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MOBILE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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PUBLIC NOTICE NO.: SAM-2014-00585-GAC

August 14, 2014

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND
STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

**MAINTENANCE DREDGING OF AN ACCESS CHANNEL INTO
AN EXISTING MARINA ON MOBILE BAY**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344) and Section 10 of the River and Harbor Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) Please communicate this information to interested parties.

Applicant: **Retirement Systems Of Alabama (RSA)**
Attention: Mr. Steve Timms
135 South Union Street, Suite 228
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Agent: **Hutchinson, Moore And Rauch, LLC**
Attention: Mr. Scott A. Hutchinson, P.E.
Post Office Box 1127
Daphne, Alabama 36526

Location: **Entrance channel to existing marina at Marriot's Grand Hotel, Point Clear, Mobile Bay, Baldwin County, Alabama**

Work: **The applicant proposes to mechanically dredge approximately 1,100 cubic yards of material from the waterbottoms of Mobile Bay within the limits of the entrance channel to the existing marina at Marriot's Grand Hotel.**

Specifically, the applicant proposes to maintenance dredge an area of the channel approximately 450 feet long and average of 35 feet wide to a design depth of -7 feet mean lower low water.

The applicant proposes to side-cast the dredged material on waterbottoms south of the dredged channel. Side casting is proposed in order to keep the sediment in the littoral system.

All work is proposed in accordance with the enclosed plans and drawings.

Project Purpose: The overall project purpose is to maintain navigational access to the existing marina at Marriot's Grand Hotel, Point Clear.

The applicant has applied for State Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act and for coastal zone (CZ) consistency in accordance with the State Coastal Zone Management Program. Upon completion of the required advertising and public comment review, a determination relative to WQC and CZ consistency will be made by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM).

This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) can be based. For accuracy and completeness of the record, all data in support of or in opposition to the proposed work should be submitted in writing setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed 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 proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, 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 production and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

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 proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. 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 proposed activity. 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 public hearings shall state with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. Evaluation of the probable impacts involving deposits of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The proposal would potentially impact approximately 0.50 acre of waterbottoms utilized by various life stages of various marine species. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a

substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service and/or U.S. Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service.

The National Register of Historic Places will be consulted for properties listed in or eligible for the National Register, which are known to exist and would be affected by the proposed work. Additional notification will be furnished to the State Historic Preservation Officer via this Public Notice. This review constitutes the full extent of cultural resources investigations unless comment to this notice is received documenting that significant sites or properties exist which may be affected by this work, or that adequately documents that a potential exists for the location of significant sites or properties within the permit area. Copies of this notice are being sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer and the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service and Division of Archeological Services.

Preliminary review of this application and the U.S. Department of the Interior List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants indicate that the proposed activity would result in a "no effect" to listed species, or their critical habitat. This notice and application will be coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to assess if the proposed activity will affect listed endangered or threatened species or their critical habitat.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number SAM-2014-00585-GAC and should be directed to the District Commander, Corps, Mobile District, Post Office Box 2288, Attention: RD-A, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, with a copy to ADEM, 3664 Dauphin Street, Suite B, Mobile, Alabama 36608

