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ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, MOBILE DISTRICT  
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Coastal Branch  
Regulatory Division

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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2006-1677-TMZ**

**JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE  
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
OFFICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL**

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES**

**Request for Permit Renewal  
Expired Permit Number MS97-00177-P**

**FOR:**

**Channelization Work  
Long Beach Watershed Project  
Canal 2-3, Off St. Louis Bay, Harrison County, Mississippi**

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). The project was previously advertised by Public Notice No. MS93-00793-P and authorized under Permit No. MS97-00177-P which expired on June 27, 2006. Please communicate this information to interested parties.

**APPLICANT:** Long Beach Water Management District  
c/o Dukes, Dukes, Keating  
& Faneca, P. A.  
Attention: Mr. Bobby Long  
P. O. Drawer W  
Gulfport, Mississippi 39502

**WATERWAY:** Canal 2-3 (Upper reach of Bayou Portage), off St. Louis Bay, near Long Beach, Harrison County, Mississippi

**Project Purpose:** The purpose of this project is to reduce the annual \$237,000 losses from the flooding of residences, businesses, and utilities within the Long Beach Watershed.

**Work:** The Long Beach Water Management District proposes to perform channelization work to reduce flooding in the Long Beach Watershed. This watershed contains 10,857 acres and consists of two (2) man-made canals; Canal No. 1 being the upper end of Johnson Bayou, and Canal No. 2-3 being the upper reach of Bayou Portage. Both bayous flow into St. Louis Bay which flows into the Gulf of Mexico. The watershed is predominantly urban and outlying built-up areas. A large portion of the City of Long Beach (4,566 acres) and a portion of the City of Pass Christian (1,455 acres) is located within the watershed.

The Long Beach Watershed Sponsors filed an application for Federal assistance on 14 March 1985. The watershed was authorized for Federal assistance in June 1988, under the authority of the Watershed Protection and Flood Protection Act, Public Law 83-566, as amended (16 USC 1001-1008). Under this authority, the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) has provided technical and financial assistance in the planning and formulation of the project design. The overall watershed plan consists of 8.3 miles of channel modifications, including 6.7 miles of channel enlargement and 1.6 miles of selective snagging, involving both Canal No. 1 and Canal No. 2-3; this work will be performed in phases. The currently proposed permit action concerns Canal 2-3 (Phase 1 of the proposed overall watershed plan) which includes the widening and deepening of 2.7 miles of the existing channel. Channel sections will be constructed on 3 to 1 side slopes and vegetated with native species. Material will be mechanically excavated and disposed of by sidecasting along one side of the bank. In addition, selective clearing and snagging will be performed; this will consist of removing log jams and cutting trees within the channel that are obstructing or diverting normal flow. Most of work associated with this project has already been accomplished before the expiration of the previously issued permit. Recently, NRCS has made available additional funding in order to complete the project this year. Approximately 15 acres of wetlands will be impacted by sidecasting activities and by channel widening. Mitigation for this wetland loss will be accomplished by creating forested habitat along channels, and in other approved areas in the watershed.

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been prepared for this project by NRCS, in cooperation with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS), the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, and the Mississippi Department of Wildlife and Conservation, Bureau of Marine Resources. A copy of this EIS is available for review at the Mobile District Office, Corps of Engineers, 109 St. Joseph Street, Mobile, Alabama.

The applicant has applied for certification from the State of Mississippi in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, and upon completion of the required advertising, a determination relative to certification will be made. Water Quality Certification was previously issued to the applicant by the State of Mississippi by correspondence dated December 21, 1993.

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the State Coastal Zone Management Program. A determination relative to consistency will be made by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources.

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.

The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and no properties listed in or eligible for the National Register are known to exist which would be affected by the proposed work. 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, 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 indicates that the proposed activity will not affect listed endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number SAM-2006-1677-TMZ and should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, Attention: Permit Evaluation Branch, with a copy to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 10385, Jackson, Mississippi 39289, and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Suite 101, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530, in time to be received no later than 15 days from the date of this notice.

If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact Tad M. Zebryk at telephone number (251) 694-3779. 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/RD/reg](http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/RD/reg), and please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey while you're there. Your responses are appreciated and will allow us to improve our services.

