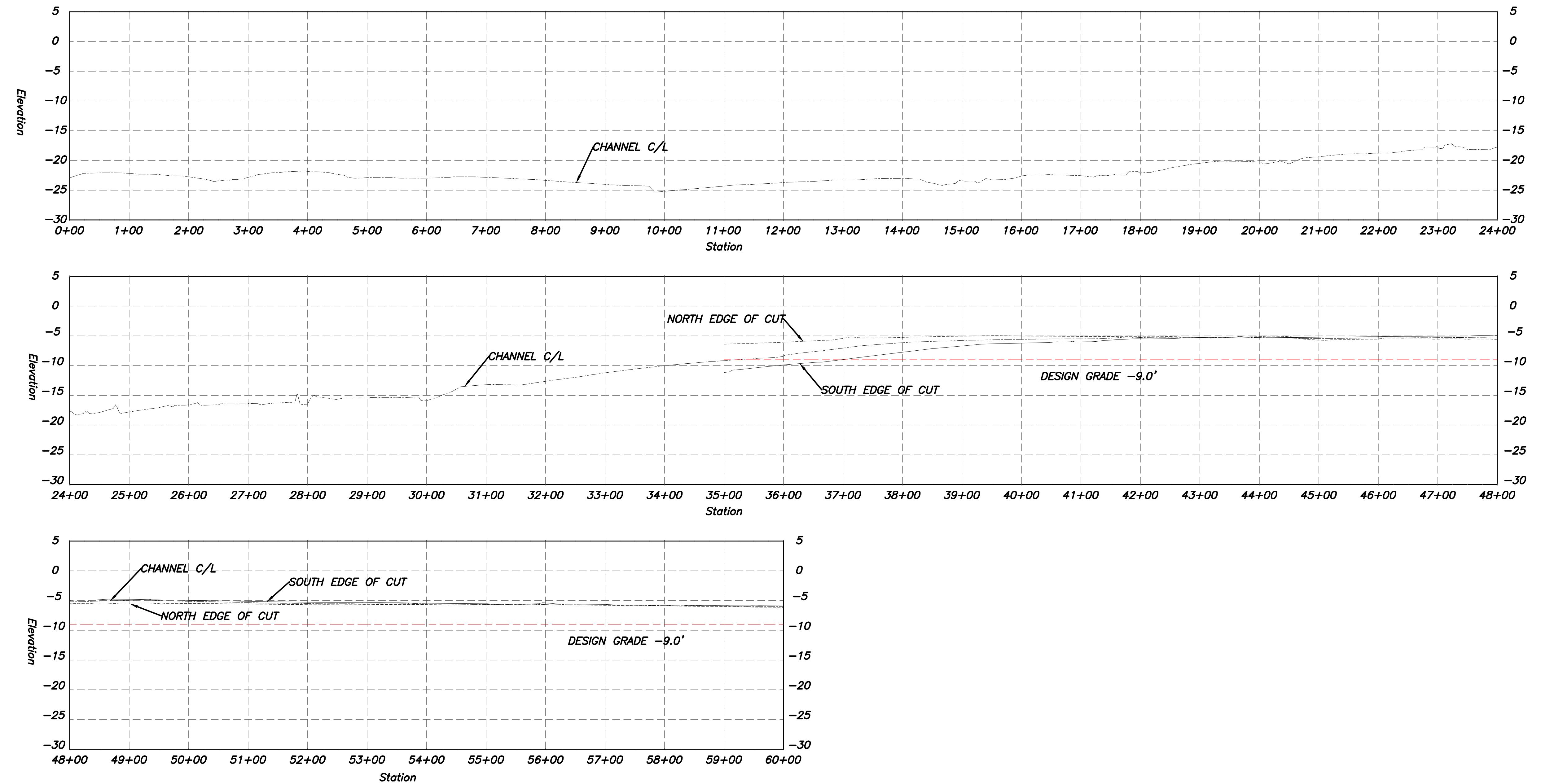


LEGEND
H: 1"=40'
V: 1"=4'



