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 #2012-00926-2IR September 27, 2012

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

SOUTH ISLAND DREDGING ASSOCIATION ATTN: JACK BRINKLEY 46 GULL POINT ROAD HILTON HEAD, SOUTH CAROLINA 29928

for a permit to perform maintenance dredging in

HARBOUR TOWN MARINA,
BAYNARD COVE CREEK AND COMMUNITY DOCK,
BRADDOCK CREEK AND GULL POINT MARINA,
SOUTH BEACH MARINA, PORT VILLAS

with disposal of the dredged material in

CALIBOGUE SOUND

The locations of areas to be dredged are all in Sea Pines Plantation on the southern end of Hilton Head Island on the Calibogue Sound side, Beaufort County, South Carolina:

Harbour Town Marina: from inner coordinates: Latitude: 32.137605; Longitude: -80.810900

to outer coordinates: Latitude: 32.138848; Longitude: -80.816520 Braddock Cove Creek: from inner coordinates: Latitude: 32.113391; Longitude: -80.822652

to outer coordinates: Latitude: 32.172913: Longitude: -80.825566

Gull Point Marina: from inner coordinates: Latitude: 32.119260; Longitude: -80.822356

to Braddock Cove Creek Channel

South Beach Marina: from inner coordinates: Latitude: 32.115613: Longitude: -80.824709

to Braddock Cove Creek Channel

Port Villas: from inner coordinates: Latitude: 32.113314: Longitude: -80.822832

to Braddock Cove Creek Channel

Baynard Cove Creek: from inner coordinates: Latitude: 32.123098; Longitude: -80.816884

to outer coordinates: Latitude: 32.125128; Longitude: -80.824814

Community Dock: from inner coordinates: Latitude: 32.125636; Longitude: -80.817000

to Baynard Cove Creek Channel

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** and **SCDHEC** 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 maintenance dredging approximately 300,000 cubic yards of material from existing marina basins and access channels with disposal of the material in inshore waters near the mouth of Calibogue Sound. In detail, the silt, clay and sandy material will be hydraulically dredged using a small cutterhead dredge. The dredged material will be pumped via pipeline, using booster pumps as necessary, to an open water off-shore site identified as Placement Site 5 (PS5). The pipeline will extend 2 to 3.5 miles along the Hilton Head Island/Calibogue Sound shoreline. It will be floated at the surface except when crossing channels, where it will be submerged and anchored to avoid impacts to navigation. PS-5 is approximately 4,600 feet from the shoreline of Hilton Head Island. The dredged material will be discharged through a pipe placed approximately 3 feet above the sediment surface with a baffle plat to ensure even bottom spreading of the discharged material. Dredging will be conducted continuously and will require approximately 6 months to complete. The applicant is proposing to conduct monitoring before, during, and after dredging activity is completed. The applicant has conducted a number of studies/models in support of this proposed project. The reports for these studies/models are located at the following website/link and are available for review by all interested parties:

http://www.sac.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/ProjectsofInterest

The purpose of the proposed work is to maintain navigational access from specific Sea Pines Waterways to Caliboque Sound for recreational and commercial users.

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 ATTN: REGULATORY DIVISION 69A Hagood Avenue Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107

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.

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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 106.5 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 may 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.

Pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended), the District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project is not likely to adversely affect any Federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated or proposed critical habitat. 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 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.

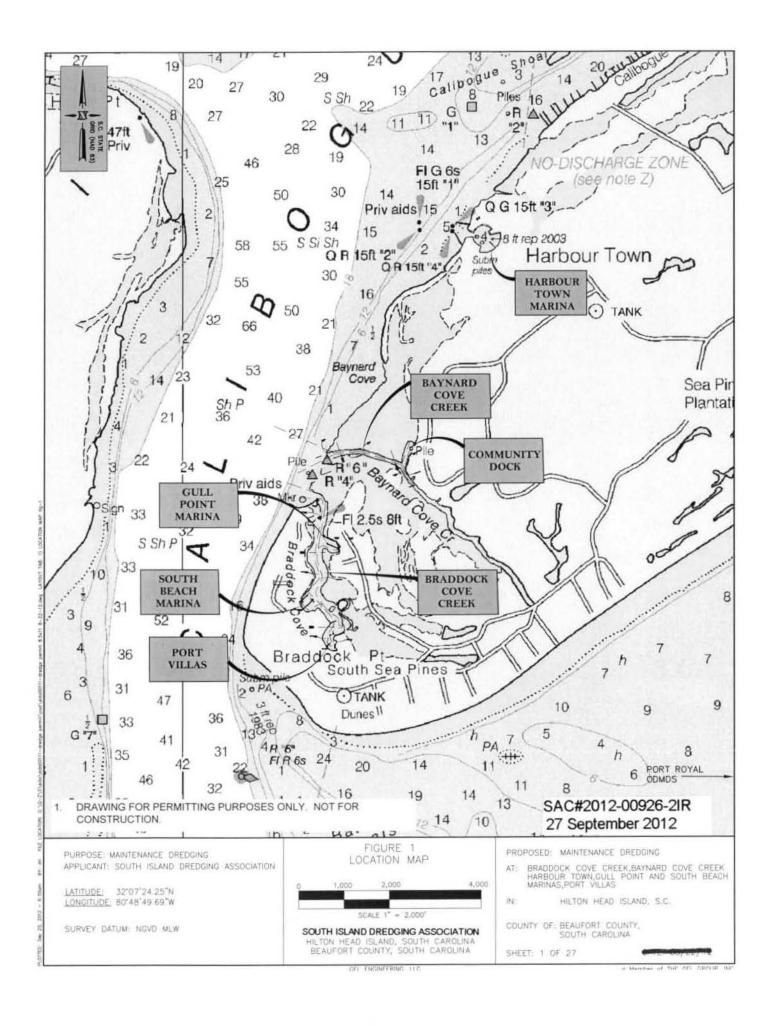
The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest and will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under authority of Section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

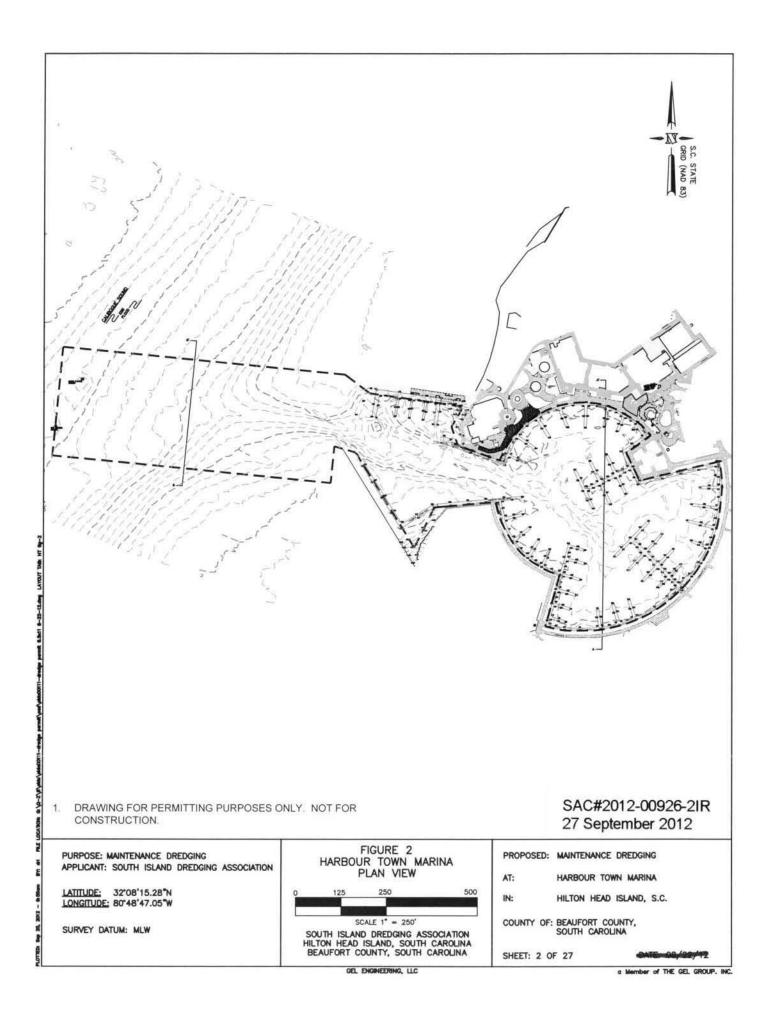
The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this project. To make this

