

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 # 2004-1H-058

5 March 2004

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

GEORGETOWN COMMUNICATIONS
C/O APPLIED TECHNOLOGY & MANAGEMENT
260 WEST COLMAN BOULEVARD
MT. PLEASANT, SOUTH CAROLINA 29464

for a permit to dredge and redevelop an existing marina in the

SAMPIT RIVER

located at Georgetown Harborwalk Marina, 615 Front Street, City of Georgetown, Georgetown County, South Carolina (Latitude: 33.36423°, Longitude: 79.28199°).

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, APRIL 5, 2004

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

The proposed work consists of removing the existing boat hoist, bulkhead and revetment, and the upstream fixed docks. New work includes dredging within the marina footprint, and constructing a new bulkhead and floating dock facilities. In detail, approximately 380 linear feet of new sheet pile bulkhead will be installed landward of the existing revetment and bulkhead. The new docks will provide approximately 860 linear feet of berthing space and will be able to accommodate up to 30 vessels with an average length of 27 ft. A 6 ft. x 55 ft. gangway will provide access to the upgraded marina. The new facility will provide electrical power service, potable water, and a marine sewage pump-out facility. The applicant proposes to perform maintenance dredging of the entire marina basin (approximately 8500 cy) to a depth of -7 ft. mean low water (MLW) at the bulkhead and -8 ft. MLW towards the channel. The applicant proposes to place the dredged material in the Waccamaw Neck Disposal Site. The applicant states that the existing fixed docks and utilities are in poor condition and obsolete by today's

standards. In addition, the marina requires maintenance dredging in order to provide adequate water depth to visiting boaters. The applicant intends to perform the improvements to the existing facilities under the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program.

It is understood that this work is to be conducted on/or adjacent to an area held by the United States in perpetuity in conjunction with a Congressionally authorized project for the maintenance and improvement of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway. Should the permit be issued, appropriate provisions will be included in the permit to ensure the interests of the Federal Government are understood. The applicant has provided a copy of the Draft Sampling and Analysis Plan for the marina. Copies of plan have been forwarded to the appropriate State and Federal Agencies for review.

NOTE: The applicant has provided a copy of the Operations and Maintenance Manual for the proposed project. The manual is available for review at the address listed below, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., by appointment only. 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
ATTN: REGULATORY DIVISION
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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 1.38 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 made no determination of effect on any Federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species. 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 Federally listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species and/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).

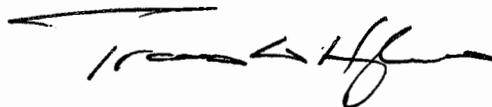
The District Engineer has consulted the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places for the presence or absence of registered properties, or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein, and this worksite is not included as a registered property or property listed as being eligible for inclusion in the Register. Consultation of the National Register constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the District Engineer, and he is otherwise unaware of the presence of such resources. Presently unknown archaeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical data may be lost or destroyed by the work to be accomplished under the requested permit.

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.

