

# JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

*dated March 7, 2003*

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**CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
69A Hagood Avenue  
Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107**

*- and -*

**S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL  
OFFICE OF OCEAN AND COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
1362 McMillan Avenue, Suite 400  
Charleston, South Carolina 29405**

*- and -*

**THE S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL  
Office of Environmental Quality Control  
Water Quality Certification and Wetlands Programs Section  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201**

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 (P/N#2003-1T-016-P-C) has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control by

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE PORTS AUTHORITY  
ATTENTION: MR. JOE BRYANT  
POST OFFICE BOX 22287  
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29413-2287**

for a permit to construct a marine cargo terminal and related infrastructure in and adjacent to the

## **COOPER RIVER AND SHIPYARD CREEK**

located at the south end of the former navy base in the City of North Charleston, Charleston County, South Carolina (Latitude: 32.84045° N, Longitude: 79.93646° W).

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 both of the above mentioned offices until

**12 O'CLOCK NOON, MONDAY, 7 APRIL 2003**

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

**Note: The District Engineer has determined that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required to fully address the environmental consequences of the proposed undertaking. A Scoping Meeting will be held to assist in the identification of the significant issues associated with the proposed action. A separate public notice will be published to inform interested parties of the Notice of Intent and the time, date and location of the Scoping Meeting. Also, a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS will be published in the**

**National Register, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act. Upon completion of the draft EIS, the Corps of Engineers intends to hold a public hearing on the proposed action and the draft EIS.**

### **Proposed Project**

#### **General Activities:**

The proposed project includes the construction of container processing and support facilities, wharf and crane structures, navigational improvements, utilities, and road and rail access. Proposed support structures include office buildings, a truck interchange facility, maintenance buildings, a container freight station, an inspection facility, and a security gatehouse.

#### **Specific Activities:**

In detail, construction of the container terminal includes the following proposed activities:

- Approximately 247.6 acres of port terminal development to include a 10.3-acre, 3,000-foot long wharf.
- Approximately 10.3 acres of dredged berthing area.
- Approximately 92.2 acres of dredged turning basin.
- Disposal of dredged materials in the existing upland dredge disposal area on the south end of Daniel Island.

#### **Impacts to Waters of the U.S.:**

Dredge and fill activities within waters of the U.S. include impacts to 174.8 acres of open water, 7.2 acres of tidal marsh, and 14.1 acres of freshwater wetlands. The project will require the dredging of approximately 7.65 million cubic yards of material.

#### **Other considerations**

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 or waived. The applicant is hereby advised that supplemental information may be required by the State to facilitate the review.

The District Engineer has made no determination of effect on any Federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species. The determination will be contingent upon the findings of the EIS in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended).

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Implementation of the proposed project may significantly impact estuarine and marine areas utilized by various life stages of managed species subject to Fishery Management Plans for the South Atlantic Region. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to the findings of the EIS and coordination with the NMFS, and will be made prior to a permit.

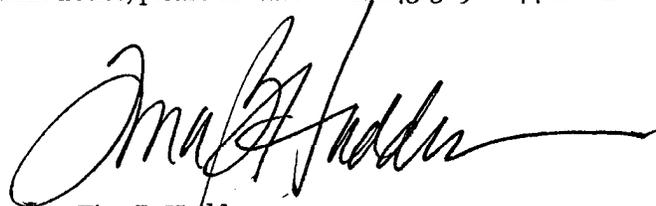
The District Engineer has determined that additional information is required on the presence or absence of historic properties included, or eligible for inclusion in, the National Register of Historic Places. The impacts of the proposed work on archaeological, scientific, prehistoric, cultural or historic properties or

items will be further evaluated based on the findings of the EIS, in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity and its intended use 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. The benefits that reasonably may be expected to accrue from the project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. The decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. 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, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership 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.