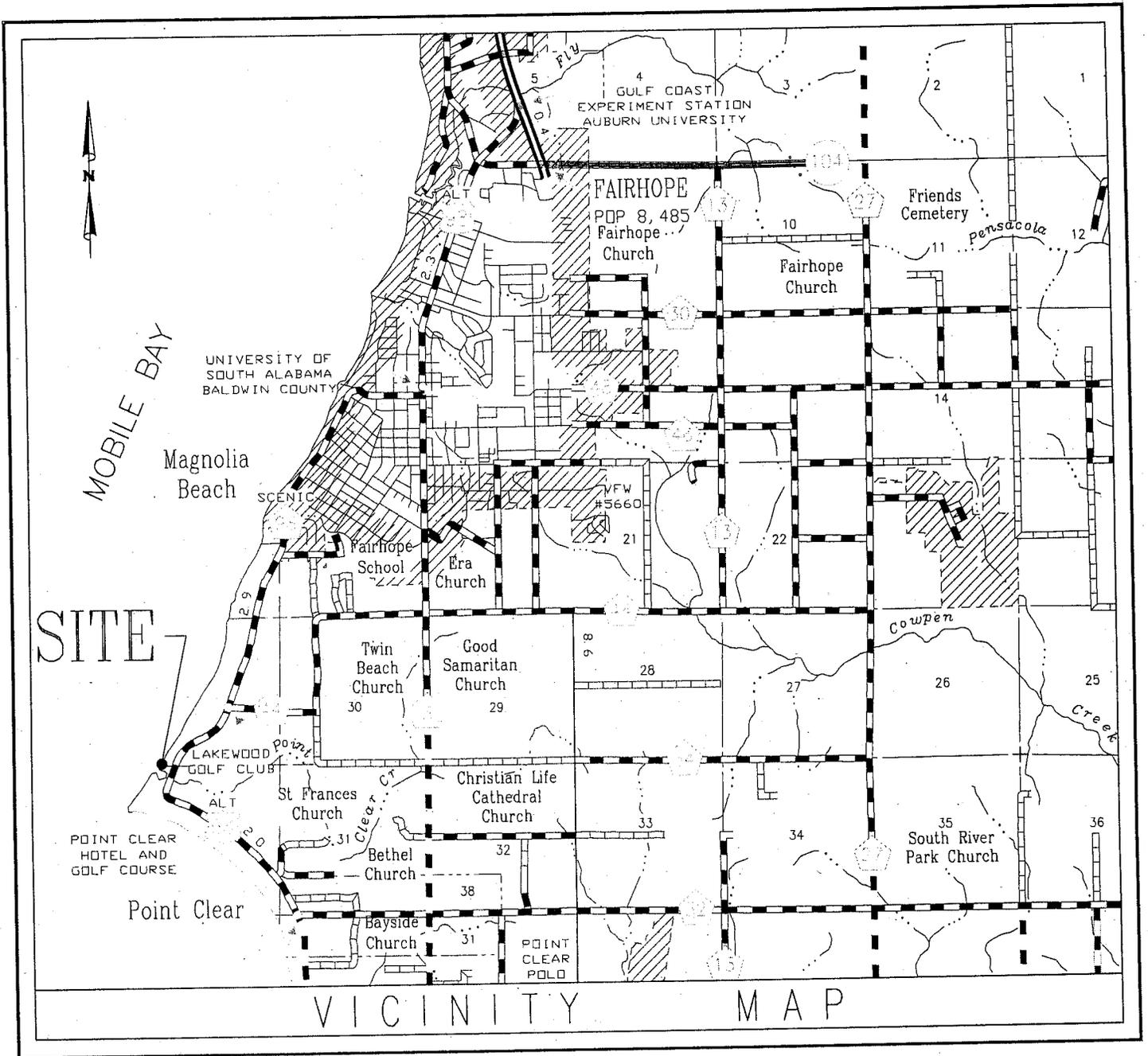
Comments should be received no later than **30 days** from the date of this Public Notice.

If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the project manager via e-mail at glen.a.cunningham@usace.army.mil or phone **(251) 694-4077**. Please refer to the above Public Notice number.

For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our web site at www.sam.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory.

