

JOINT
PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, South Carolina 24903-5107
and
THE S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL
Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management
1362 McMillan Avenue, Suite 400
Charleston, South Carolina 29405

REGULATORY DIVISION

Refer to: P/N SAC-2006-03423

January 20, 2017

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), and the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act (48-39-10 et.seq.), an application has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control by

Mr. Kenneth Skodacek
Wexford Plantation HOA
28 Point West Drive
Bluffton, South Carolina 29910

for a 10-year permit to perform as-needed maintenance dredging of the existing Wexford Harbor Entrance Channel in

Broad Creek

at the Wexford Plantation Resort, Hilton Head Island, Beaufort County, South Carolina (Latitude: 32.1763, Longitude: -80.7619), SC-Bluffton Quadrangle.

In order to give all interested parties an opportunity to express their views

NOTICE

is hereby given that written statements regarding the proposed work will be received by the **Corps** until

15 Days from the Date of this Notice,

and **SCDHEC** will receive written statements regarding the proposed work until

30 Days from the Date of this Notice

from those interested in the activity and whose interests may be affected by the proposed work.

The proposed work consists of as-needed maintenance dredging. In detail, for a 10-year permit to perform as-needed maintenance dredging of the existing Wexford Harbor Entrance Channel. Approximately 5,000 cubic yards of material will be dredged per event and the material placed within an existing upland disposal site on the plantation property. The applicant has not proposed to mitigate for impacts to waters of the United States as no submerged aquatic vegetation or resources are proposed to be impacted. The project purpose is to maintain adequate water depth for the ingress and egress of watercraft accessing Broad Creek from the Wexford Harbor.

NOTE: This public notice and associated plans are available on the Corps' website at: <http://www.sac.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PublicNotices> .

The District Engineer has concluded that the discharges associated with this project, both direct and indirect, should be reviewed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in accordance with provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. As such, this notice constitutes a request, on behalf of the applicant, for certification that this project will comply with applicable effluent limitations and water quality standards. The work shown on this application must also be certified as consistent with applicable provisions of the Coastal Zone Management Program (15 CFR 930). This activity may also require evaluation for compliance with the S. C. Construction in Navigable Waters Permit Program. State review, permitting and certification is conducted by the S. C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. The District Engineer will not process this application to a conclusion until such certifications are received. The applicant is hereby advised that supplemental information may be required by the State to facilitate the review.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Implementation of the proposed project would impact **0.9** acres of estuarine substrates and emergent wetlands utilized by various life stages of species comprising the shrimp, and snapper-grouper management complexes. The District Engineer's initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial individual or cumulative adverse impact on EFH or fisheries managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The District Engineer's final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

Pursuant to the Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended), the Corps has reviewed the project area, examined all information provided by the applicant, and the District Engineer has determined, based on the most recently available information that the green sea turtles (*Chelonia mydas*), loggerhead sea turtles (*Caretta caretta*), and leatherback sea turtles (*Dermochelys coriacea*), as well as shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*), and Atlantic sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus*

oxyrhynchus), a Federally endangered species, may be present in the vicinity of the project. However, it has been determined that the project will have no effect on these species and will not result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated or proposed critical habitat.

Additionally, the District Engineer has determined that the project is not likely to adversely affect the West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*), a Federally endangered species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated or proposed critical habitat; specifically, use of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service approved Manatee Dichotomous Key reached the sequence "A-B-C-D-G1" where G1 states, "If project is other than repair or rehabilitation of a multi-slip facility, a new multi-slip facility, residential dock facility, shoreline stabilization, or dredging, and does not provide new access for watercraft or improve an existing access to allow increased watercraft usage, the determination of 'May affect, not likely to adversely affect' is appropriate and no further consultation with the Service is necessary."

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), this public notice also constitutes a request to Indian Tribes to notify the District Engineer of any historic properties of religious and cultural significance to them that may be affected by the proposed undertaking.

In accordance with Section 106 of the NHPA, the District Engineer has consulted South Carolina ArchSite (GIS), for the presence or absence of historic properties (as defined in 36 C.F.R. 800.16)(1)(1)), and has initially determined that no historic properties are present; therefore, there will be no effect on historic properties. To ensure that other historic properties that the District Engineer is not aware of are not overlooked, this public notice also serves as a request to the State Historic Preservation Office and any other interested parties to provide any information they may have with regard to historic properties. This public notice serves as a request for concurrence within 30 days from the SHPO (and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer).

The District Engineer's final eligibility and effect determination will be based upon coordination with the SHPO and/or THPO, as appropriate and required and with full consideration given to the proposed undertaking's potential direct and indirect effects on historic properties within the Corps-identified permit area.

