

JOINT
PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
1949 INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD, ROOM 140
CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA 29526

and

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

REGULATORY DIVISION

Refer to: P/N SAC-2020-00503 (Modification)

1 October 2021

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 S.C. Construction in Navigable Waters Permit Program (R. 19-450, et. seq., 1976 S.C. Code of Laws, as amended), an application has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control by

The Peninsula Property Owners Association
c/o Coastal Science & Engineering Inc.
P.O. Box 8056
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

to modify the existing permit (SAC-2020-00503) that authorized 2,700 linear feet (LF) of beach nourishment in

ATLANTIC OCEAN

at a location east of Norris Drive, 13 beach fronting lots along the inlet Point South Community, in Pawleys Island, Georgetown County, South Carolina (Latitude: 33.4582°, Longitude: -79.1031°), Magnolia Beach Quad.

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 work as proposed consists of a modification to the currently authorized Department of the Army permit (SAC-2020-00503). Specifically, the proposed modification includes the

additional nourishment of approximately 900 linear feet (LF) of beachfront adjacent to 13 lots extending from Lot 13 Inlet Point South to 781 Norris Drive, Litchfield Beach, South Carolina. The additional nourishment will require an additional 60,000 CY of sand which will be obtained from the footprint from the previously authorized offshore borrow area and increase the overall footprint from 2,700 LF of shoreline to a total of 3,600 LF of shoreline to be nourished. All other work and conditions will remain the same. The applicant offered no compensatory mitigation for the proposed impacts. The project purpose is storm damage reduction. **NOTE: Only comments pertaining to the modification will be considered.**

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 ~4.5 acres of intertidal beaches and ~10 acres of adjacent subtidal ocean bottom 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 may affect the Loggerhead Sea Turtle (*Caretta caretta*), Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*), Leatherback Sea Turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*), Green Sea Turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*), Seabeach amaranth (*Amaranthus pumulus*), and the Red Knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*) and/or designated critical habitat. Additionally, the District Engineer has determined that the proposed project may affect, not likely to adversely affect, West Indian Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*), Humpback Whale (*Megaptera novaengliae*), Blue whales (*Balaenoptera musculus*), Sei whales (*Balaenoptera borealis*), Sperm whales (*Physeter microcephalus*), Fin whale (*Balaenoptera physalus*), Atlantic sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus*), Shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*), and North Atlantic Right Whale (*Eubalaena glacialis*). A biological assessment (or other similar document) detailing our analysis of the potential effects of the action will be provided to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service.

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.

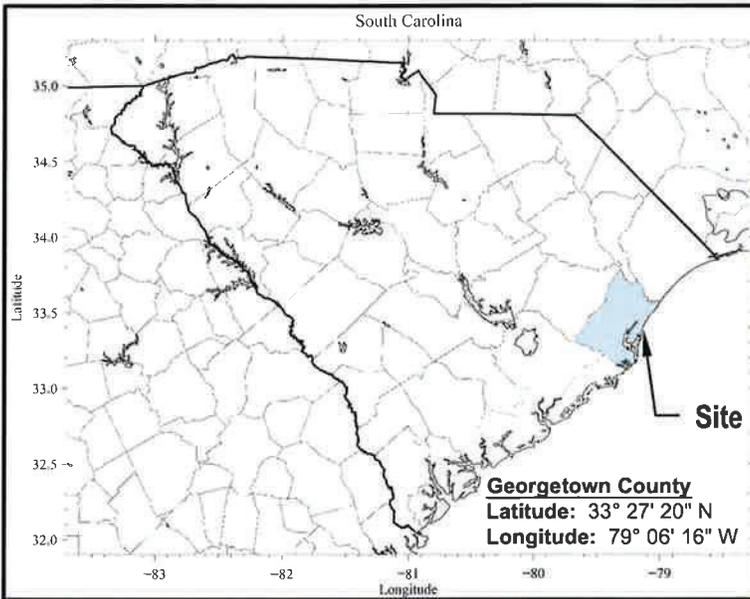
The decision whether to issue a permit modification will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest and will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under authority 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**