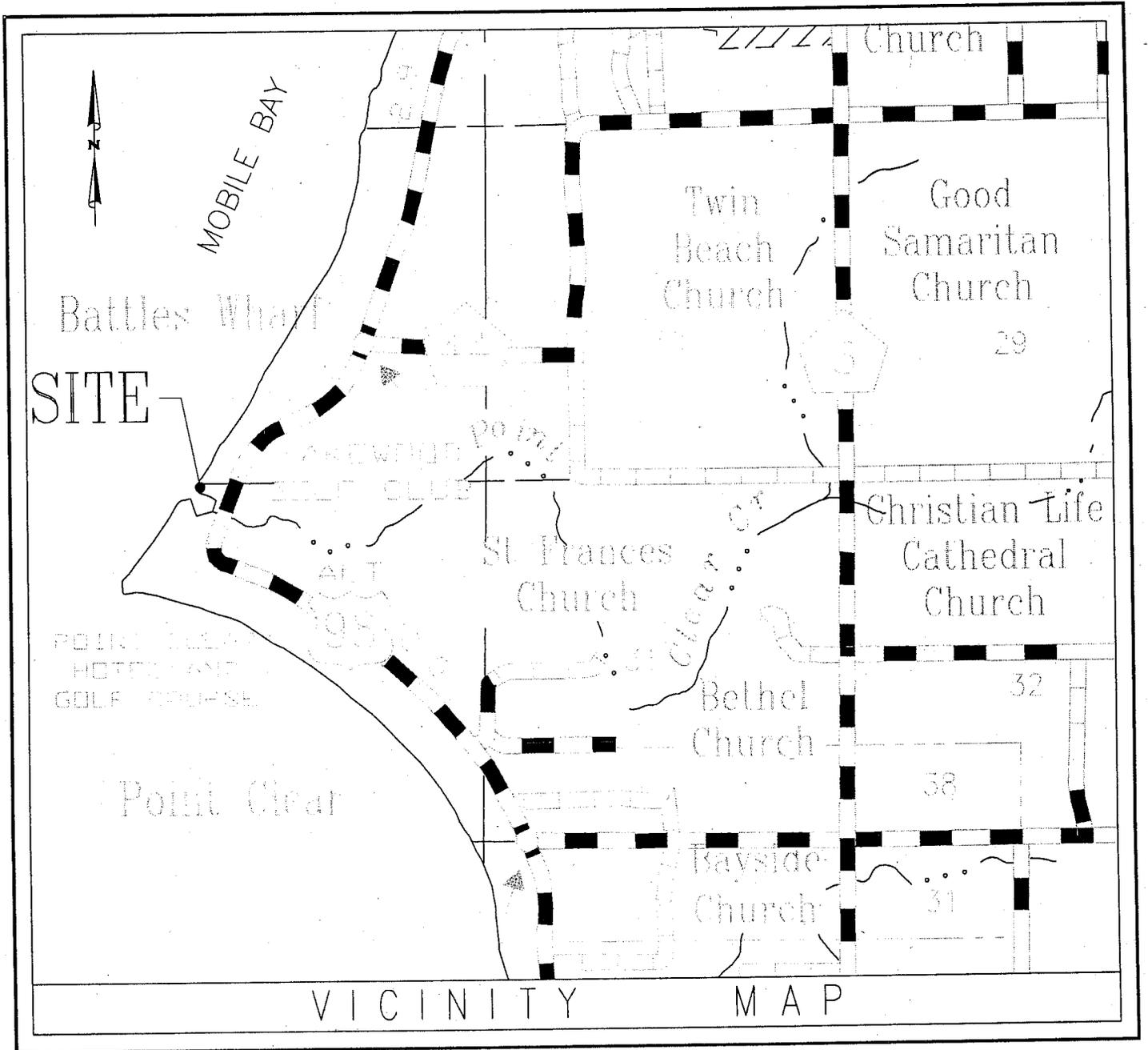
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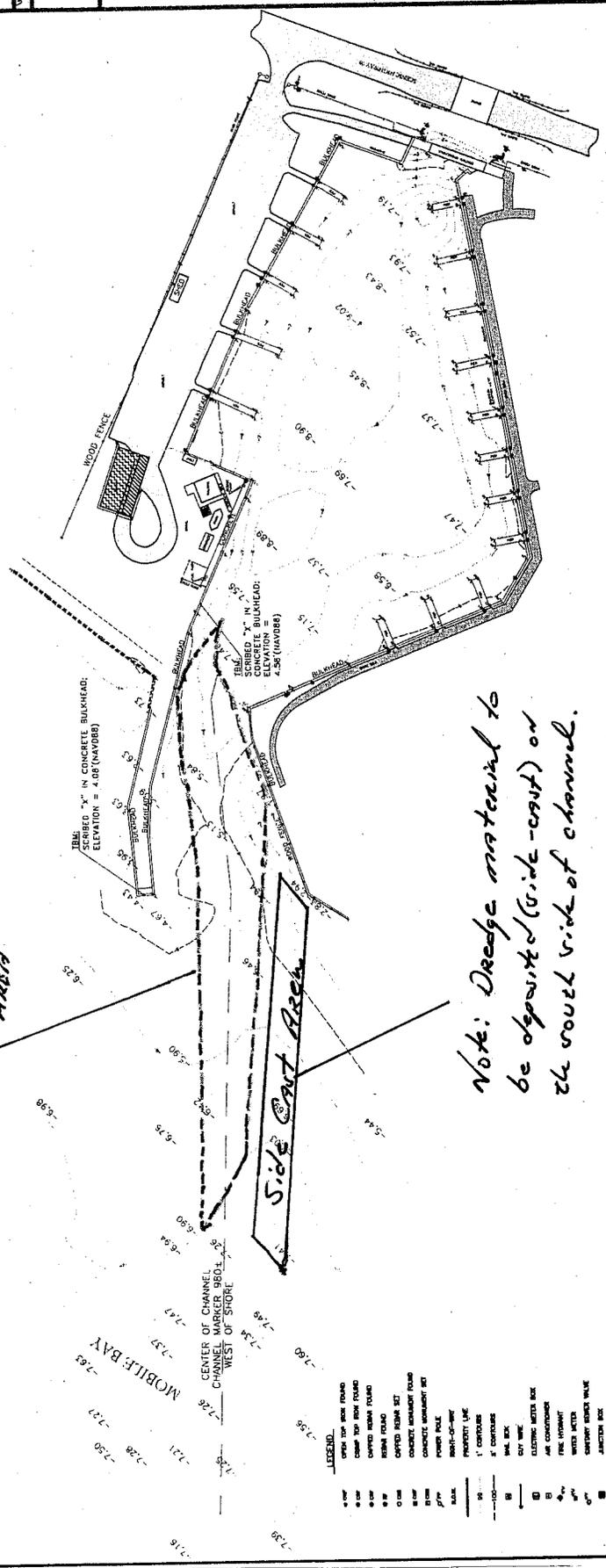
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Proposed Dredging Area