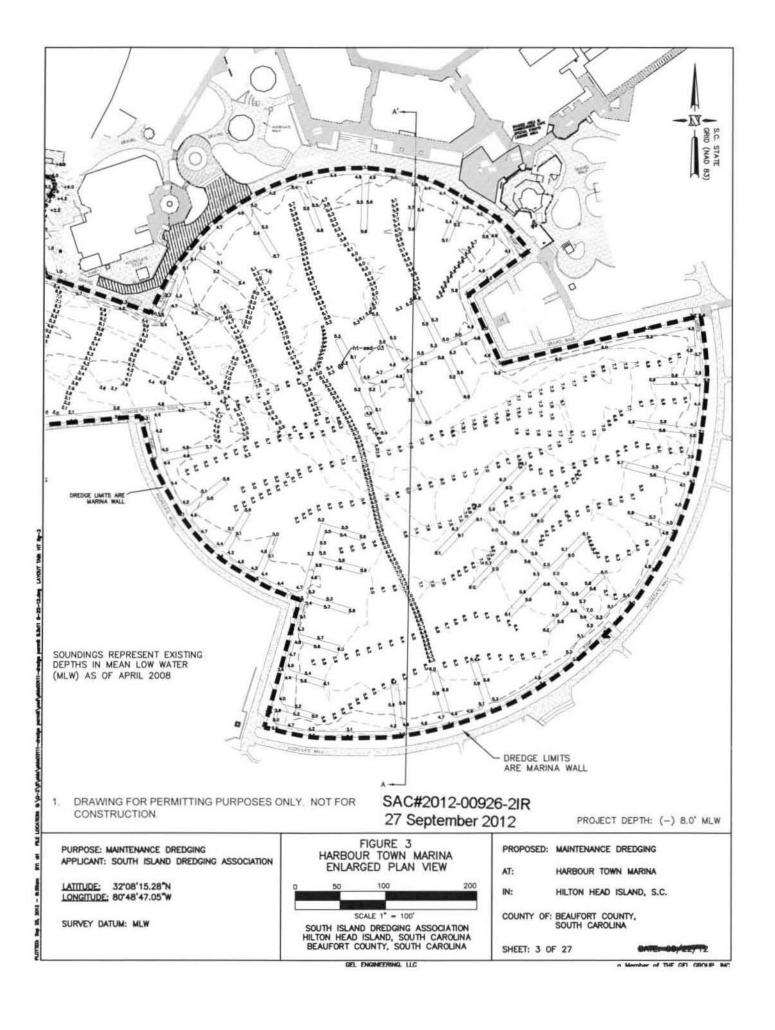
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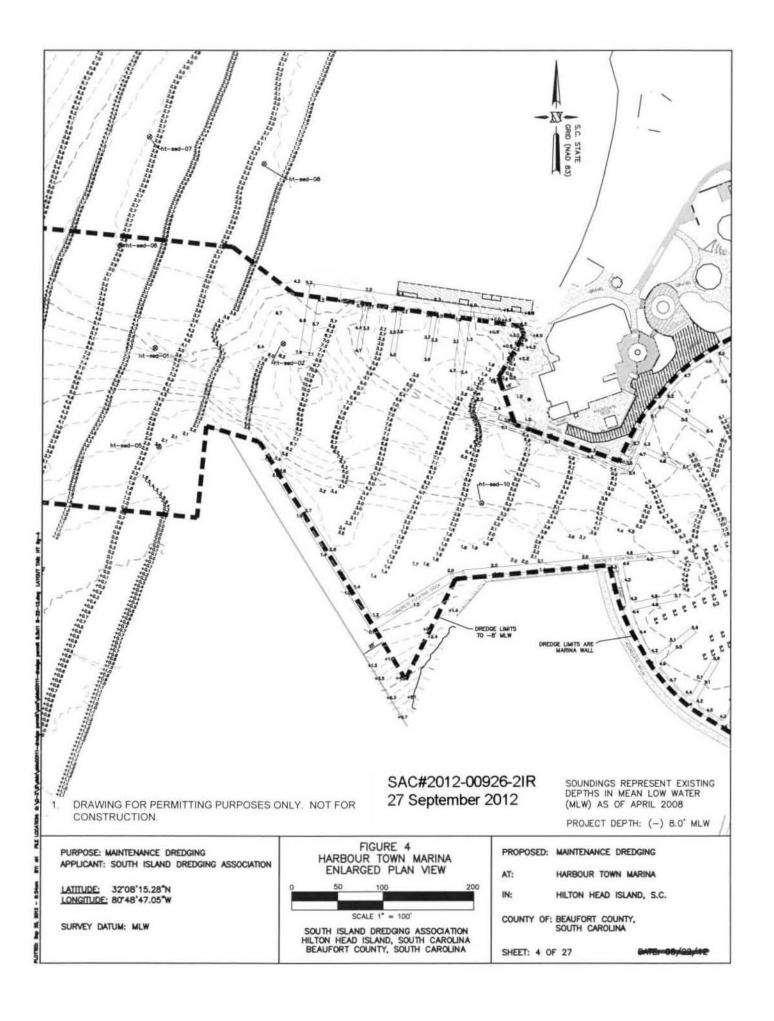
decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant 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.

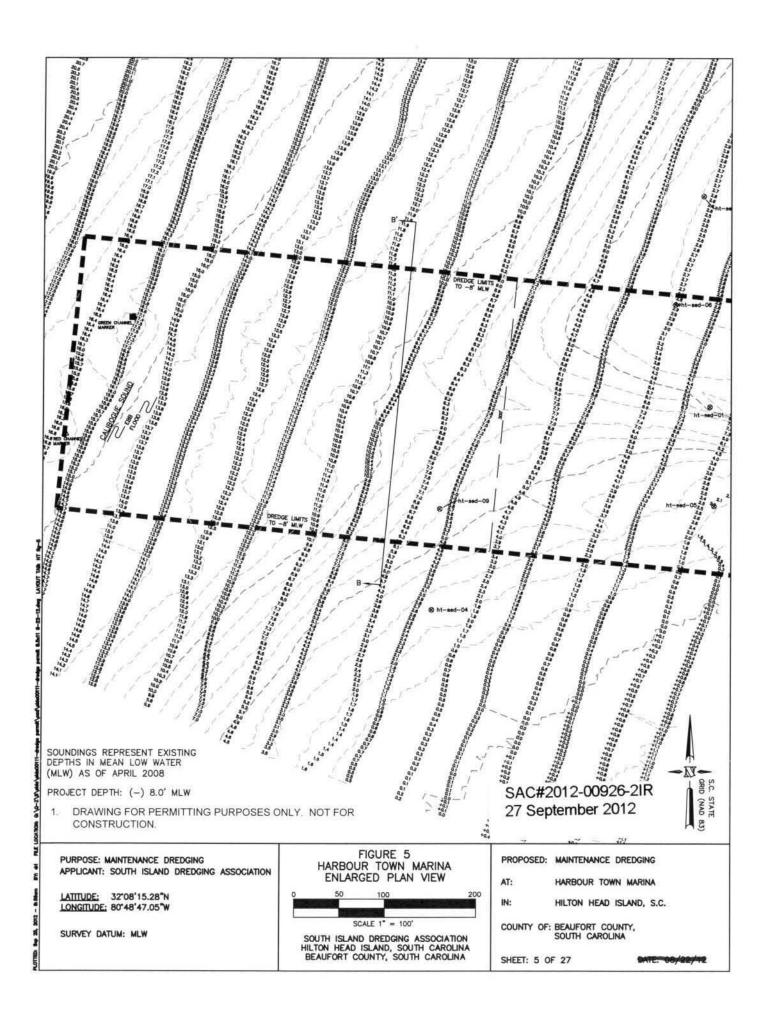
If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact Robin Coller-Socha at 843-329-8044 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.