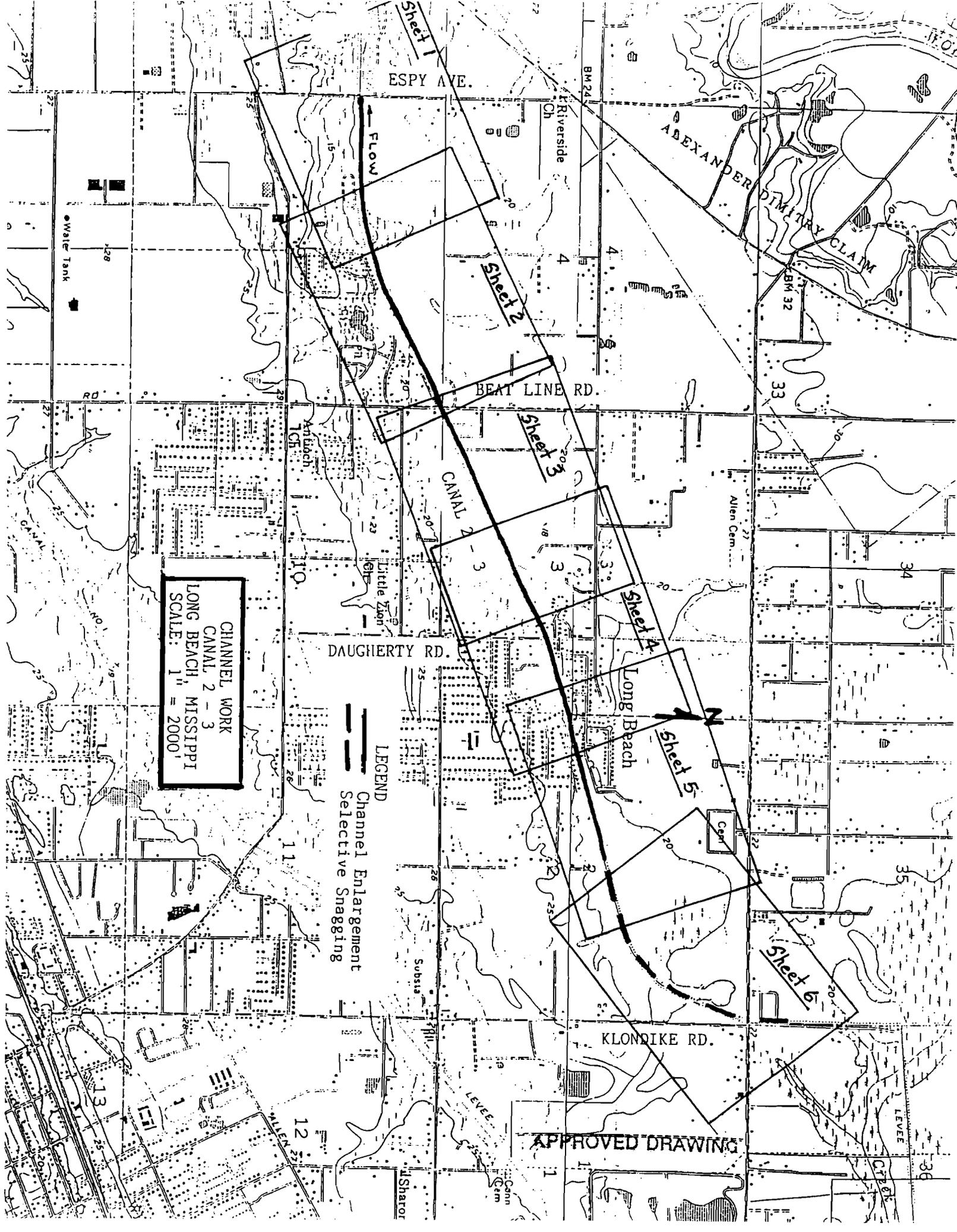
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CHANNEL WORK  
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LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI  
SCALE: 1" = 2000'

