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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2008-1354-LET

DATE: 25 September 2008

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

**PROPOSED DREDGING OF AN EXISTING MAN-MADE CANAL TO PROVIDE BOAT ACCESS
TO RESIDENTS ALONG THE CANAL NEAR MILLERS FERRY IN WILCOX COUNTY,
ALABAMA**

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 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: Mr. Charles Bryan
951 Sand Island Drive
Camden, Alabama 36726

WATERWAY: Man-made canal (Sand Island Canal) off William Dannelly Lake on the Alabama River near River Mile 135 located within Section 5 of Township 13 North, Range 7 East at 336 Speedway Boulevard near Latitude 32° 08' 10.39" North and Longitude 87° 23' 24.1" West, Millers Ferry, Wilcox County, Alabama.

WORK: The applicant proposes to excavate approximately 18,000 cubic yards of sandy waterbottom material from approximately 8.36 acres (364,000 square feet) of Sand Island Canal. An approximately 60-foot wide channel with 3:1 side slopes would be excavated. The finished depth of the canal would be at approximately 74-feet, which would be 6-feet below the normal pool elevation of 80-feet. The excavation activity would extend approximately 2,800 linear feet from the downstream side of the Hide-Away Road Bridge crossing the canal toward the Alabama River. The waterbottom material would be excavated by placing sand bag dams at each end of the project area, de-watering the canal with a pump, then using a bulldozer to push sand to pick-up points where a track hoe would load the sand onto trucks for transport to an upland disposal area within the existing S.J. Henderson pit. The applicant has indicated the excavation activities will be conducted during a period of low water when the canal is mostly dry.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the proposed project is to provide boat access to the residents of the existing subdivision along the canal and to the general public.

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION: Given the purpose of the project, which would be to provide adequate depth for recreational boating access within the canal, it would not be possible to avoid or further minimize proposed impacts to waters of the United States.

MITIGATION: No wetlands or streams would be adversely impacted by the project, therefore no mitigation has been proposed.

The applicant has applied for Water Quality certification from the State of Alabama in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act. Upon completion of the required advertising and public comment review, a determination relative to Water Quality certification will be made by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

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 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 use 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.

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and Appendix C of 33 CFR 325, the undertaking defined in this notice is being considered for the potential to effect cultural and historic properties within the permit area. No properties listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places are known to exist which would be affected by the proposal. 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 Archaeological 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. In accordance with 33 CFR 325.2(b)(5), this public notice serves as a request for information from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species may be present in the area which would be affected by the proposed activity.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number SAM-2008-1354-LET and should be directed to:

District Engineer
U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile
218 Summit Parkway, Suite 222
Homewood, AL 35209

with a copy to the:

Alabama Department of Environmental Management
Field Operations Division
Post Office Box 301463
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1463