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 a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the project will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic

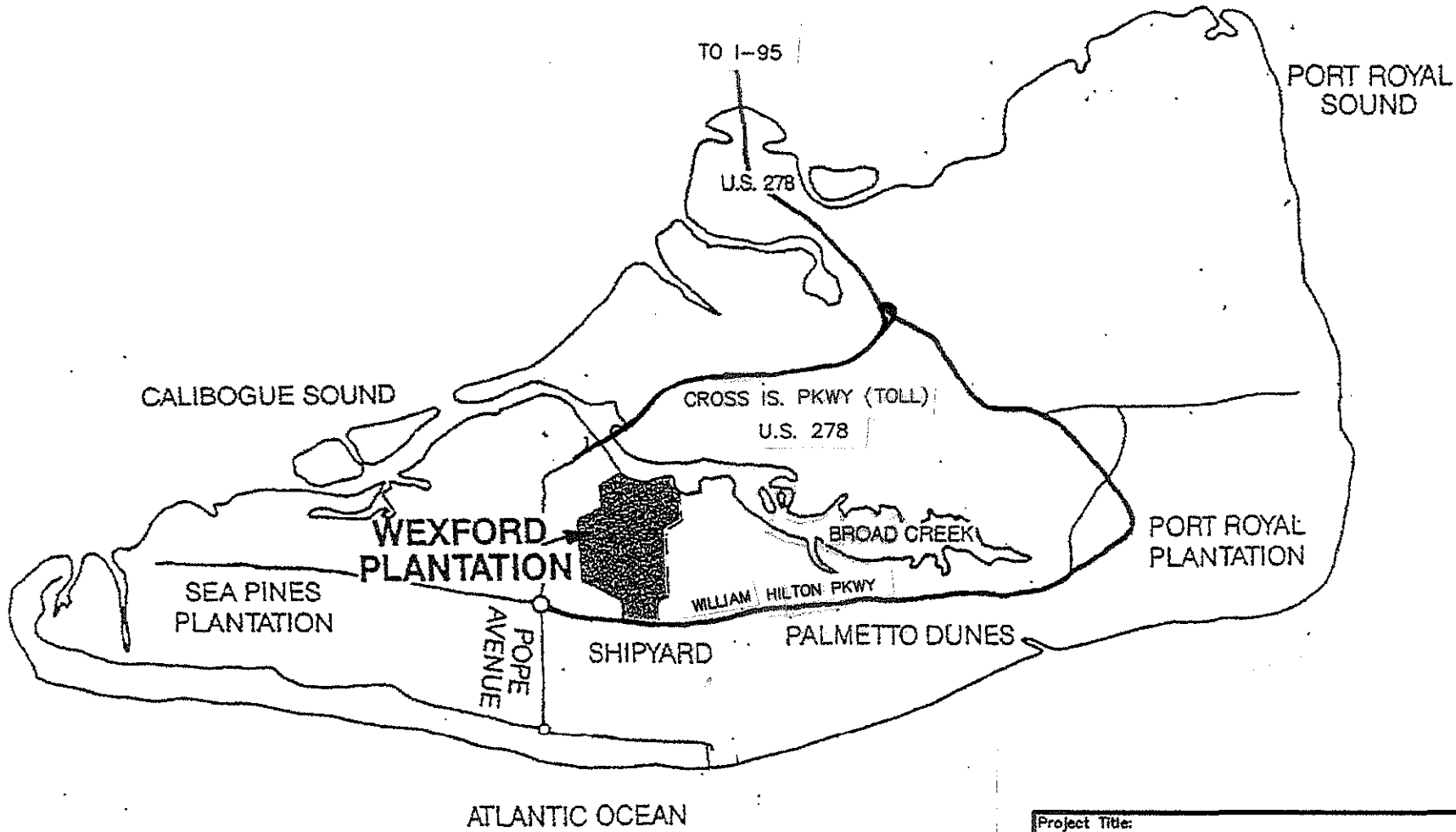
properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest. In cases of conflicting property rights, the Corps cannot undertake to adjudicate rival claims.

The Corps 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 activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this project. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the 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 activity. **Please submit comments in writing, identifying the project of interest by public notice number, to the following address:**

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN: REGULATORY DIVISION
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, South Carolina 24903-5107**

If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact Ivan W. Fannin III, Project Manager, at (843) 329-8044 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.