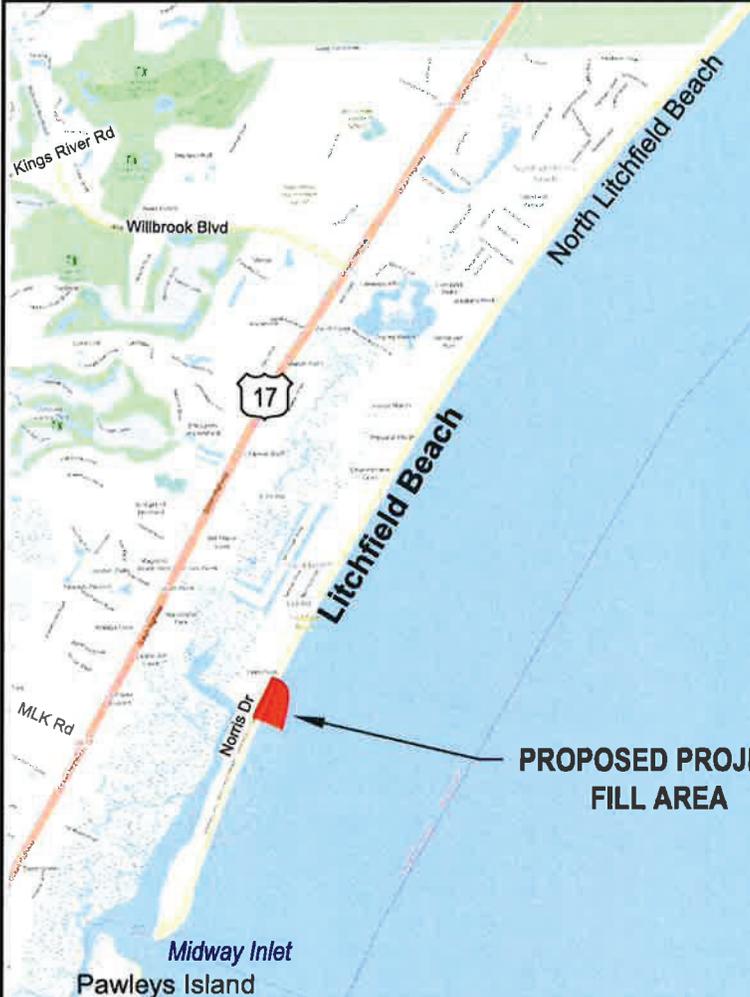
comments in writing, identifying the project of interest by public notice number, to the following address:

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN: REGULATORY DIVISION
1949 INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD, ROOM 140
CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA 29526**

or by e-mail to Robert.C.Huff@usace.army.mil. If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact Rob Huff, Team Lead, by email at Robert.C.Huff@usace.army.mil.



Directions From I-95:
 Take I-95 N to SC-327 S. Take exit 170 from I-95 N (10.0 mi)
 Take State Rd S-21-24 to US-301 N/US-76 E (8.7 mi)
 Follow US-76 E and US-501 S to SC-544 E in Red Hill (46.1 mi)
 Get on SC-31 in Socastee (7.8 mi)
 Follow SC-31 to SC-707 S. Exit from SC-31 (3.5 mi)
 Merge onto SC-707 S (7.3 mi)
 Turn right onto US-17 S/US Highway 17 Bypass S
 Continue to follow US-17 S 10 min (7.7 mi)
 Follow County Rd S-22-302 to Norris Dr
 Project extends South onto the Litchfield Spit

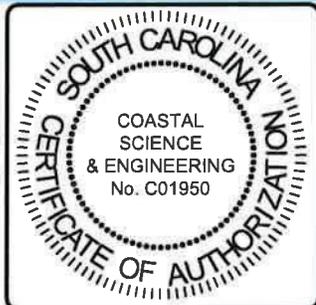


Atlantic Ocean

Scale (Feet)

SAC-2020-00503 (MOD)
 S. Litchfield Beach Restoration Project
 Modification-Additional +/-900LF
 Georgetown County, South Carolina
 Sheet 1 of 4
 Date: August 13, 2021

