

JOINT
PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107
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-2009-01376-1W

3 DECEMBER 2013

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

TOWN OF BLUFFTON
c/o JON GUERRY TAYLOR & ASSOCIATES, INC.
POST OFFICE BOX 1082
MT. PLEASANT, SOUTH CAROLINA 29465

for a permit to perform excavation in and place fill material to construct a stable base for the construction of a ground out floating dock, to construct a floating kayak and canoe launch dock, observation platform and boardwalk, landing platform and concrete abutment adjacent to and in waters of the

MAY RIVER

at a location at the end of Wharf Street at the site of the previously permitted public boat ramp and stormwater treatment system in the Town of Bluffton's Oyster Factory Park in the Town of Bluffton, Beaufort County, South Carolina (Latitude 32.231748°, Longitude -80.867512°)

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 the construction of a 150' x 8' floating ground out dock that will be constructed along the side of an existing concrete lattice boat ramp and will lead out into waters of the May River and terminate in a 30' x 15' floating kayak and canoe launch dock. The project also includes excavation in a 90' x 13' area in the footprint of the floating dock for the

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placement of 65 cubic yards of bedding stone to provide a stable base for the ground out floating dock. At the landward end of the ground out dock, the applicant is proposing a 23' x 8' concrete abutment with a timber 8' wide ADA accessible ramp leading down to the sandy shoreline of the May River. The project also includes the construction of a 18' x 20' timber ADA accessible observation deck to be constructed above the MHW and the SCDHEC, OCRM critical area line. This observation deck will be accessed from the road by a 6' x 22' walkway. A 6' x 29' walkway will lead from the observation deck to the concrete abutment as shown on sheet 7 of 10. The purpose of the project is for public access to include recreational access to waters of the May River.

NOTE: Plans depicting the work described in this notice are available and will be provided, upon receipt of a written request, to anyone that is interested in obtaining a copy of the plans for the specific project. The request must identify the project of interest by public notice number and a self-addressed stamped envelope must also be provided for mailing the drawings to you. Your request for drawings should be addressed to the

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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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 the Coastal Zone Management Program (15 CFR 930). 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 0.3 acres of estuarine substrates and emergent wetlands utilized by various life stages of species comprising the red drum, shrimp, and snapper-grouper management complexes. Our 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). Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

The District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project will have no effect on any Federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species and will not result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated or proposed critical habitat. This public notice serves as a request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed endangered or threatened species or designated or proposed critical habitat may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended).

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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.

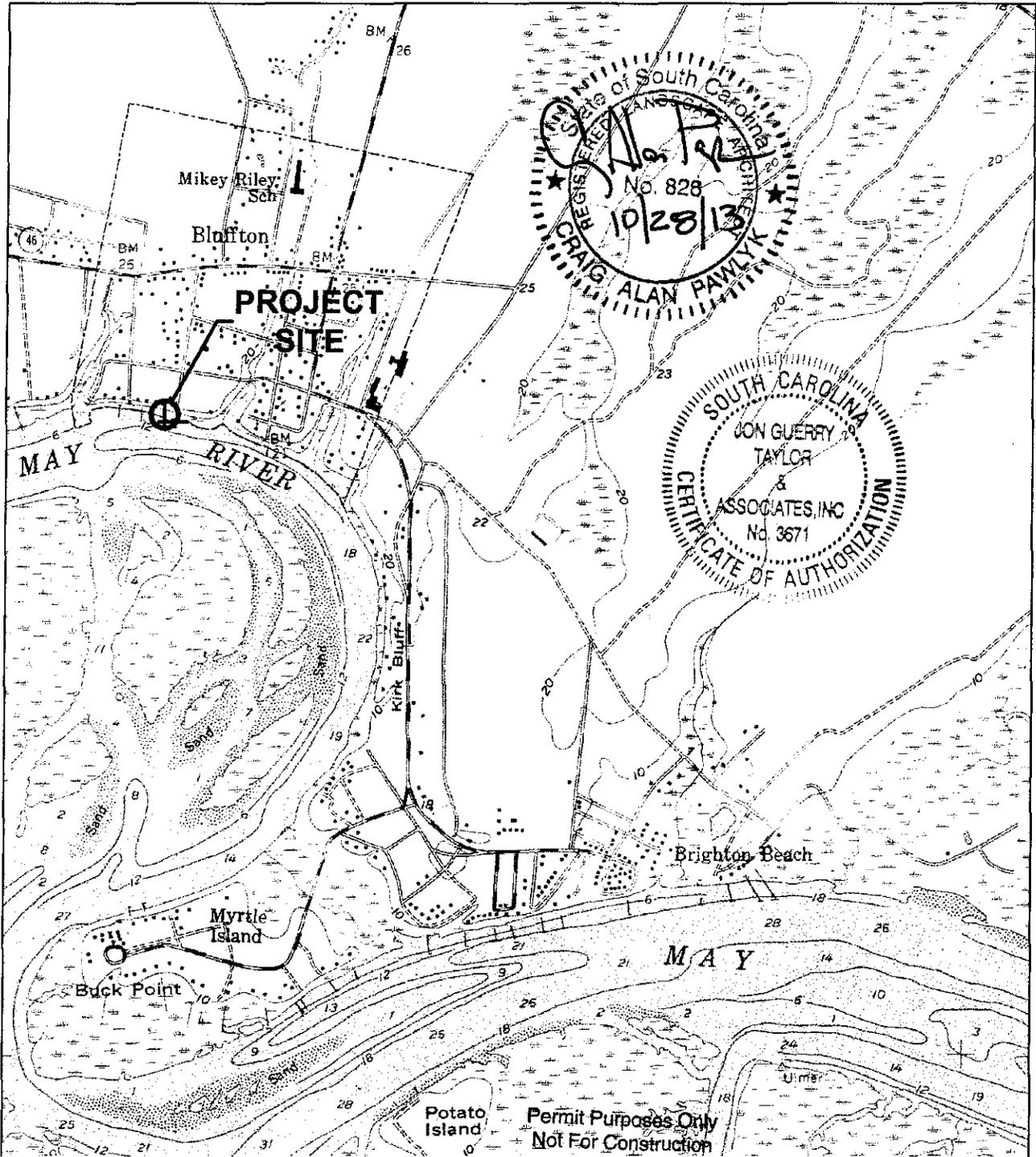
In accordance with the NHPA, the District Engineer has also consulted the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places for the presence or absence of registered properties, or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein, and this worksite is not included as a registered property or property listed as being eligible for inclusion in the Register. To insure that other cultural resources 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 to provide any information it may have with regard to historic and cultural resources.