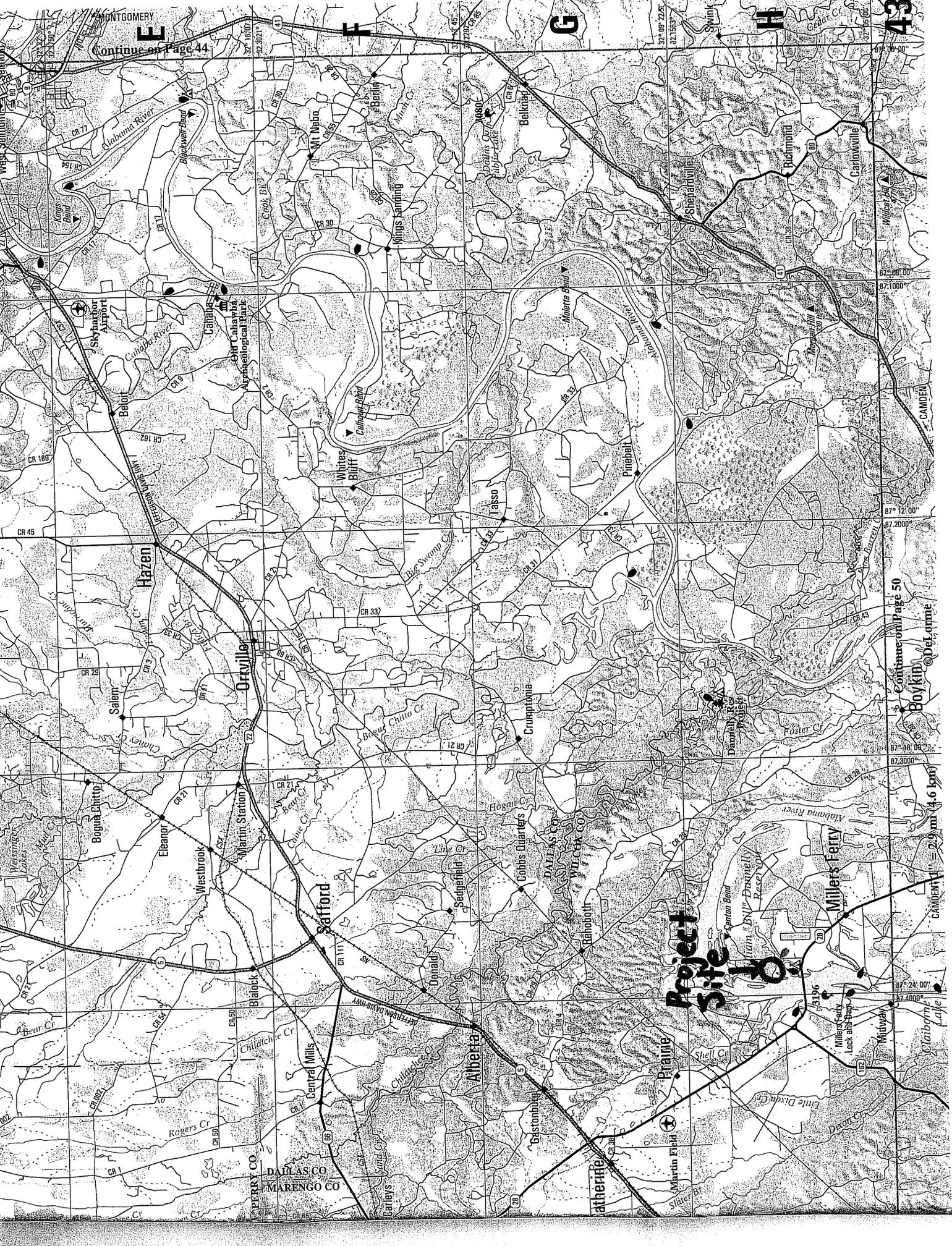
Comments should be received **no later than 30 days** from the date of this Public Notice.

If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the project manager via e-mail at leslie.e.turney@usace.army.mil or telephone number **(205) 290-9096**. 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, 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.