DRAWING TITLE:
 VICINITY MAP



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| SCALE: AS SHOWN | SHEET #: |
| DATE: 13 Aug 2021 | 01 |
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| PROJECT #: 2486 | |

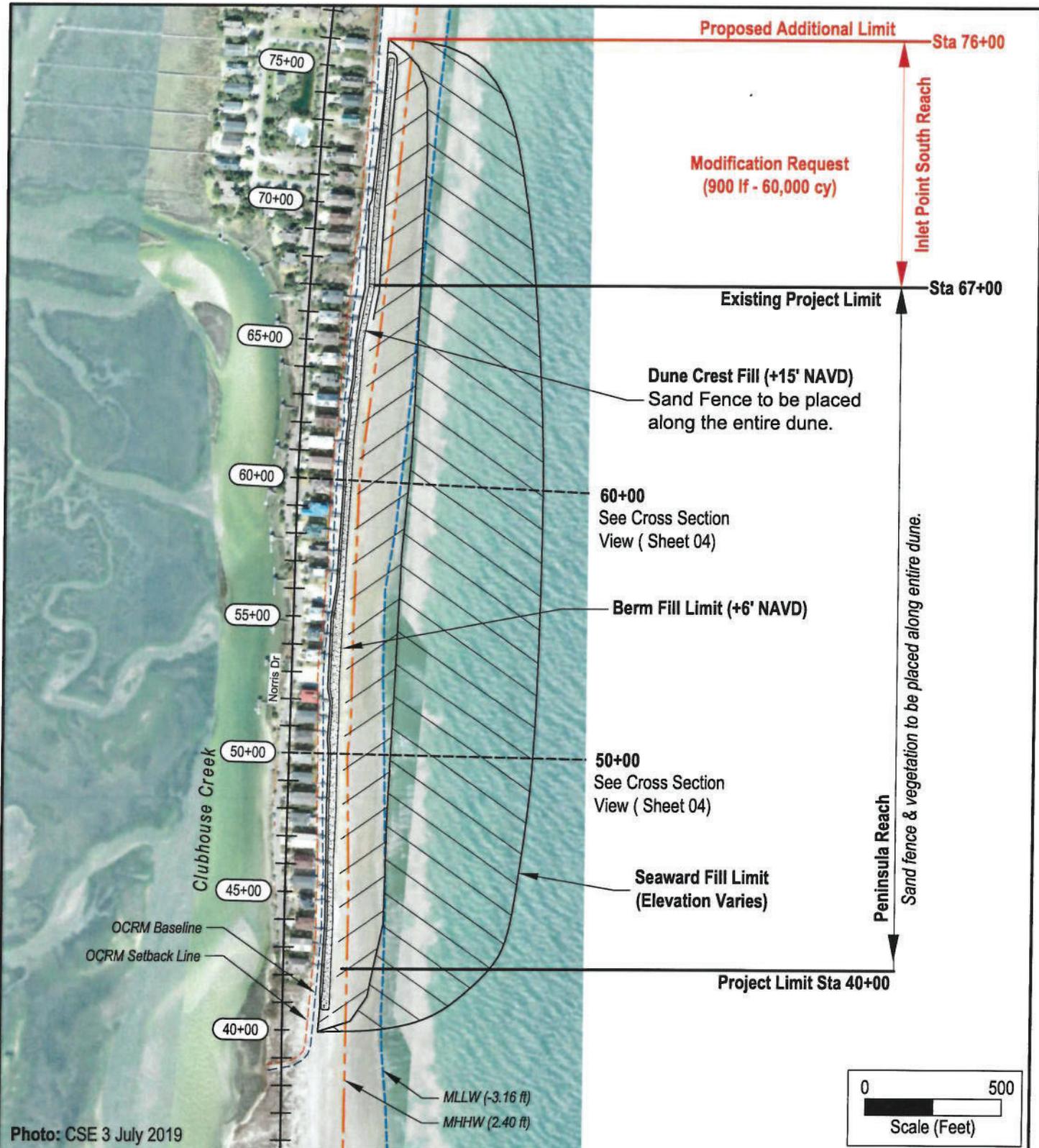


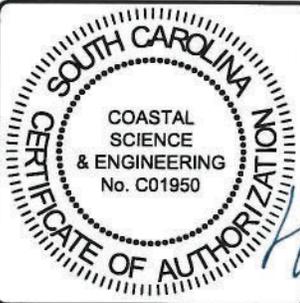
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 Sheet 2 of 4