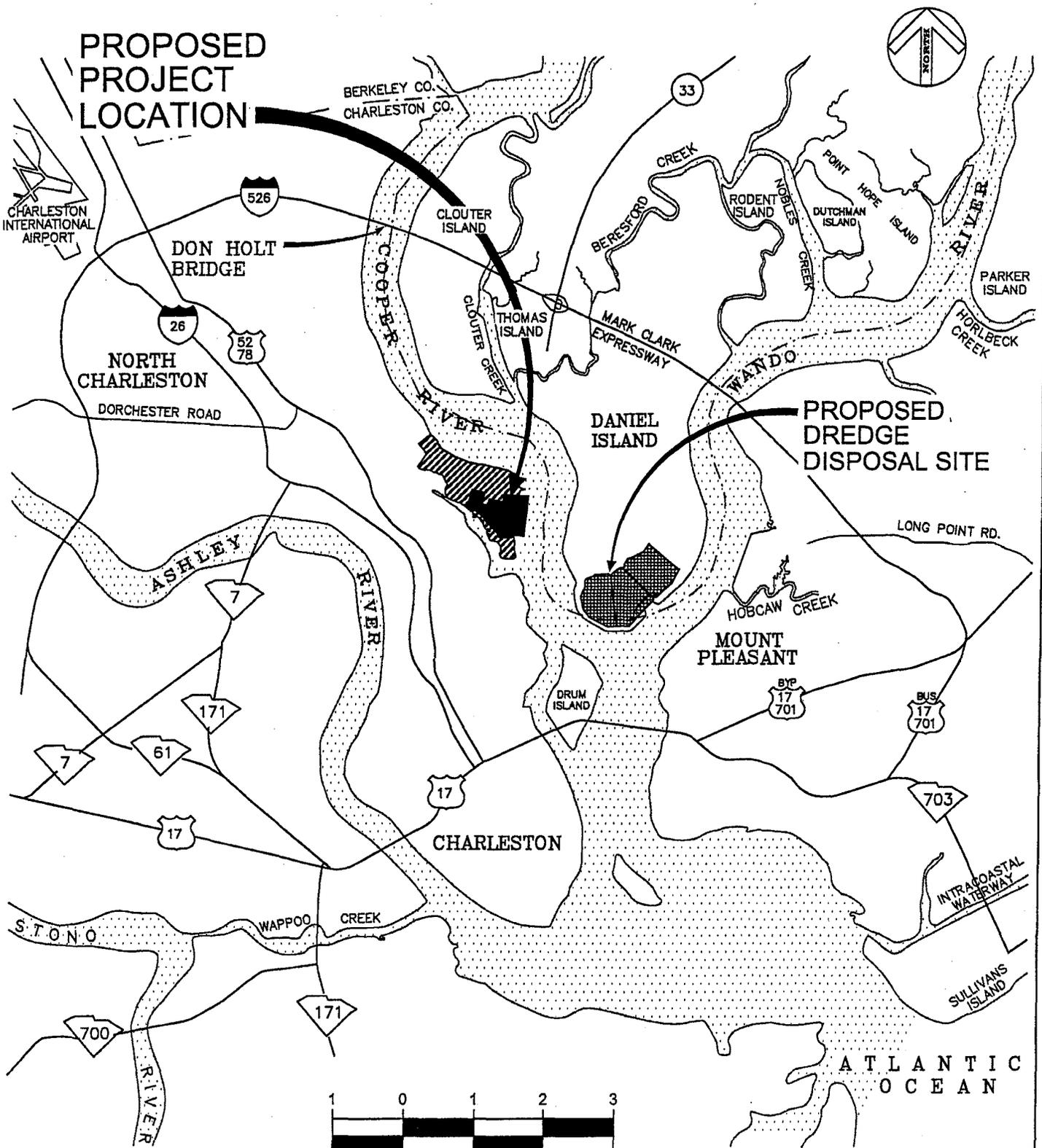
The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from: the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this project. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on wetlands, navigation, general environmental concerns (such as endangered species), historic properties, water quality, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments will be considered in the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, as well as to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

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



Tina B. Hadden  
Project Manager  
Regulatory Division  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

