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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).

STUMPY BAYOU WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NEAR ERWINVILLE, LOUISIANA IN WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT West Baton Rouge Parish, c/o GIS Engineering, LLC, Attn: Mohan Menon, 450 Laurel Street, Suite 1500, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70835

LOCATION OF WORK: On an approximate 9.3-mile reach of Stumpy Bayou, located along the northern parish boundary adjacent to Pointe Coupee Parish, continuing southerly and terminating south of LA Highway 76, within the Lower Grand River Basin, Lower Grand hydrologic unit (HUC 08070300), east of Erwinville, Louisiana, in West Baton Rouge Parish (Latitude 30.475069 N, Longitude -91.384917 W).

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant has requested a Department of the Army permit for the implementation of the Stumpy Bayou Watershed Improvement Project. The project entails the dredging of approximately 9.3 miles of Stumpy Bayou to clear existing obstructions within the bayou to restore drainage within the watershed. The project would include the removal of sediment deposits and grading of the channel bottom to enhance the rate of flow. The project would also remove fallen trees, beaver dams, and any other overgrown vegetation withing the bayou. According to the applicant, the project purpose proposes to mitigate flooding and reduce flood risk within the Stumpy Bayou watershed. The project proposes to widen and deepen sections of the bayou based off of hydrological analysis performed for the project. Approximately 9.25 acres of potentially jurisdictional wetlands (7.05 acres forested habitat and 2.2 acres herbaceous habitat) are proposed to be impacted as a result of project implementation via clearing and fill placement along the banks of the bayou. Approximately 261,000 cubic yards of dredged material would be placed adjacent to the banks of Stumpy Bayou. A jurisdictional determination is pending with the Corps' Surveillance and Enforcement Section.

The applicant stated that the impacted area has been minimized through use of existing uplands in certain portions of the Stumpy Bayou as spoil disposal. The applicant has stated that any unavoidable impacts to jurisdictional wetlands would be compensated through the purchasing of appropriate wetland credits at a Corps approved mitigation bank.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit will close <u>20 days</u> 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 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, <u>ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH</u>.

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 US 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 US 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.

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 Commerce.

Utilizing the Information & Planning Consultation for Endangered Species in Louisiana (IPaC), 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 proposed activity will have no effect on any known 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 <u>NA</u> 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.

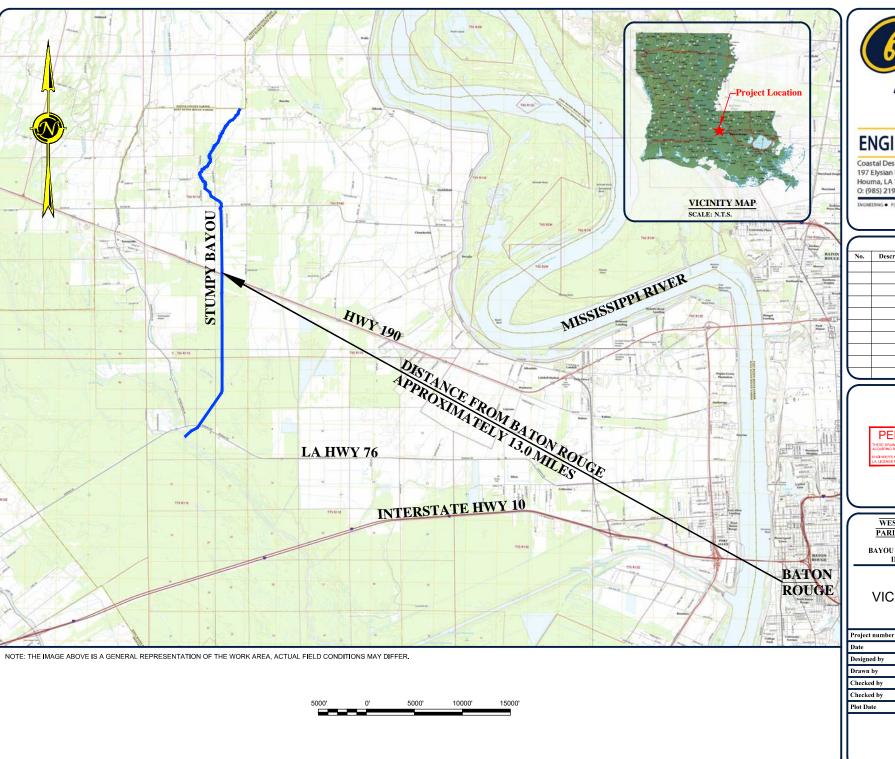
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not 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.