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 and will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act and, as appropriate, the criteria established under authority of Section 102 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended. 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 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 of Engineers cannot undertake to adjudicate rival claims.

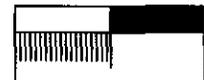
The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine 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.

If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact Debbie King at 843-329-8044 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.



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QUAD MAP
BLUFFTON QUAD



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 GRAPHIC SCALE 1" = 2000'

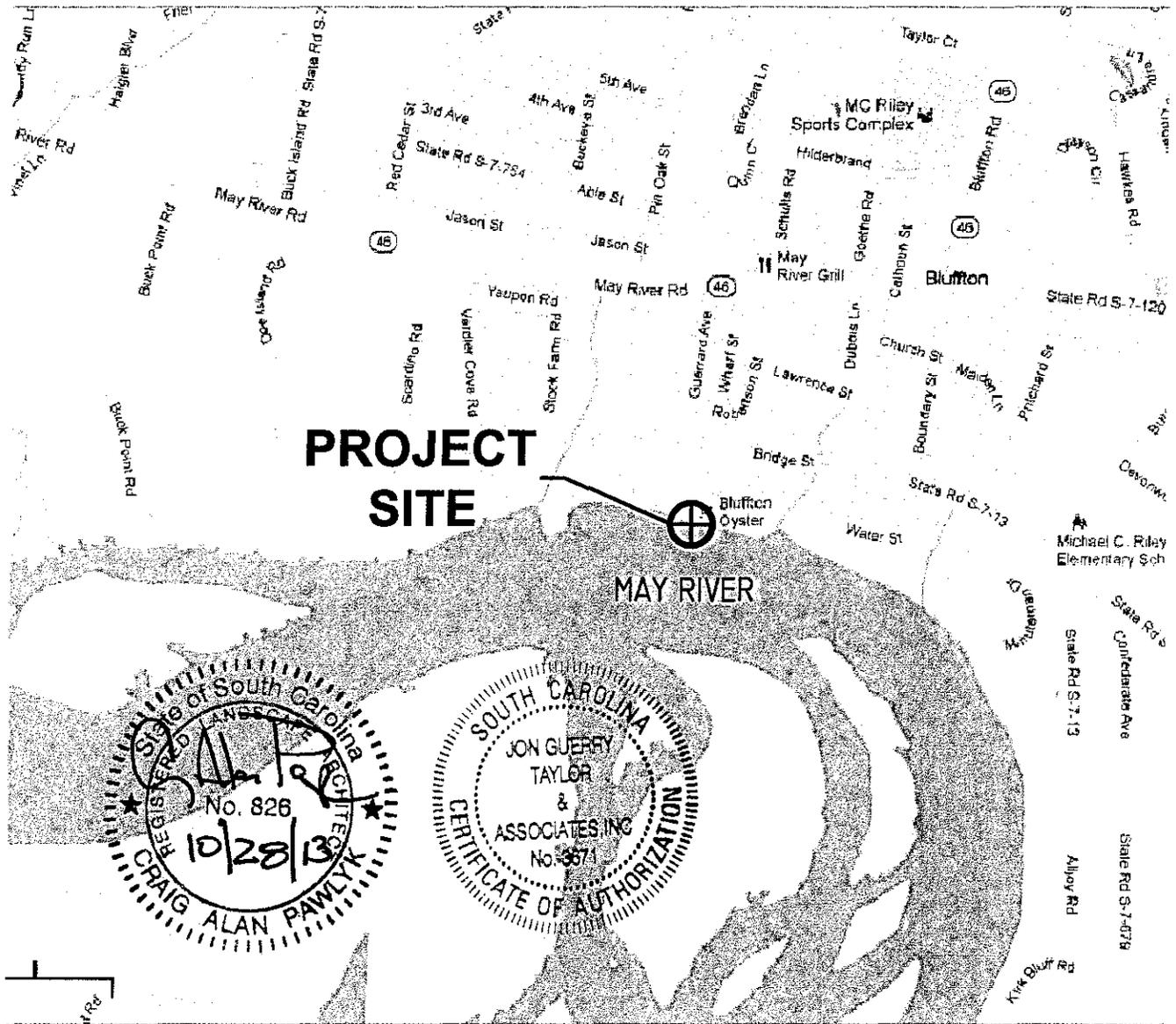
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**PROJECT
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LOCATION MAP