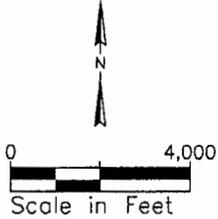
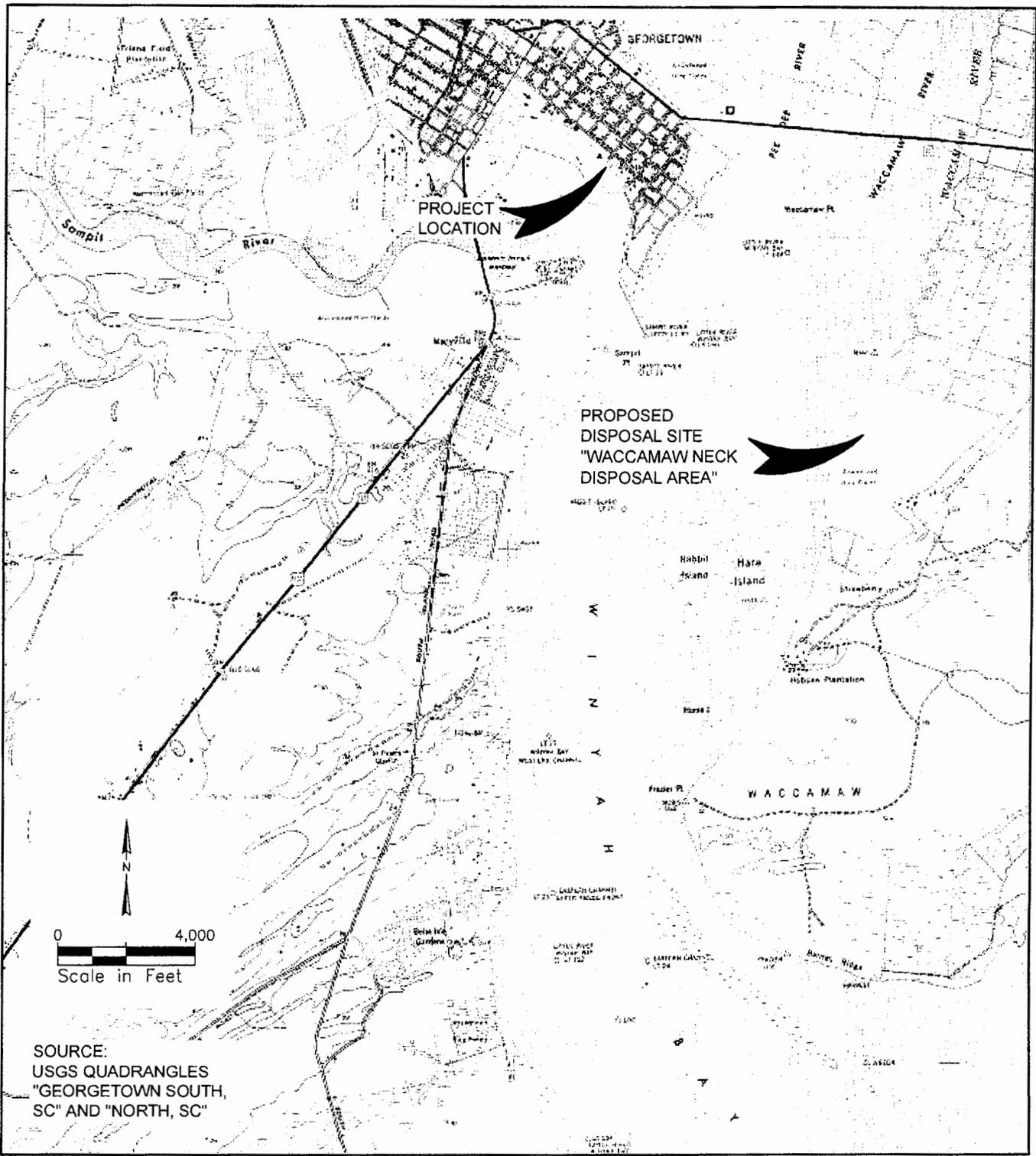
The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may 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 me at 843-329-8044 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.



Travis Hughes
Project Manager
Regulatory Division



SOURCE:
USGS QUADRANGLES
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SC" AND "NORTH, SC"