for

JOHN M. HERMAN Chief, Central Evaluation Section Regulatory Branch

Enclosure





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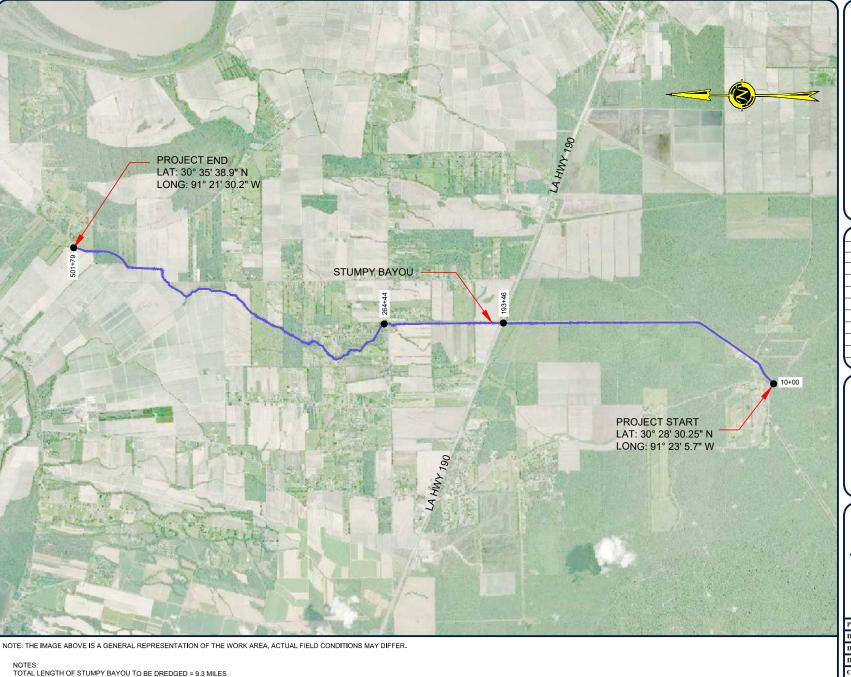
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NOTES: TOTAL LENGTH OF STUMPY BAYOU WITH 20 FT BOTTOM WIDTH ~ 1.3 MILES