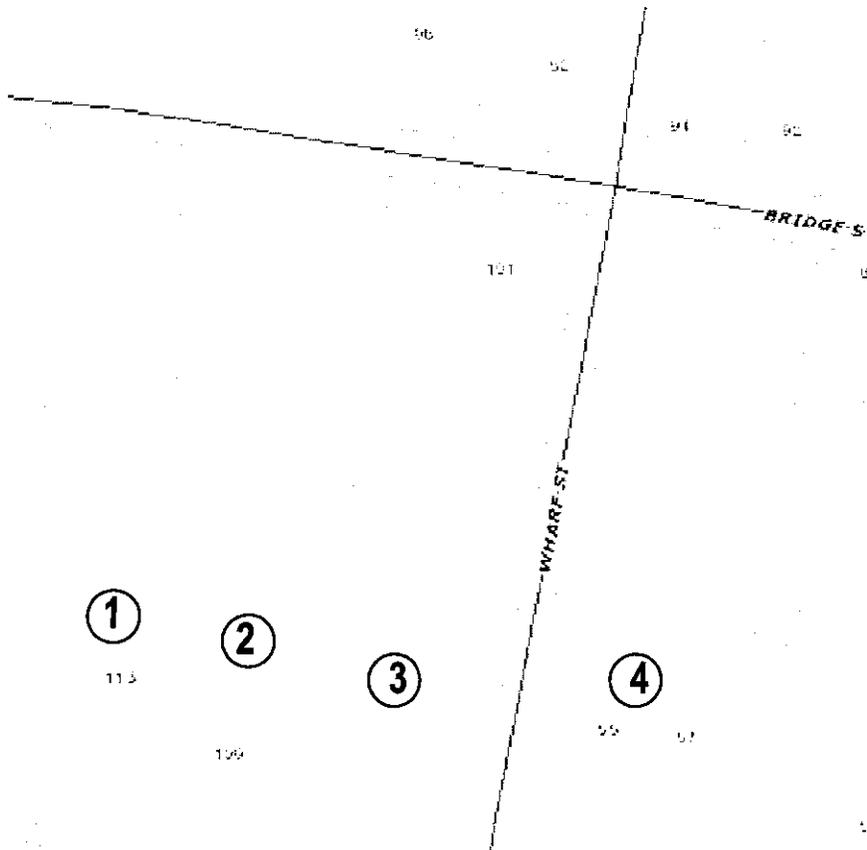
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113 BRIDGE STREET
BLUFFTON, SC 29910-7637