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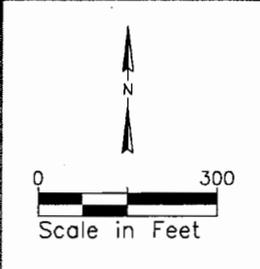
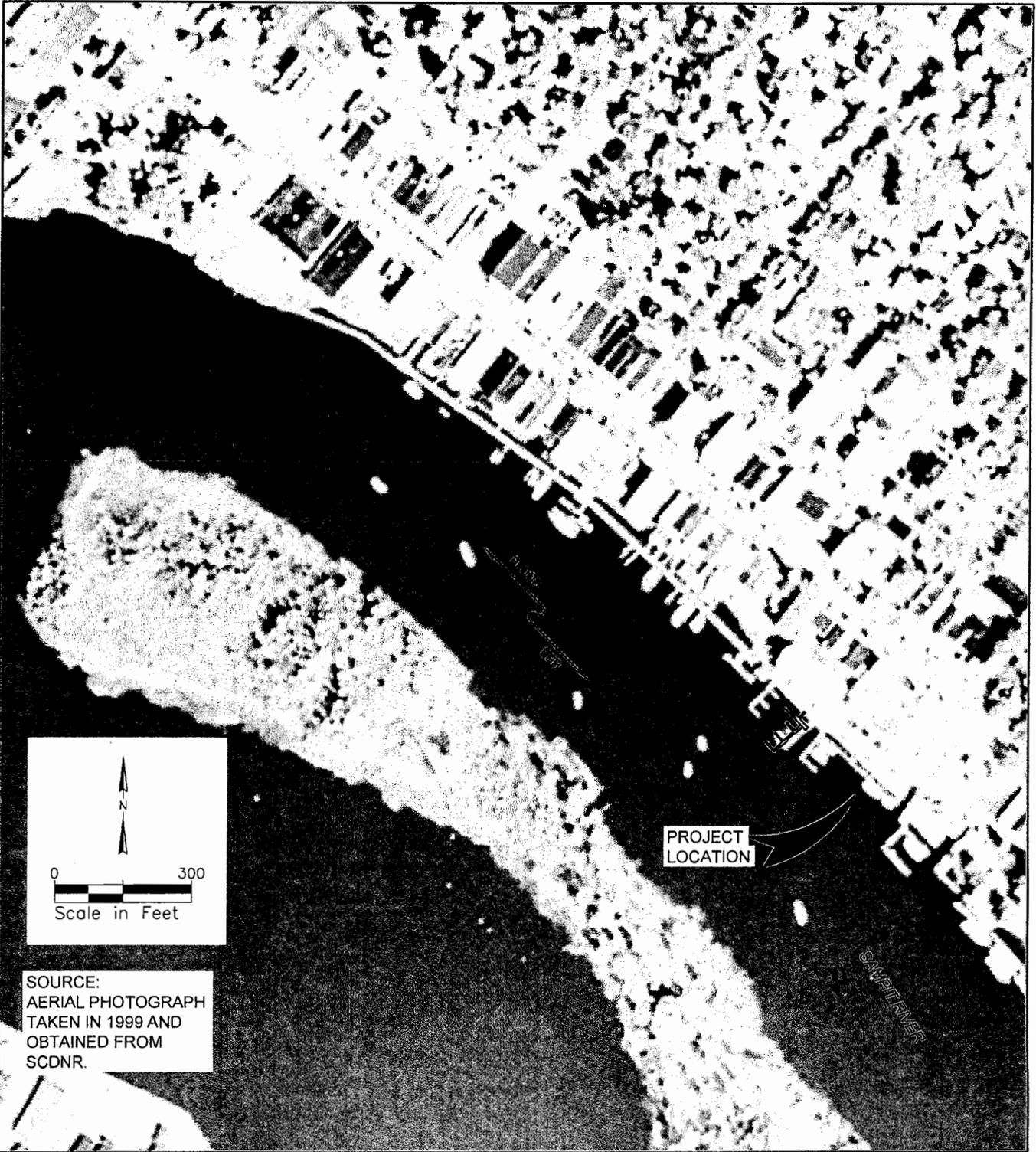
PURPOSE: MARINA REDEVELOPMENT
DATUM:
APPLICATION BY: GEORGETOWN COMMUNICATIONS
USACE #
ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:
SEE EXHIBIT B
DATE: 1/12/04