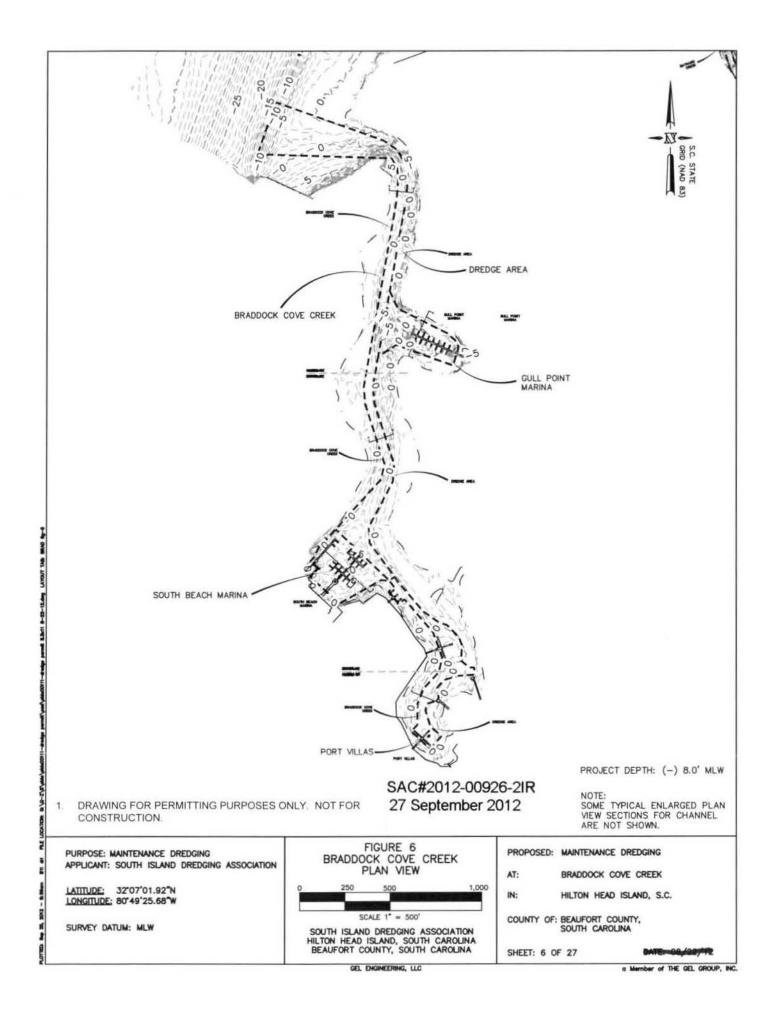


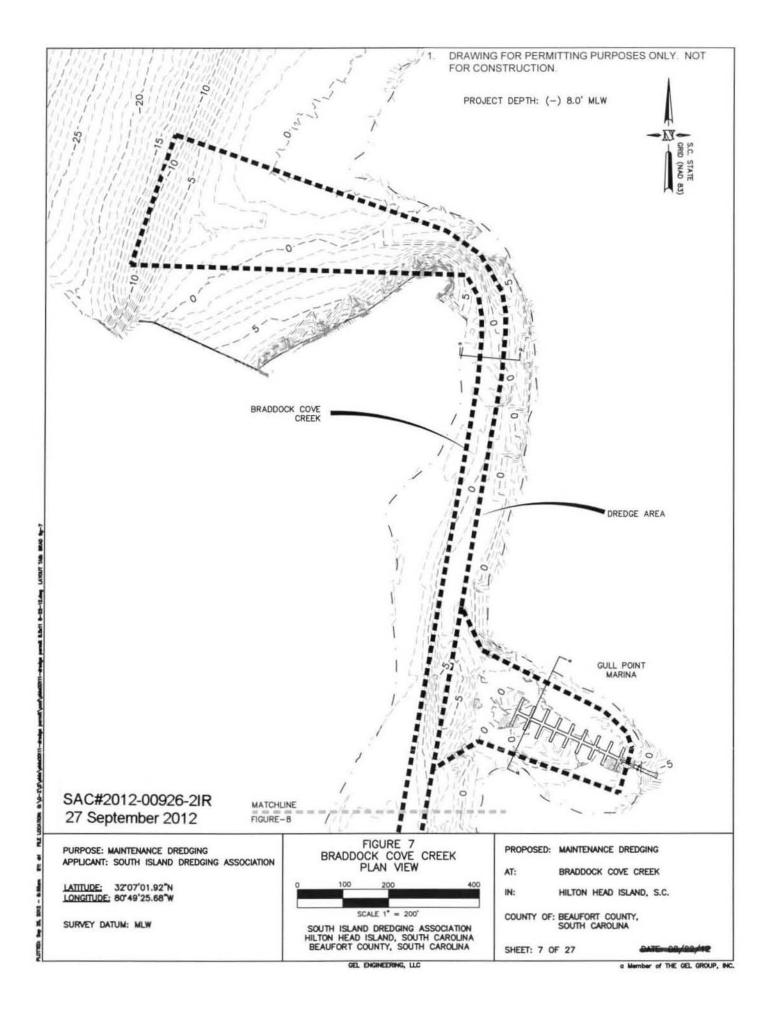


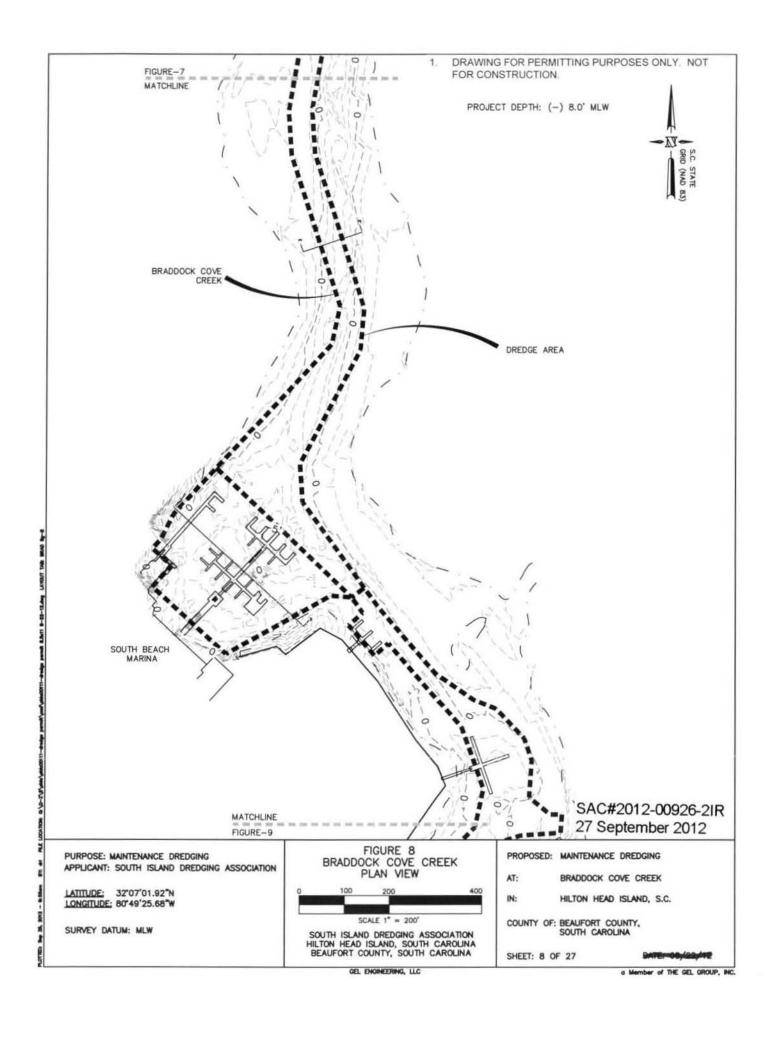








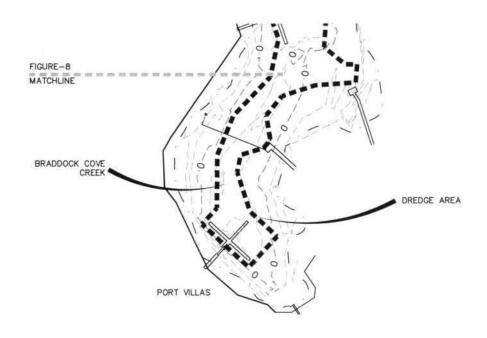




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PROJECT DEPTH: (-) 8.0' MLW





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PURPOSE: MAINTENANCE DREDGING

APPLICANT: SOUTH ISLAND DREDGING ASSOCIATION

LATITUDE; 32"07'01.92"N LONGITUDE; 80"49'25.68"W

SURVEY DATUM: MLW

FIGURE 9 BRADDOCK COVE CREEK PLAN VIEW



SOUTH ISLAND DREDGING ASSOCIATION HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