# PROPOSED PROJECT LOCATION



SCALE IN MILES

PROJECT NO. : MSC02E028  
FILE NAME : CNBPA1

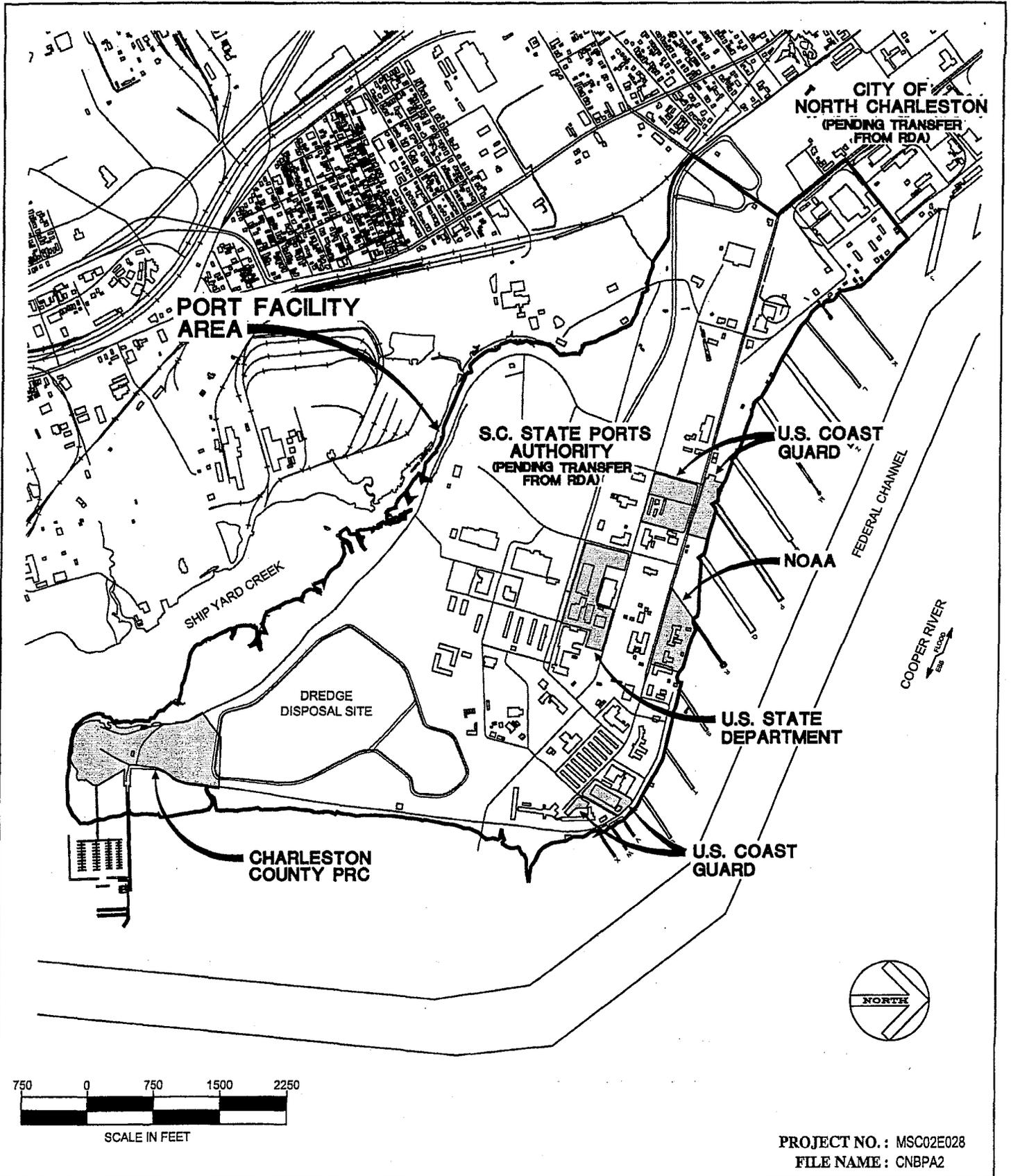
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**DATUM:** S.C. STATE PLANE COORDINATES  
**ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:** REFER TO SHEET 2 OF 7