SITE LOCATION MAP



HILTON HEAD ISLAND

Project Title:		WEXFORD DREDGE PERMIT	
Project Location:		HILTON HEAD ISLAND, BEAUFORT COUNTY, SC	
Applicant:		WEXFORD PLANTATION H.O.A.	
Date:	Initials:	Date:	Scale:
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Wexford Master Plan

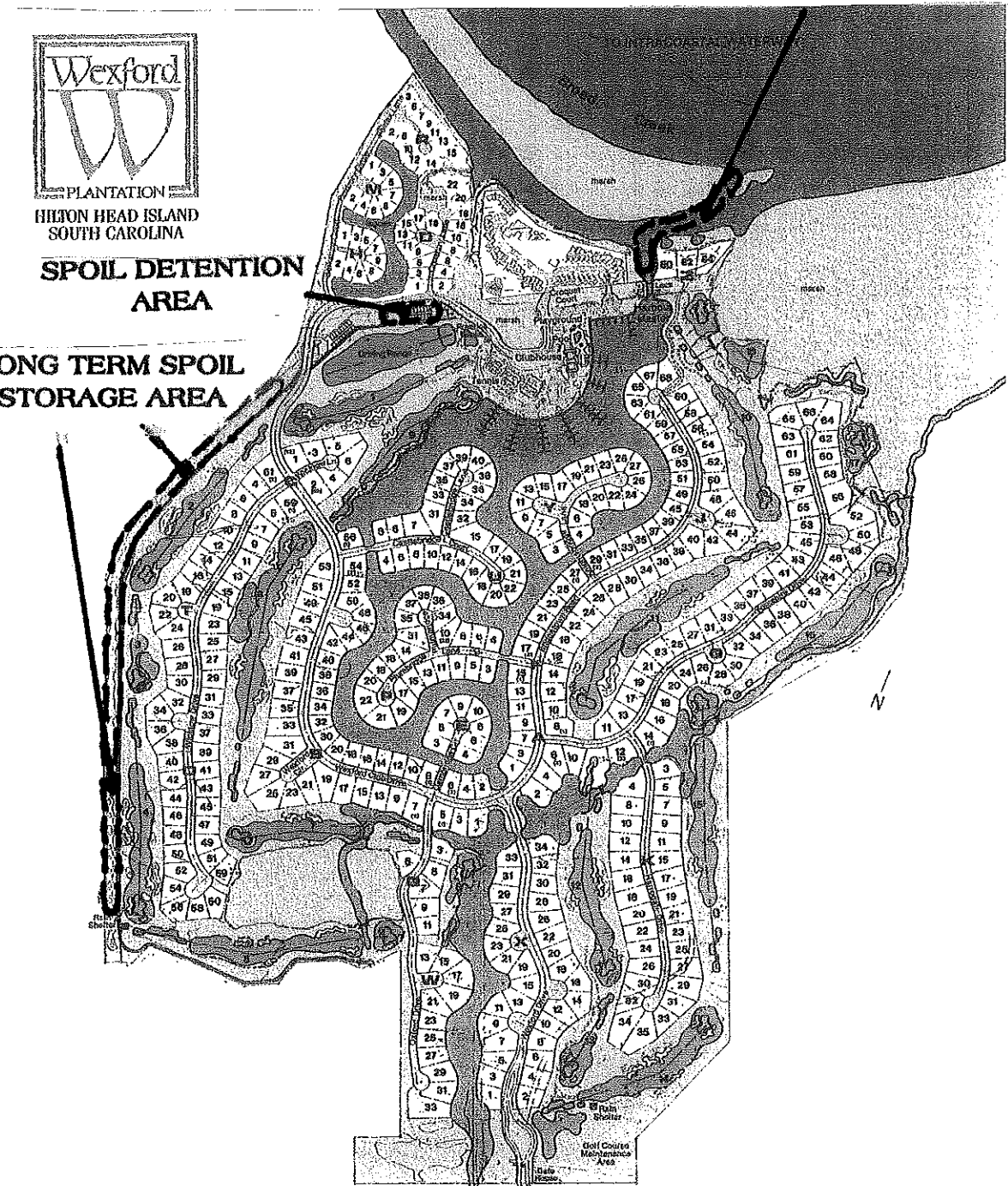