LOCATION MAP

GEORGETOWN COMMUNICATIONS
615 FRONT STREET
GEORGETOWN, SC 29440

PROPOSED: MARINA REDEVELOPMENT
IN: SAMPIT RIVER
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SHEET 1



SOURCE:
 AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH
 TAKEN IN 1999 AND
 OBTAINED FROM
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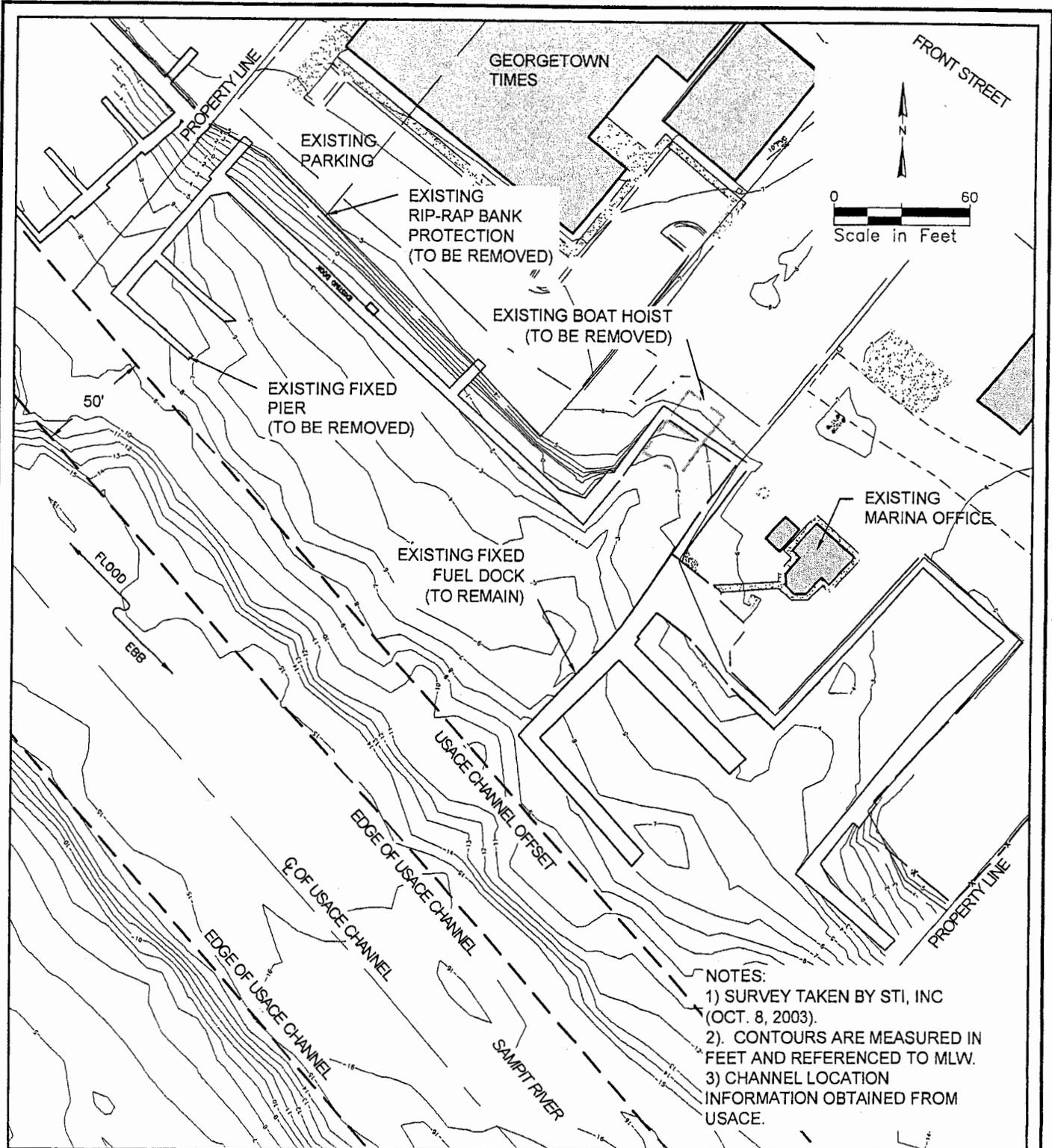
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SHEET 2



NOTES:
 1) SURVEY TAKEN BY STI, INC (OCT. 8, 2003).
 2). CONTOURS ARE MEASURED IN FEET AND REFERENCED TO MLW.
 3) CHANNEL LOCATION INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM USACE.