## PROJECT LOCATION

South Carolina State **PORTS AUTHORITY**  
176 CONCORD STREET  
P.O. BOX 22287  
CHARLESTON, S.C. 29413-2287

**PROPOSED:** NEW CONTAINER TERMINAL  
**IN:** NORTH CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA  
**AT:** FORMER CHARLESTON NAVAL BASE  
CHARLESTON COUNTY  
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**SHEET:** 1 OF 7 **DATE:** JANUARY 22, 2003

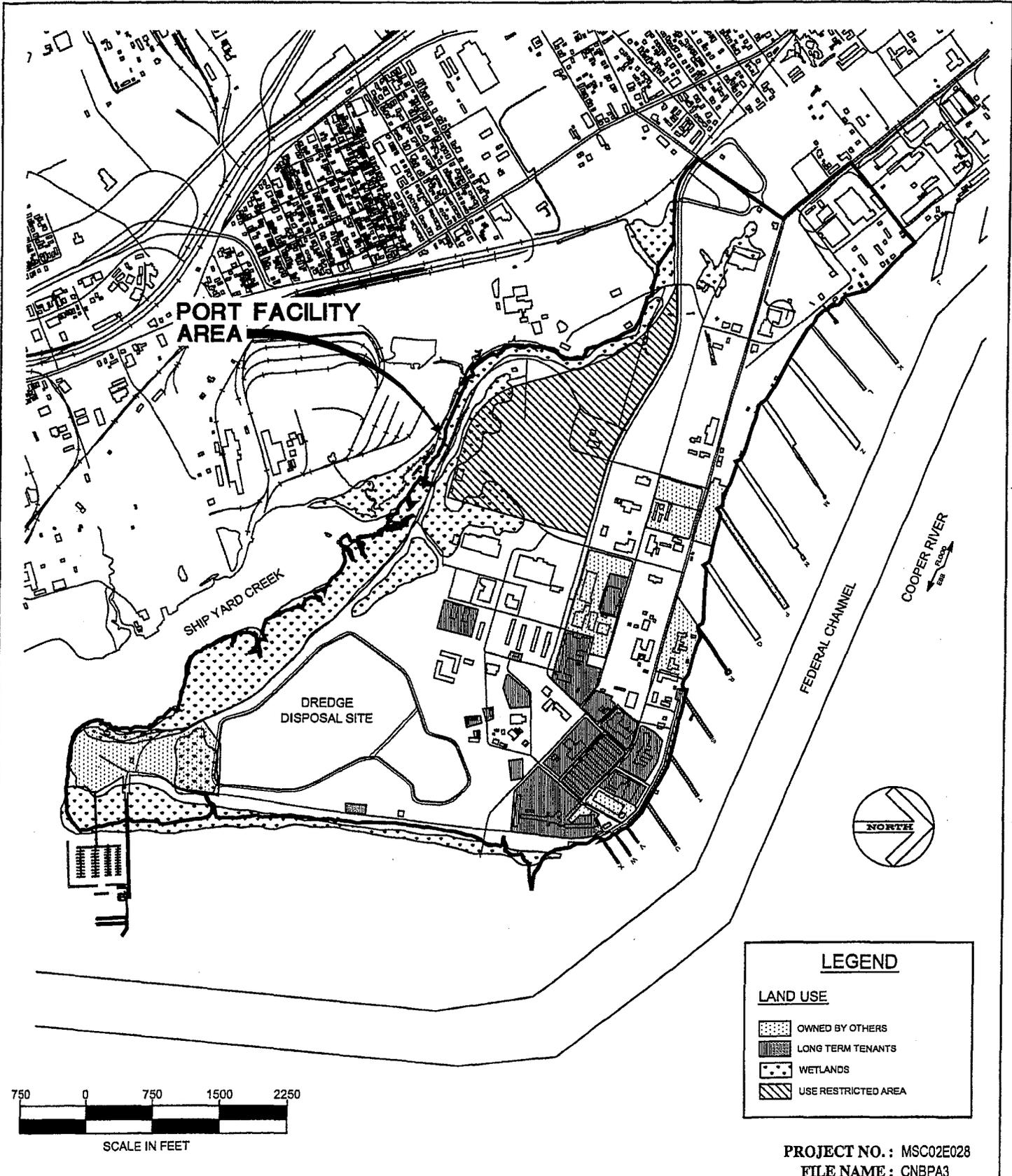
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**PURPOSE:** ADDITIONAL CONTAINER HANDLING CAPACITY FOR FUTURE GROWTH  
**DATUM:** S.C. STATE PLANE COORDINATES  
**ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:** REFER TO PLAN  
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**PROPERTY OWNERS**  
 South Carolina State **PORTS AUTHORITY**  
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**LEGEND**

