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ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, MOBILE DISTRICT  
P.O. BOX 2288  
MOBILE, ALABAMA 36628-0001

Coastal Branch  
Regulatory Division

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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2006-02241-TMZ**

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

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

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES**

**BERT JONES YACHT BASIN, CITY OF GULFPORT**

**MISSISSIPPI SOUND, GULFPORT, HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

**APPLICANT:** City of Gulfport  
Attention: Mr. D. J. Ziggler, Harbormaster  
P. O. Box 1780  
Gulfport, Mississippi 39502  
228-868-5713

**WATERWAY:** Mississippi Sound, Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi; Section 9, Township 8 South, Range 11 West.

**WORK:** The City of Gulfport proposes to perform maintenance dredging within the Bert Jones Yacht Basin to restore adequate navigation depths. The area to be dredged is approximately 28 acres in size and will be dredged to -10 feet at mean low water. Approximately 140,000 cubic yards

of dredged material will be removed from the harbor basin and placed in a designated upland disposal area. Dredging will be performed by dragline and/or hydraulic dredge depending on the availability of equipment and the efficiency of the selected equipment. Material removed by hydraulic dredge will be disposed of in a temporary dewatering area in the northwest corner of the harbor. Material will be allowed to dewater and then it will be transported by truck to the Harrison County Development Commission Upland Disposal Area C-1. Material dredged by dragline will be placed in a barge and later transported to the C-1 disposal area.

In addition to dredging, the City of Gulfport will replace bulkheads and construct docking piers, decks, and platforms. The City will construct approximately 3,307 linear feet of bulkhead, 3,766 linear feet of main access piers 10 feet wide, and 8,220 linear feet of minor access piers 3 feet wide to create approximately 364 docking berths. Once the piers are completed, utility services for the vessels will be added to the piers. In addition to the piers, the applicant will construct 13 decks and platforms that will encompass approximately 56,206 square feet, a Harbor Services Building, pump-out facilities, breasting and mooring piles, and a fuel dock.

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 occur in an area designated by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (50 CFR Part 17, 50 CFR Part 226; March 19, 2003) as Critical Habitat (Unit 8) for the federally-threatened Gulf sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus desotoi*). The proposed work will also take place in Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) as defined by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery and Conservation Act with regard to selected managed fish species (the entire Gulf of Mexico has been designated as EFH).