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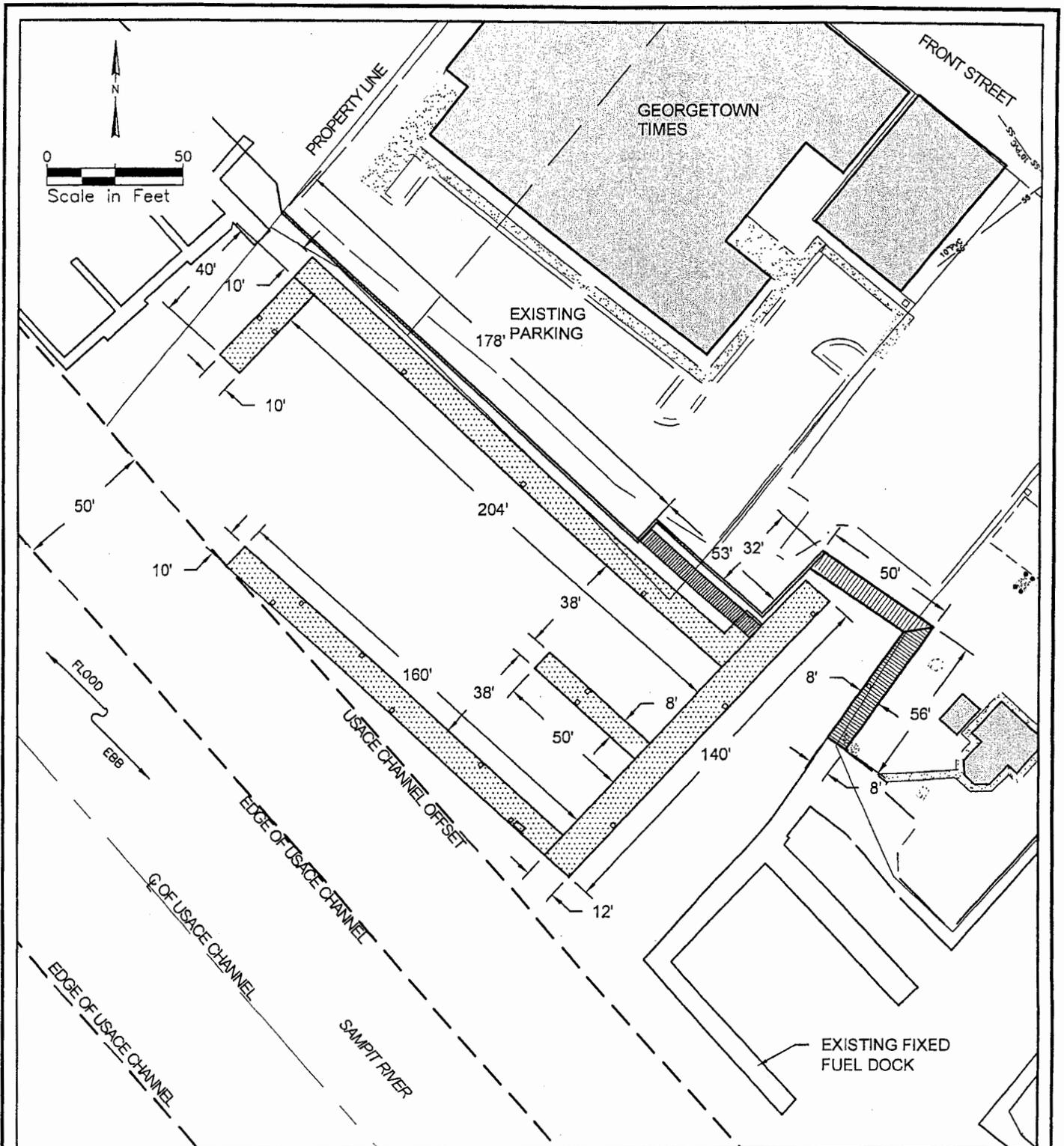
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EXISTING CONDITIONS