**LAND USE**

-  OWNED BY OTHERS
-  LONG TERM TENANTS
-  WETLANDS
-  USE RESTRICTED AREA

**PROJECT NO. :** MSC02E028  
**FILE NAME :** CNBPA3

**PURPOSE:** ADDITIONAL CONTAINER HANDLING CAPACITY FOR FUTURE GROWTH  
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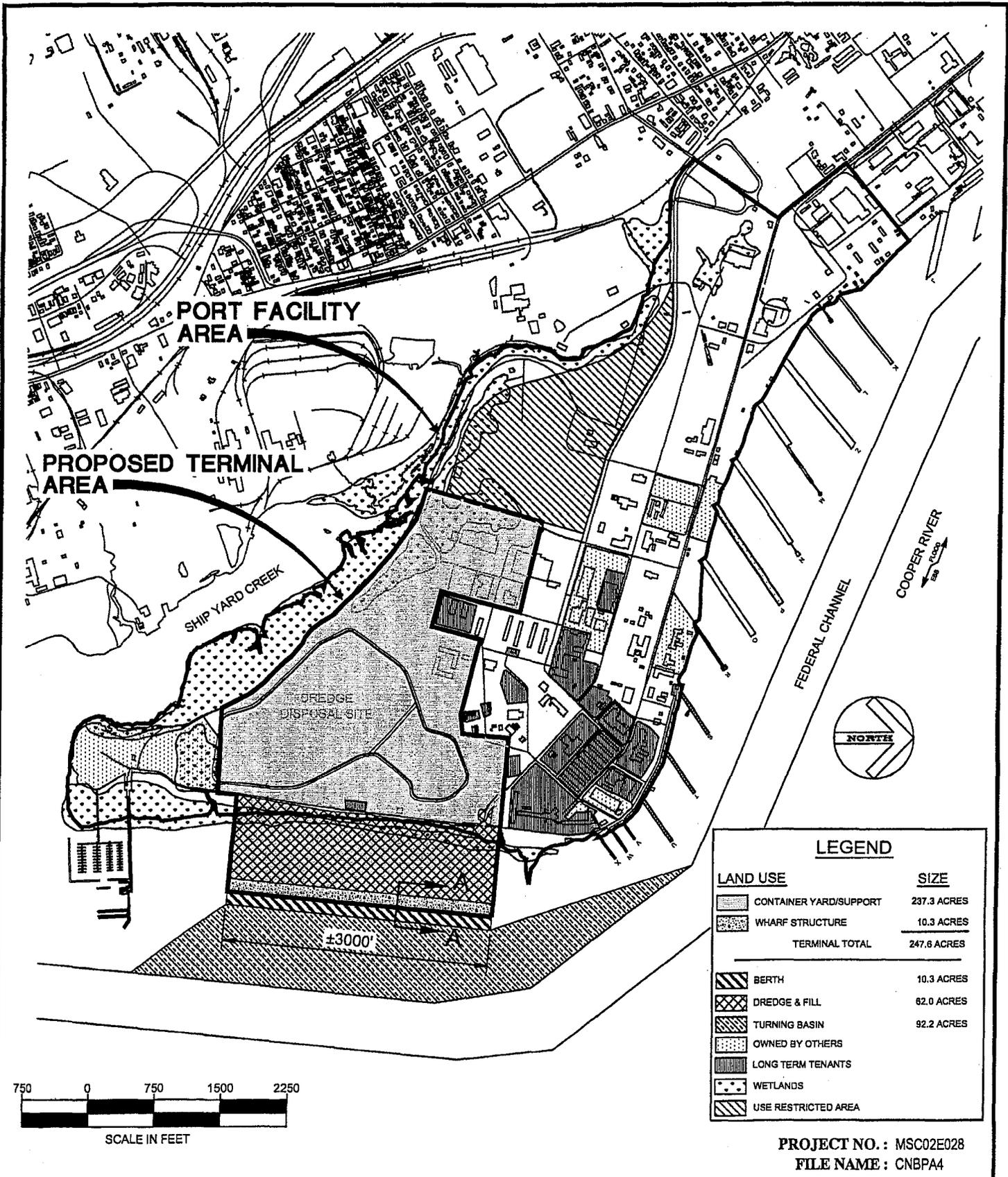
**EXISTING CONDITIONS**