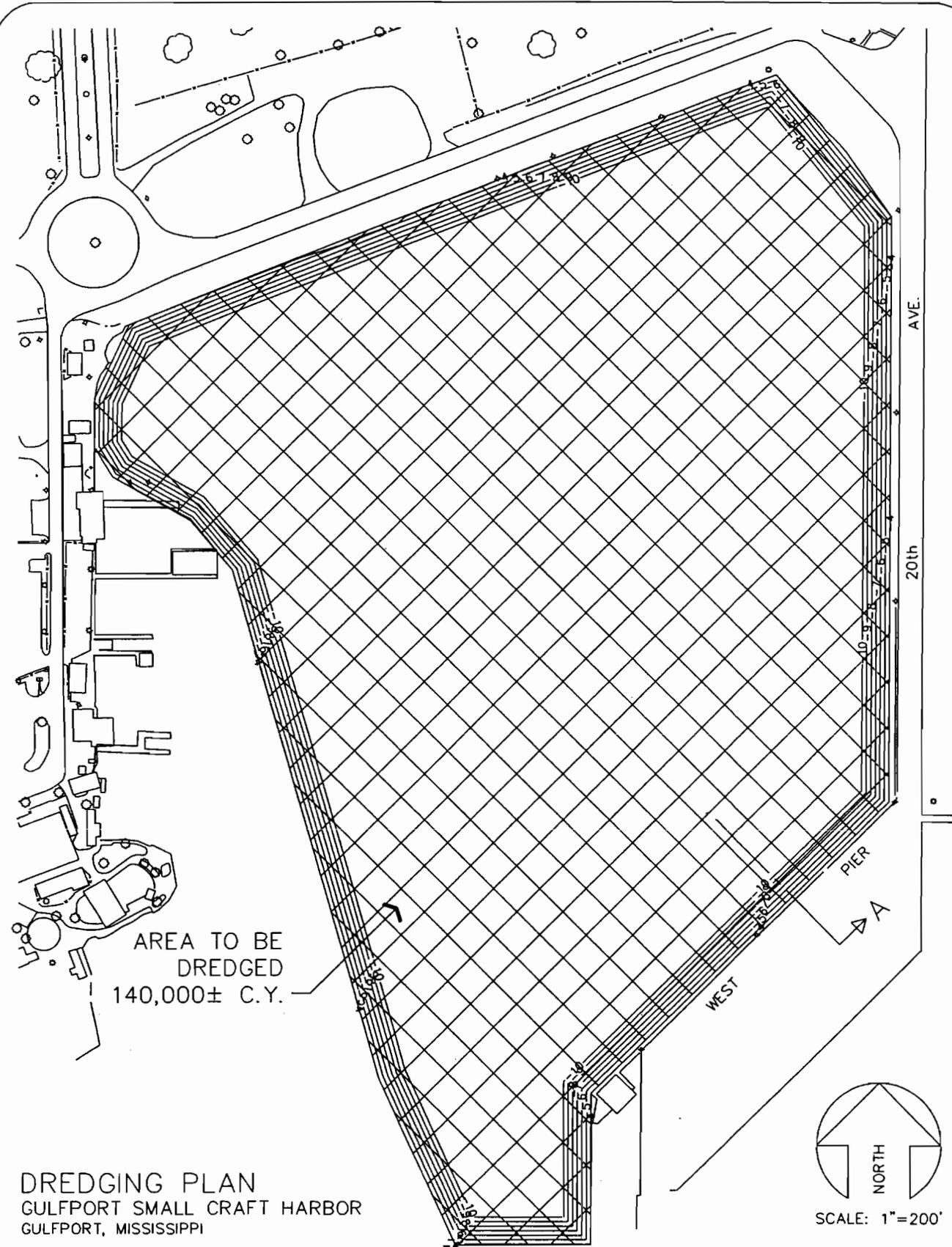
Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number SAM-2006-02241-TMZ and should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, Attention: Permit Evaluation Branch, with a copy to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Suite 101, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530, in time to be received not later than 21 days from the date of this notice.

If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact this office at telephone number 251-690-2658, or by sending an email to: [tad.zebryk@sam.usace.army.mil](mailto:tad.zebryk@sam.usace.army.mil). 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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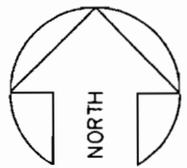
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GULFPORT SMALL CRAFT HARBOR  
GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