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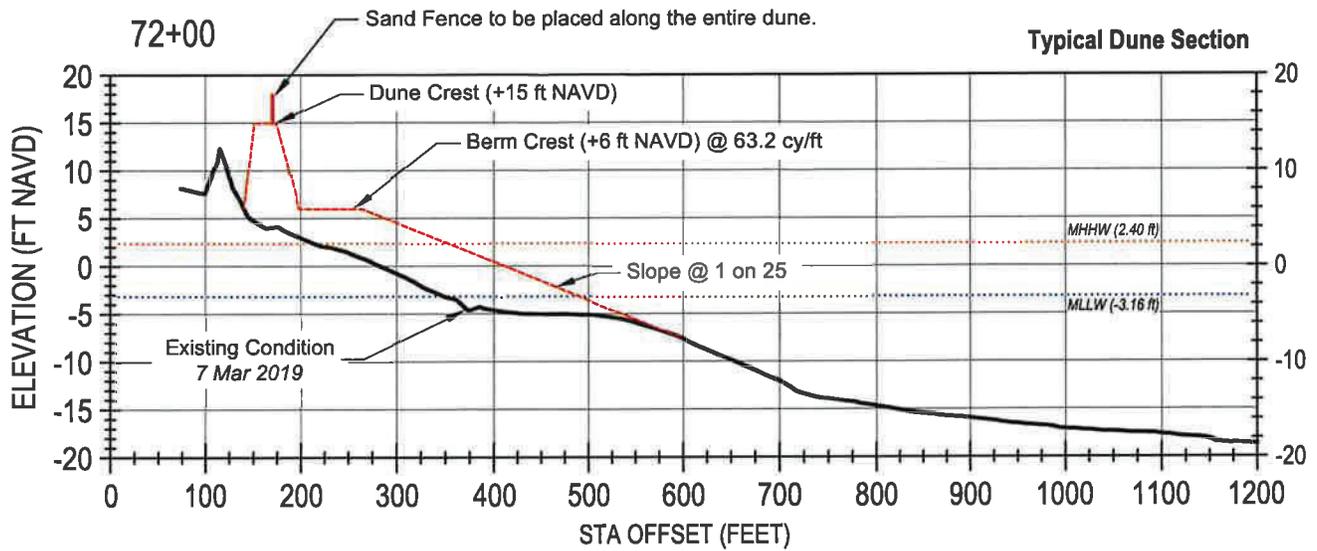
DRAWING TITLE:
FILL PLAN MAP
 STA 40+00 to 76+00
Peninsula Reach

SCALE: AS SHOWN SHEET #:
 DATE: 30 July 2021
 TMS#
 PROJECT #: 2486

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* **Note:** Typical profiles shown are the existing condition as of 7 March 2019. Fill volumes may need to be adjusted dependent upon existing conditions at time of construction.