Enclosures

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Project Site

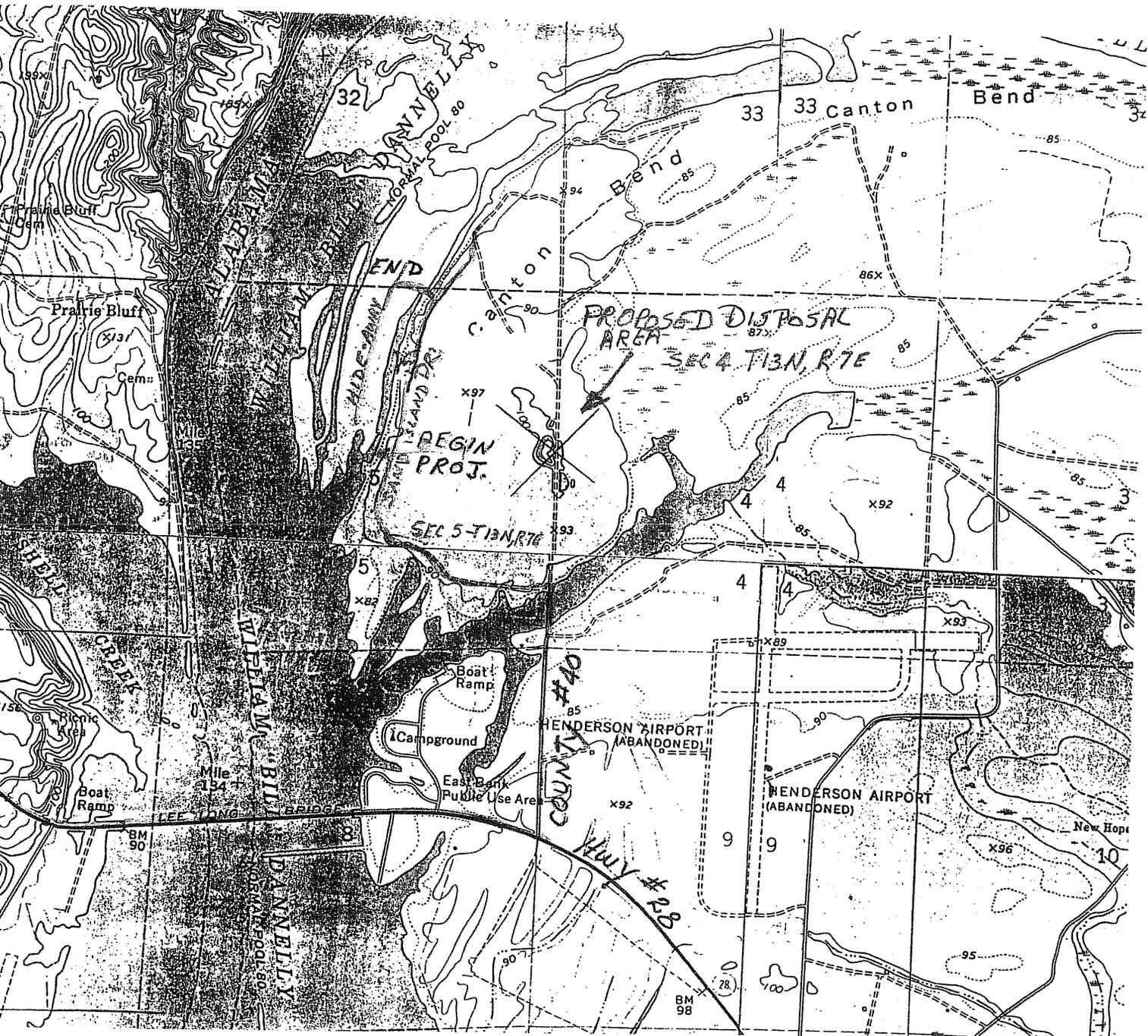


VICINITY MAP SAND ISLAND CANAL
LAKE DANNELLY, ALA. RIVER MI. 135
WILCOX COUNTY ALABAMA
CHARLES BRYAN

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FROM ALA. HWY #28, GO NORTH ON WILCOX Co #40
TO SAND ISLAND DR., PROCEED WEST ON SAND ISLAND
DRIVE 1/2 MI. TO BEGINNING OF PROJECT.
PROJECT ENDS @ BRIDGE ON HIDEAWAY R.D.