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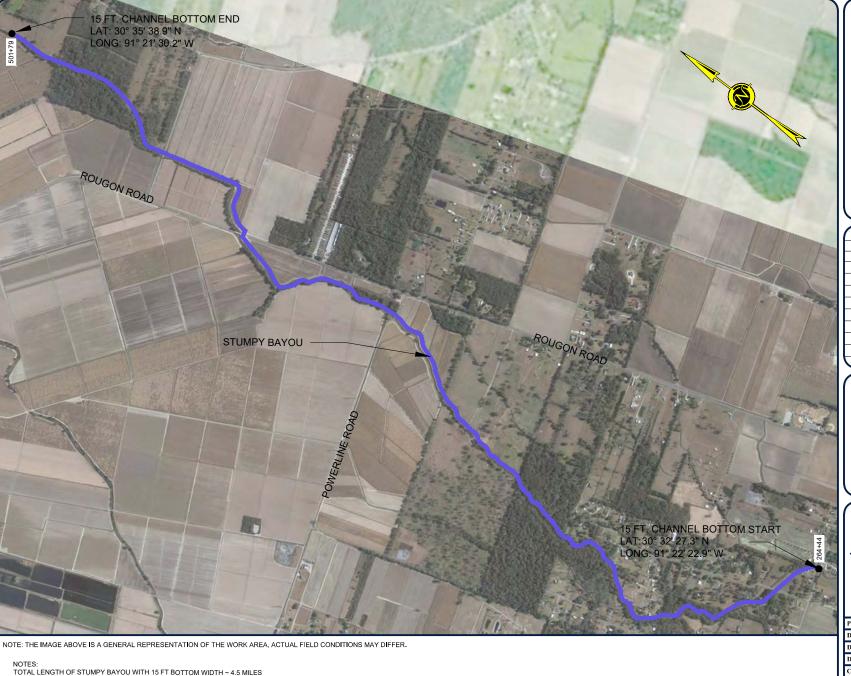
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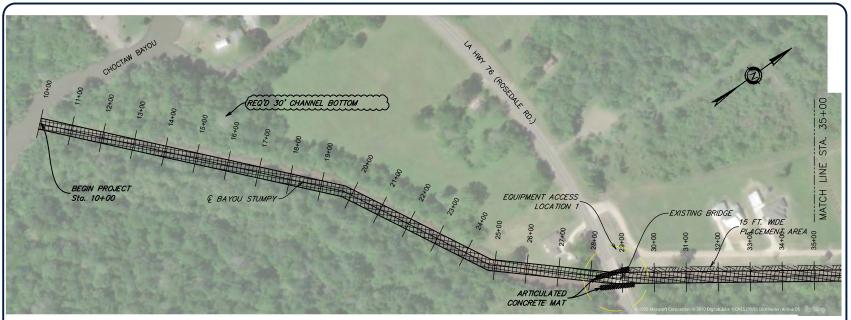
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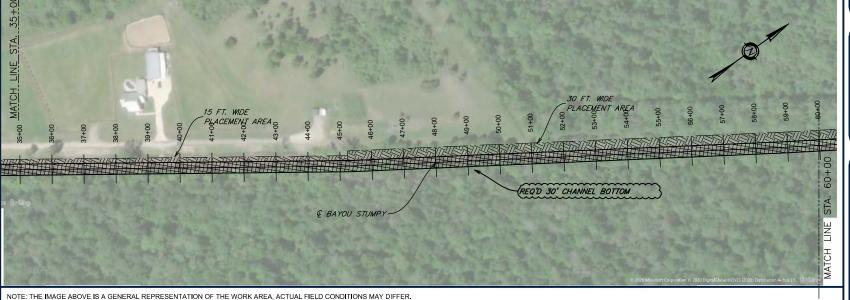
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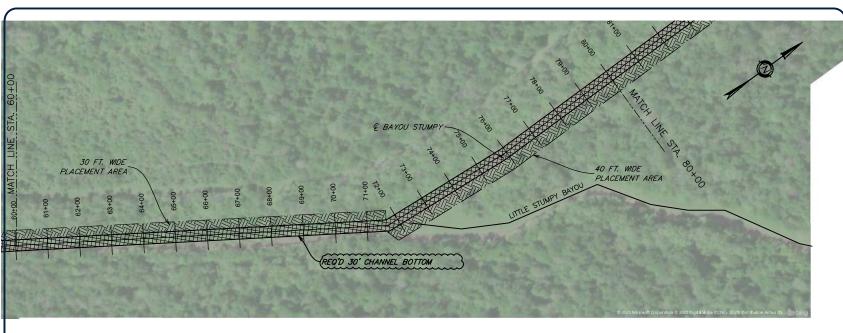
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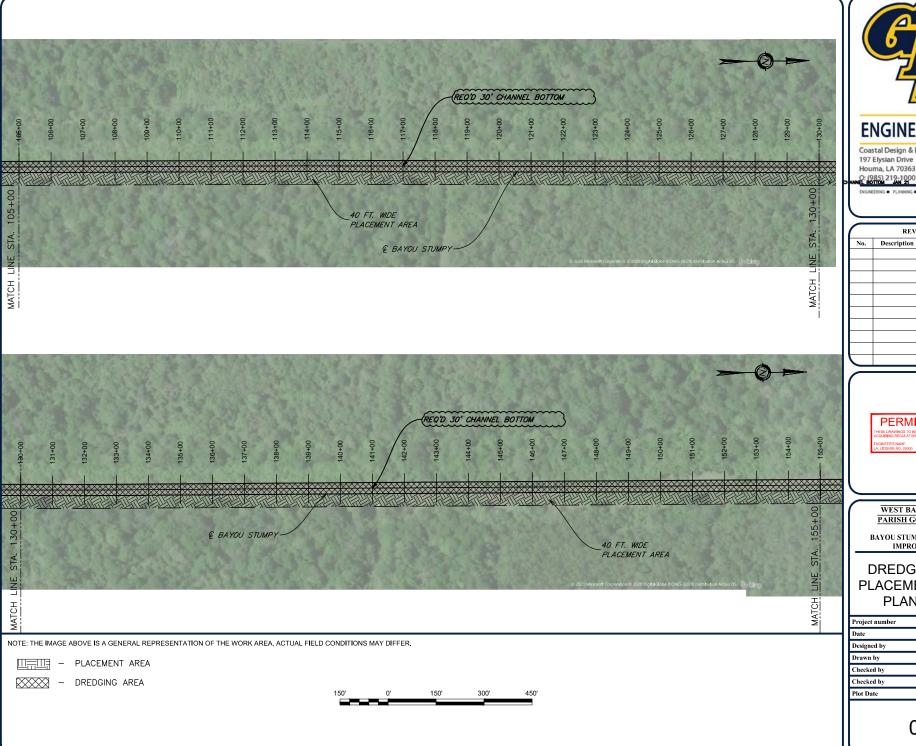
