

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-2018-00641

June 21, 2018

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. J. Robert McFee
Beaufort County
PO Box 1228
Beaufort, South Carolina 29901

for a permit to repair and replace an existing boat ramp and attendant features at the White Hall Boat Landing in

Factory Creek

at a location described as 33 Sea Island Parkway in the Town of Beaufort, Beaufort County, South Carolina (Latitude: 32.4202 °N, Longitude: -80.6625 °W), Beaufort Quad Sheet.

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 repair of the existing boat ramp, replacing the existing ground-out dock and floats, installation of a bulkhead, and the placement of riprap for bank stabilization at the existing White Hall public boat landing. In detail, the proposed project would include the modification of the existing boat ramp. The existing concrete boat ramp will remain in

place and will be used as the base of the new ramp. The proposed boat ramp would be 45' x 135' and would impact 0.14 acre of waters of the U.S. below mean high water (MHW). Approximately 1,020 cubic yards of fill material would be placed below MHW, to include rip rap to be placed on both sides and at the end of the constructed boat ramp for erosion control. The applicant also proposes to replace the existing ground-out dock. Two (2) L-shaped ground-out and floating docks are proposed which would include a 101' x 8' ground-out and a 108' x 8' float on both the flood and ebb side of the boat ramp. Approximately 22 pile would be installed (11 piles on each side of the ramp) for the construction of ground-outs and floating docks. The applicant stated that when necessary, pilings would be installed using an impact hammer, however soft start methodology would be implemented. Additionally, a total of 298' of bulkhead would be constructed by placing approximately 110 cubic yards of clean sandy material below the plane of the MHW. A 202' long fiber reinforced plastic bulkhead with a 5'-10' height range would be constructed on the ebb side of the boat ramp and a 96' long fiber reinforced plastic bulkhead with a height range of 5'-10' would be constructed on the flood side of the boat ramp. The applicant also proposes to remove approximately 184 square feet of excess existing rip rap that is beyond the footprint of the proposed bulkhead. The applicant stated that the removal of the excess rip rap will allow for vegetation regrowth and restoration. Finally, the existing parking area would also be renovated and an underground water detention basin would be constructed to handle stormwater. The applicant has not proposed to mitigate for impacts to wetlands and/or waters of the United States. The applicant stated that project purpose is to refurbish the public boat landing.

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 approximately 0.5 acre 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 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 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 red knot (*Caidris canutus rufa*), piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*), American wood stork (*Mycteria americana*), green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), Kemp's Ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*), leatherback sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*), loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*), shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*), and the Atlantic sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus*), Federally endangered or threatened 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. Furthermore, the District Engineer has determined that the project is not likely to adversely affect the West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*). This public notice serves as a request for written concurrence from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service on this determination.

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)(f)(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 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 cannot undertake to adjudicate rival claims.

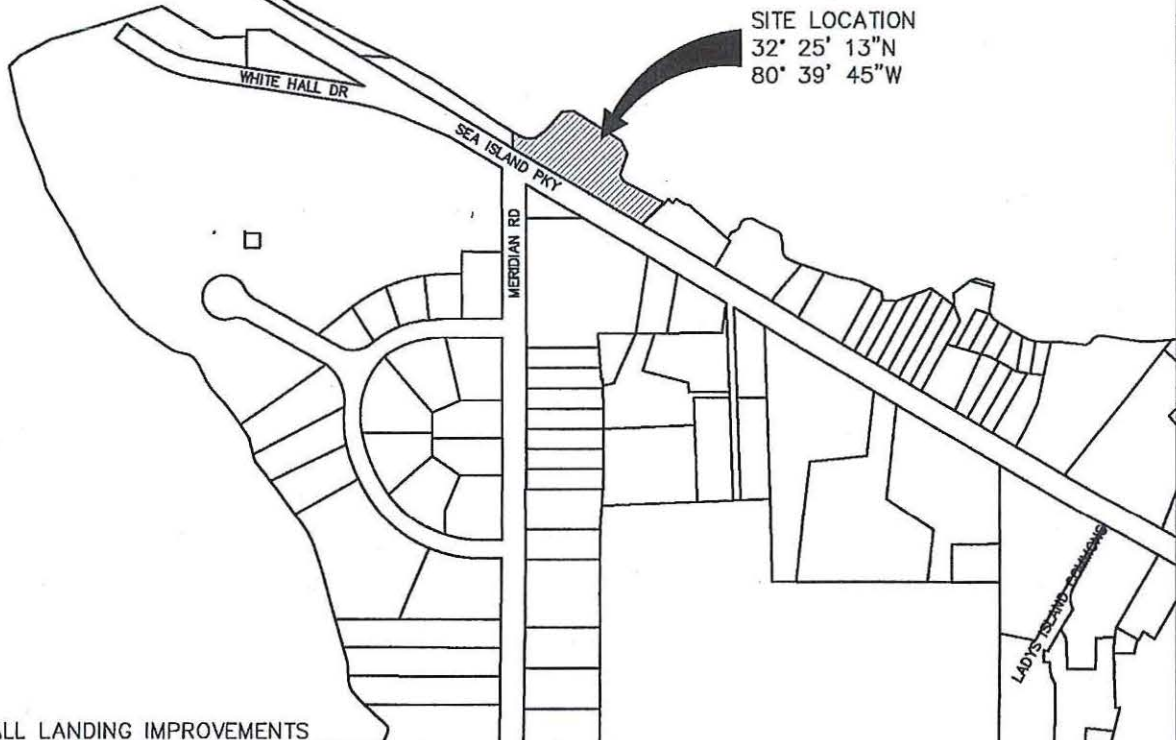
The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, 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
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If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact Courtney M. Stevens, Project Manager, at (843) 329-8027 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.