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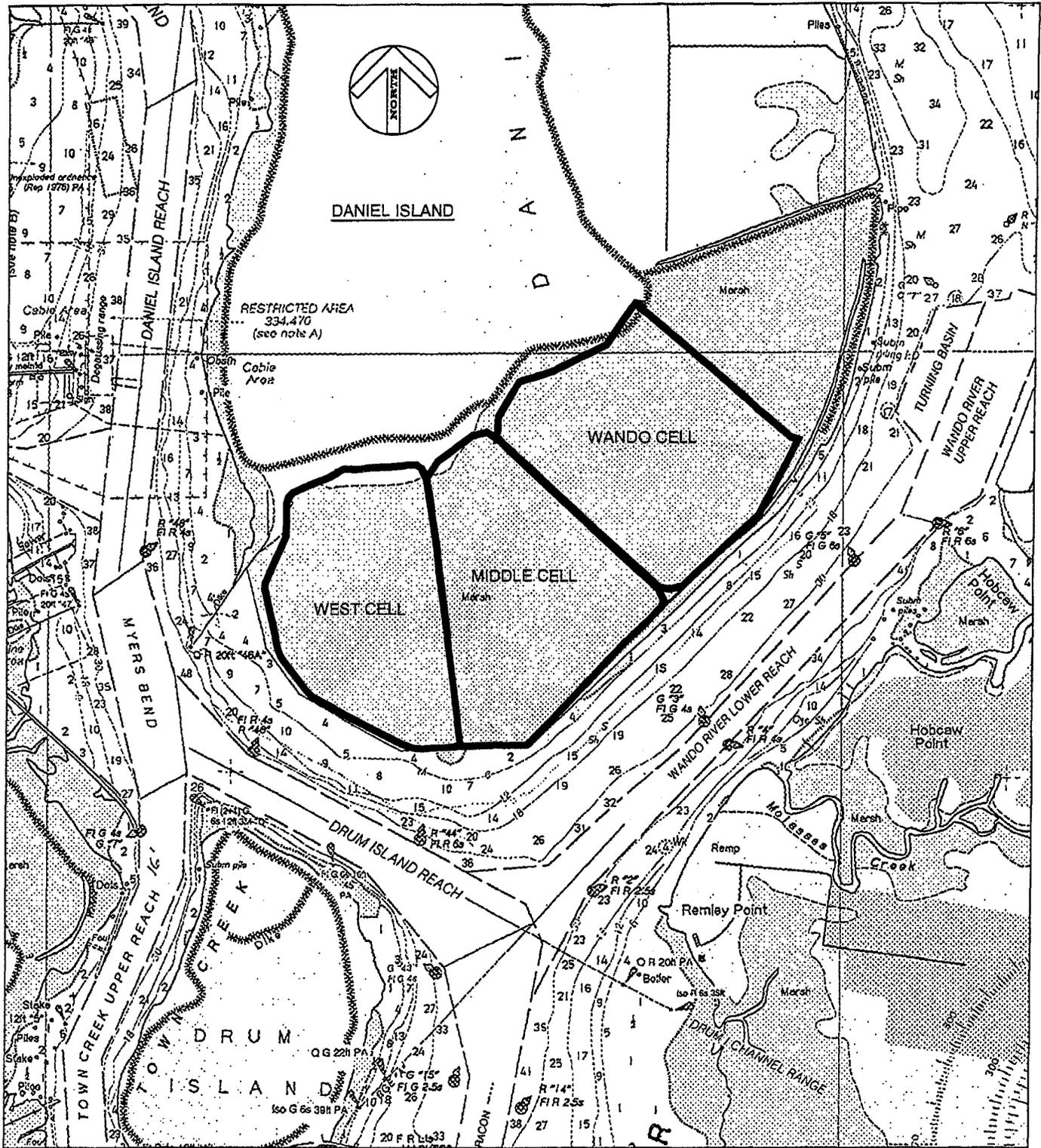
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**NEW CONDITIONS**

