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

Regulatory Division
Coastal Branch

December 4, 2008

**JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE SAM-2008-1885-JBM
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

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

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

**Construct Bulkhead and Place Fill Material
For Harbormaster Building,
Long Beach Small Craft Harbor
Long Beach, 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 1899 (33 USC 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: City of Long Beach
P.O. Box 929
Long Beach, Mississippi 39560

Agent: A. Garner Russell & Associates
P.O. Box 1677
Gulfport, Mississippi 39502

WATERWAY: Long Beach Small Craft Harbor, Mississippi Sound, Long Beach, Harrison County, Mississippi. (Lat. 30.3450° N, Lat. 89.1423° W).

WORK: The applicant proposes to install 144 linear feet of bulkhead and place 820 cubic yards of nonstructural fill to form 2,208 square feet of land over which a pile supported Harbormaster Office will be constructed. The proposed facility will replace the former over-water office destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. FEMA and National Flood Insurance regulations necessitate that the building be constructed over land. The overall project purpose is to provide an onsite office for operating and managing the Long Beach Small Craft Harbor. Impacts to the aquatic environment have been minimized by the avoidance of special aquatic sites (e.g. wetlands and submerged aquatic vegetation) and siting the structure at same location as the previous building. See the attached drawings for additional details.

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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.

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.

The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and no properties listed in or eligible

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for the National Register are known to exist which would be affected by the proposed work. **The permit area is located in the shallow water bottoms of an existing small craft harbor; therefore, it is unlikely that the proposed work would impact unknown sites eligible for the National Register.** 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.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The proposal would eliminate 2,208 square feet of estuarine substrate utilized by various life stages of red drum, Spanish mackerel, and shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or Federally managed fisheries.

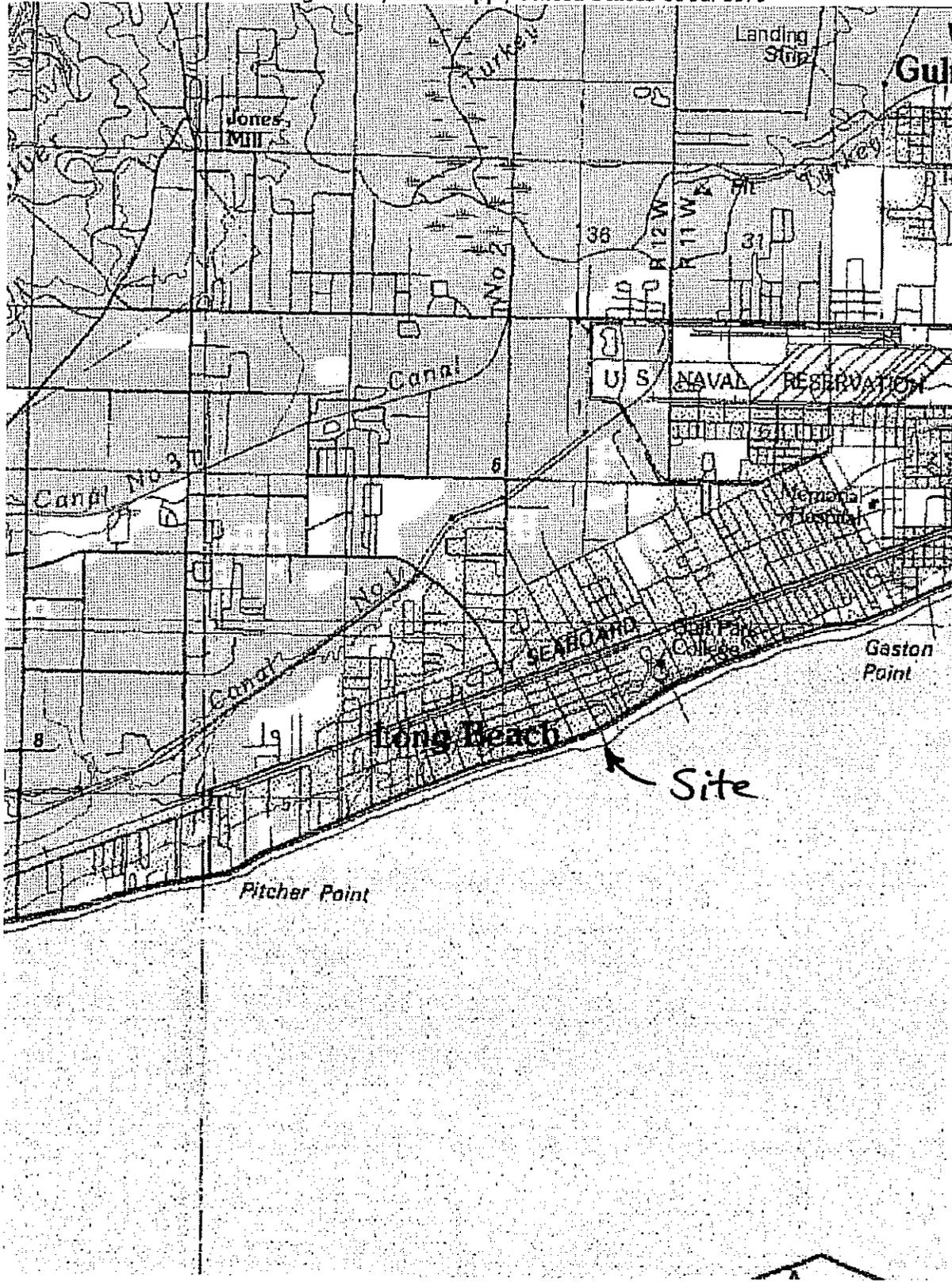
Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number SAM-2008-1885-JBM and should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, Attention: Coastal Branch, with a copy to the Mississippi Department 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 within 21 days of the date of this public notice.