PROPOSED: MAINTENANCE DREDGING

AT: BRADDOCK COVE CREEK

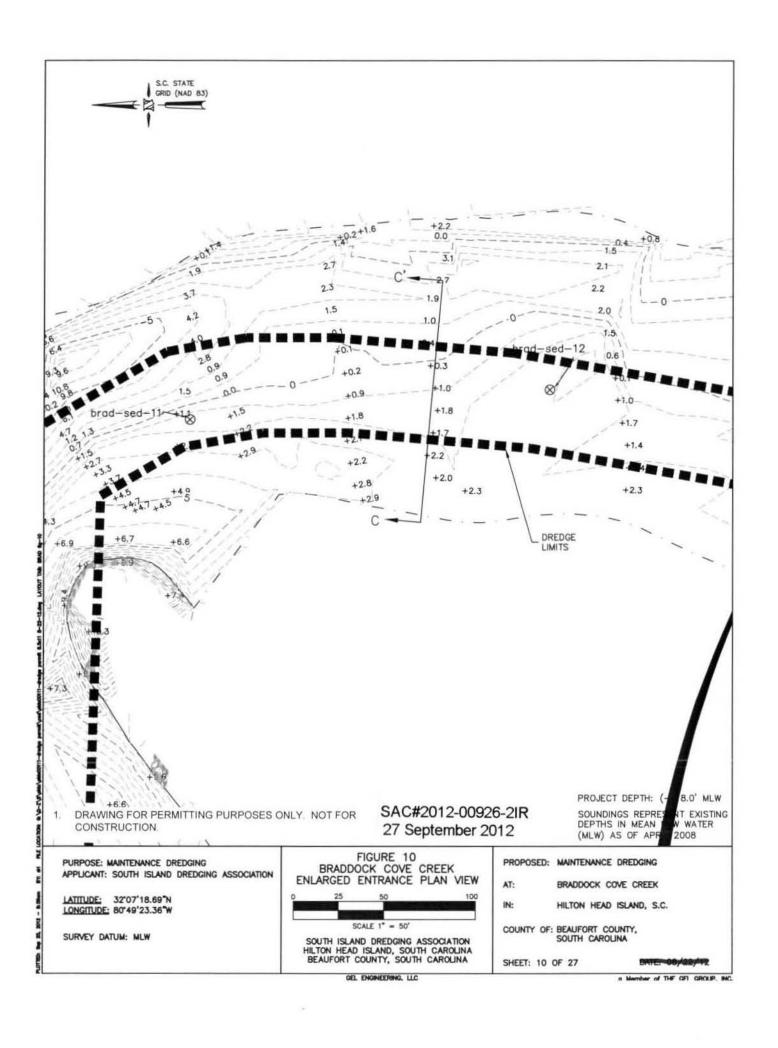
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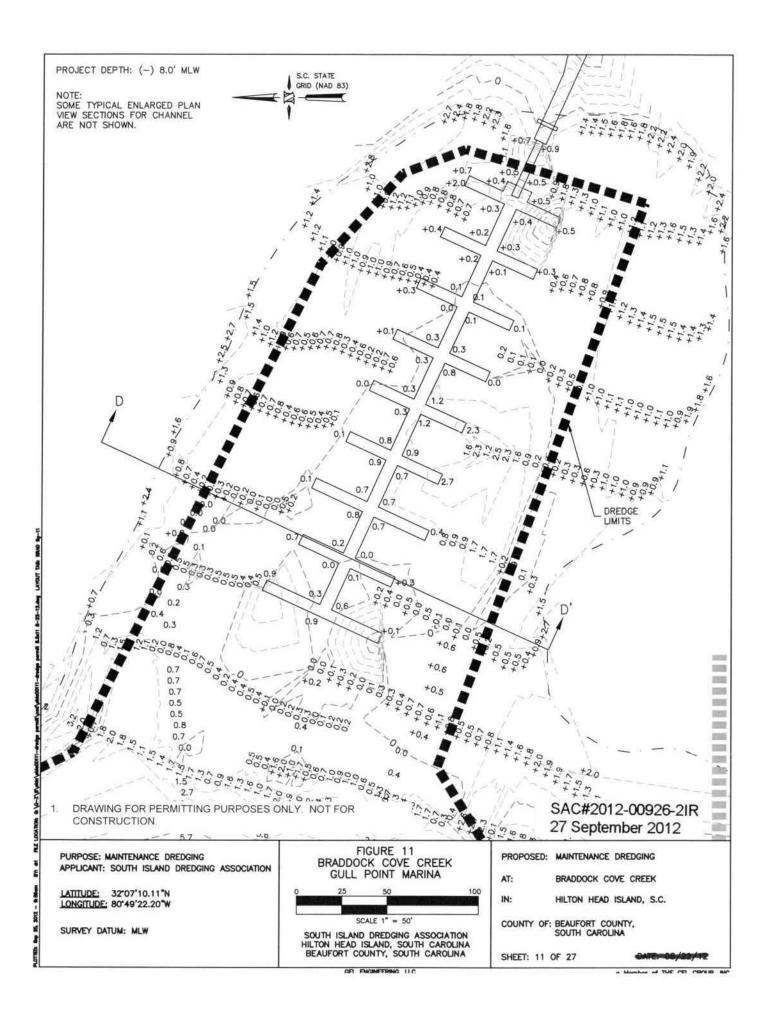
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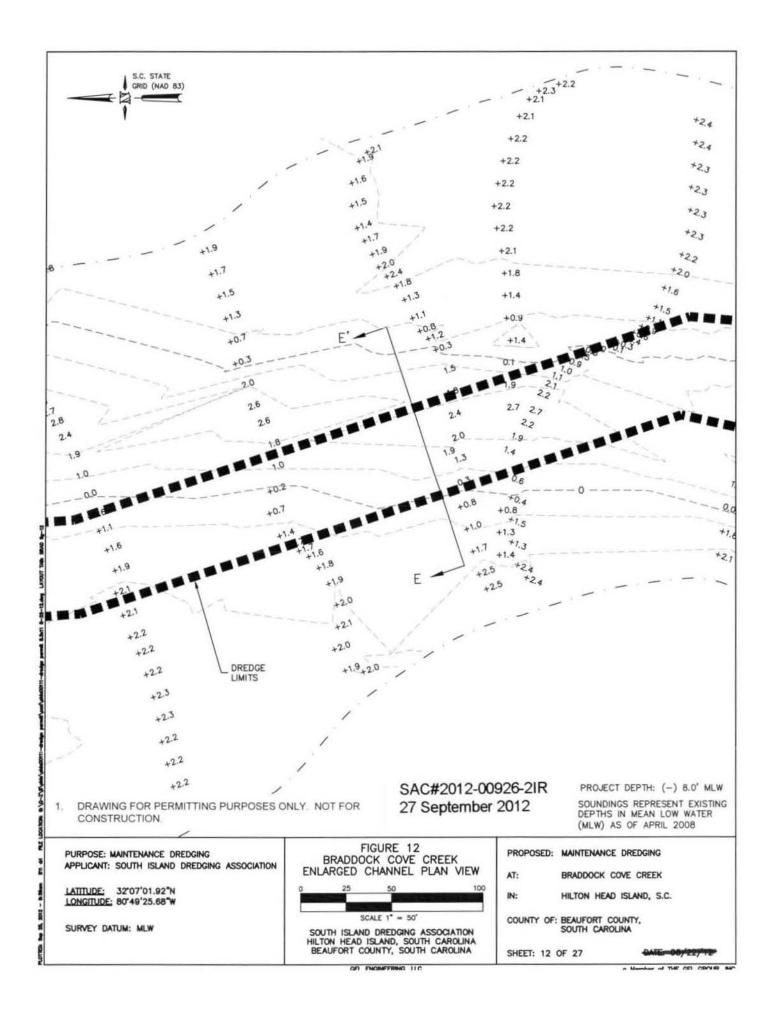