PROPERTY M. SAND ISLAND CANAL
LAKE DANVELLY ALA. RIVER MI. 135
WILCOX COUNTY ALABAMA
CHARLES BRYAN
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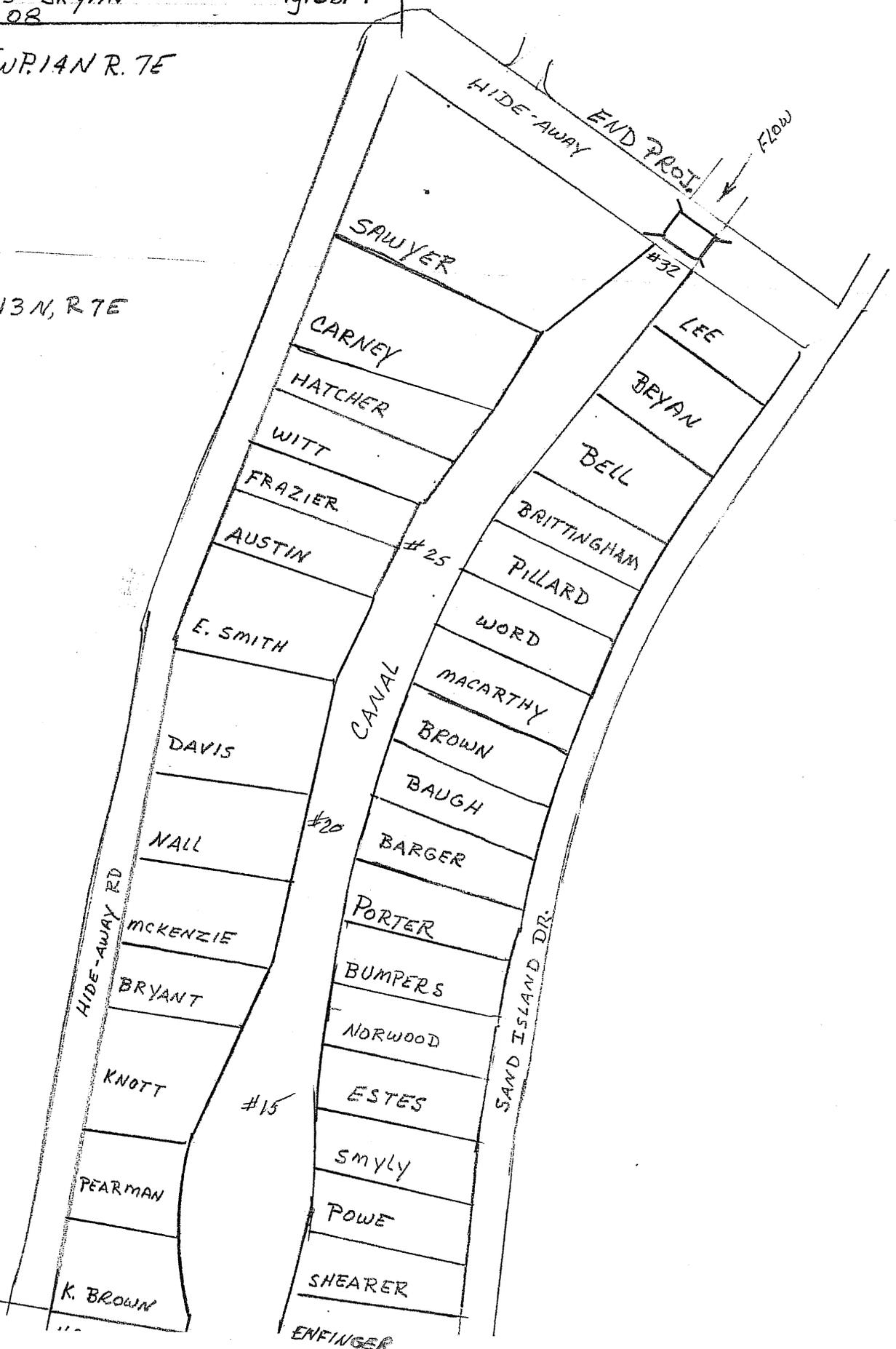


PROPERTY MAP OF VD ISLAND CANAL
LAKE DANNELLY, ALTA. RIVER MI. 135
WILCOX COUNTY ALABAMA
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NO SCALE