HARBOUR ENTRANCE CHANNEL



PLANTATION
HILTON HEAD ISLAND
SOUTH CAROLINA

SPOIL DETENTION AREA

LONG TERM SPOIL STORAGE AREA

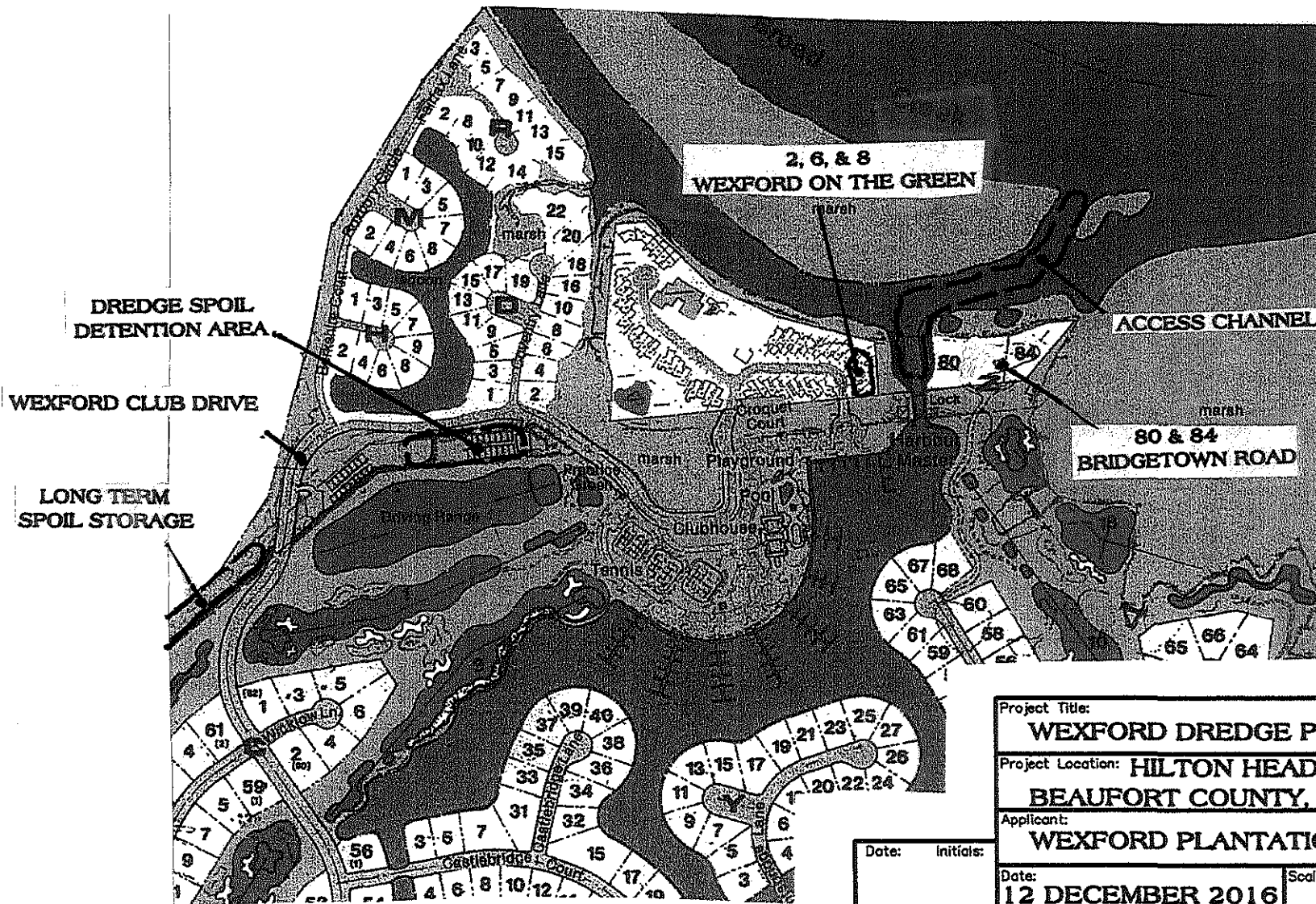


TO SEA PINES CIRCLE
The Village At Wexford
U.S. Highway 278
WILLIAM HILTON PKWY
Shipyard
Plantation
Self Contained Maintenance Area