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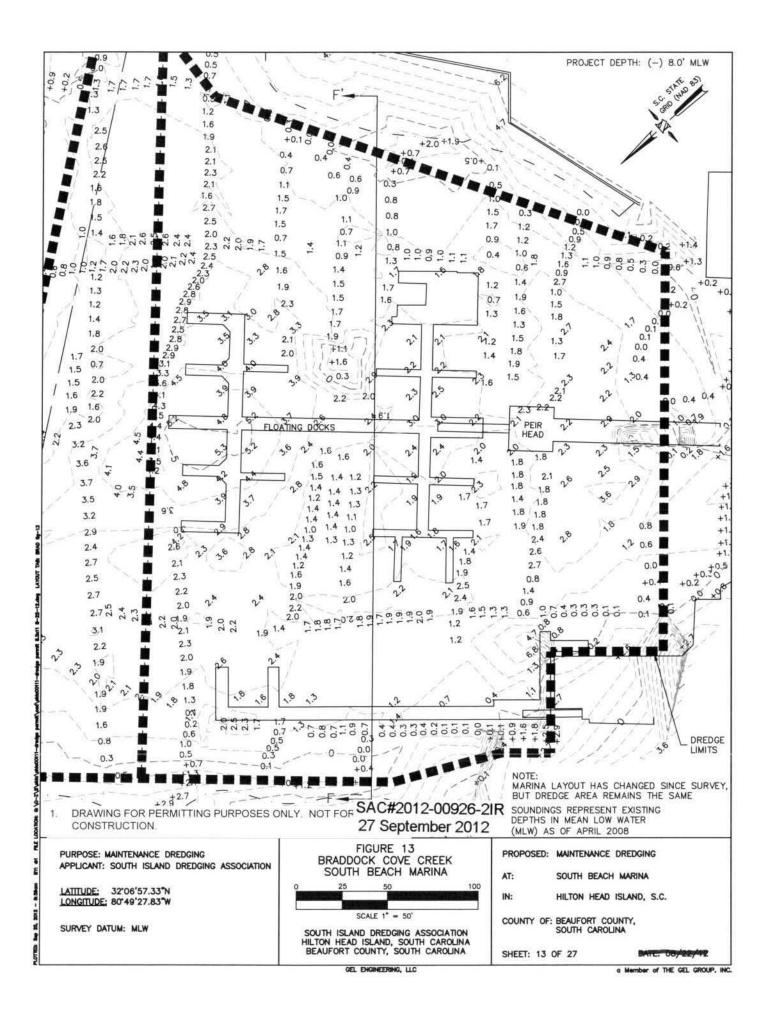
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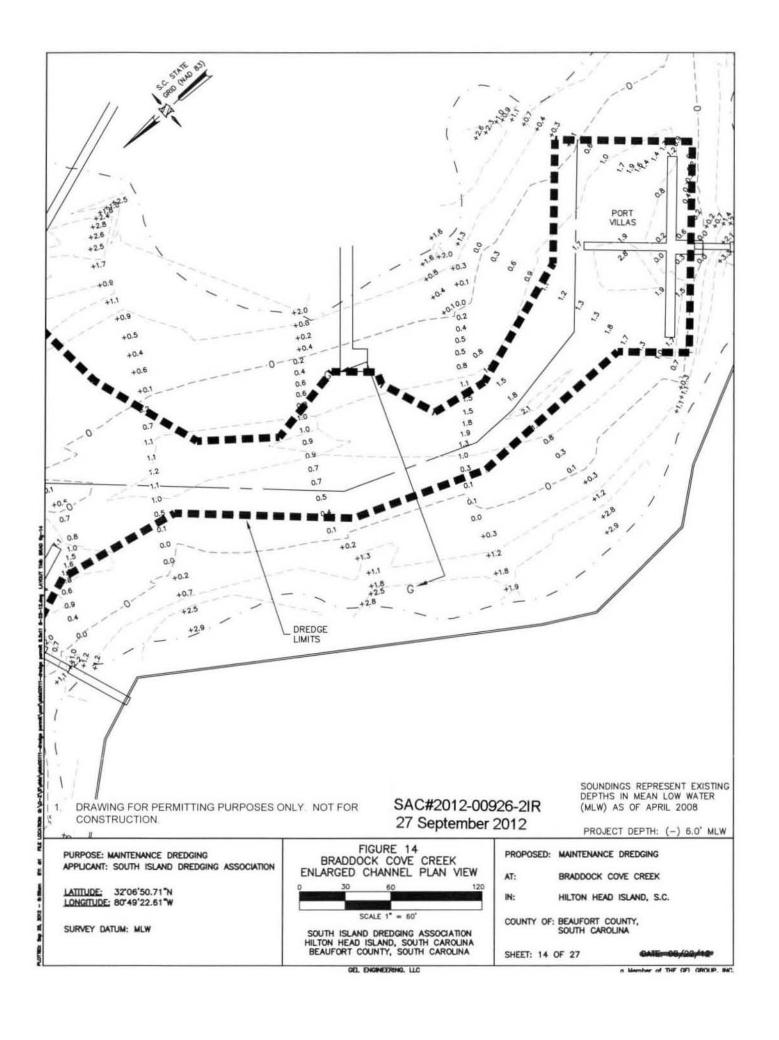
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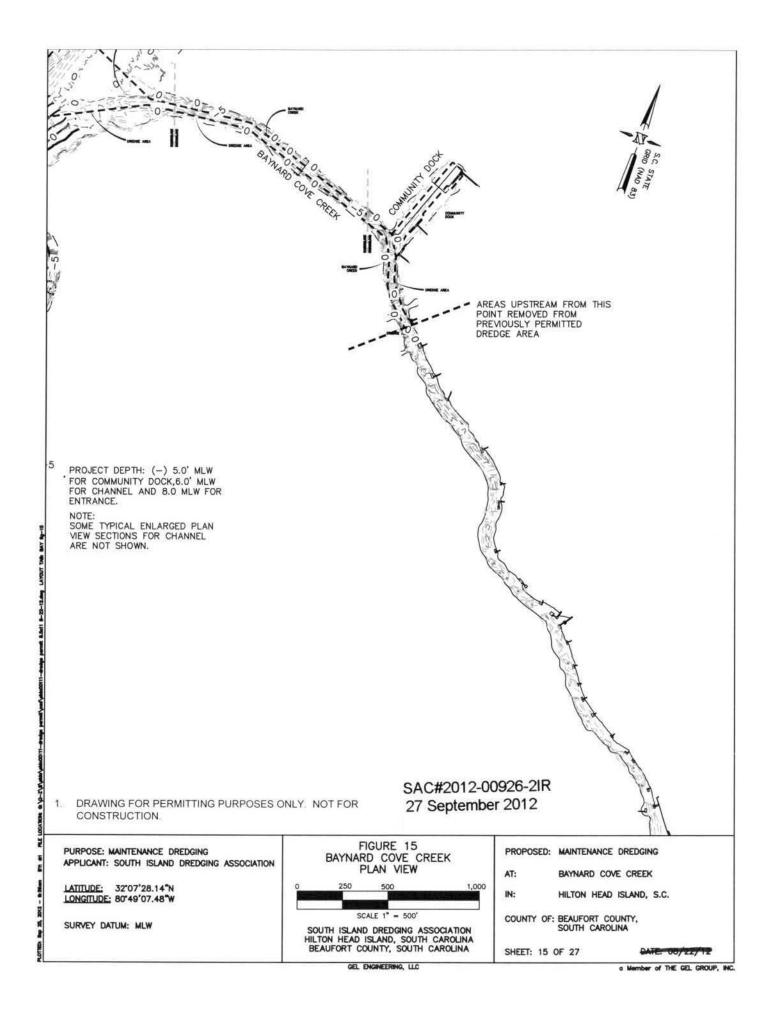