Side Cut Area

Note: Dredge material to be deposited (wide-east) on the gravel side of channel.

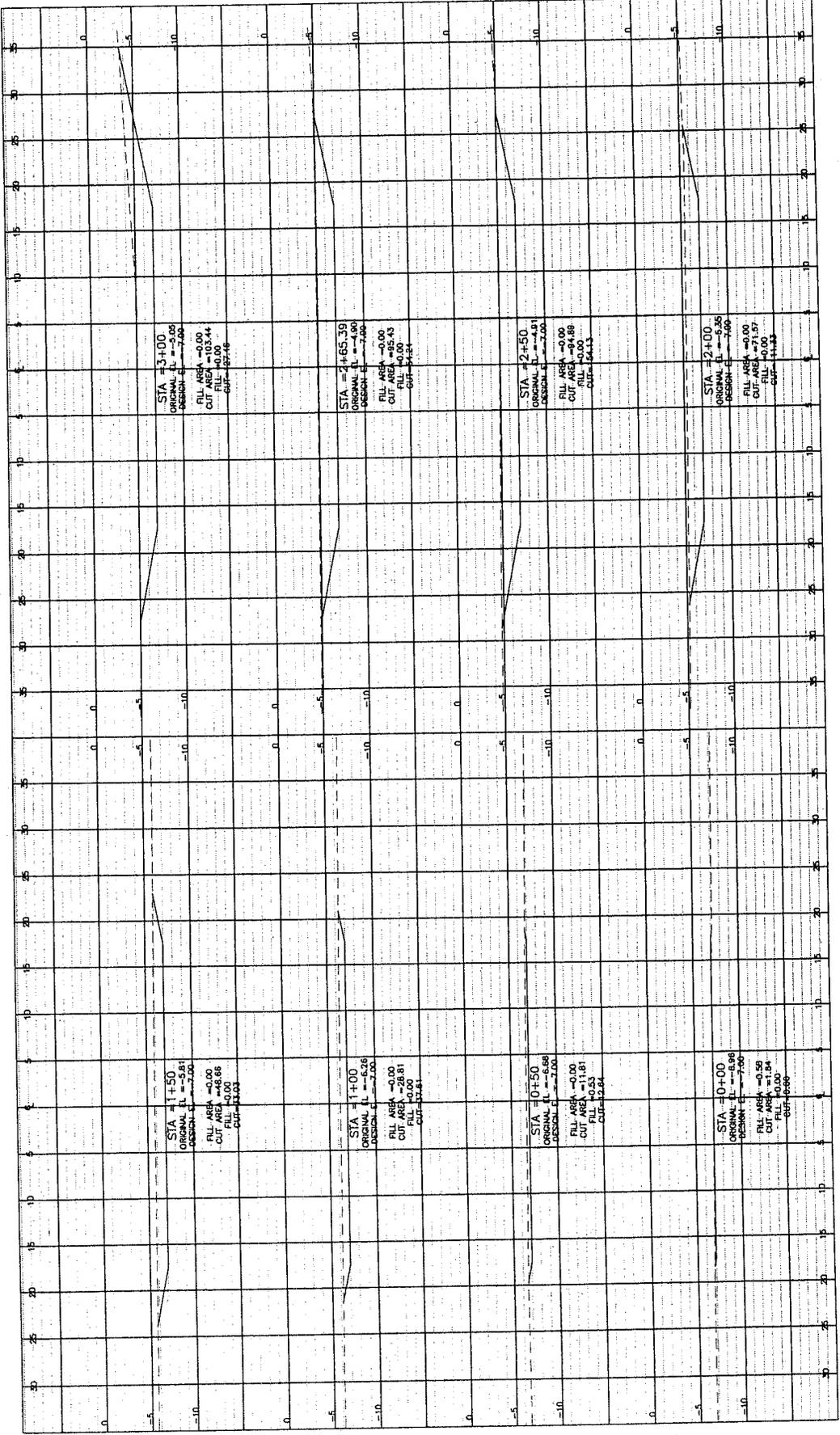