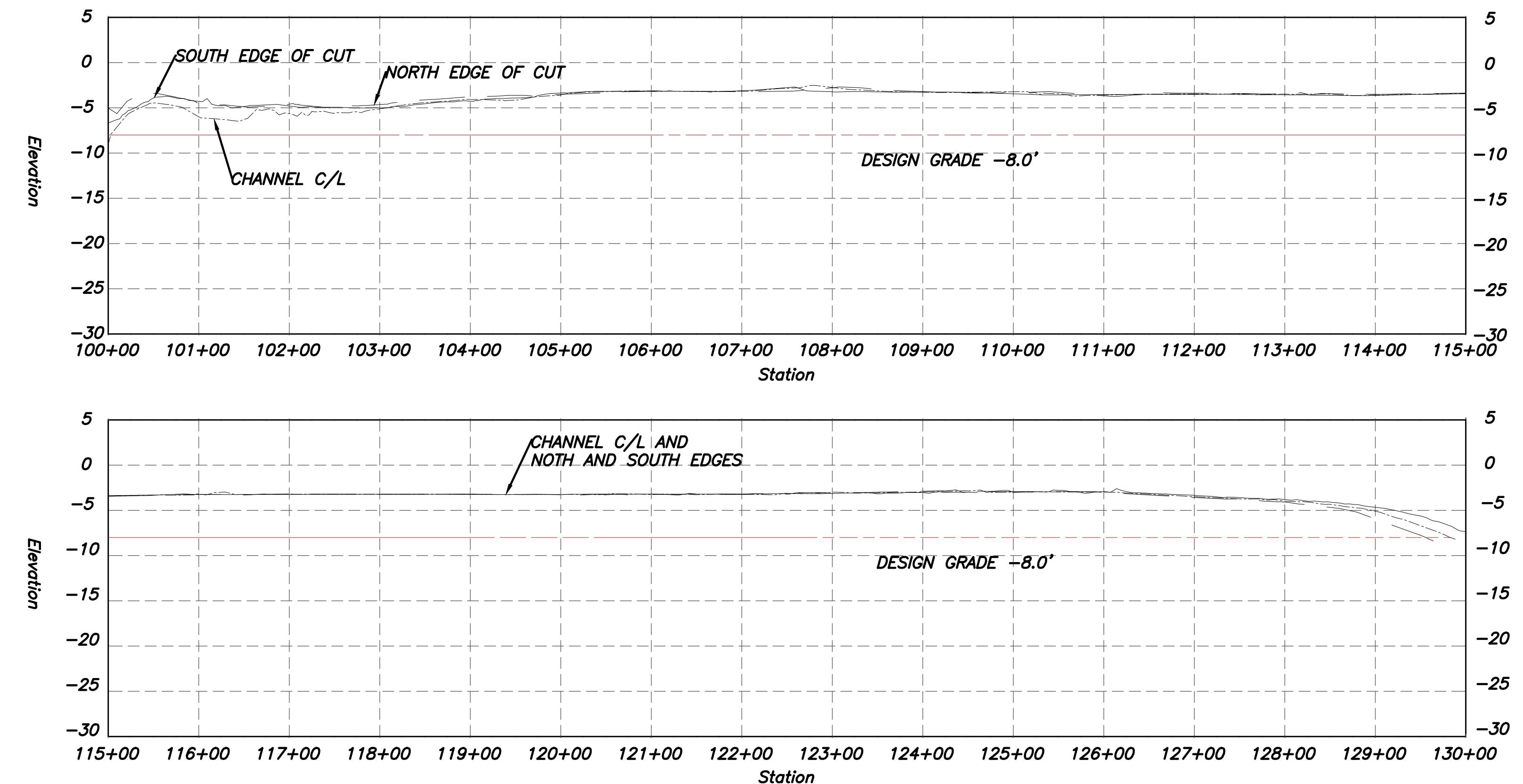
- NOTES:
1. ALL ELEVATIONS DEPICTED ARE IN NAVD88 DATUM.
 2. CROSS SECTIONS ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF SURVEY CONDITIONS THAT EXISTED IN JANUARY 2020, FEBRUARY 2020 AND MAY 2020.
 3. STATION NUMBERS REFLECT CENTERLINE STATIONING.
 4. SIDE SLOPES ARE 1V ON 4H

SHEET NUMBER	6
DESIGNED AT BD	TYPICAL SECTIONS DREDGE-DUTCH BAYOU
CHECKED DETAILED	
DETAILED CHECKED	
DATE 07/31/20	SCALE
LIVINGSTON PARISH	
FORTE & TABLADA	
ATTENTION: THIS BAR = DRAWING ADJUSTS THIS BAR .1 INCH.	
BY	REVISION DESCRIPTION
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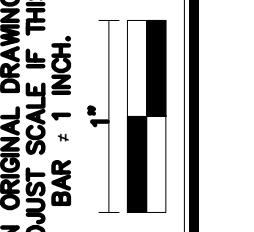


LEGEND
H: 1"=100'
V: 1"=10'

SHEET NUMBER		7
DESIGNED CHECKED	AT BD	DETAILED CHECKED
DETAILED CHECKED	BY	DATE
07/31/20		
SCALE		
		
FORTE & TABLADA		
ATTENTION: THIS BAR = 1 INCH. ON ORIGINAL DRAWING ADJUST LENGTH OF THIS BAR .1 INCH.		
NO.	REVISION DESCRIPTION	BY
DATE		