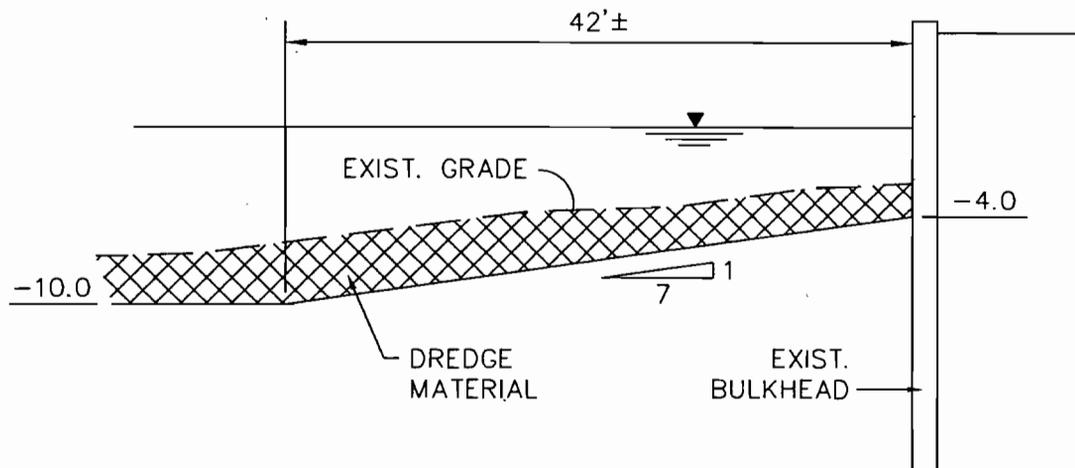


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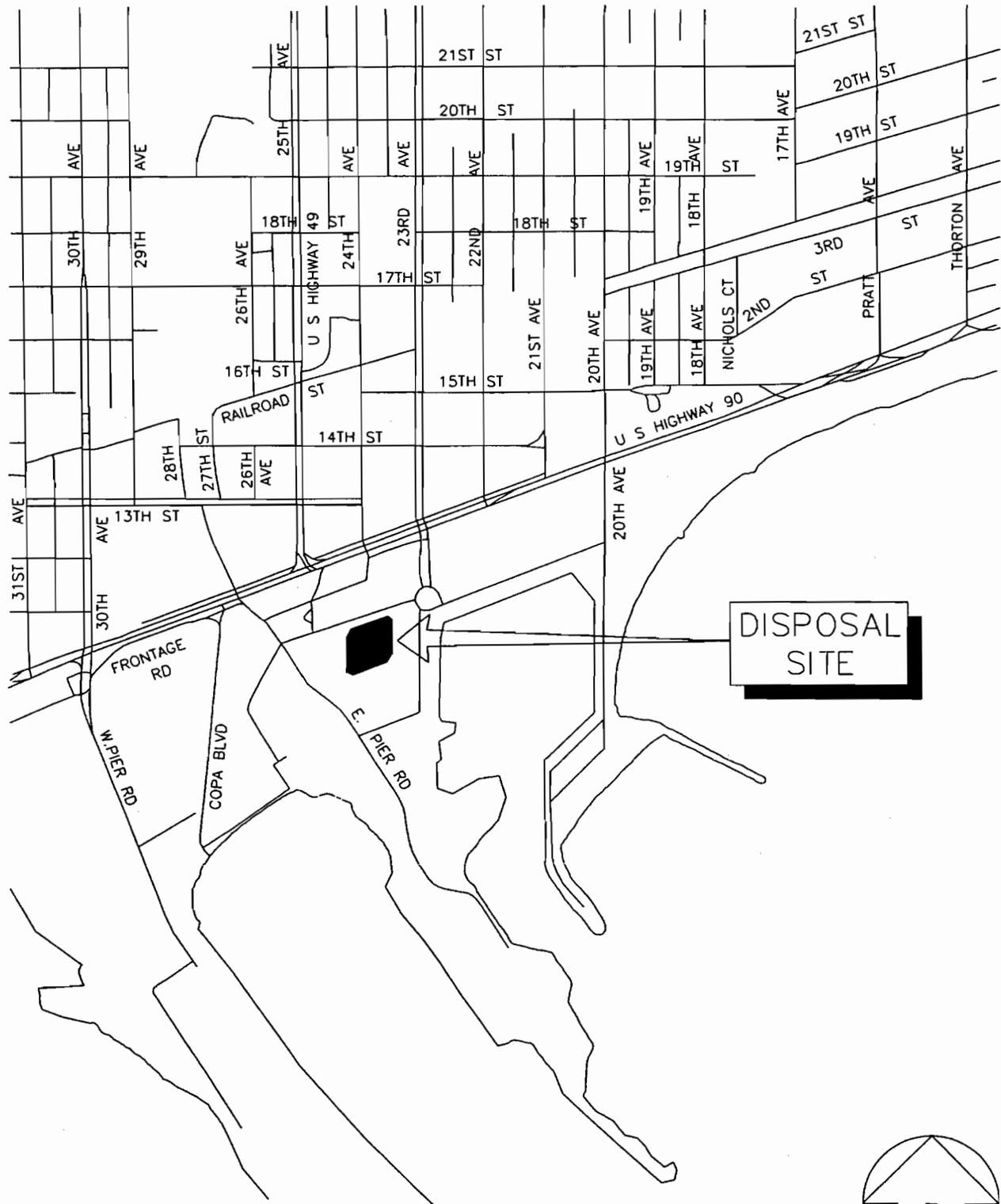
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 GULFPORT SMALL CRAFT HARBOR  
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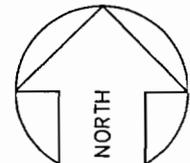
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DISPOSAL  
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 GULFPORT SMALL CRAFT HARBOR  
 GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