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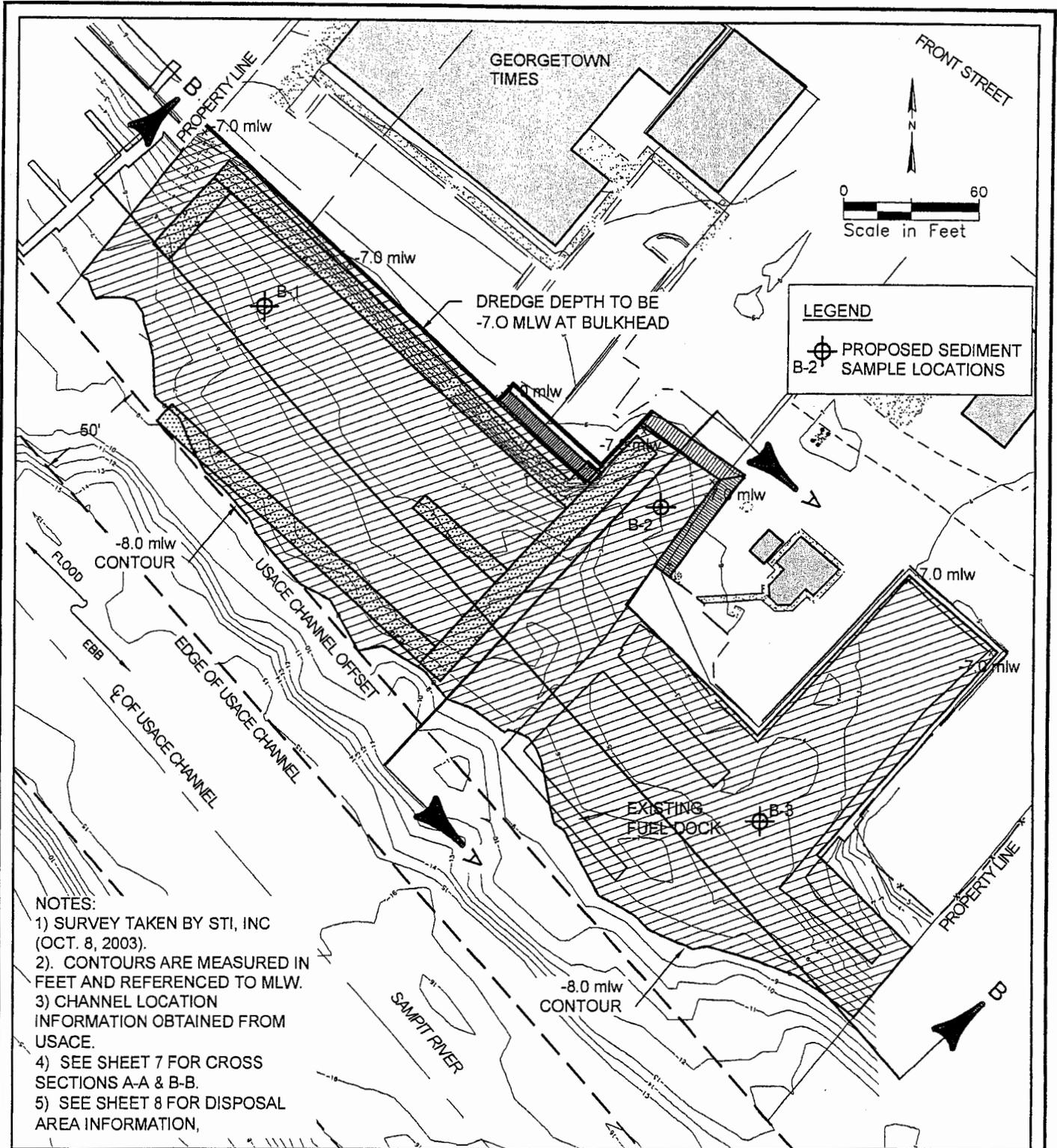


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PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS WITH DIMENSIONS
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 SHEET 5



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- 3) CHANNEL LOCATION INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM USACE.
- 4) SEE SHEET 7 FOR CROSS SECTIONS A-A & B-B.
- 5) SEE SHEET 8 FOR DISPOSAL AREA INFORMATION.