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PROJECT NO. : MSC02E028  
 FILE NAME : CNBPA6

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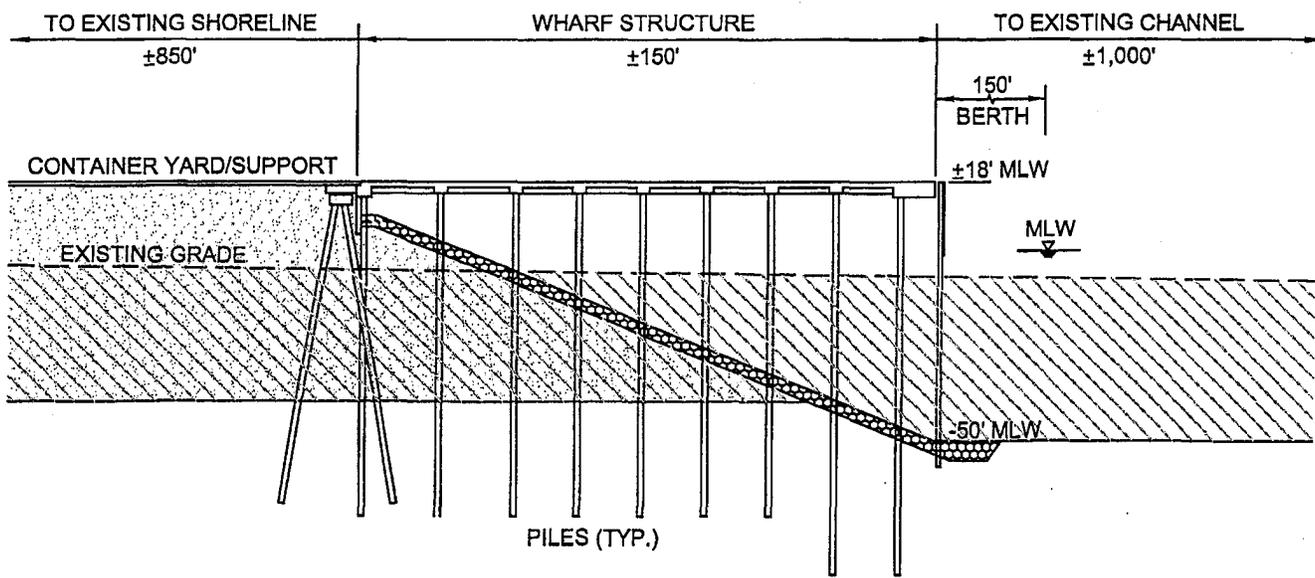
## DREDGE DISPOSAL SITE

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**PILE SUPPORTED  
DECK & BERTH**

N.T.S.