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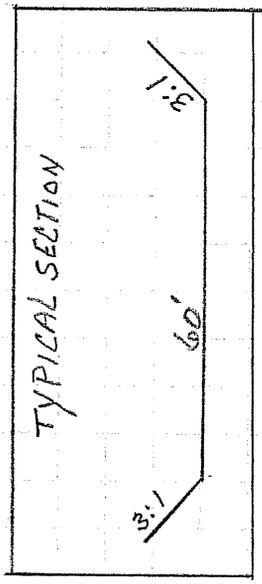
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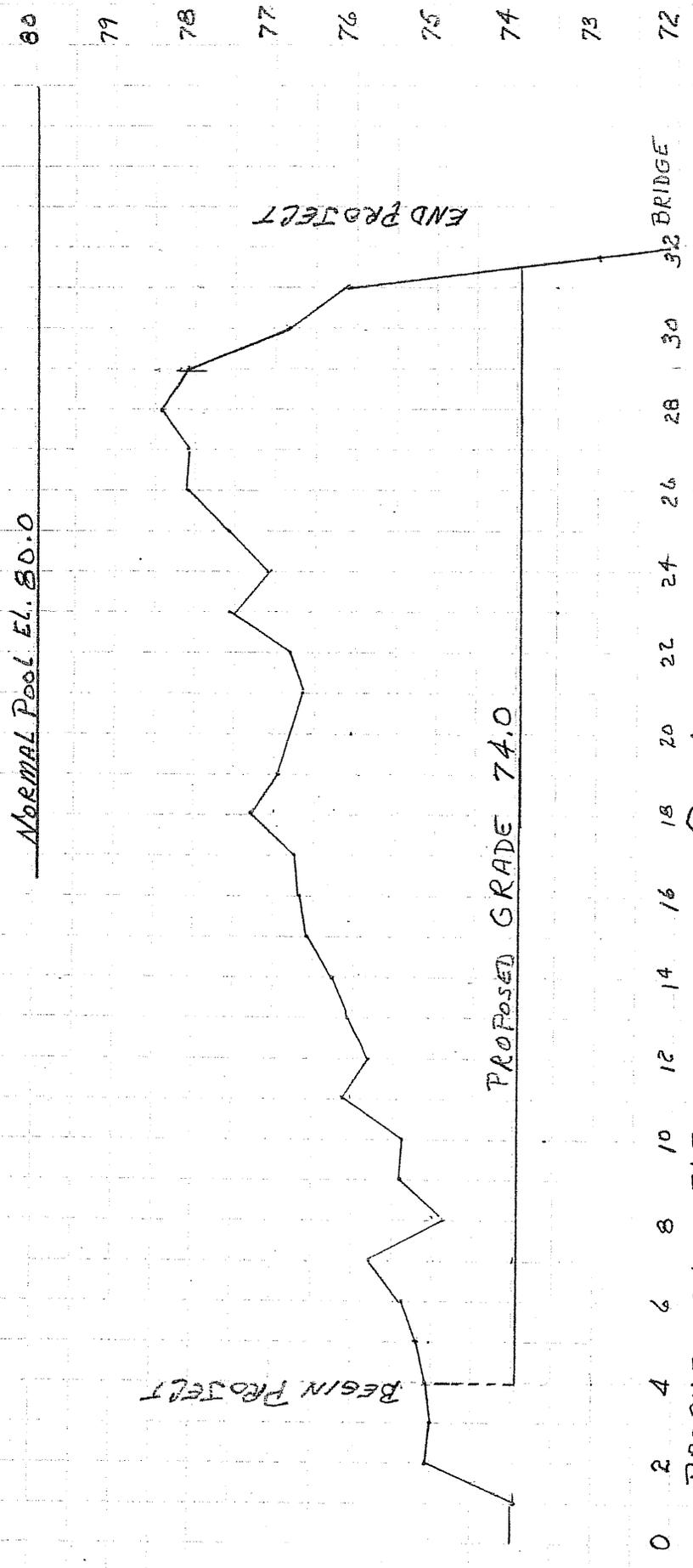
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1" = 400' HOR.
 1" = 2' VERT.



ESTIMATED 18,000 CU. YDS
 TO BE REMOVED



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