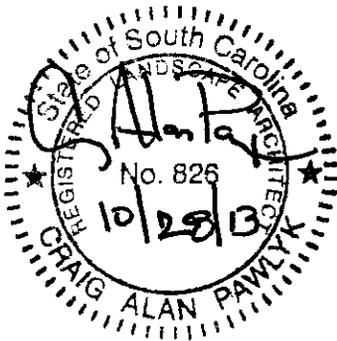
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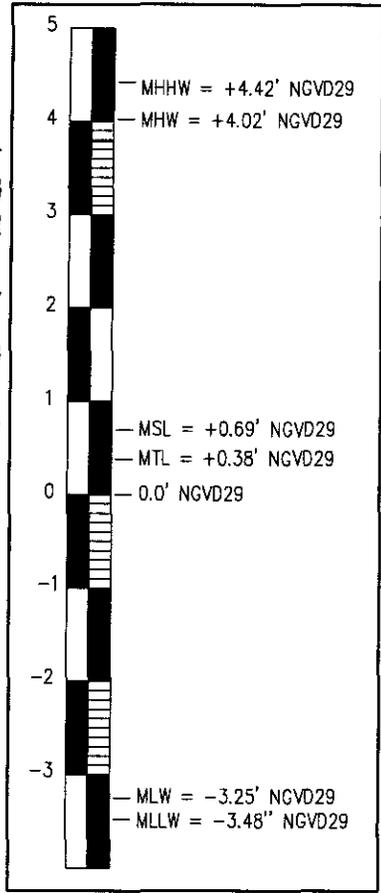
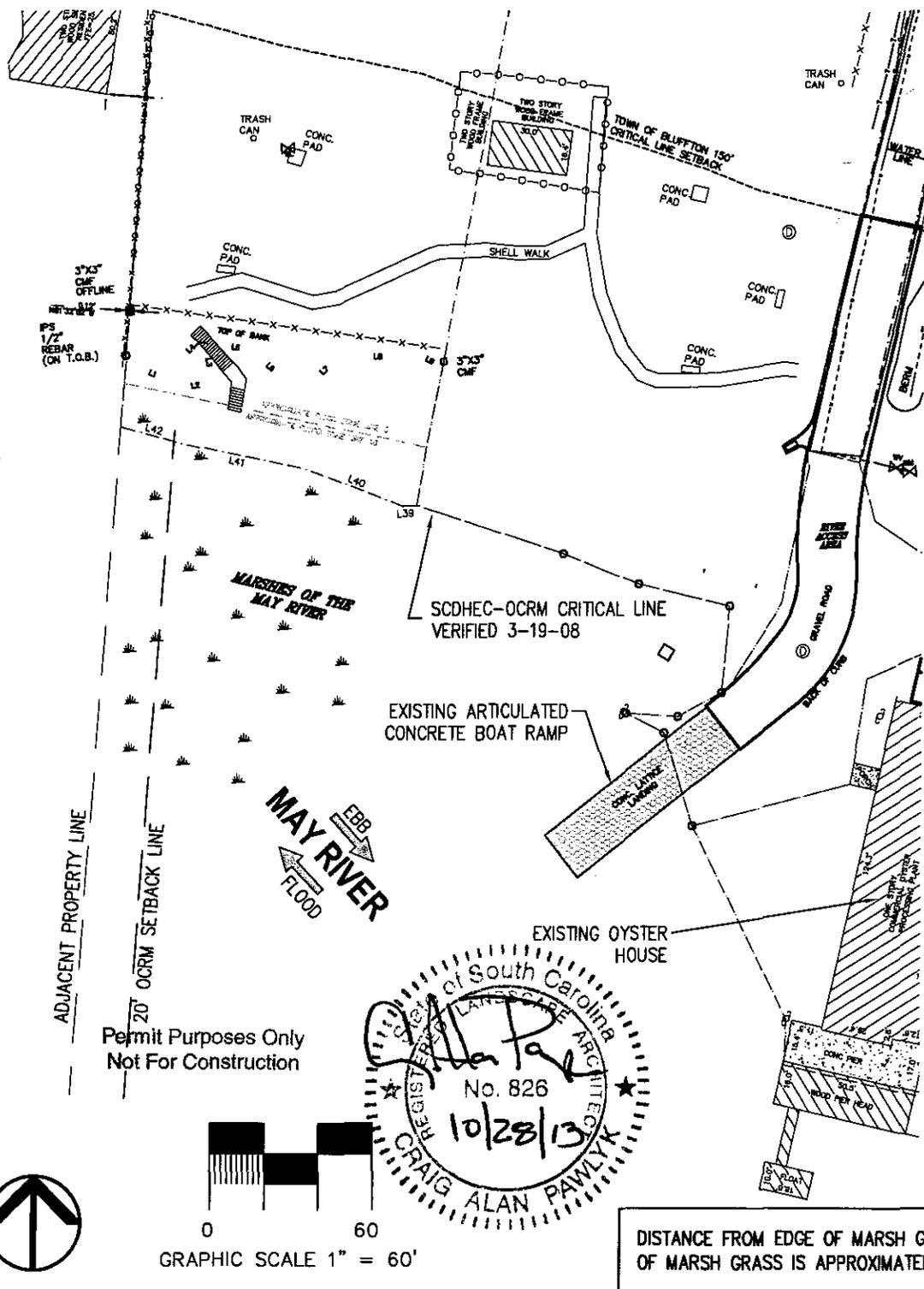
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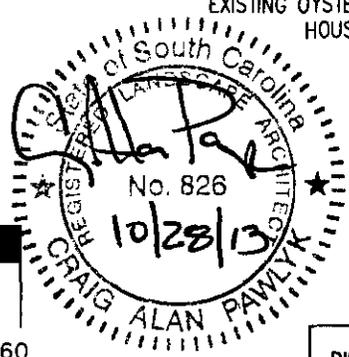
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TIDE DATUM RELATIONSHIPS

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DISTANCE FROM EDGE OF MARSH GRASS TO EDGE OF MARSH GRASS IS APPROXIMATELY 6,400'

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EXISTING CONDITIONS - OVERALL VIEW