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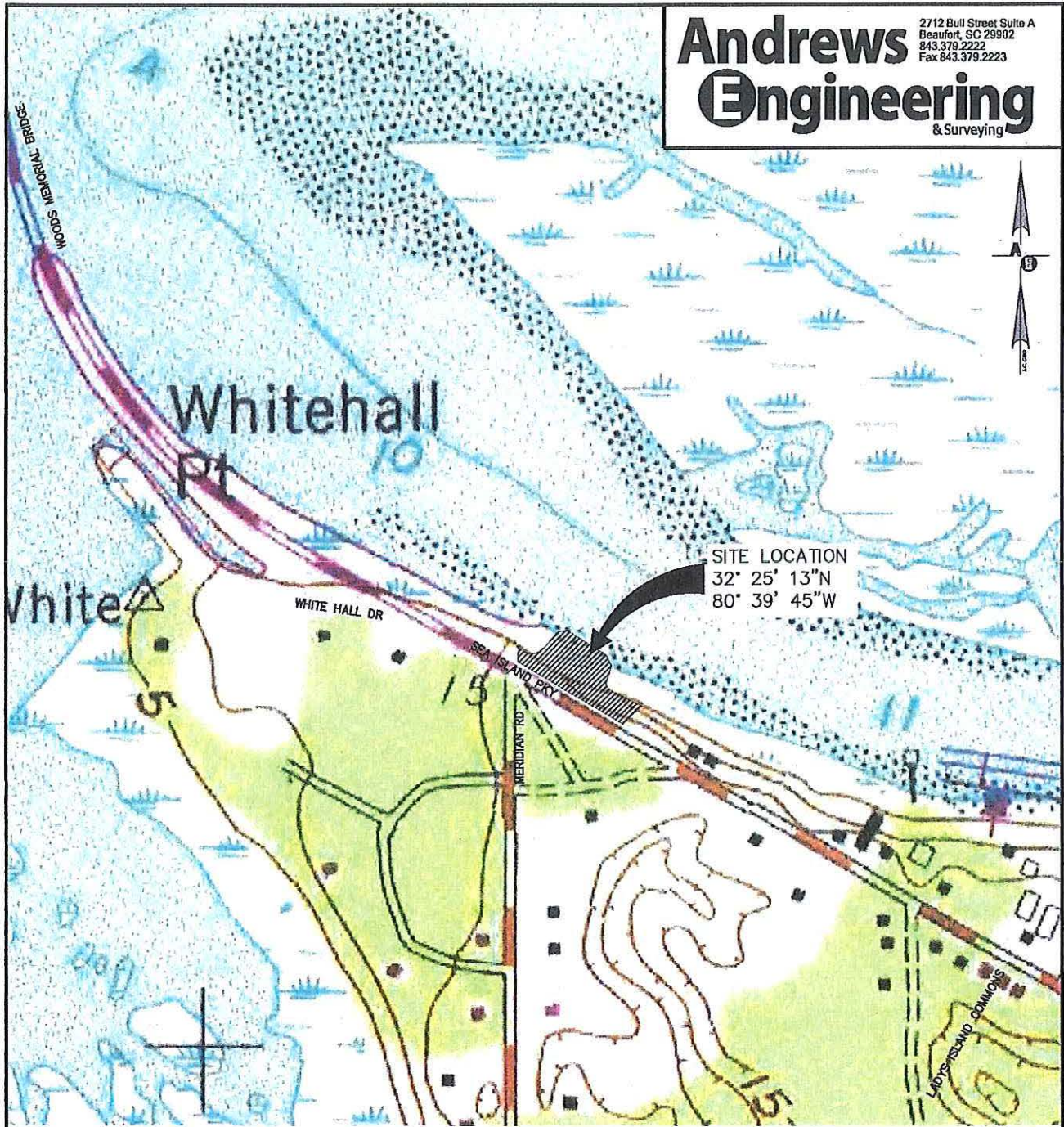
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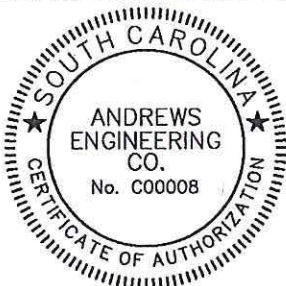