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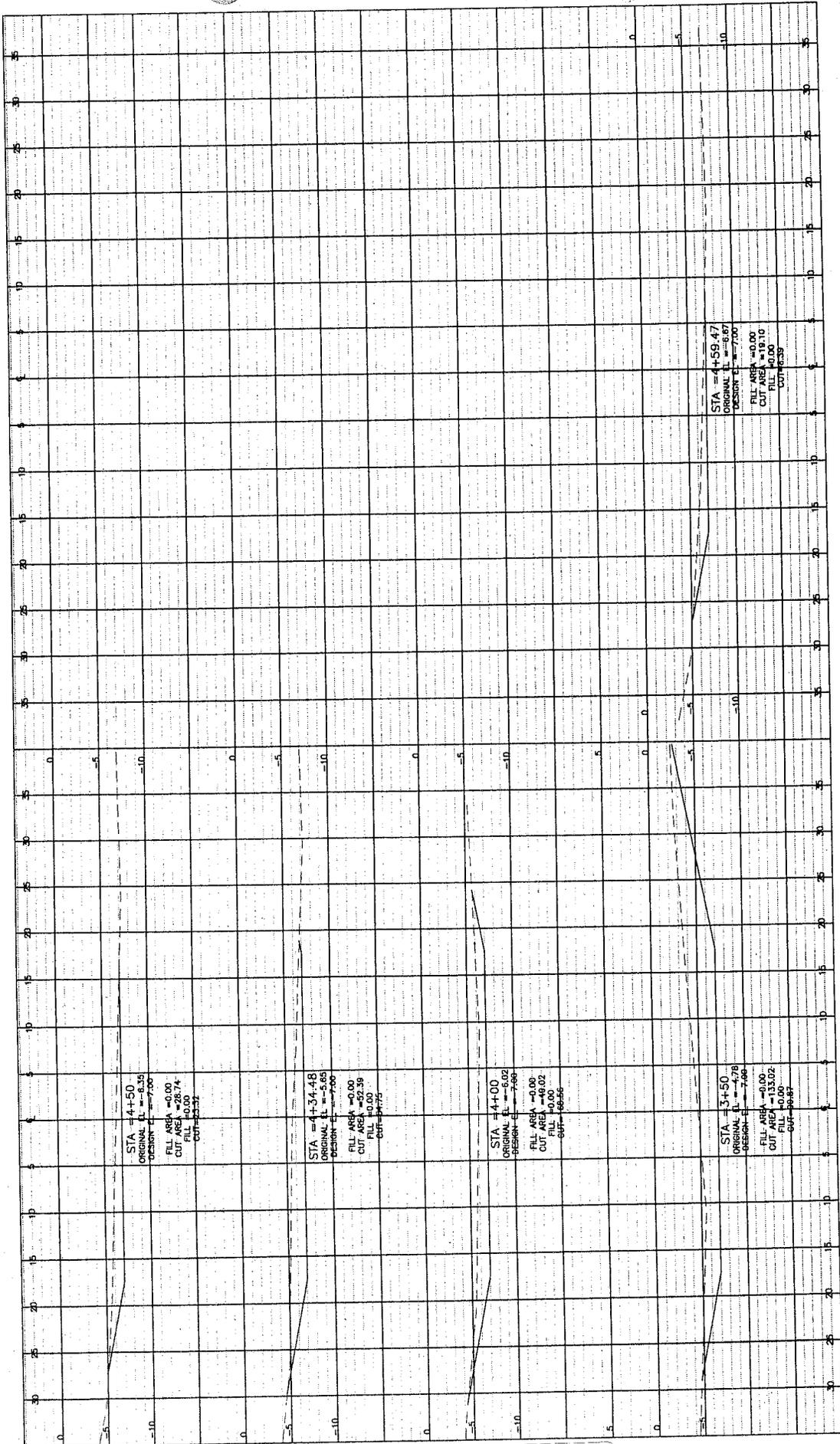
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