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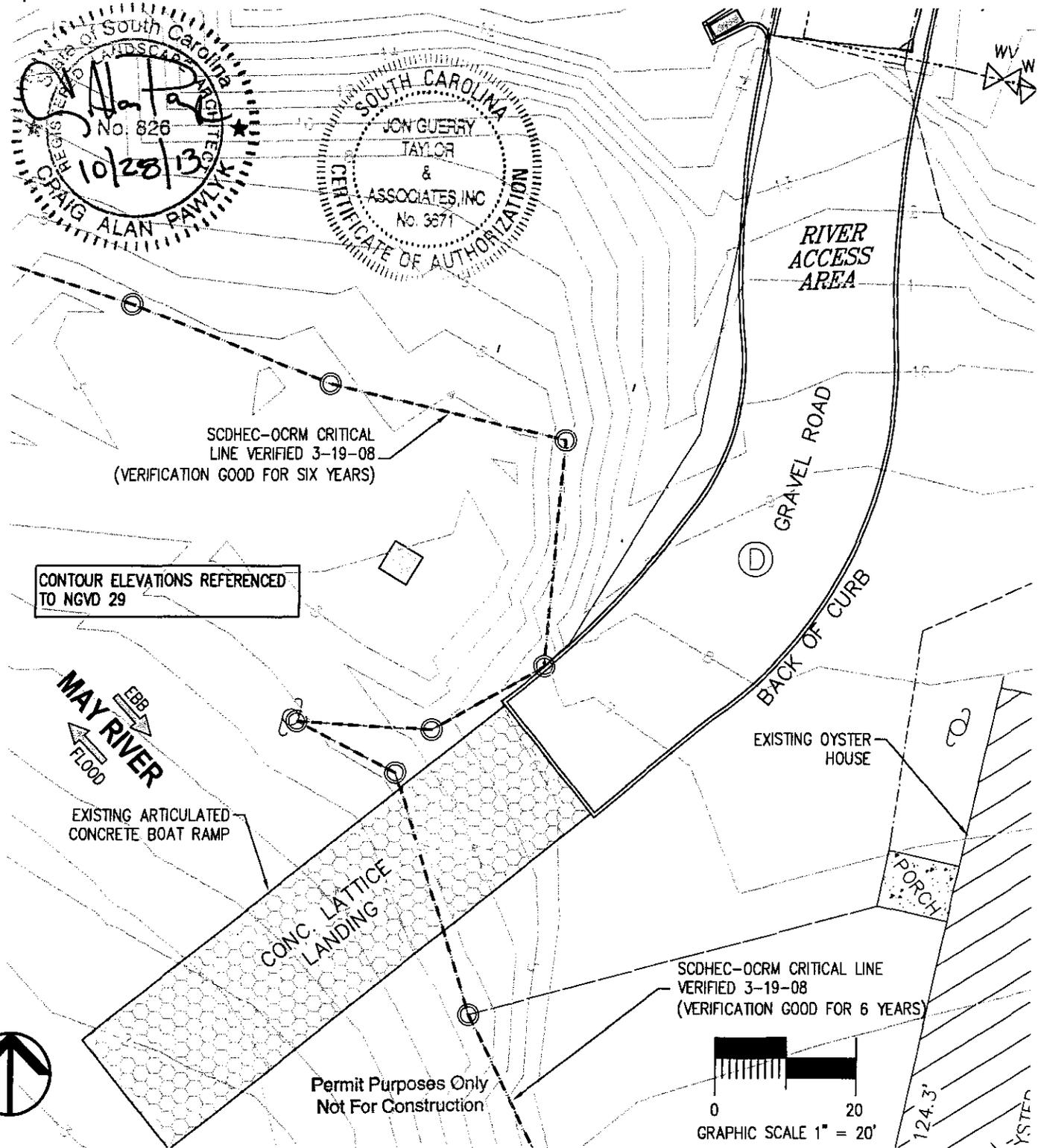
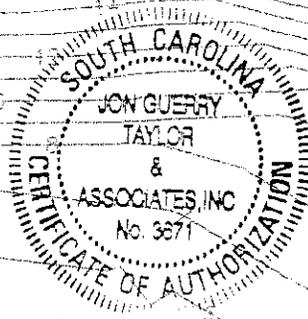
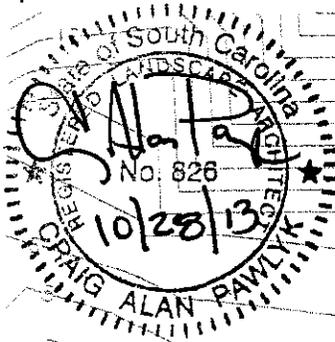
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CONTOUR ELEVATIONS REFERENCED TO NGVD 29

MAY RIVER
EBB
FLOOD

EXISTING ARTICULATED CONCRETE BOAT RAMP

CONC. LATTICE LANDING

EXISTING OYSTER HOUSE

PORCH

GRAVEL ROAD

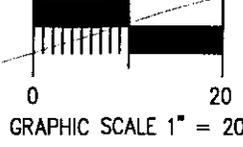
BACK OF CURB

RIVER ACCESS AREA

SCDHEC-OCRM CRITICAL LINE VERIFIED 3-19-08 (VERIFICATION GOOD FOR SIX YEARS)