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 Sheet 3 of 4
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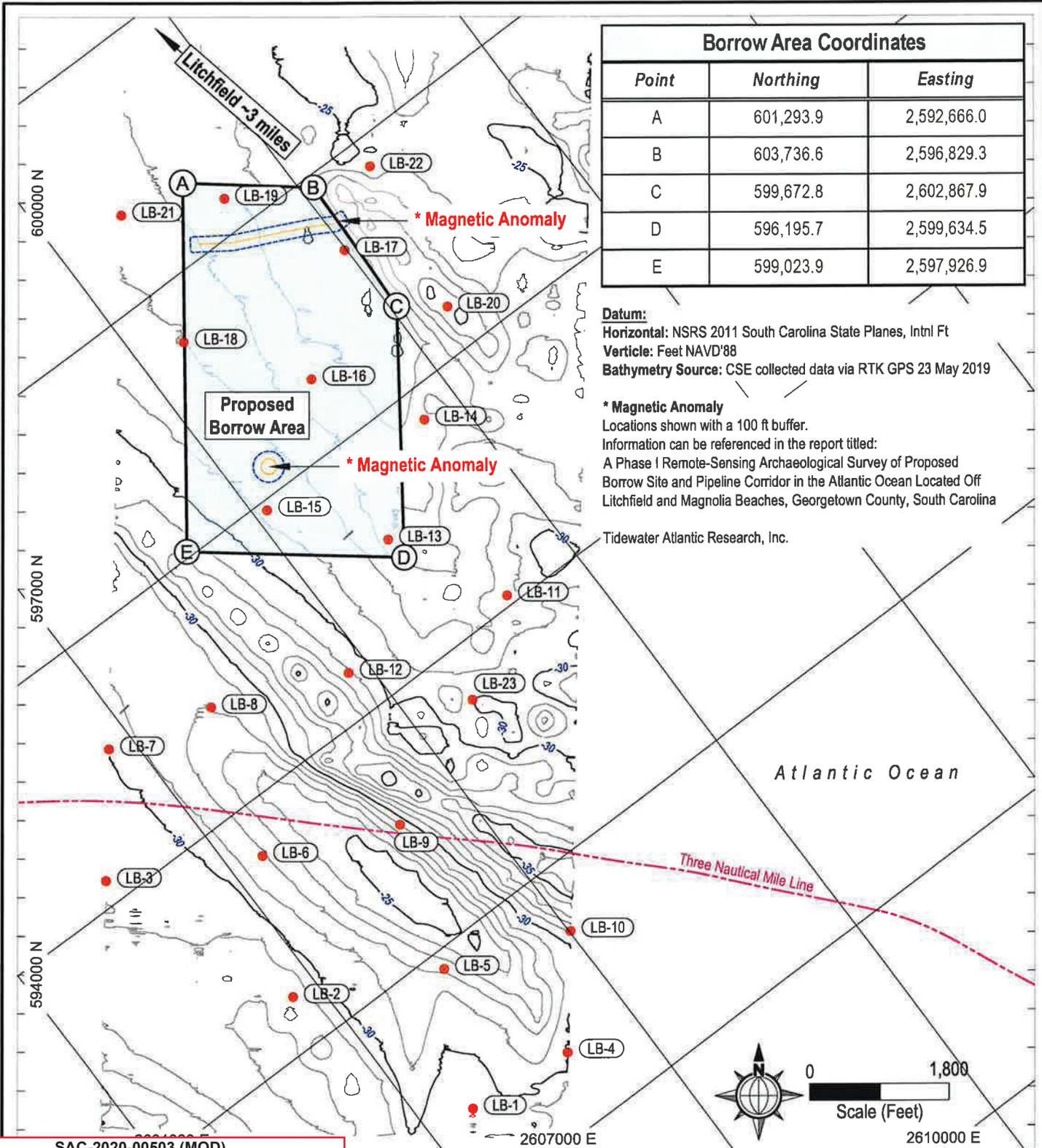
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CROSS SECTION VIEW
 STA 72+00

AGENT:
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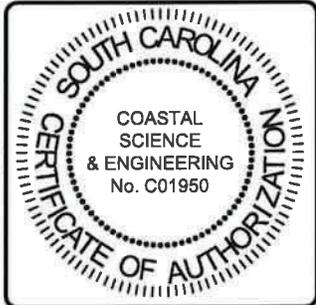


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 S. Litchfield Beach Restoration Project
 Modification-Additional +/-900LF
 Georgetown County, South Carolina
 Sheet 4 of 4
 Date: August 13, 2021

DRAWING TITLE:
BORROW AREA
 Bathymetry & Boring locations

SCALE: AS SHOWN SHEET #
 DATE: 12 Aug 2021
 P/N
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