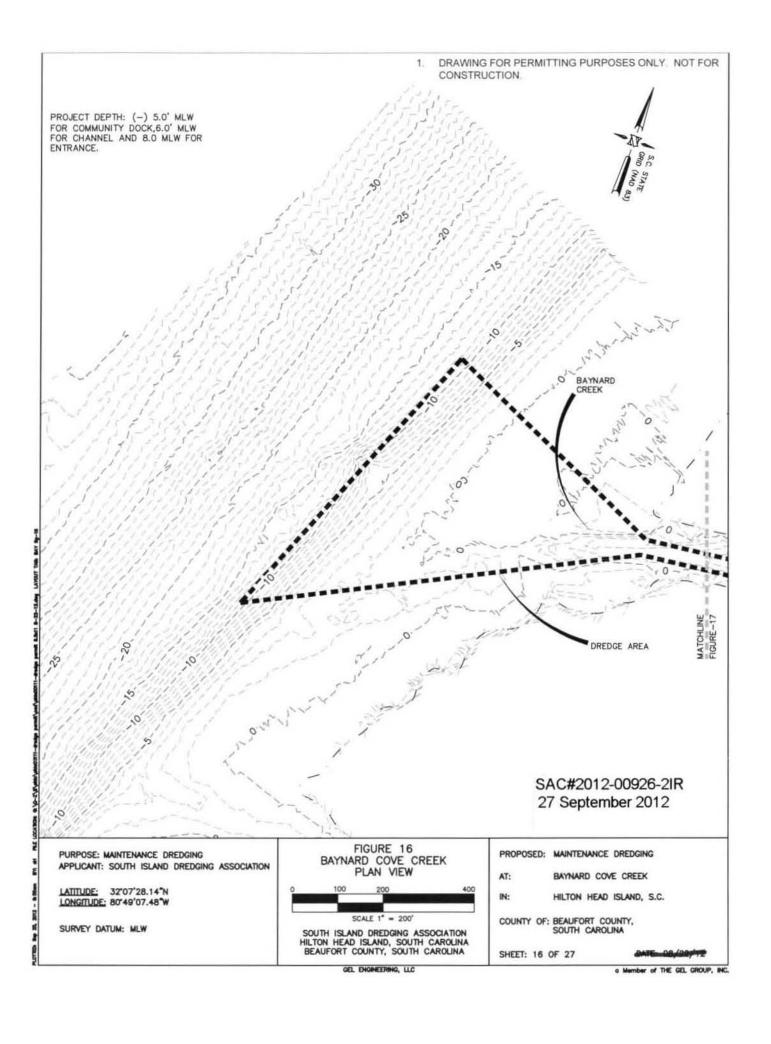


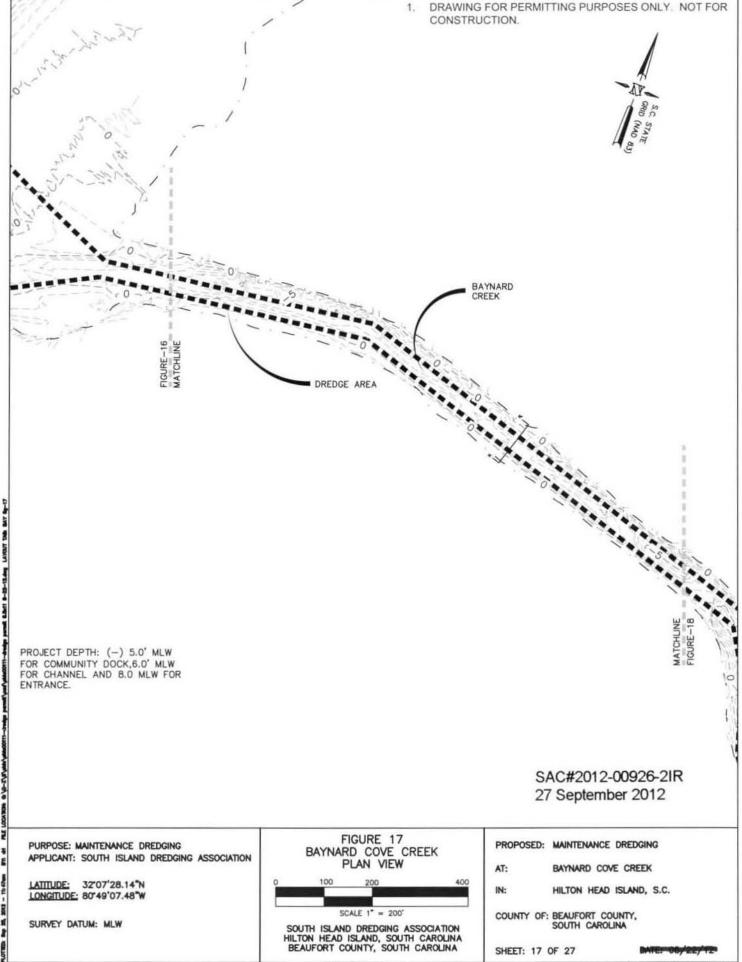






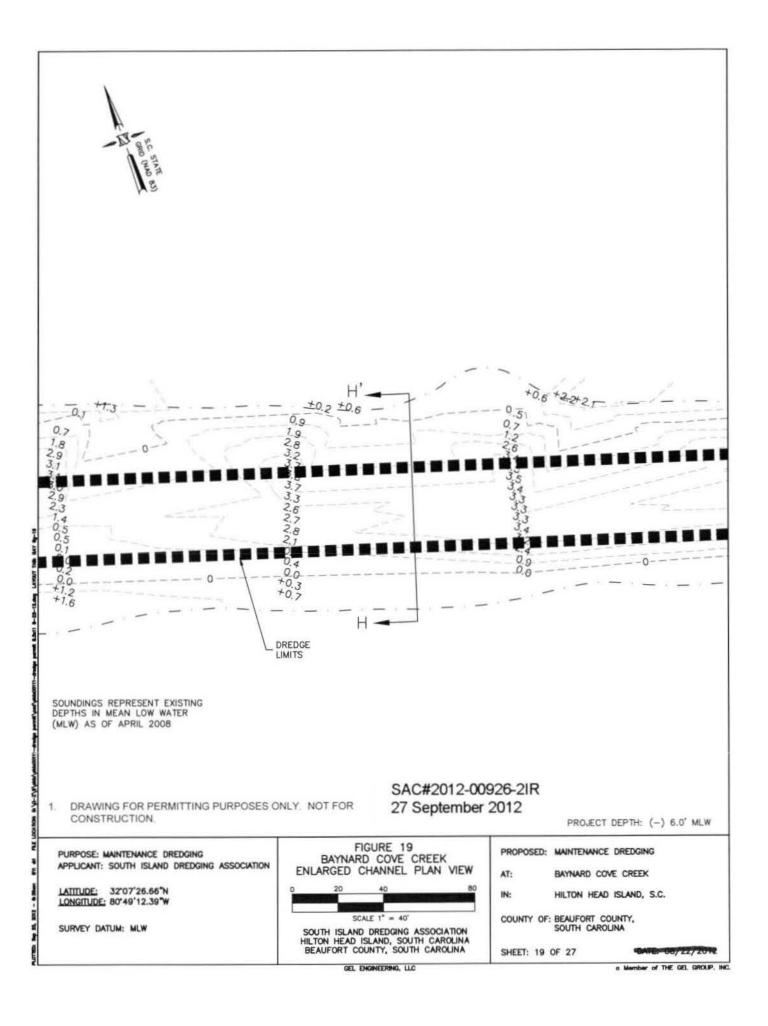


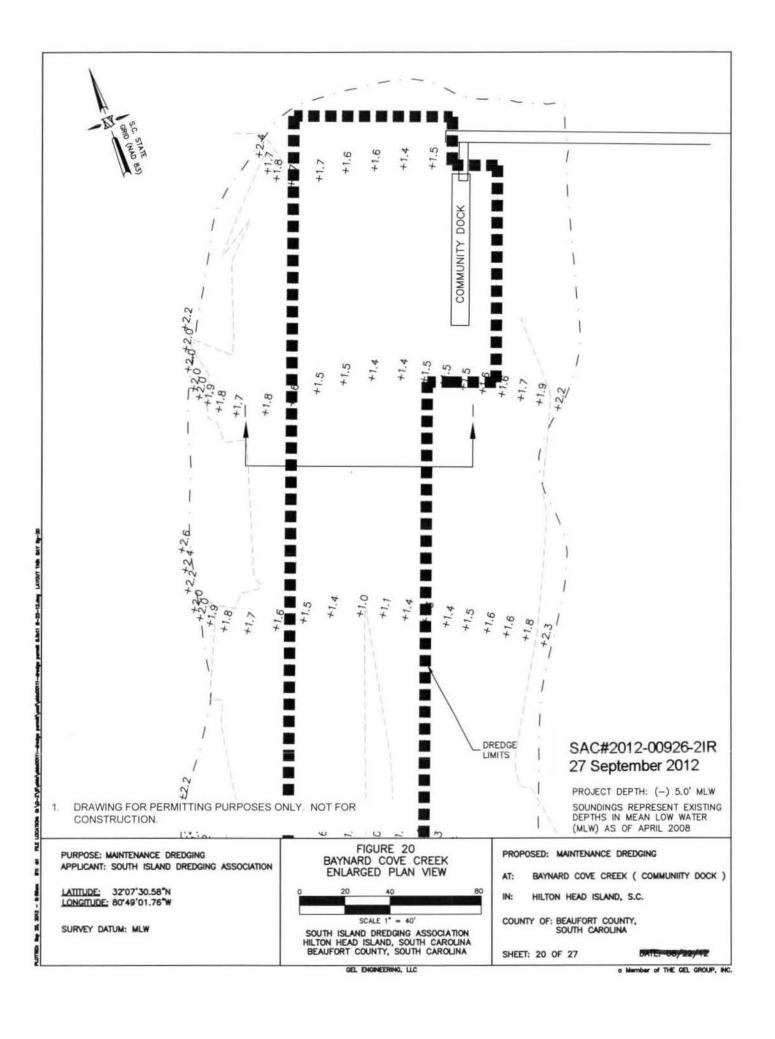


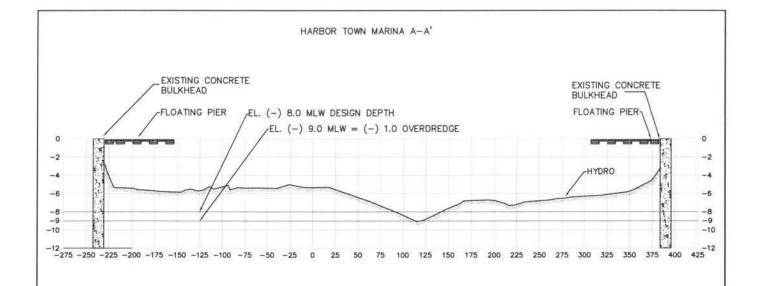


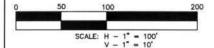
DRAWING FOR PERMITTING PURPOSES ONLY. NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION. COMMUNITY BAYNARD CREEK DREDGE AREA PROJECT DEPTH: (-) 5.0' MLW FOR COMMUNITY DOCK, 6.0' MLW FOR CHANNEL AND 8.0 MLW FOR ENTRANCE. SAC#2012-00926-2IR 27 September 2012 FIGURE 18 BAYNARD COVE CREEK PLAN VIEW PURPOSE: MAINTENANCE DREDGING PROPOSED: MAINTENANCE DREDGING APPLICANT: SOUTH ISLAND DREDGING ASSOCIATION AT: BAYNARD COVE CREEK LATITUDE: 32"07"28.14"N 400 HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. LONGITUDE: 80'49'07.48"W SCALE 1" = 200' COUNTY OF: BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA SURVEY DATUM: MLW SOUTH ISLAND DREDGING ASSOCIATION HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA SHEET: 18 OF 27 GEL ENGINEERING, LLC