SCDHEC-OCRM CRITICAL LINE VERIFIED 3-19-08 (VERIFICATION GOOD FOR 6 YEARS)

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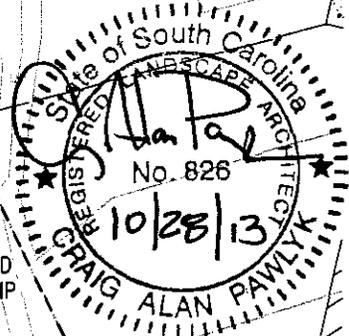
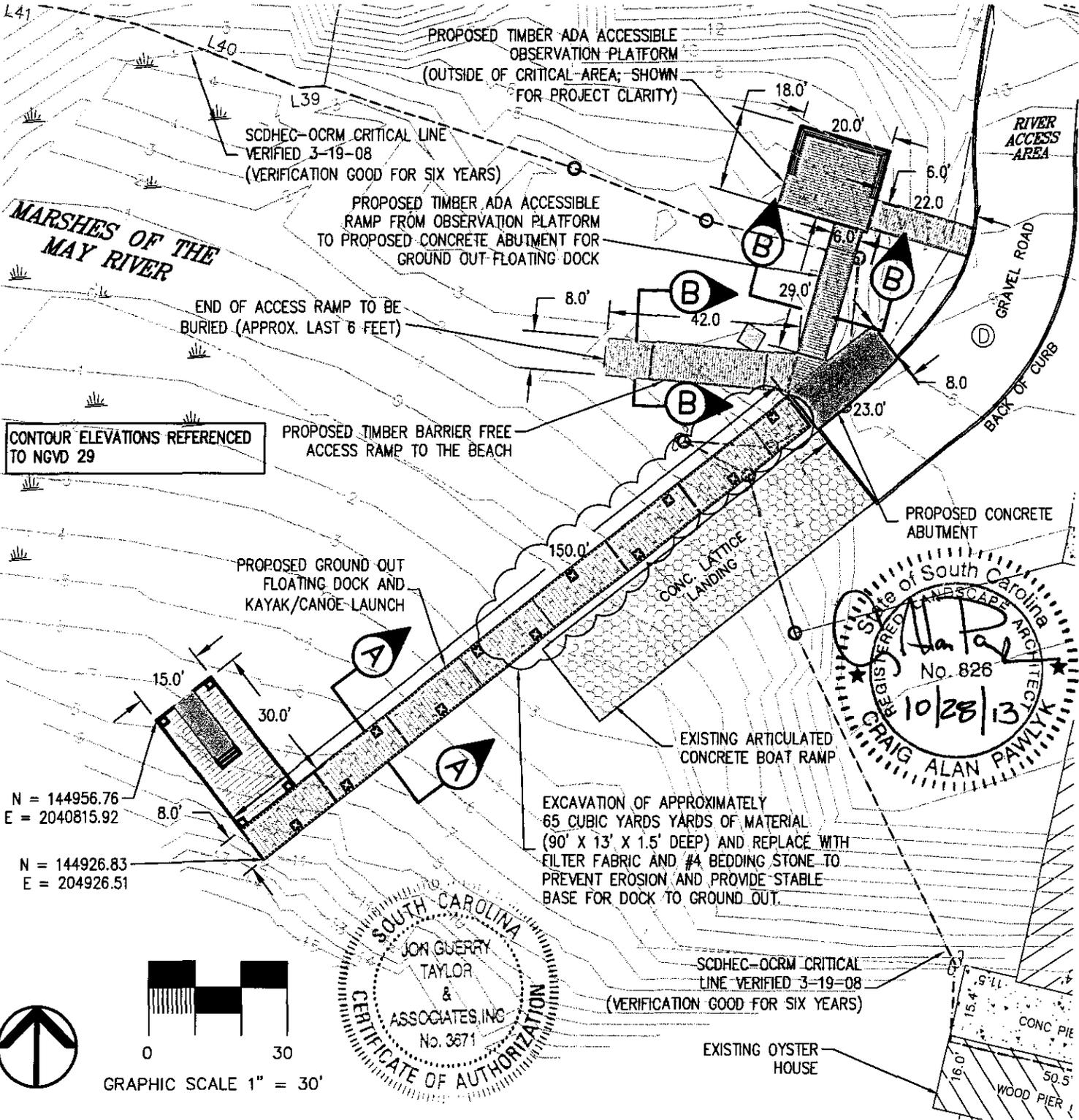
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PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS-ENLARGED VIEW