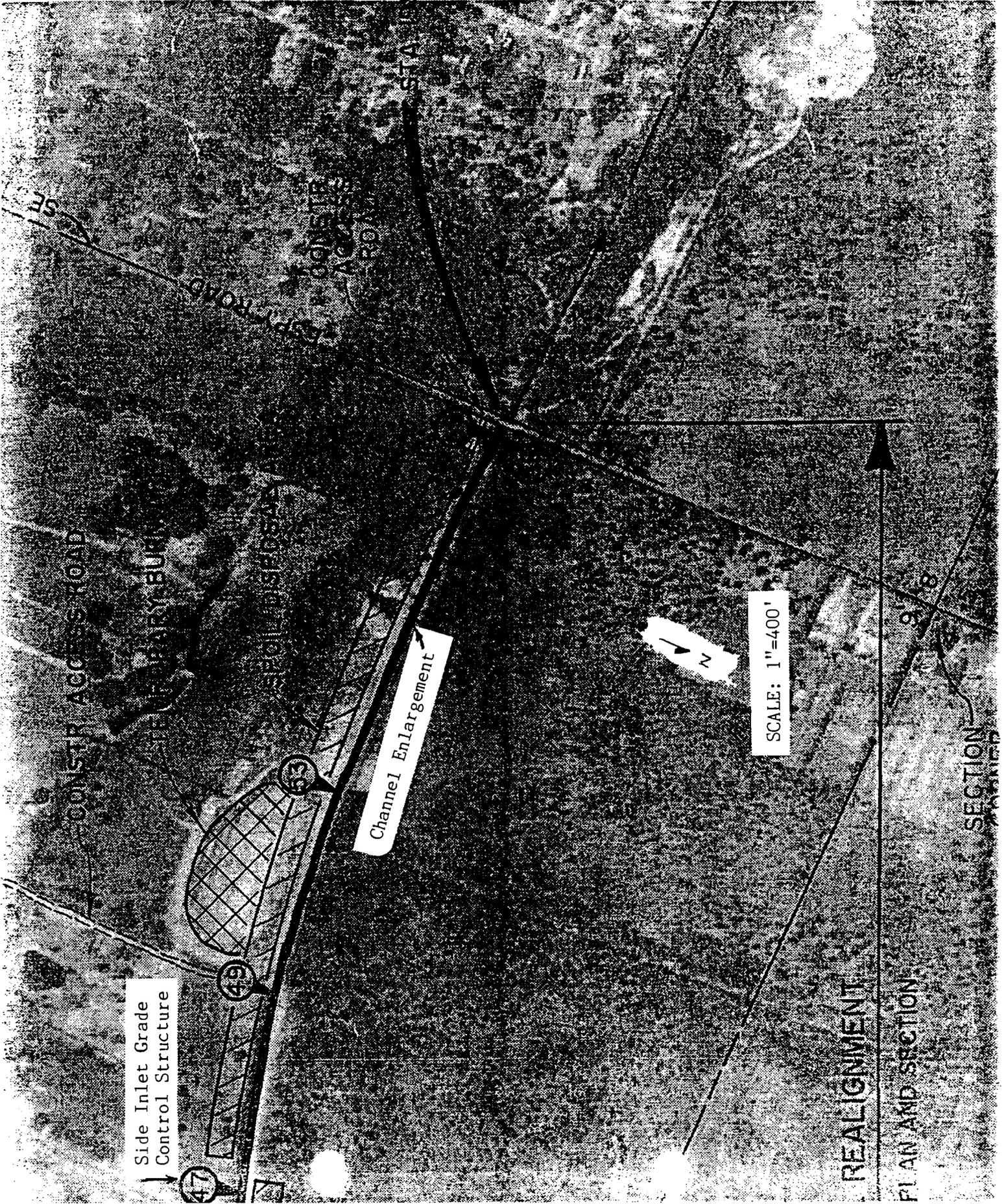
LEGEND  
Channel Enlargement  
Selective Snagging

APPROVED DRAWING



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BEGIN PROJECT



CITY OF LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI

SIDE INLET STRUCTURE

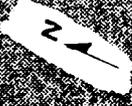
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Side Inlet Grade  
Control Structure

SPOIL DISPOSAL AREA

Channel Enlargement

SCALE: 1"=400'



CHANNEL ENLARGEMENT / CHANNEL DECONTAMINATION

APPROVED DRAWING

Sheet 2

CONSTRUCTION FIELD OFFICE

CONSTRUCTION ACCESS ROAD

SIDE INLET

SPOIL DISPOSAL AREA

SECTION LINE

Channel Enlargement

Side Inlet Grade Control Structure

SCALE: 1"=400'

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SPOIL DISPOSAL AREA

# CHANNEL ENLARGEMENT & CHANNEL REALIGNMENT

WORK AREA LIMITS SEE PLAN AND SECTION  
ALONG WITH SHEETS 19 THRU 20

APPROVED DRAWING

CITY ROAD

CONSTR. ACCESS ROAD

SPOIL DISPOSAL AREA

SIDE INLET STRUCTURE (TYPICAL)