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DREDGE SITE & SURROUNDS

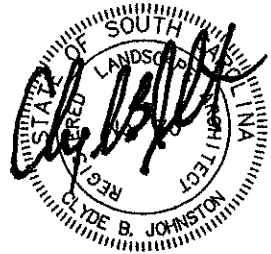
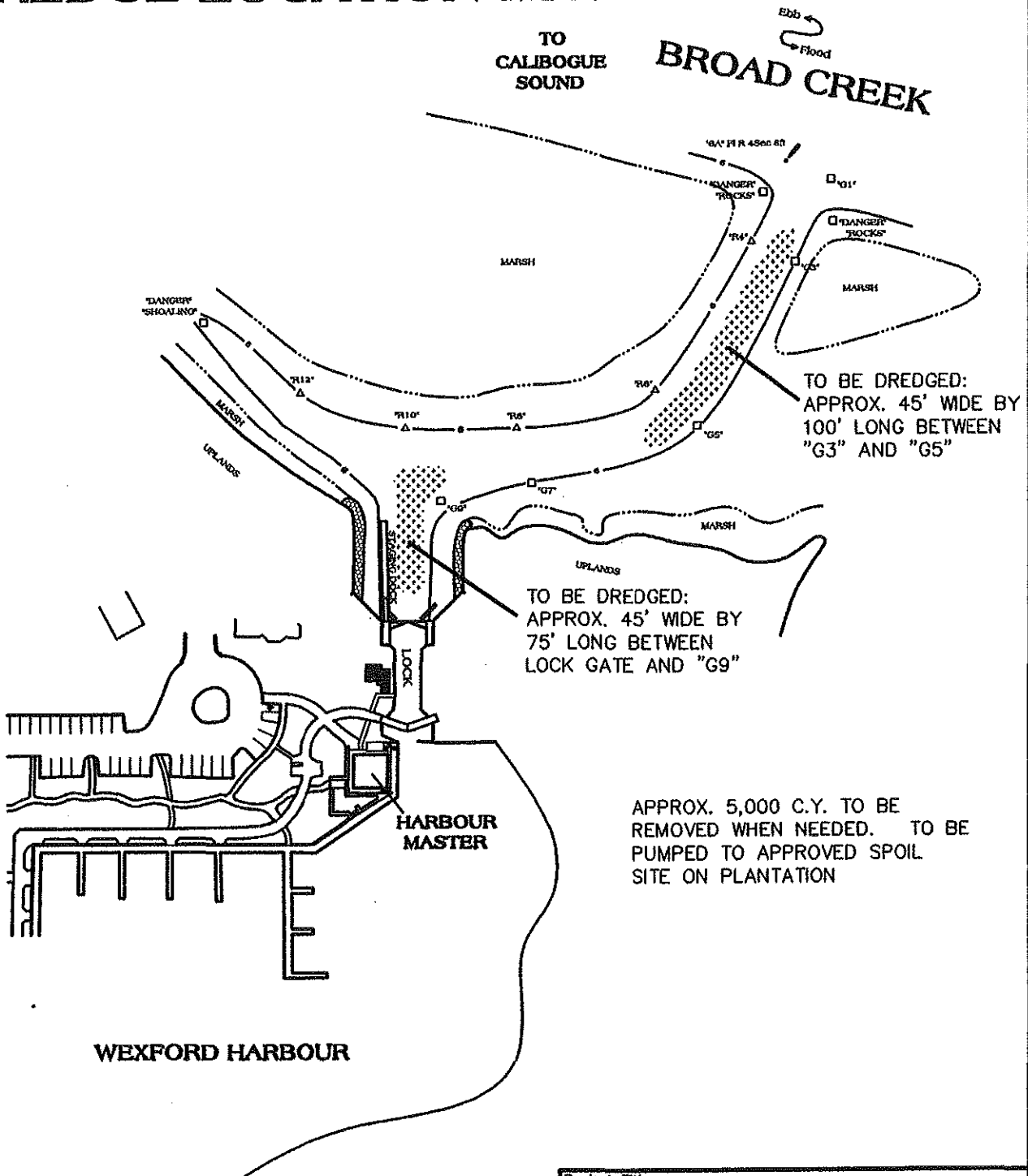