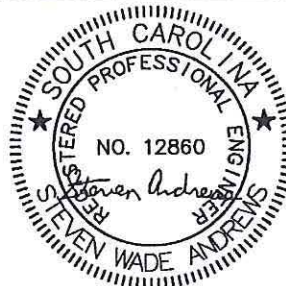
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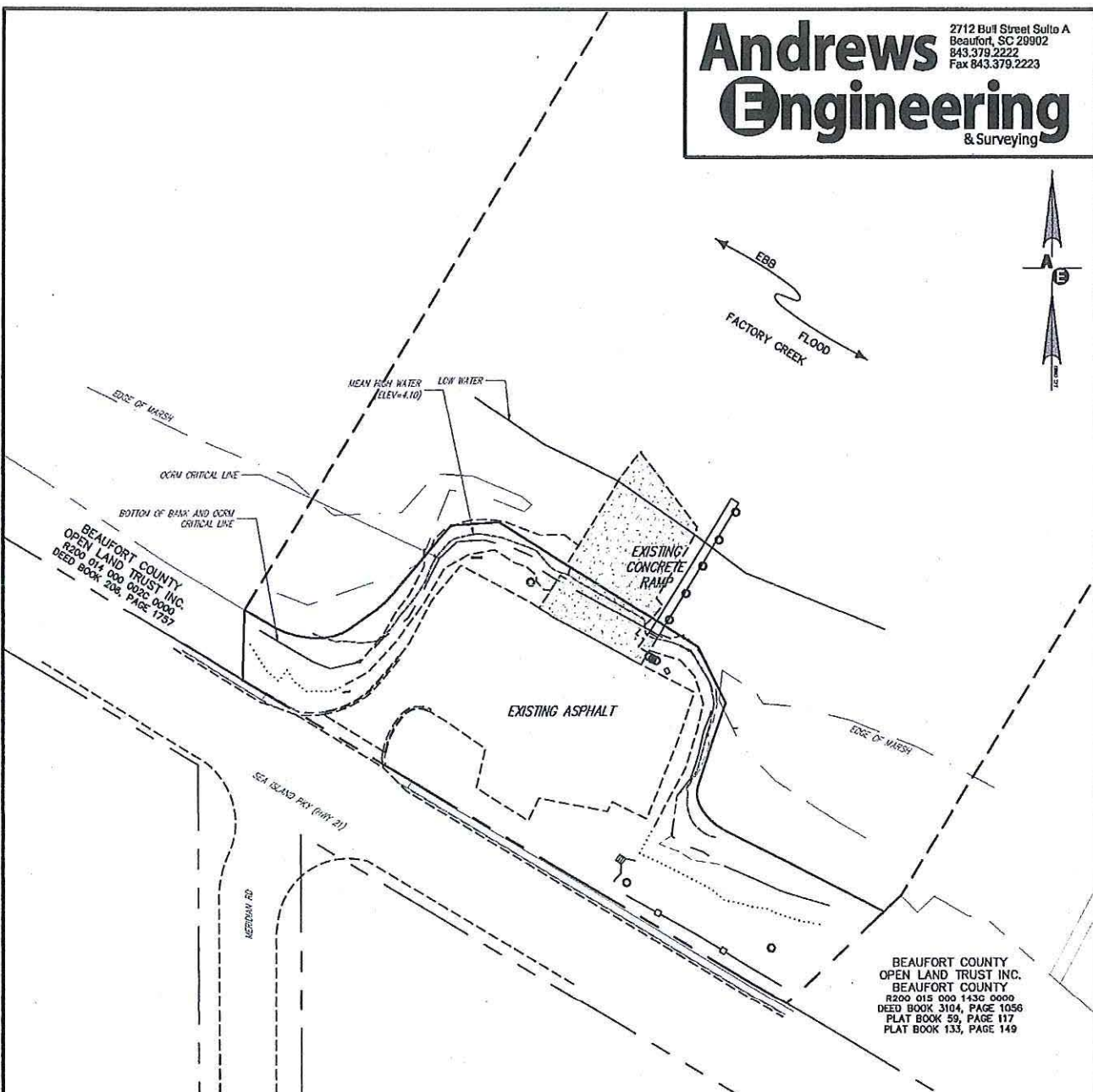
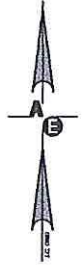