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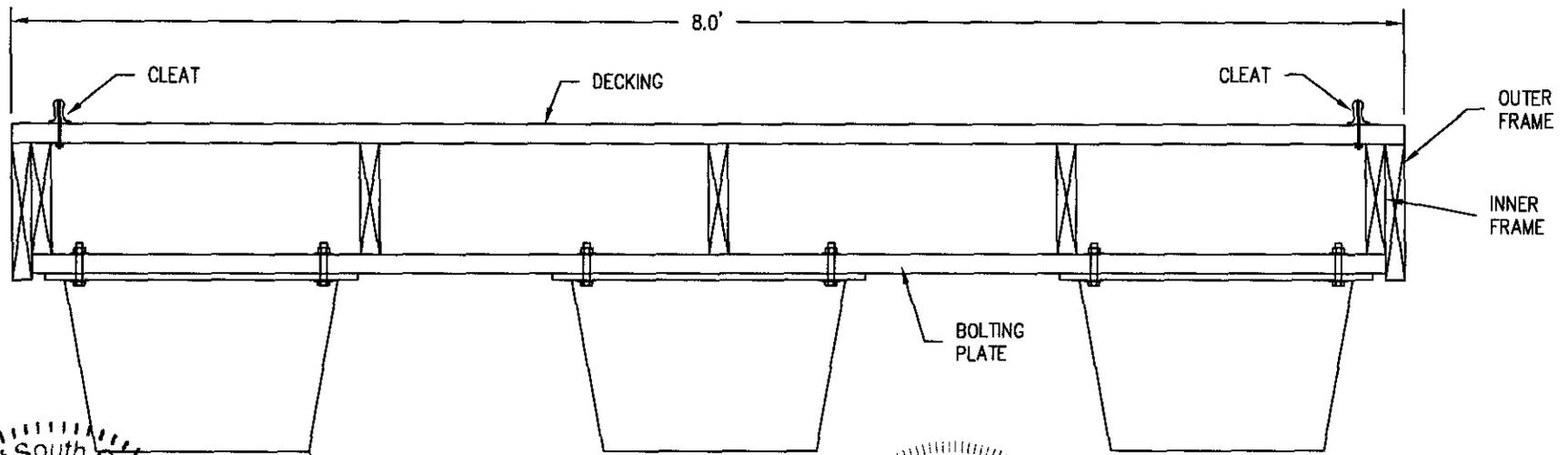
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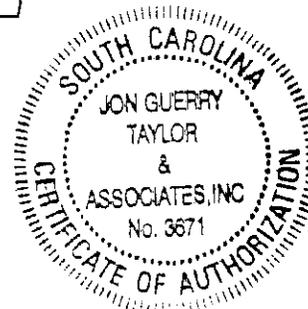
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POLYSTYRENE FOAM
FILLED FLOAT (TYPICAL)



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SECTION A-A: TYPICAL FLOATING DOCK

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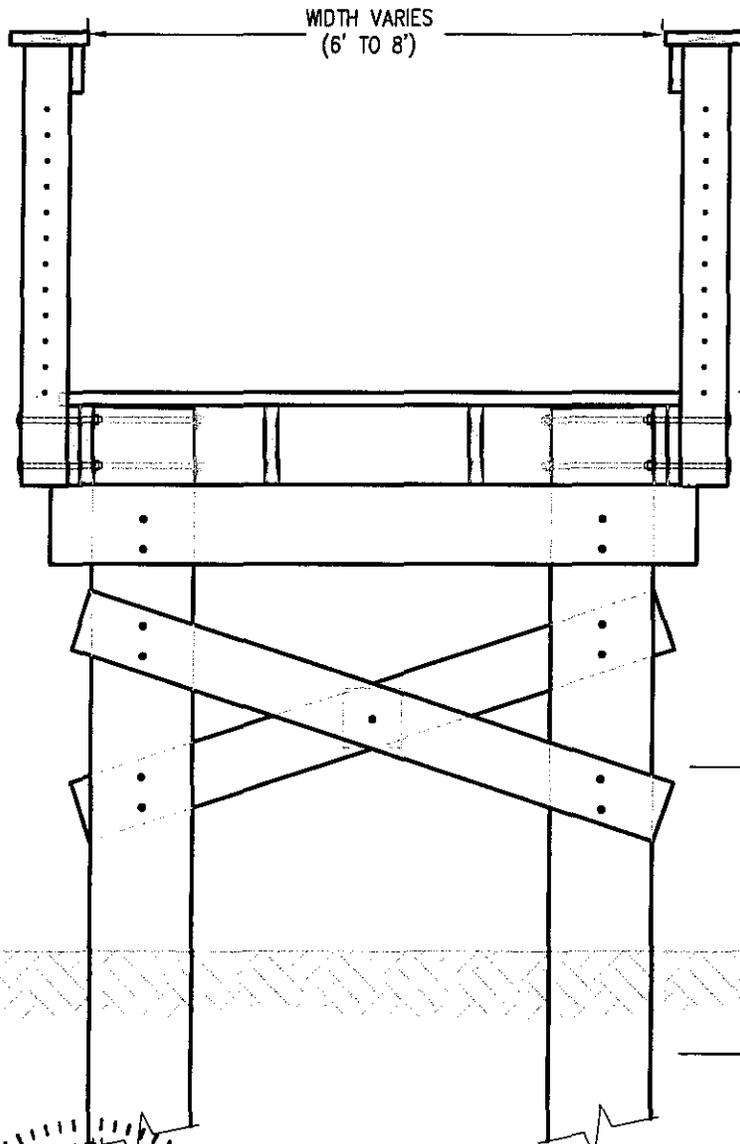
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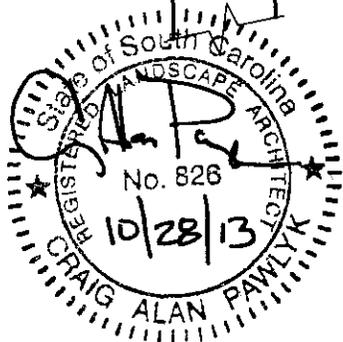
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TOP ELEV. VARIES FROM
APPROX. 10.5' TO 3.5'
NGVD 29
(13.75' MLW TO 6.75' MLW)