Channel Enlargement

STATIONING

SPOIL DISPOSAL AREA

CONSTR. ACCESS ROAD

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DAUGHERTY ROAD

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WORK AREA LIMITS SEE PLAN AND SECTION  
1 TO THRU 20

SCALE: 1"=400'



SECTION LINE

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APPROVED DRAWING

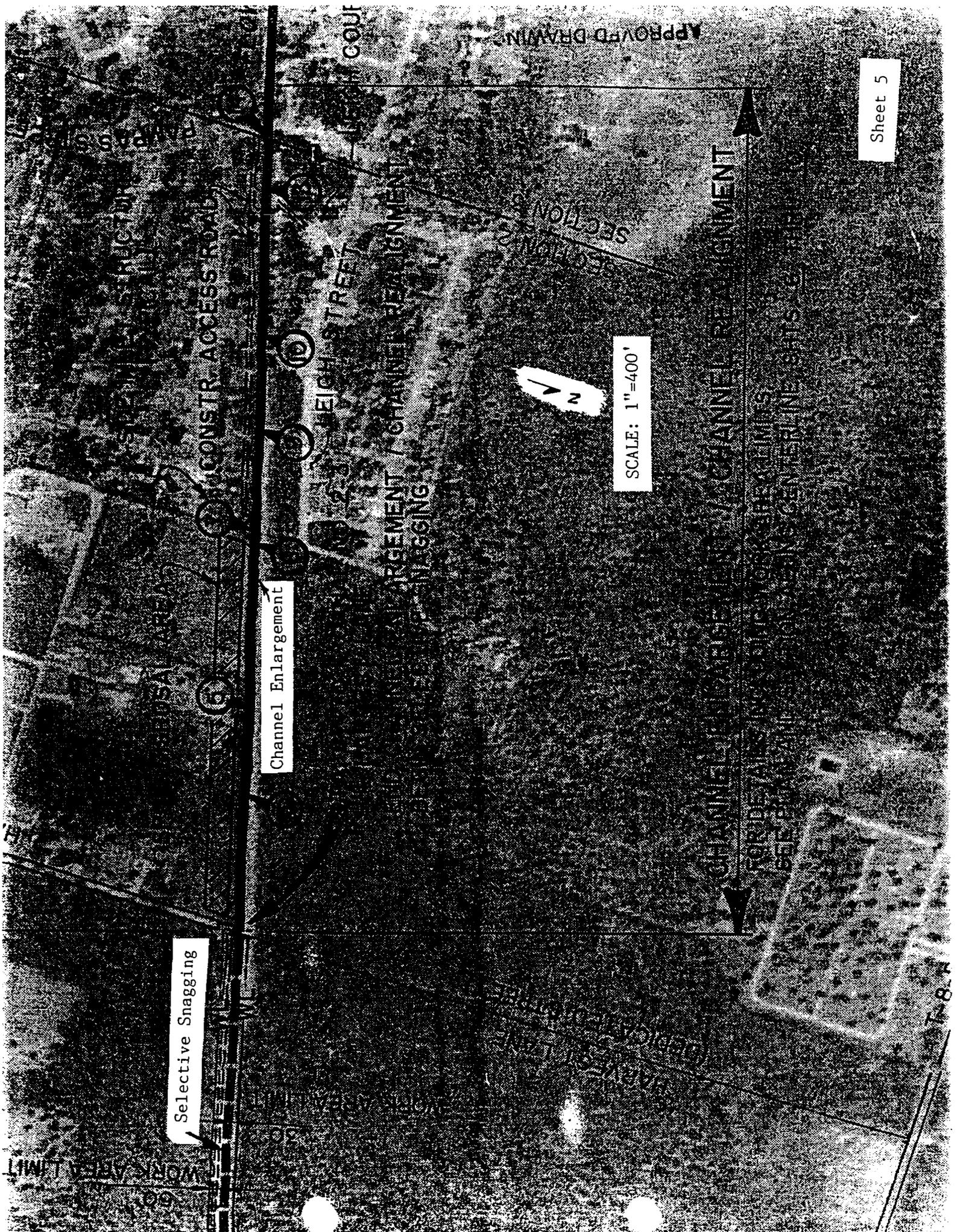
BEAT

Selective Snagging

Channel Enlargement

SCALE: 1"=400'

Sheet 5



WORK AREA LIMIT

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USA AREA

CONSTR. ACCESS ROAD

BEIGH STREET

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ALIGNMENT / CHANNEL REALIGNMENT  
SNAGGING