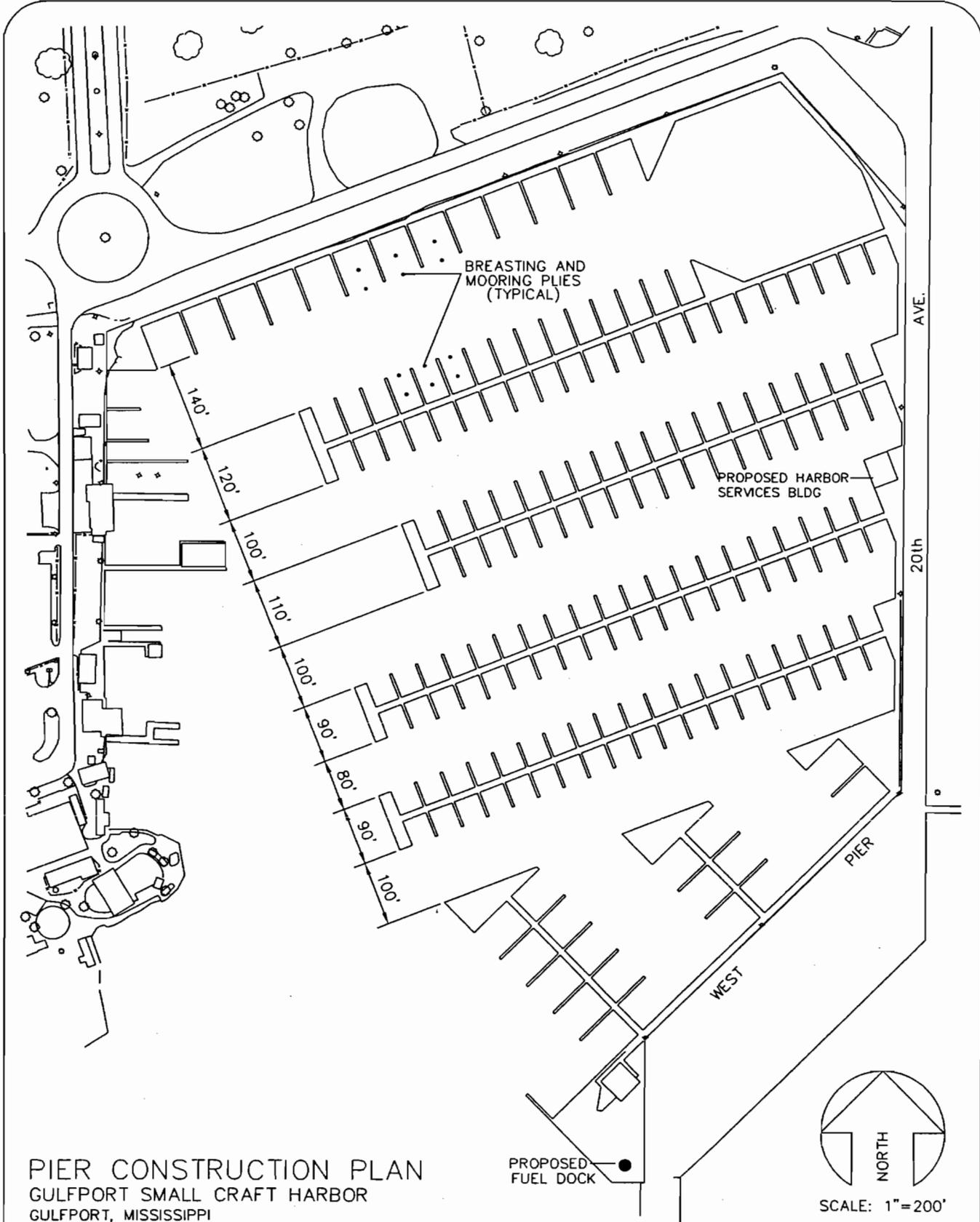


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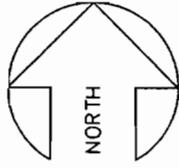
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 GULFPORT SMALL CRAFT HARBOR  
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PROPOSED FUEL DOCK