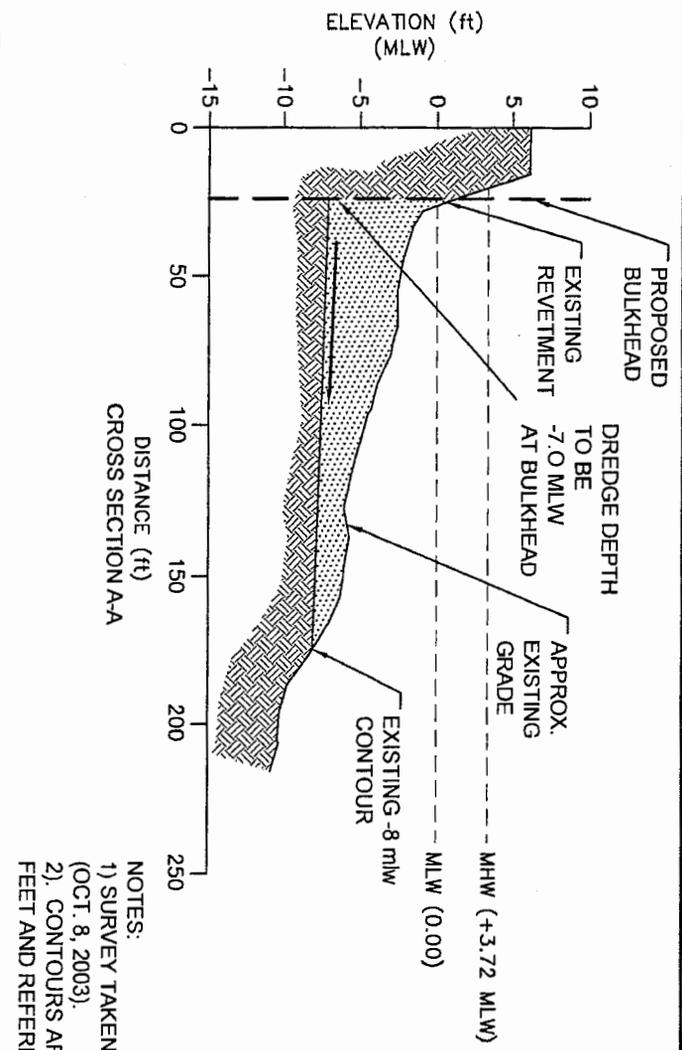
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PROPOSED DREDGING PLAN AND SEDIMENT SAMPLE LOCATIONS