SECTION 22

CHANNEL REALIGNMENT

FOR DETAILS OF CHANNEL REALIGNMENT SEE DRAWING CENTERLINE SHEETS 2-210

APPROVED DRAWING

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ACCESS ROAD

Selective Snagging

SCALE: 1"=400'



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Sheet 6

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PARALLEL LANE  
(BROADCAST 87 FEET)

KLONDIKE ROAD

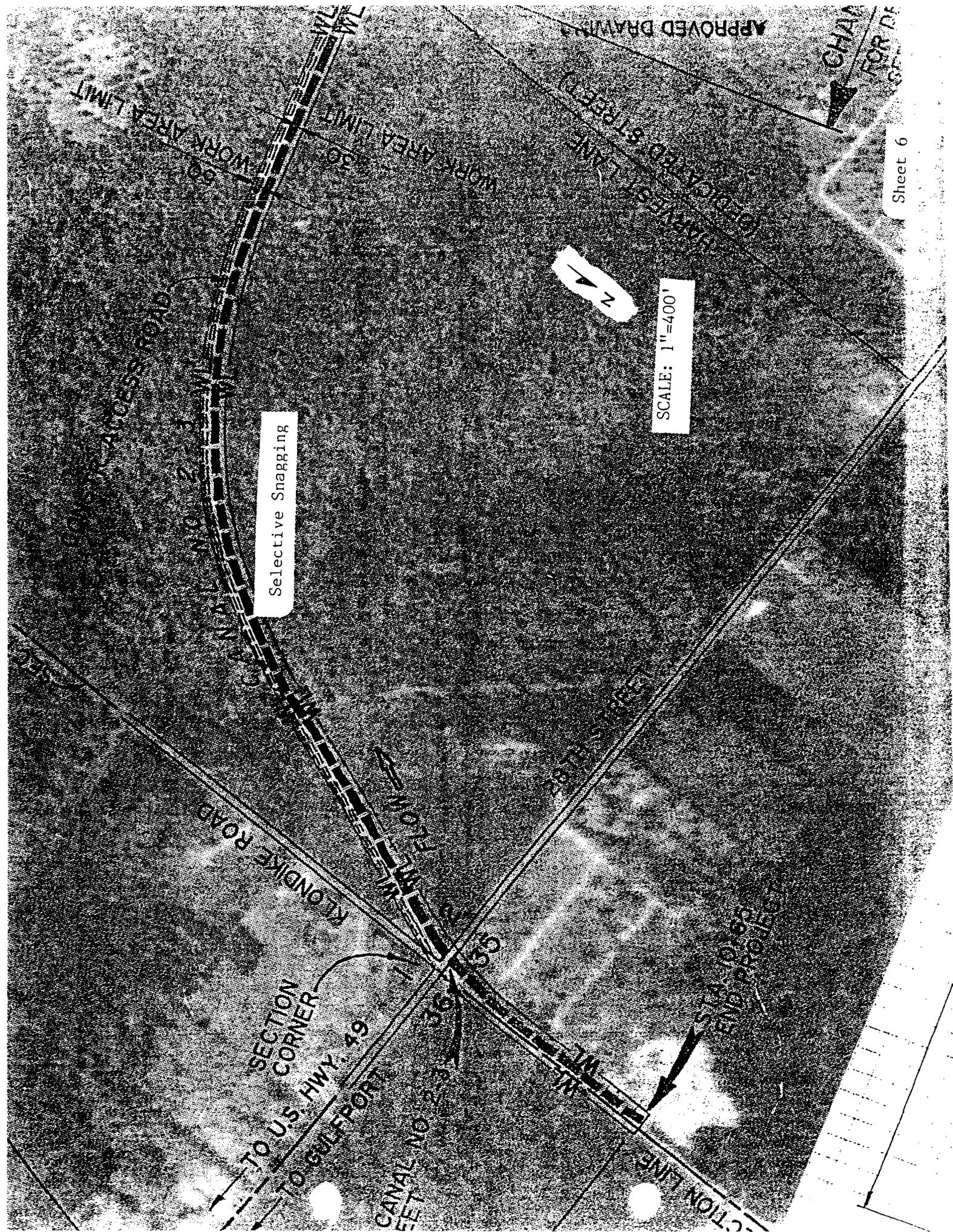
SECTION CORNER

TO U.S. HWY 39  
TO GULFPORT

CANAL NO. 23336

SLAB 10169

SECTION LINE



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