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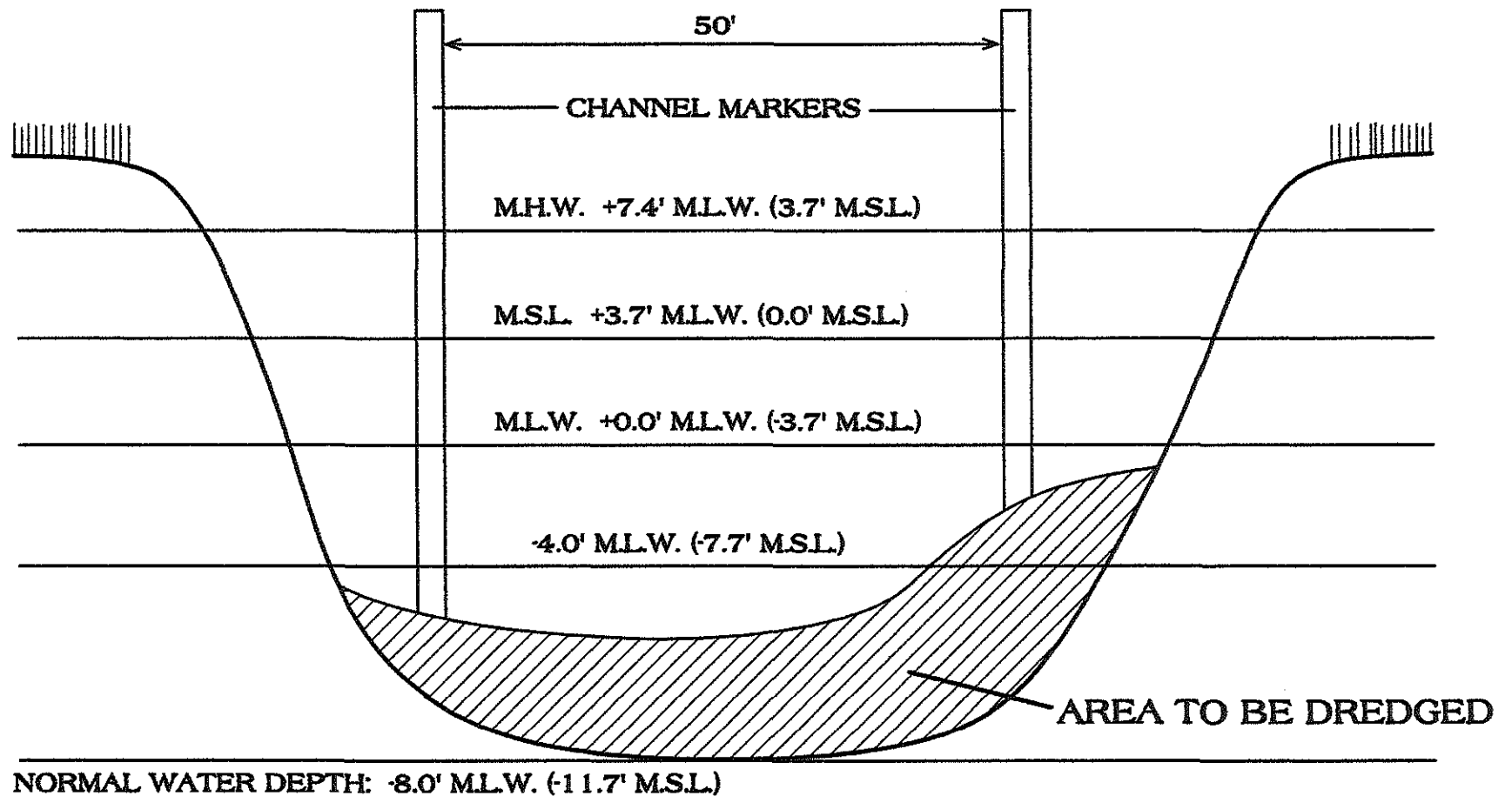
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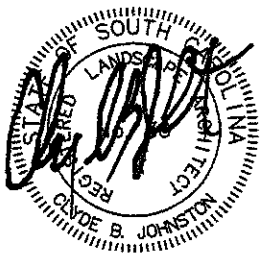
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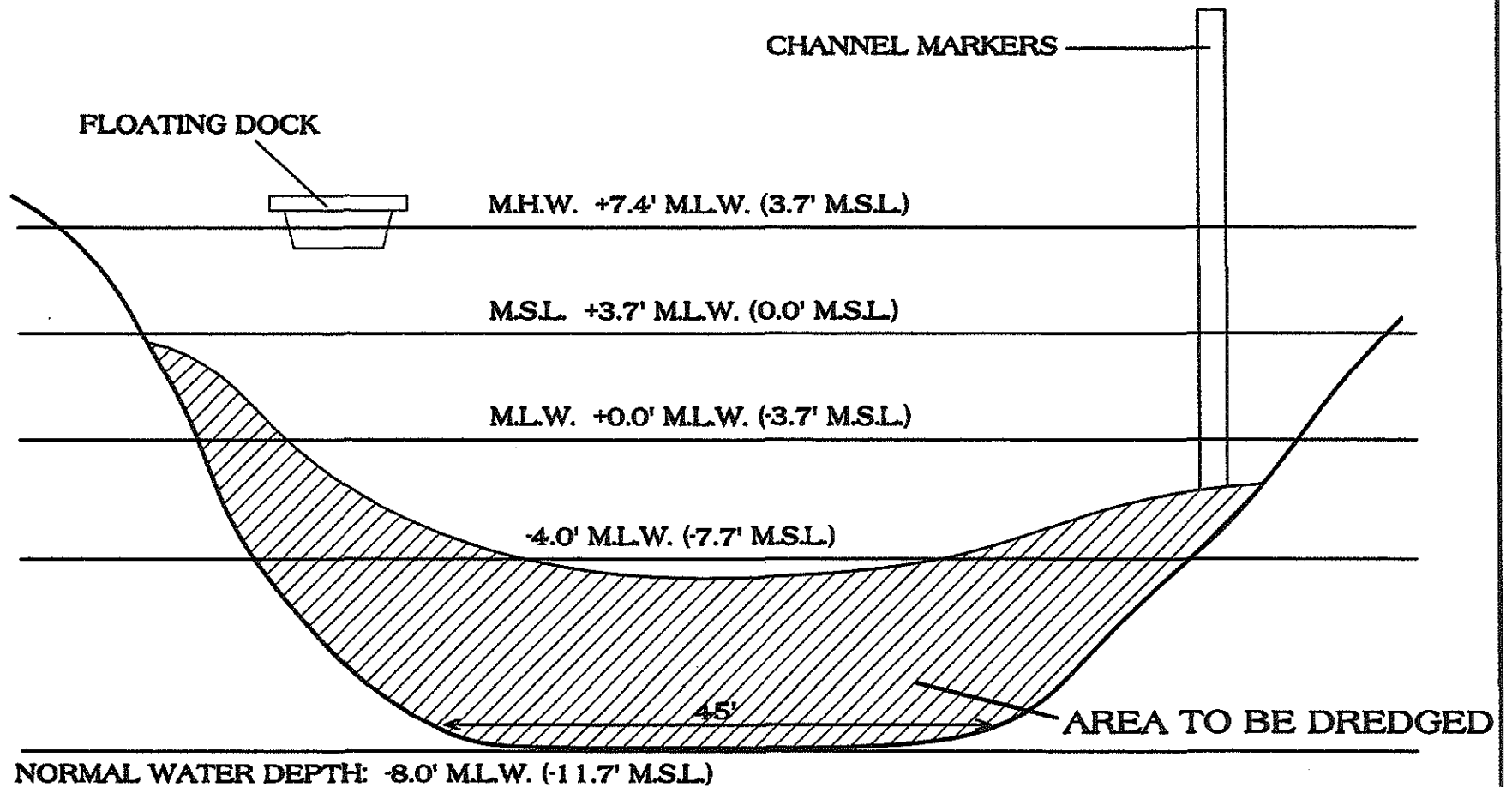