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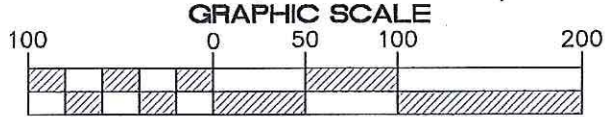
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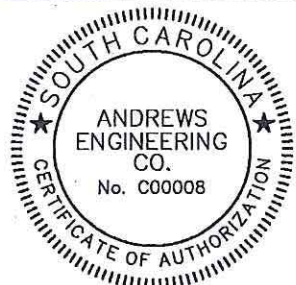
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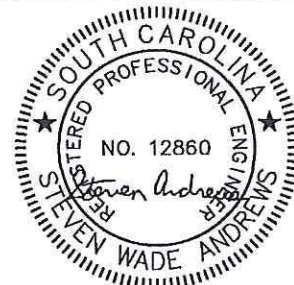
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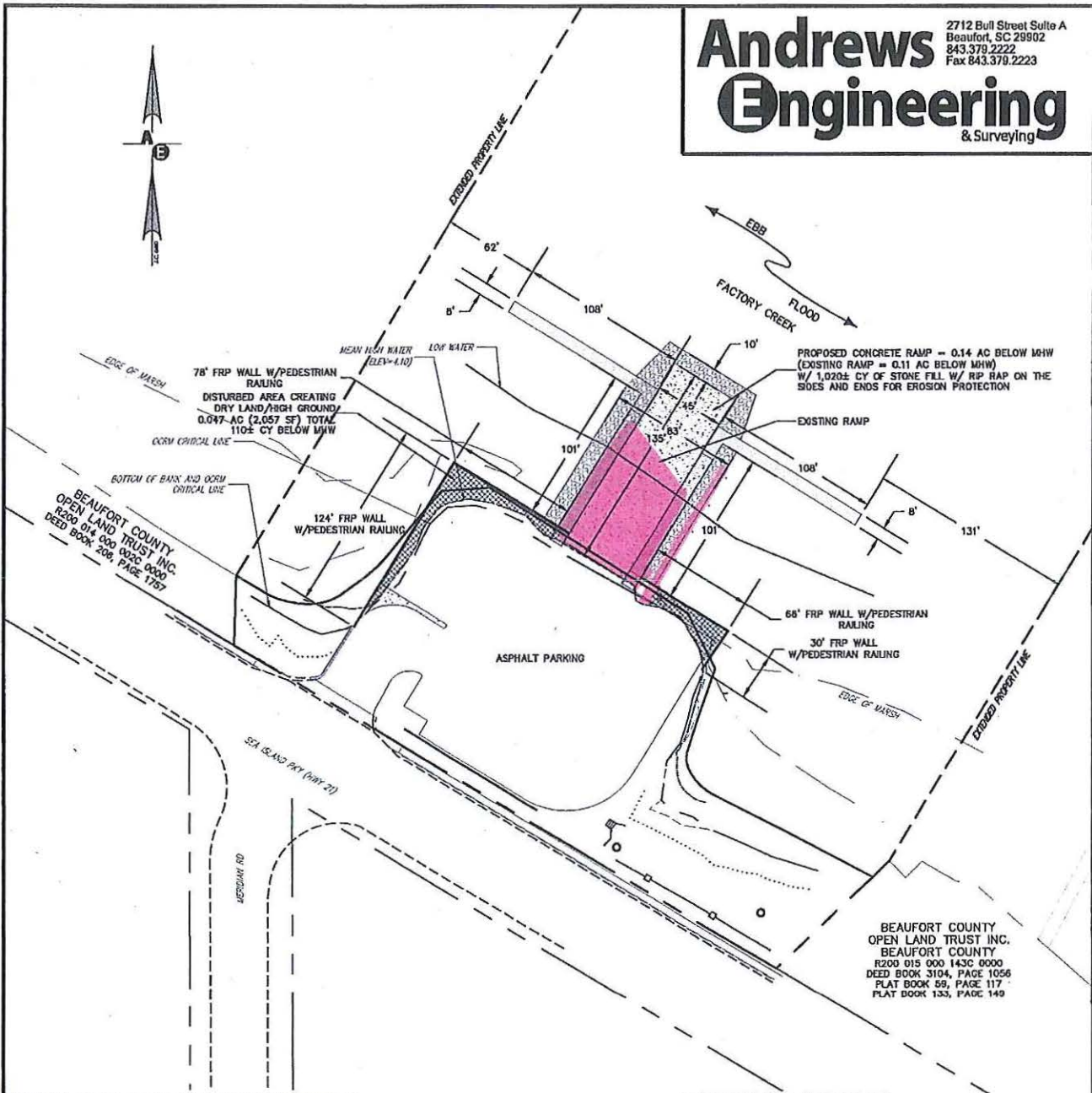
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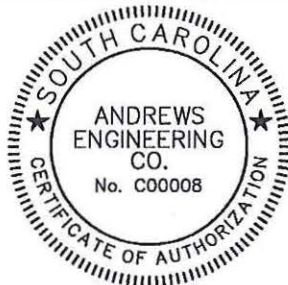
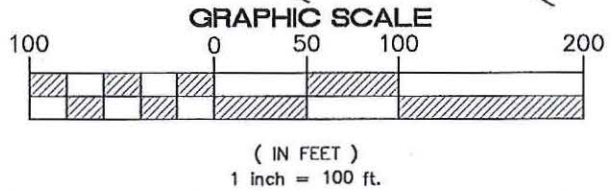
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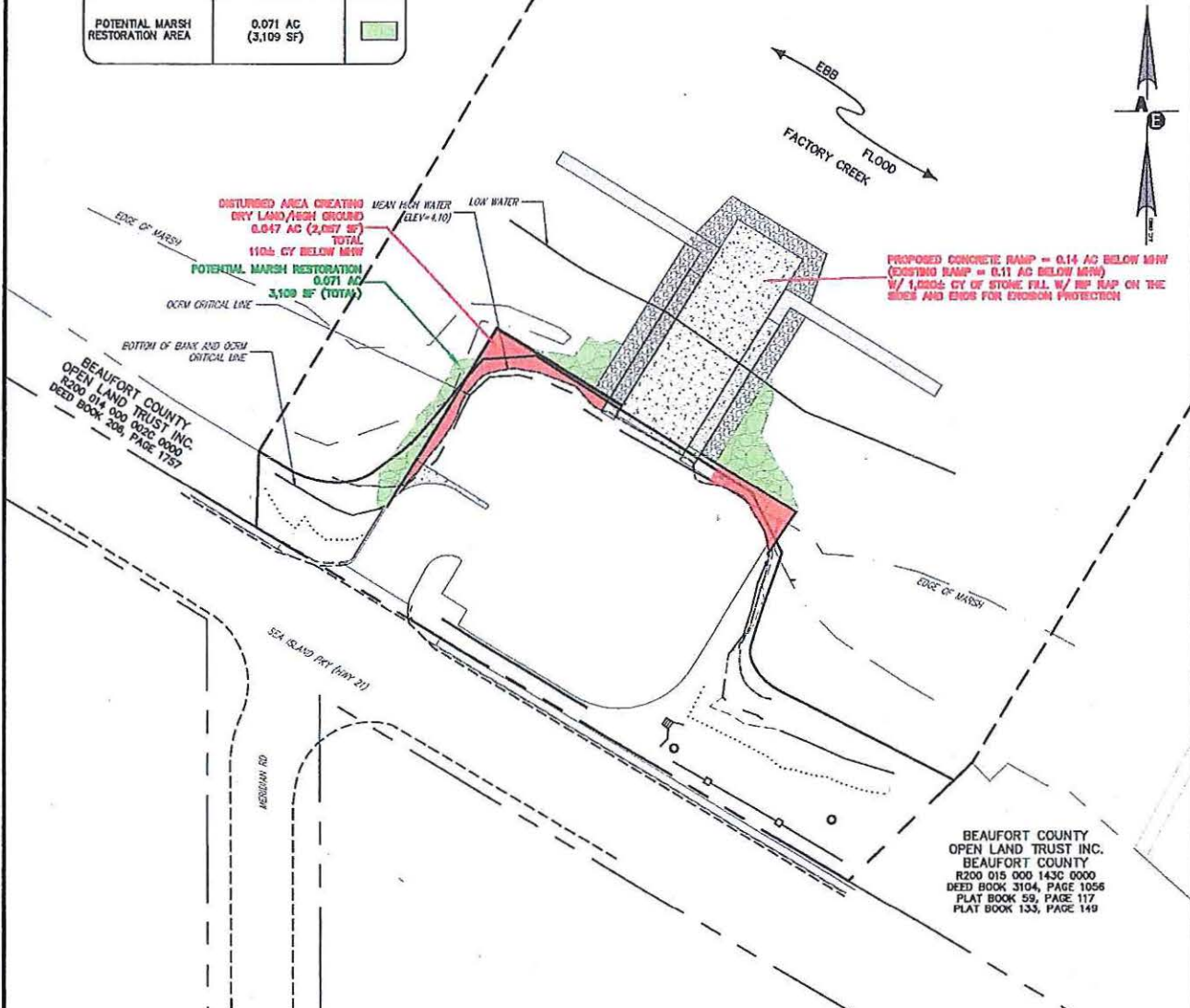