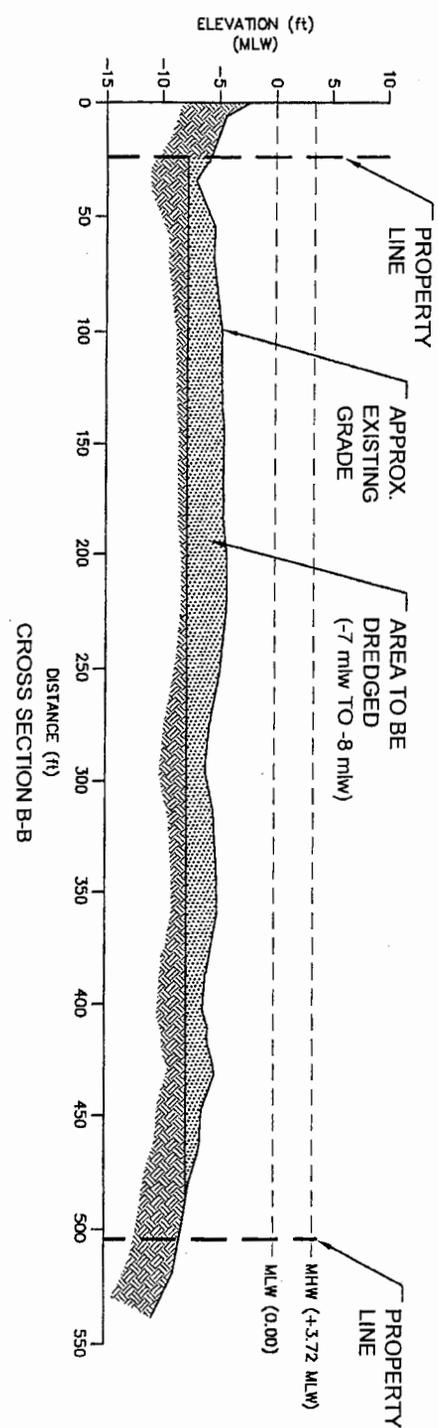
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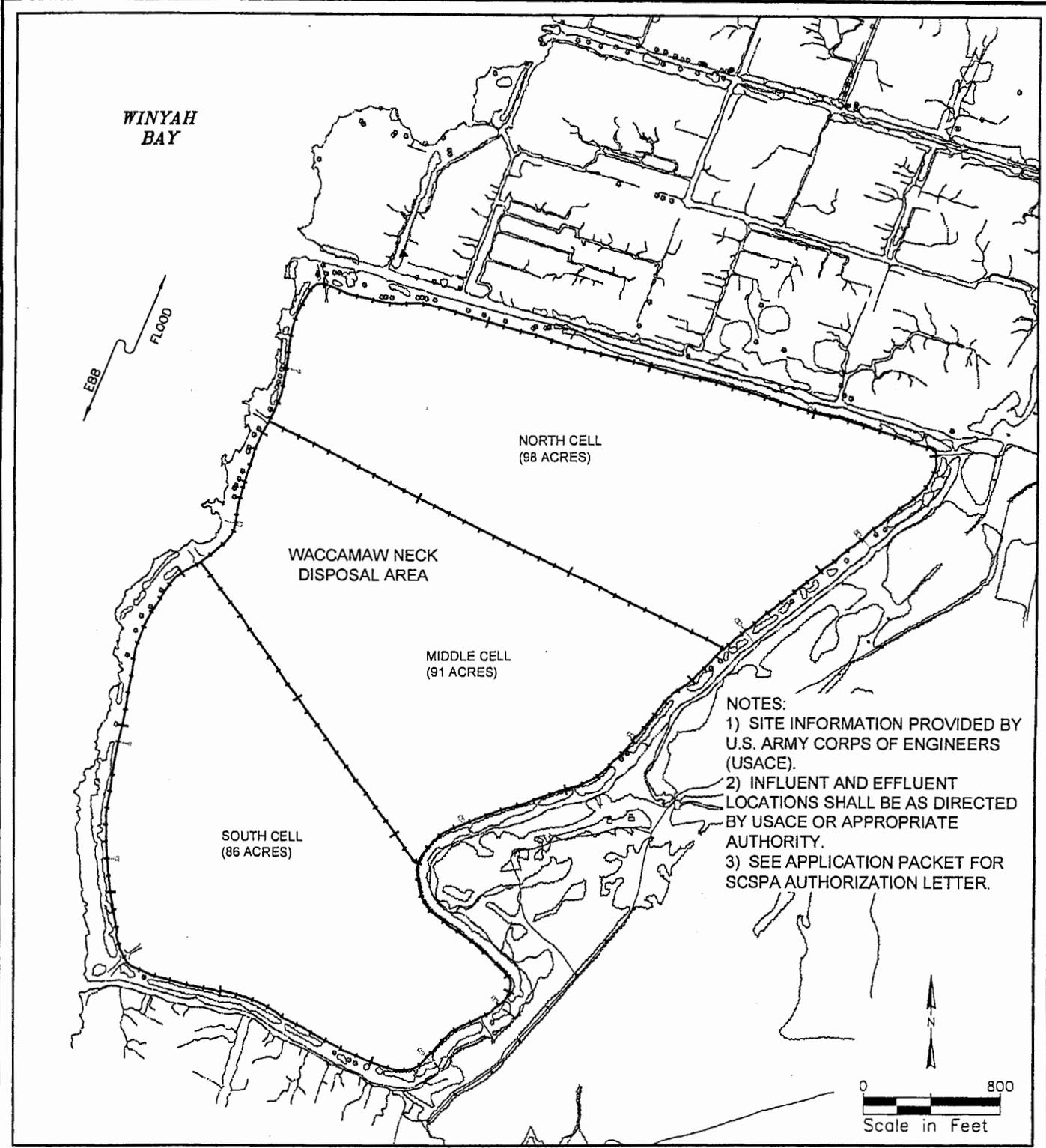
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CROSS-SECTIONS

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- NOTES:
- 1) SITE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE).
 - 2) INFLUENT AND EFFLUENT LOCATIONS SHALL BE AS DIRECTED BY USACE OR APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY.
 - 3) SEE APPLICATION PACKET FOR SCSPA AUTHORIZATION LETTER.

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CONFINED DREDGE DISPOSAL (CDF) FACILITY SITE
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 SHEET 8