DEPICTS AREA TO BE DREDGED
BETWEEN CHANNEL MARKERS
"G3" & "G5"



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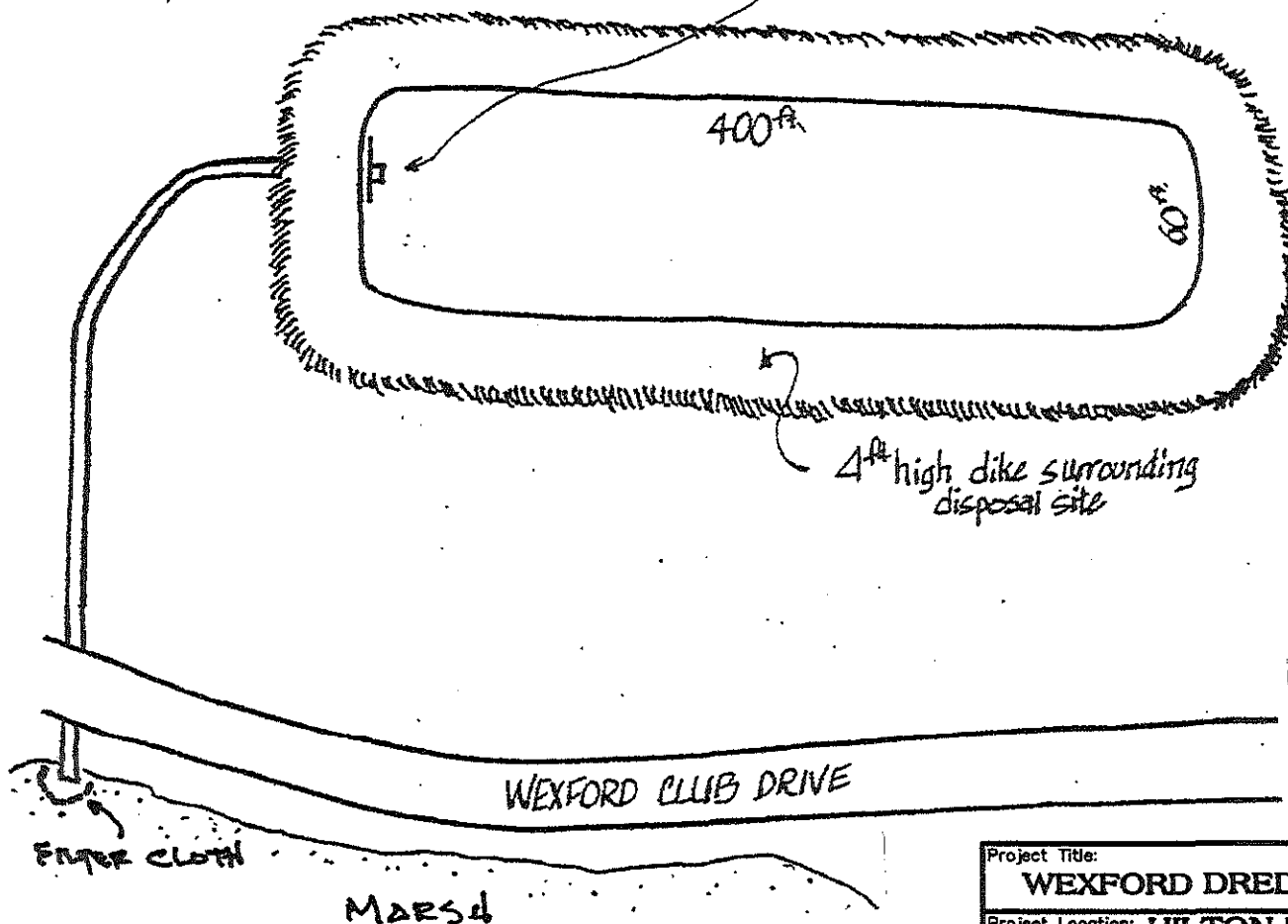
DEPICTS AREA TO BE DREDGED
BETWEEN CHANNEL MARKER "G9"
AND LOCK ENTRANCE GATES