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DISTURBED AREA CREATING DRY LAND/HIGH GROUND BEHIND BULKHEAD	0.047 AC (2,057 SF) W/110± CY FILL BELOW MHW	
POTENTIAL MARSH RESTORATION AREA	0.071 AC (3,109 SF)	



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IMPACT/RESTORATION

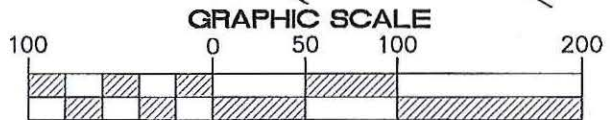
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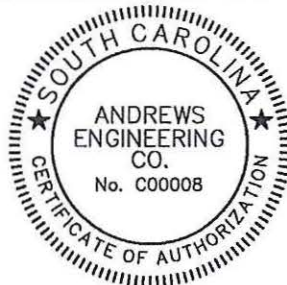
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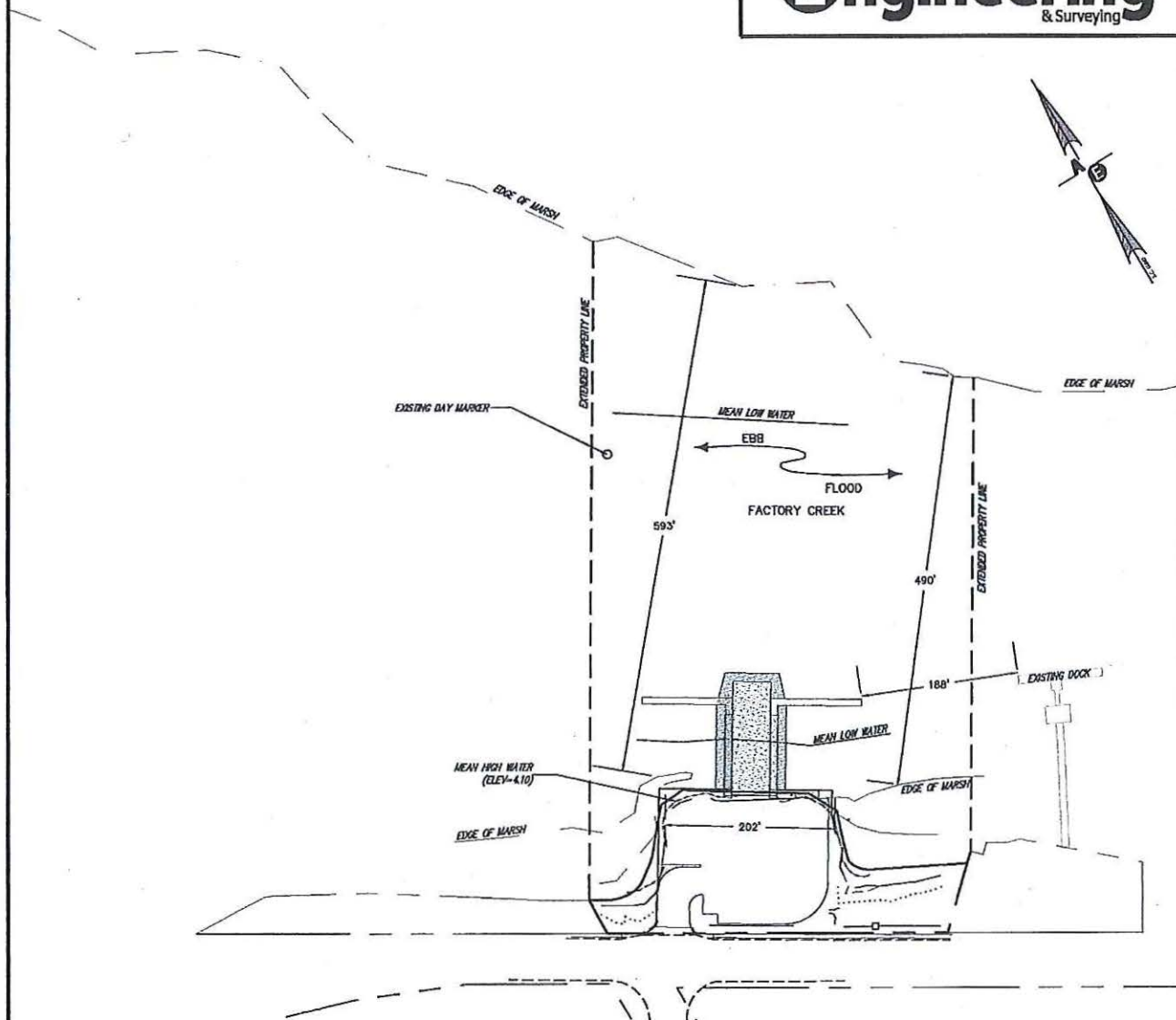
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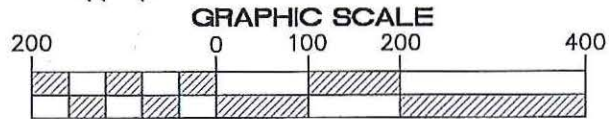
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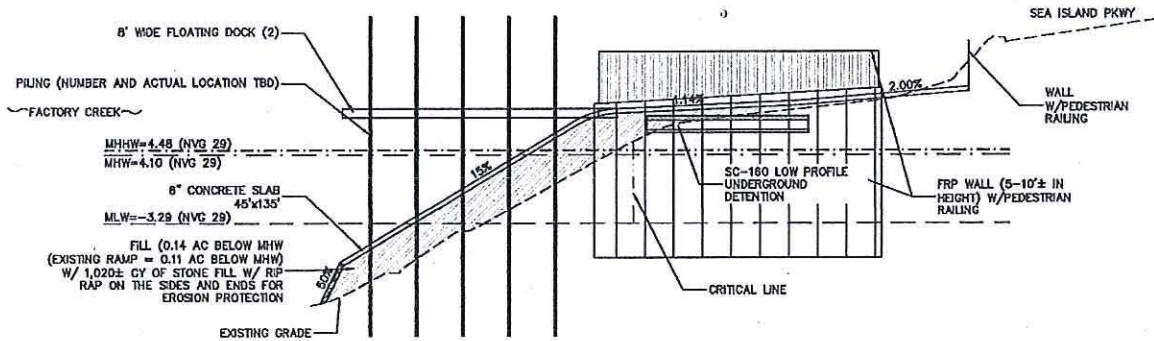
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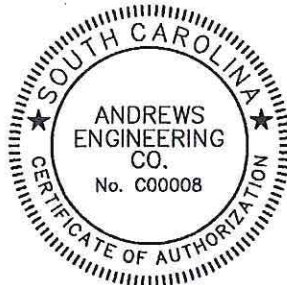