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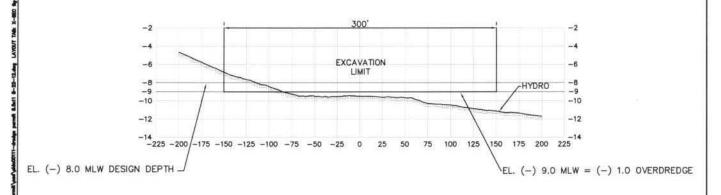


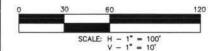






HARBOR TOWN MARINA B-B'





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MLW - MEAN LOW WATER

PURPOSE: MAINTENANCE DREDGING
APPLICANT: SOUTH ISLAND DREDGING ASSOCIATION

LATITUDE; 32'08'16.98"N LONGITUDE: 80'48'42.92"W

SURVEY DATUM: MLW

FIGURE 21 CROSS SECTIONS HARBOUR TOWN MARINA

SOUTH ISLAND DREDGING ASSOCIATION HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

PROPOSED: MAINTENANCE DREDGING

AT: HARBOUR TOWN MARINA

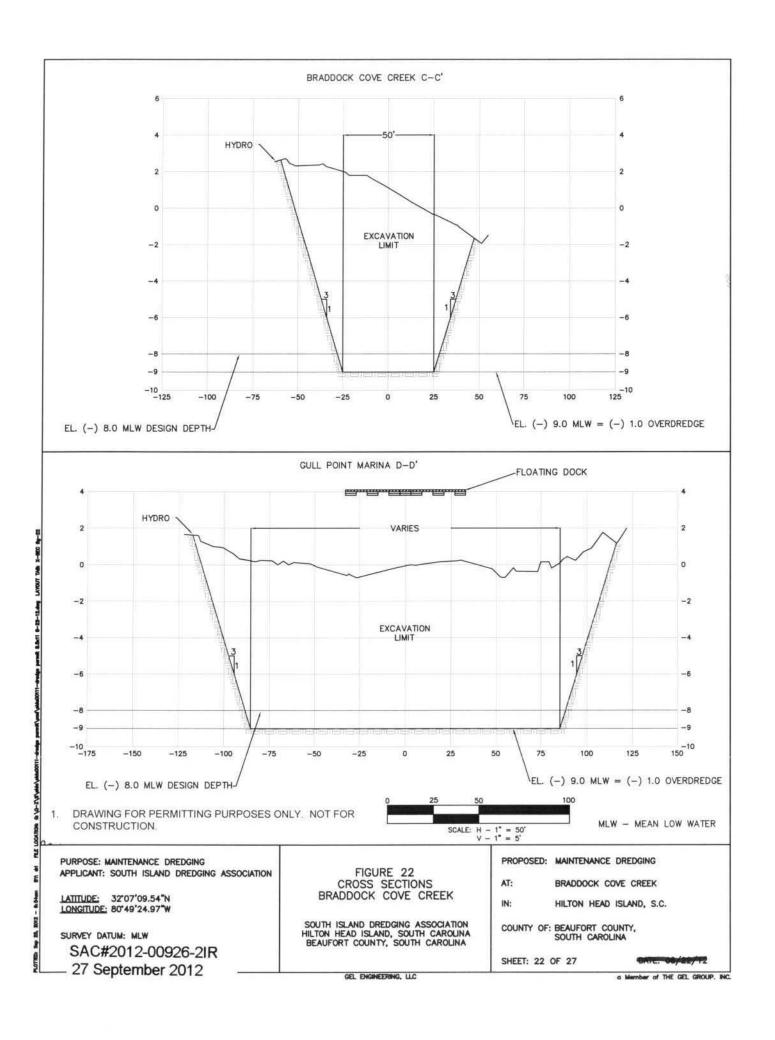
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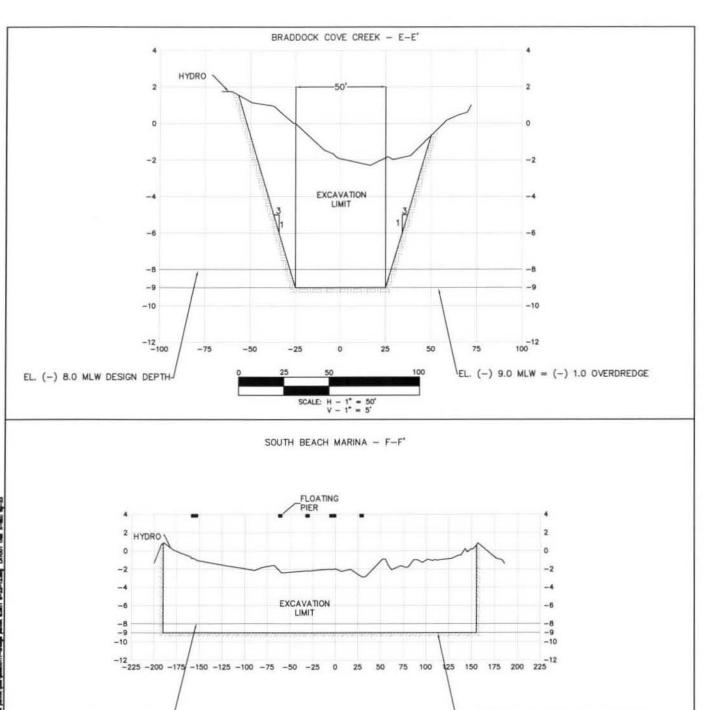
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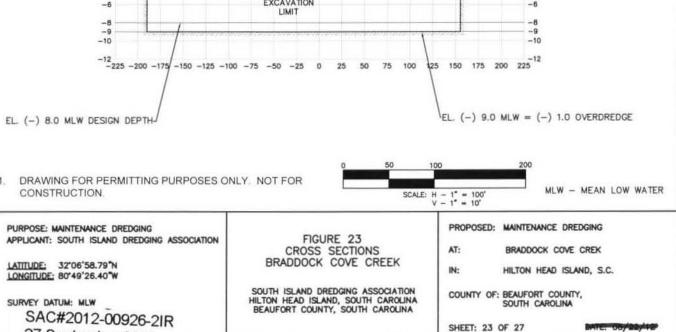
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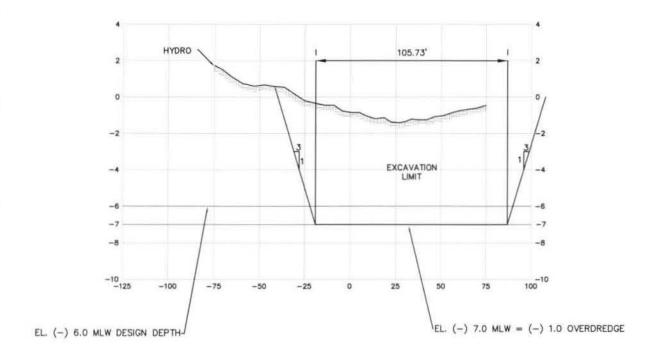