MHW = +4.02' NGVD 29
(+7.27 MLW)

-3.25 NGVD 29
(0.0 MLW)



SECTION B-B: SLOPED ACCESS RAMP

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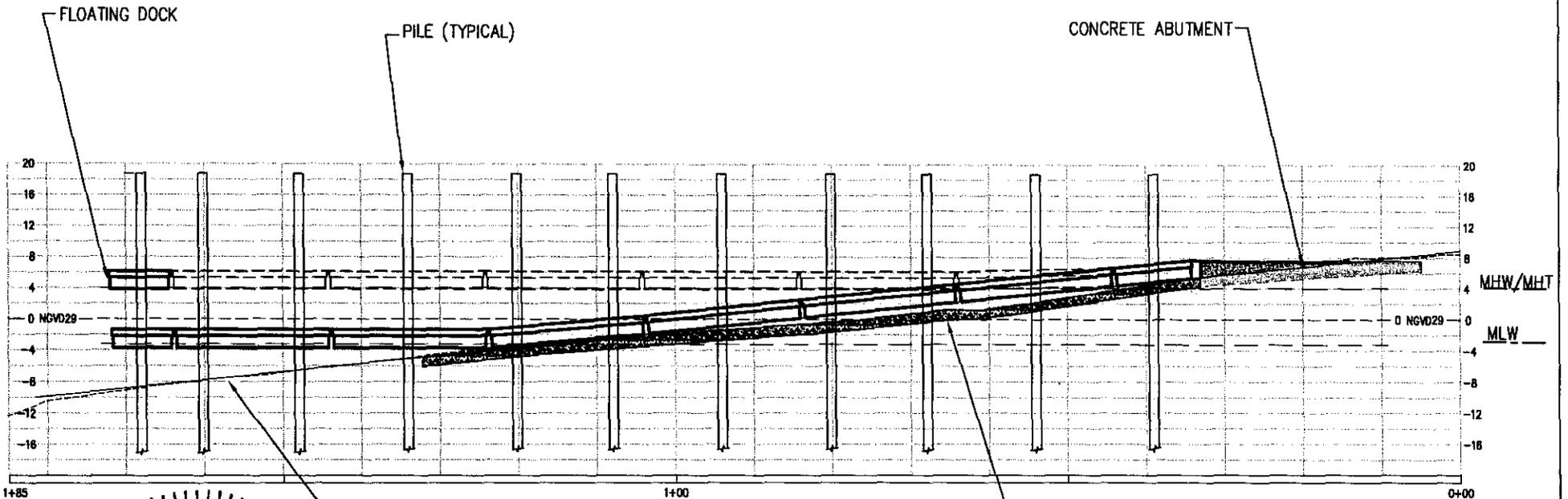
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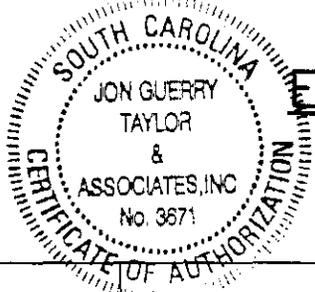
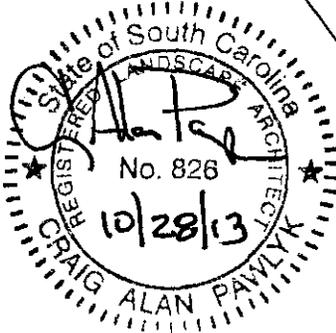
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EXCAVATION OF APPROXIMATELY 65 CUBIC YARDS OF MATERIAL (90' X 13' X 1.5' DEEP) AND REPLACE WITH FILTER FABRIC AND #4 BEDDING STONE TO PREVENT EROSION AND PROVIDE STABLE BASE FOR DOCK TO GROUND OUT.



EAST ELEVATION

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