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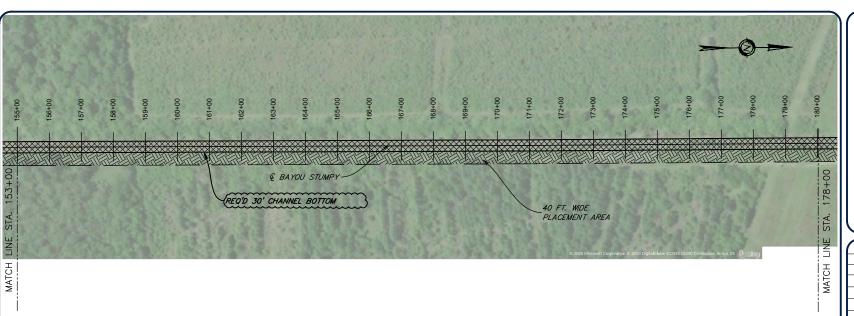
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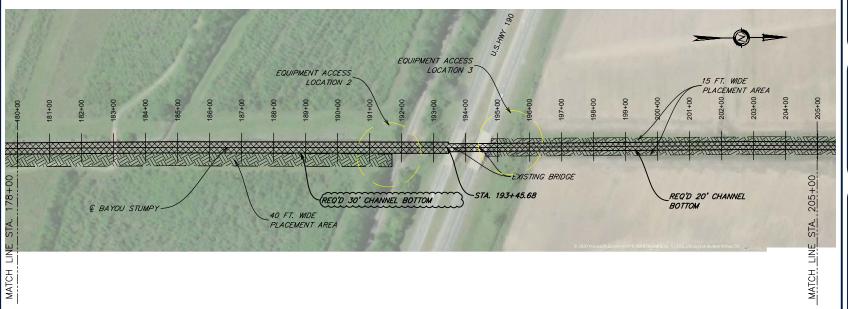
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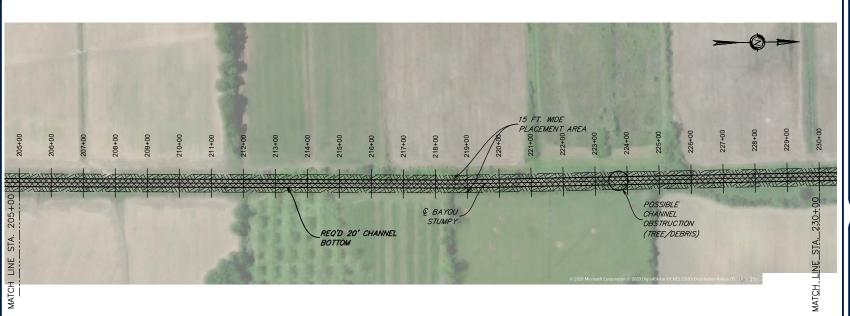
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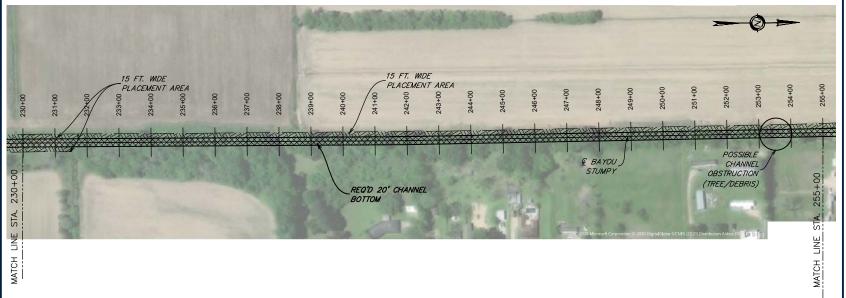
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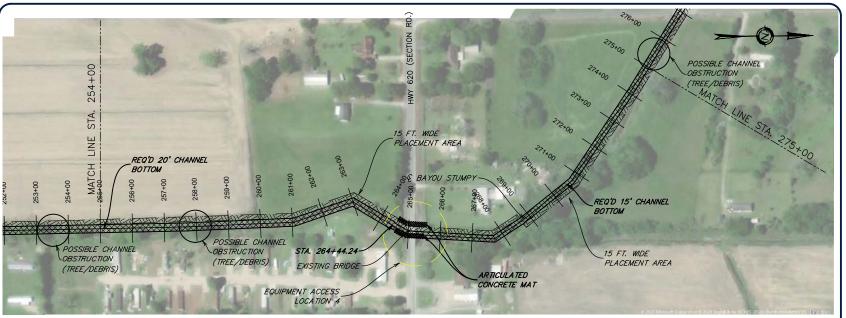