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BRADDOCK COVE CREEK G-G'





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MLW - MEAN LOW WATER

PURPOSE: MAINTENANCE DREDGING APPLICANT: SOUTH ISLAND DREDGING ASSOCIATION

LATITUDE: 32'06'51.97"N LONGITUDE: 80'49'20.74"W

SAC#2012-00926-2IR 27 September 2012 FIGURE 24 CROSS SECTIONS BRADDOCK COVE CREEK

SOUTH ISLAND DREDGING ASSOCIATION HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

PROPOSED: MAINTENANCE DREDGING

AT: BRADDOCK COVE CREEK

IN: HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C.

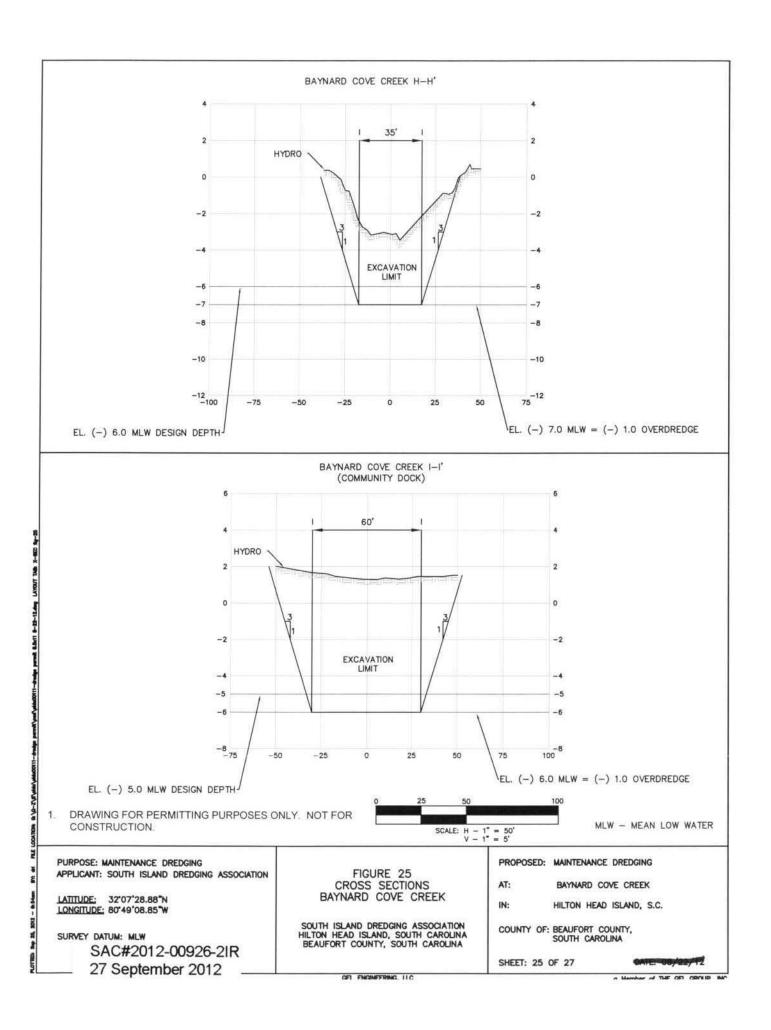
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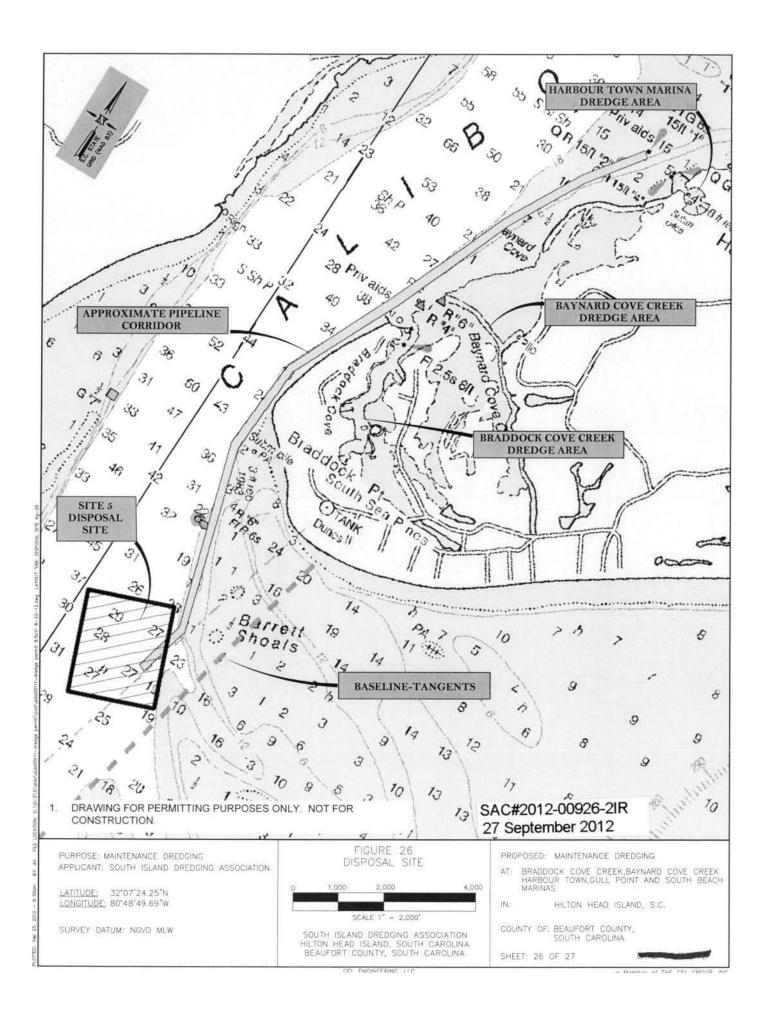
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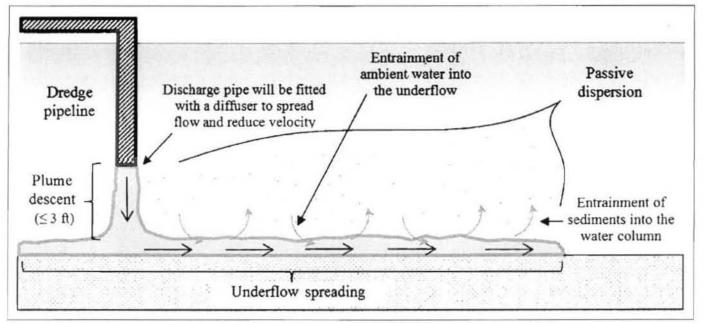
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PURPOSE: MAINTENANCE DREDGING

LATITUDE: LONGITUDE: 80°48'49.69"

32"07'24.25"

SURVEY DATUM: NGVD MLW

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FIGURE 27

PLACEMENT SITE DISCHARGE SCHEMATIC

SOUTH ISLAND DREDING ASSOCIATION HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

PROPOSED: MAINTENANCE DREDGING

BRADDOCK COVE CREEK, BAYNARD COVE CREEK, HARBOUR TOWN, GULL POINT AND SOUTH BEACH MARINAS. PORT VILLAS

IN: HILTON HEAD ISLAND

COUNTY: BEAUFORT COUNTY, SC