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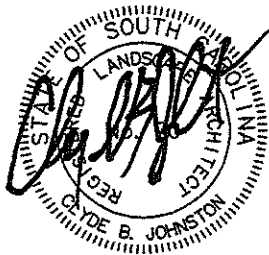
DREDGE SPOIL DETENTION AREA

Water control structure:
8" pipe, flow controlled by 6" spillway boards



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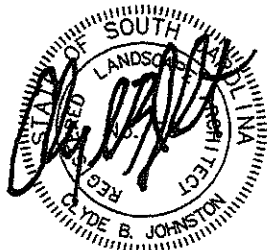
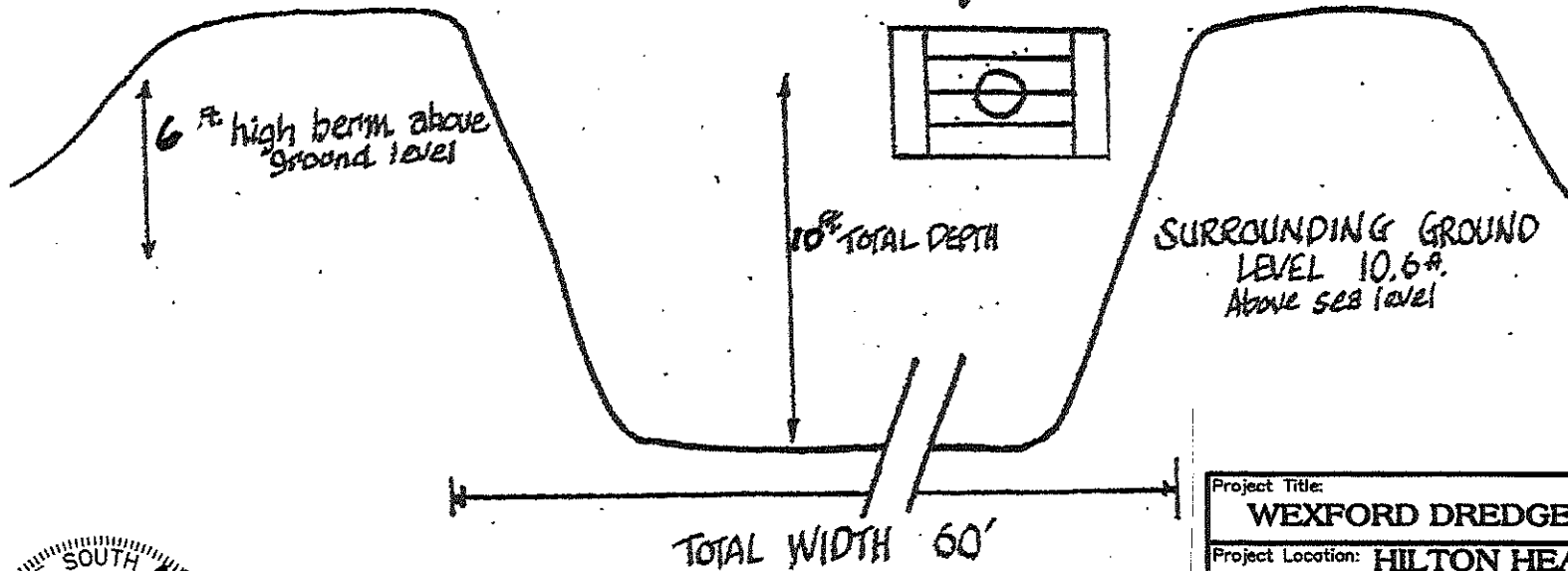
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SECTION: DREDGE SPOIL DETENTION AREA

Cross Section of disposal site:
 6' high dike surrounding 4' deep disposal site measuring 400' long x 60' wide with total depth of 10'.

Water Control Structure:
 8" pipe ; water level controlled by 6" spillway Boards



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