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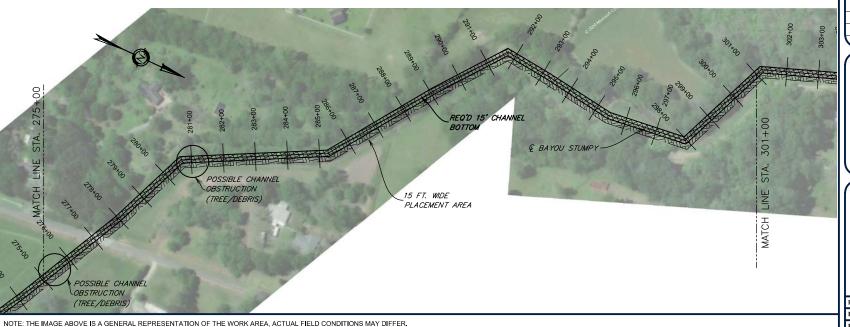
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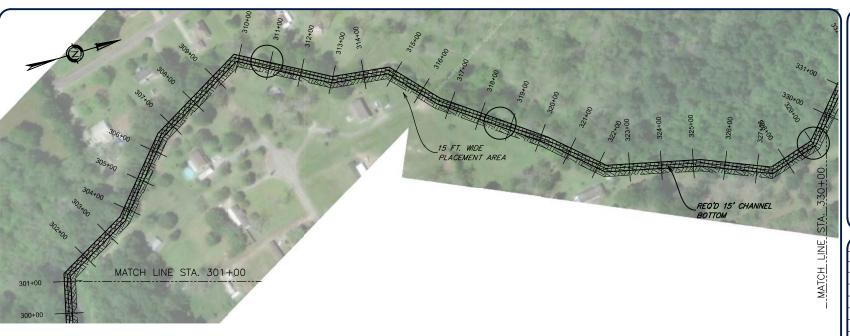
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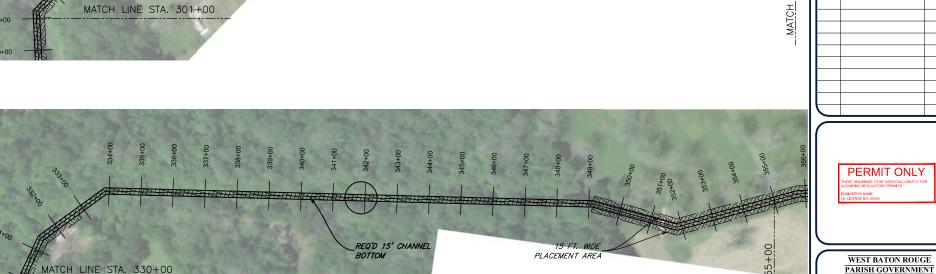
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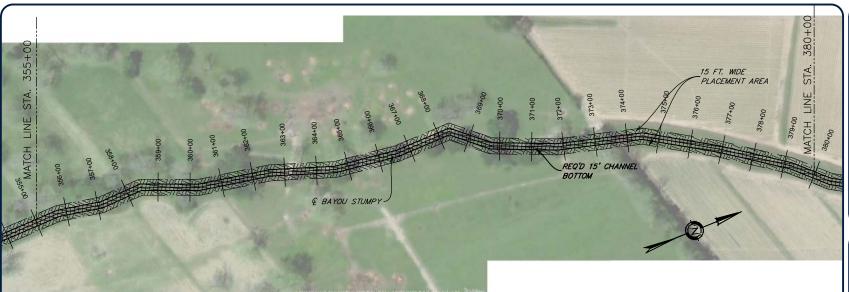