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

SHEET NUMBER	8
DESIGNED AT SD	
DETAILED CHECKED	
DETAILED CHECKED	
DATE 07/31/20	SCALE
	
FORTE & TABLADA	
<small>ATTENTION: THIS BAR = 1 INCH. ON ORIGINAL DRAWING ADJUST SCALE OF THIS BAR - 1 INCH.</small> 	
NO. _____	REVISION DESCRIPTION
DATE _____	BY _____

Proposed Impacts

Site Outline ~299.05 Acres
Other Water Impacts ~186.47 Acres
 Total Volume ~101,000 CY

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

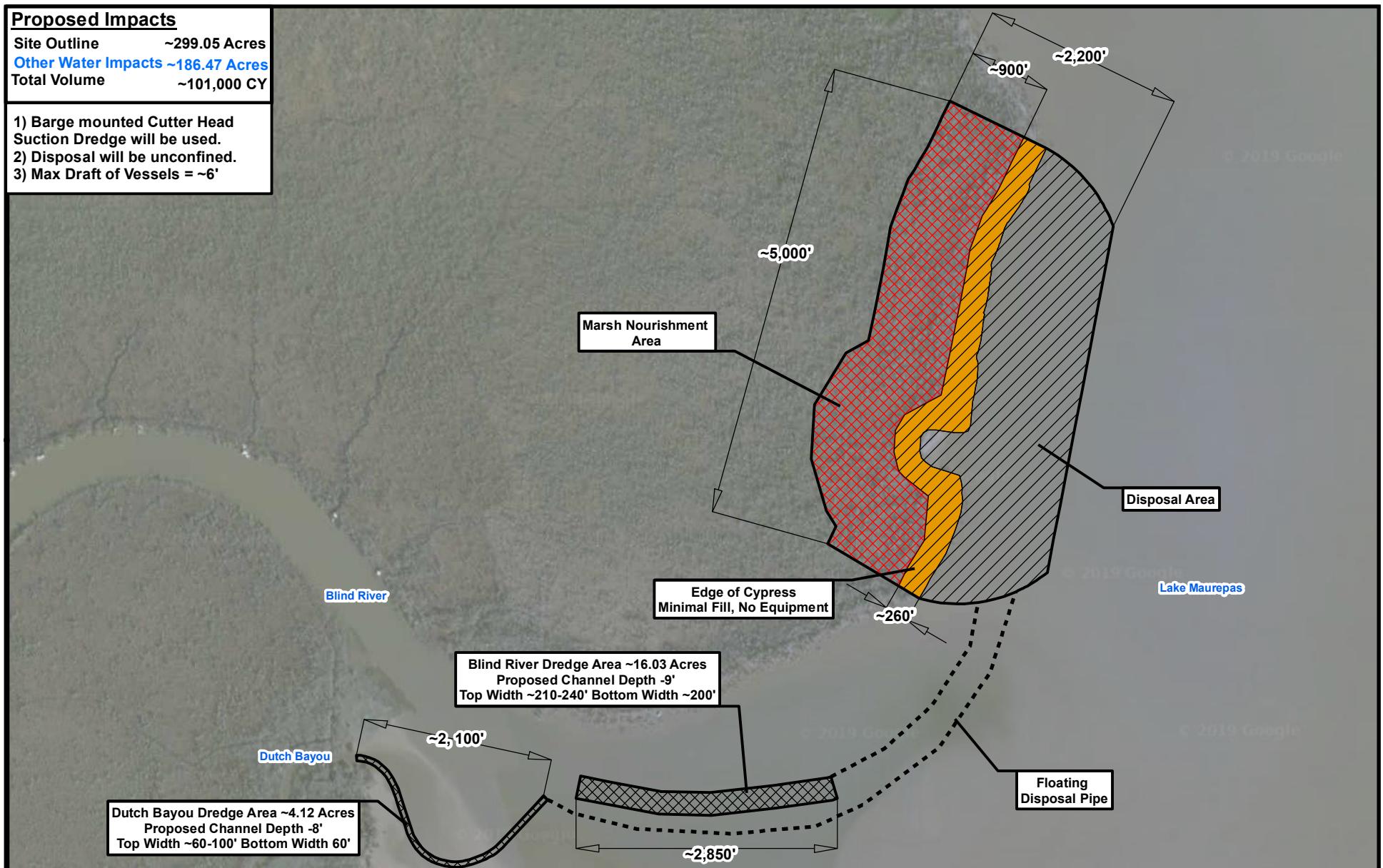


Figure 3: Blind River and Dutch Bayou Plan View

Amite and Blind Rivers Maintenance Dredging

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Legend:

Site Outline ~299.05 Acres	Disposal Area ~126.84 Acres
Dredge Area ~20.15 Acres	Marsh Nourishment Area ~112.58 Acres
Minimal Fill Area ~39.48 Acres	---
	Disposal Pipe



0 7,500 15,000 Feet