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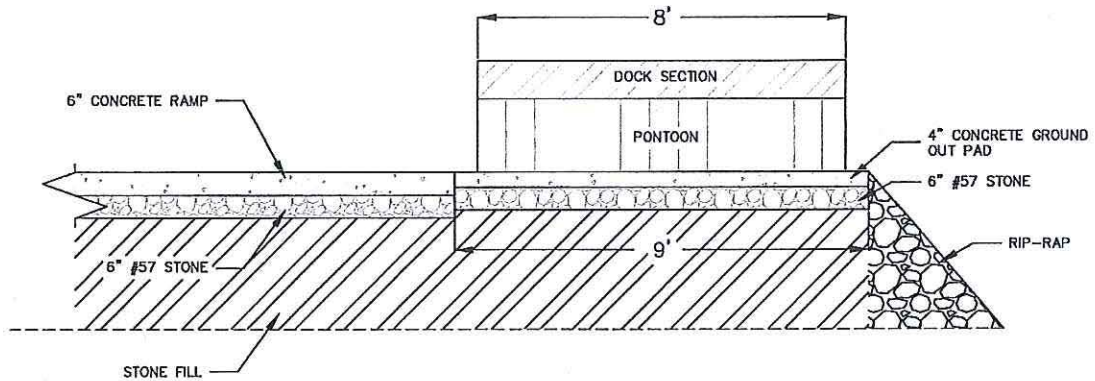
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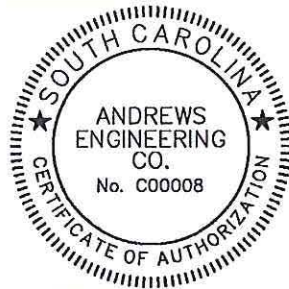
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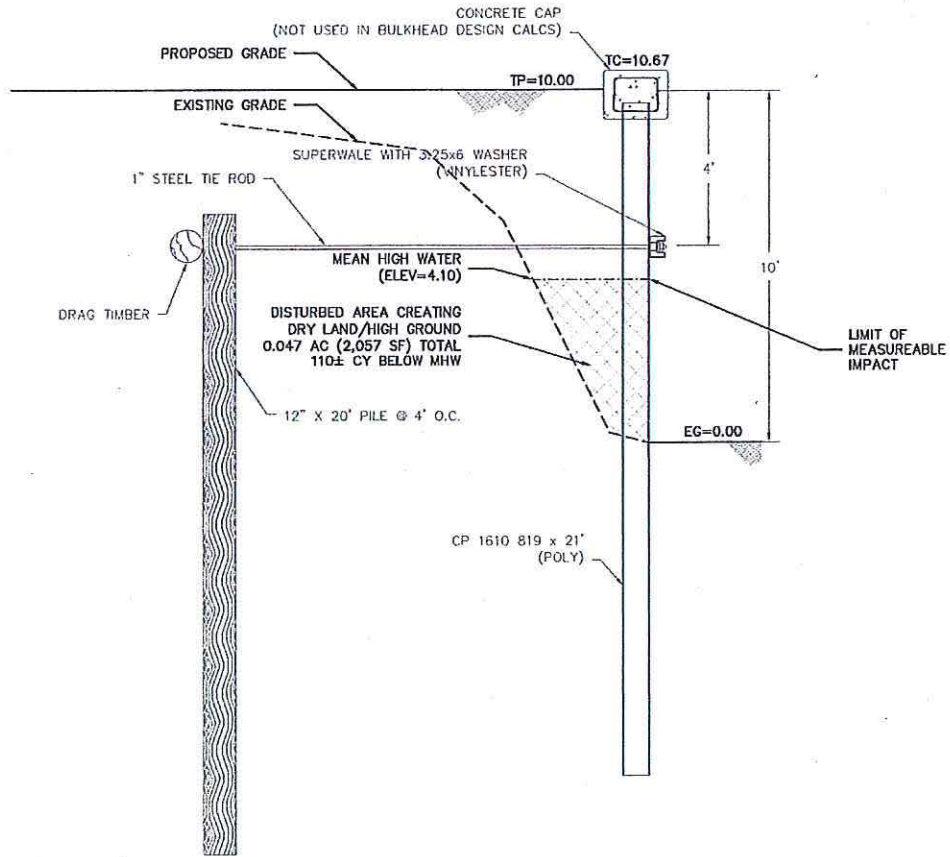
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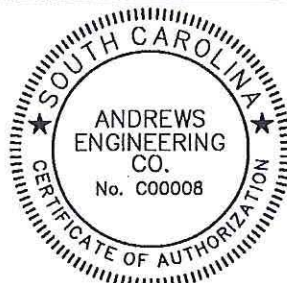
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