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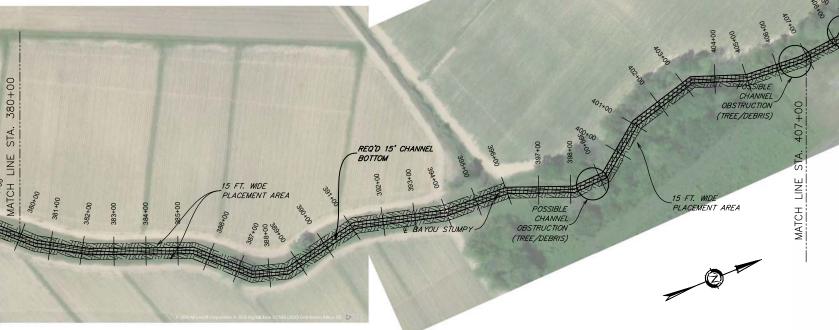
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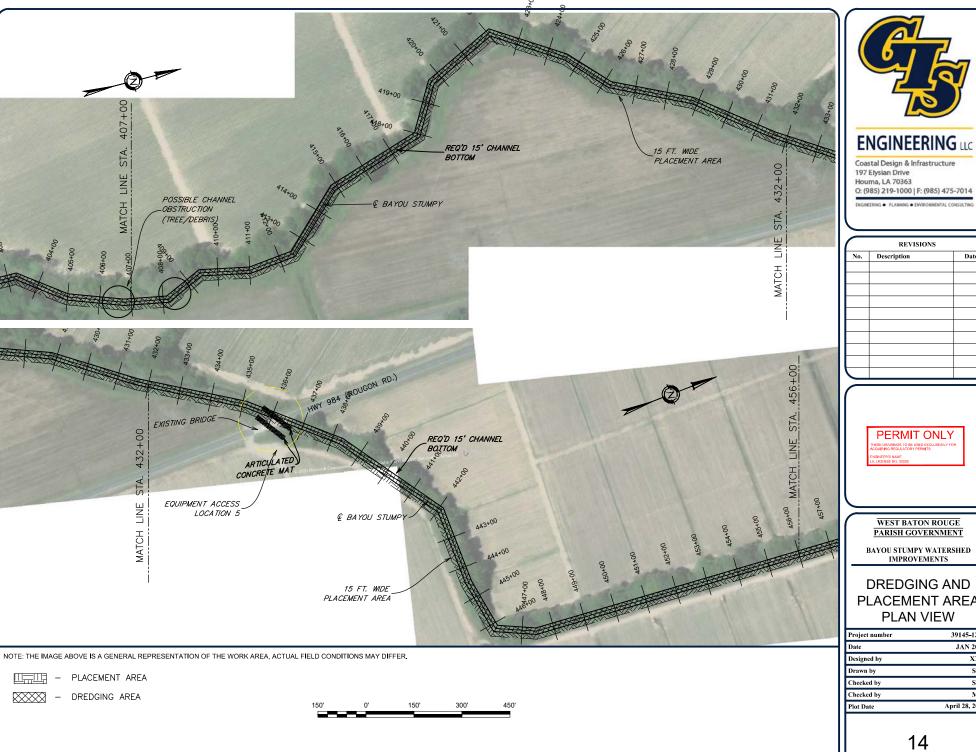
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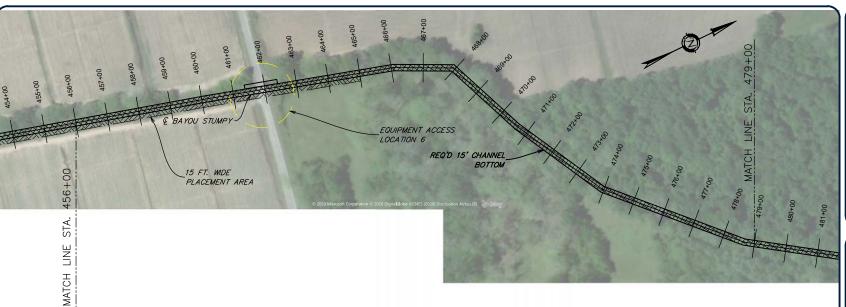
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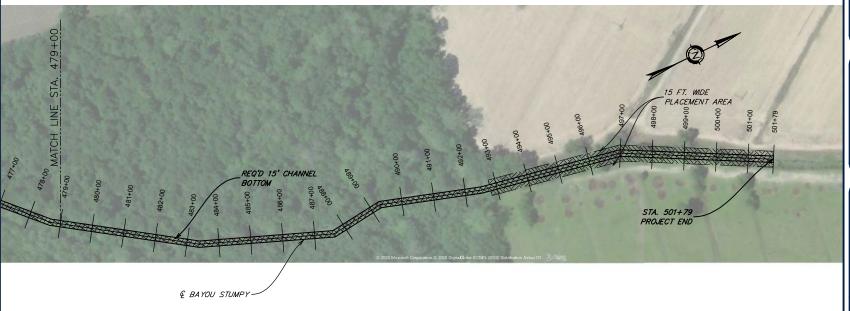
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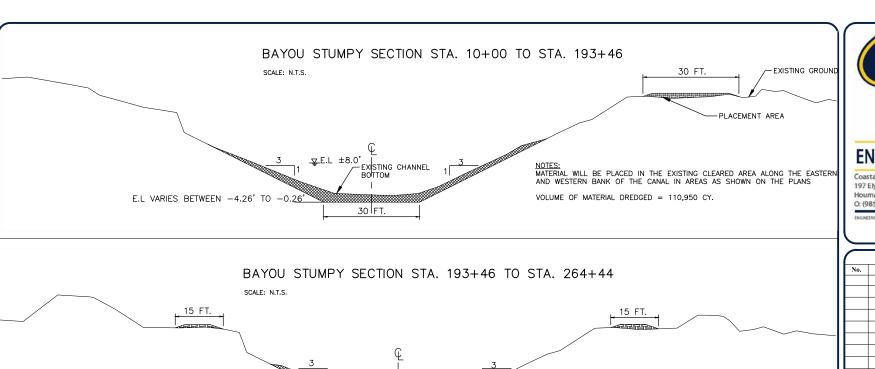