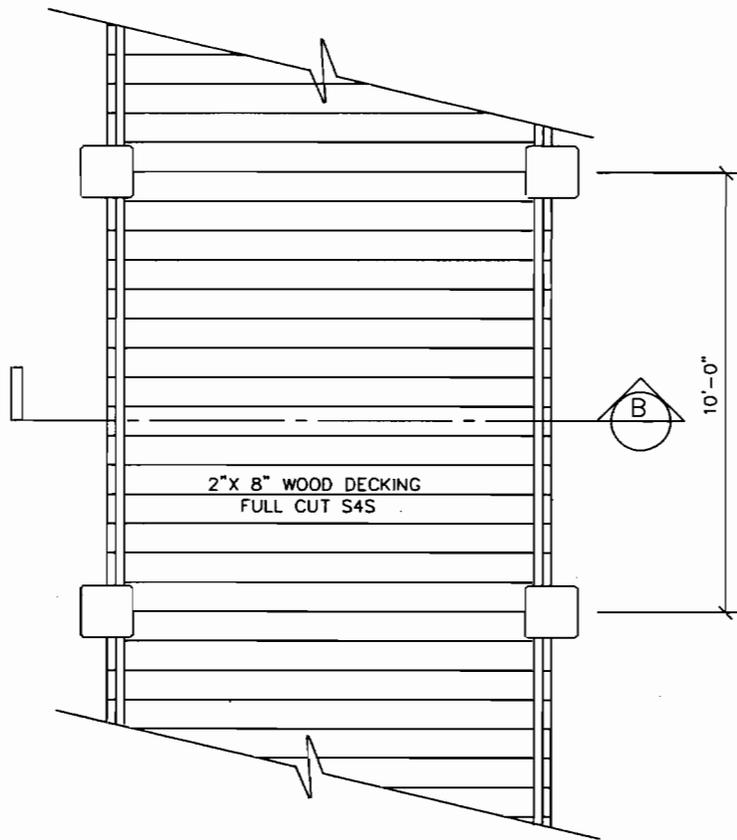


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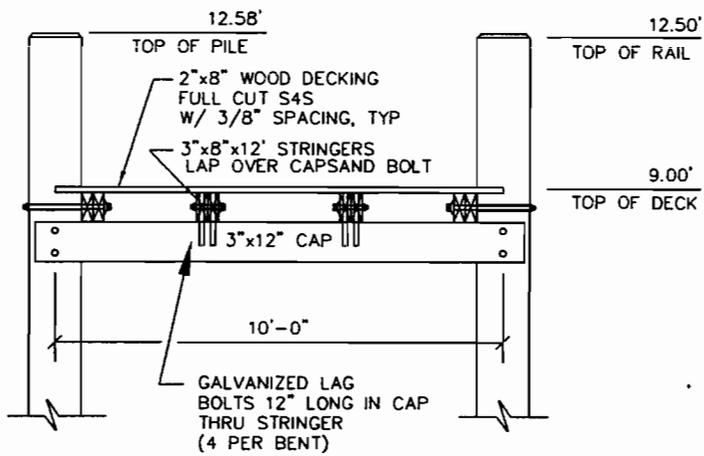
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PIER PLAN



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