LEGEND	
	RIP-RAP
	DREDGE
	FILL
	DREDGE & FILL

PROJECT NO. : MSC02E028  
FILE NAME : CNBPA6

**PURPOSE:** ADDITIONAL CONTAINER HANDLING  
CAPACITY FOR FUTURE GROWTH  
**DATUM:** CHARLESTON LOW WATER (MLW)  
**ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:**  
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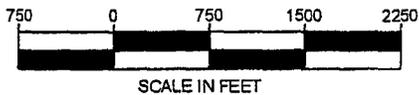
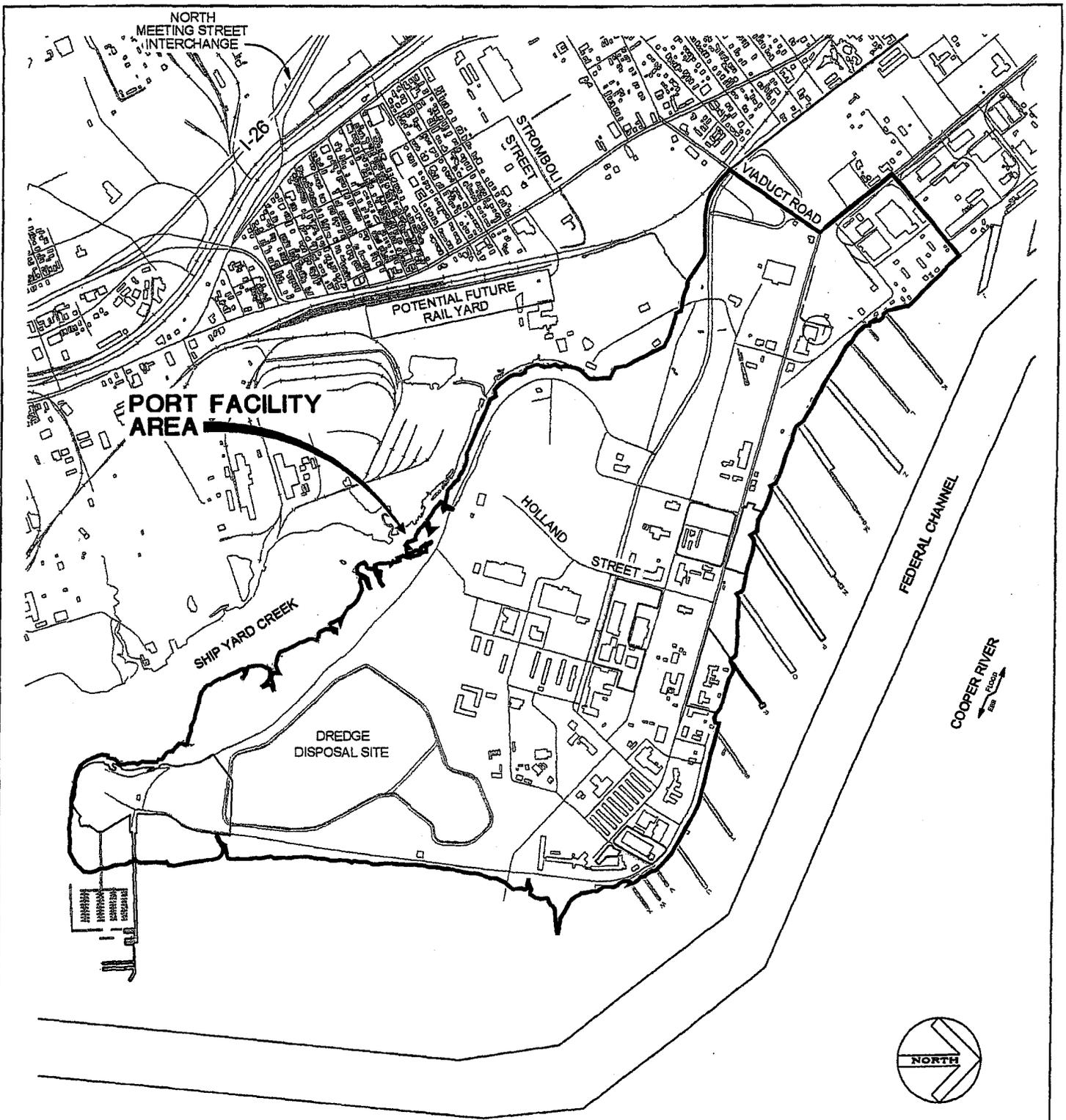
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**SECTION A - A**

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**FILE NAME :** CNBPA1A1

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PERMIT AMENDMENT NO. 1

## POTENTIAL ACCESS CORRIDORS

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