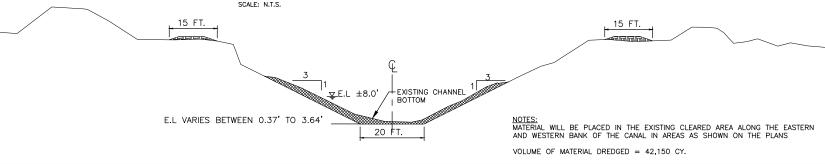
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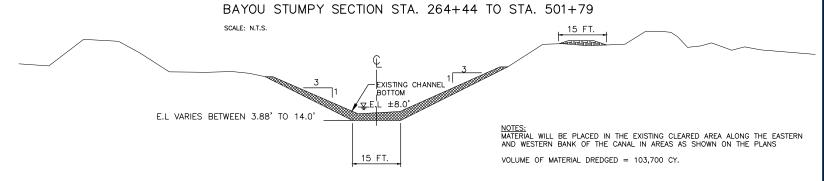
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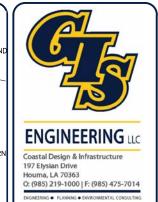




* NOTES:

- 1. CHANNEL BOTTOM WIDTH 30' MIN FROM STA. 10+00 TO STA. 193+46
- 2. CHANNEL BOTTOM WIDTH 20' ROM FROM STA. 193+46 TO STA. 264+44
- 3. CHANNEL BOTTOM WIDTH 15' ROM FROM STA. 264+44 TO STA. 501+79

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