If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact this office, John B. McFadyen, telephone number (251) 690-3222, E-mail john.b.mcfadyen@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, 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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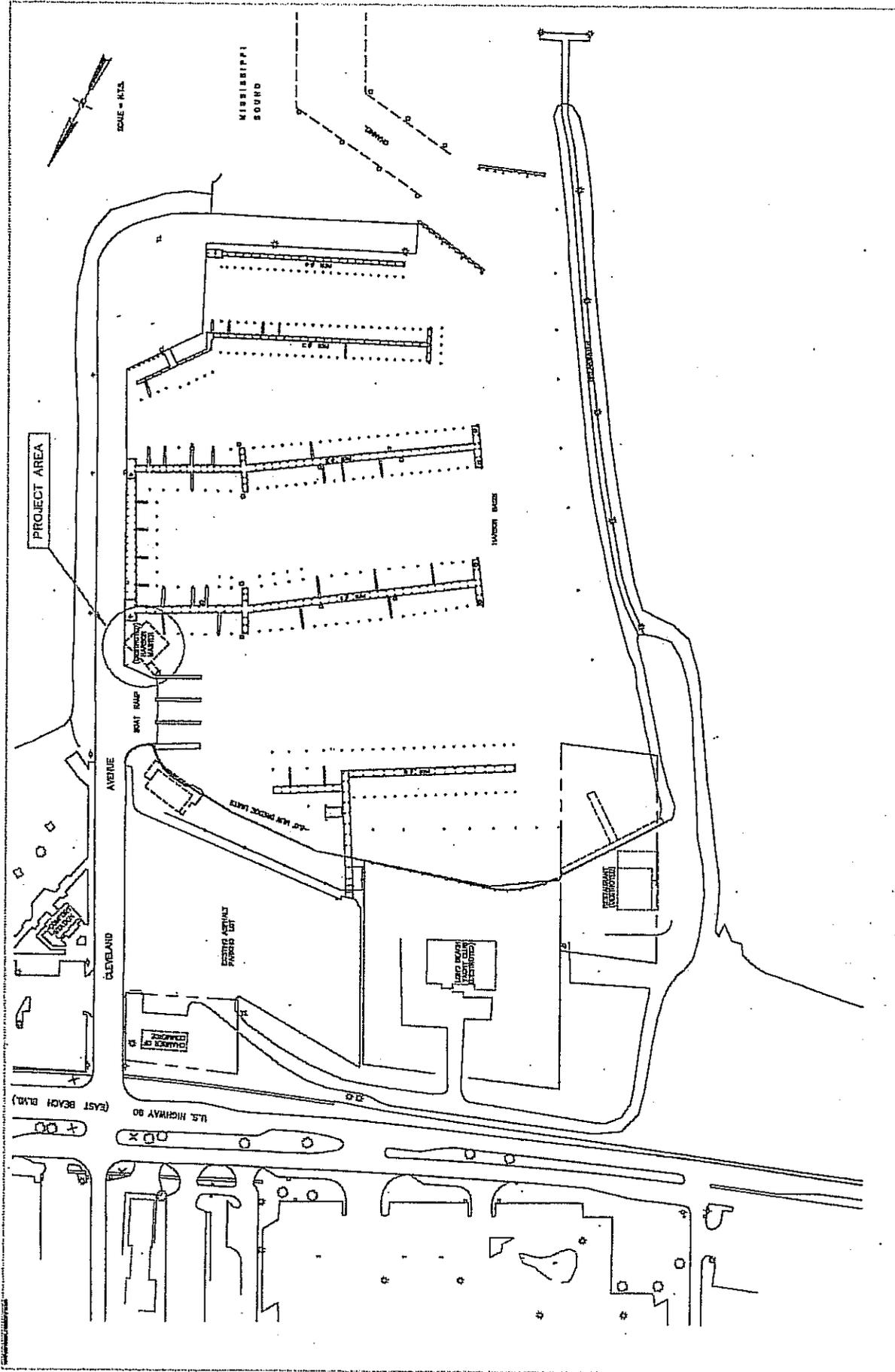
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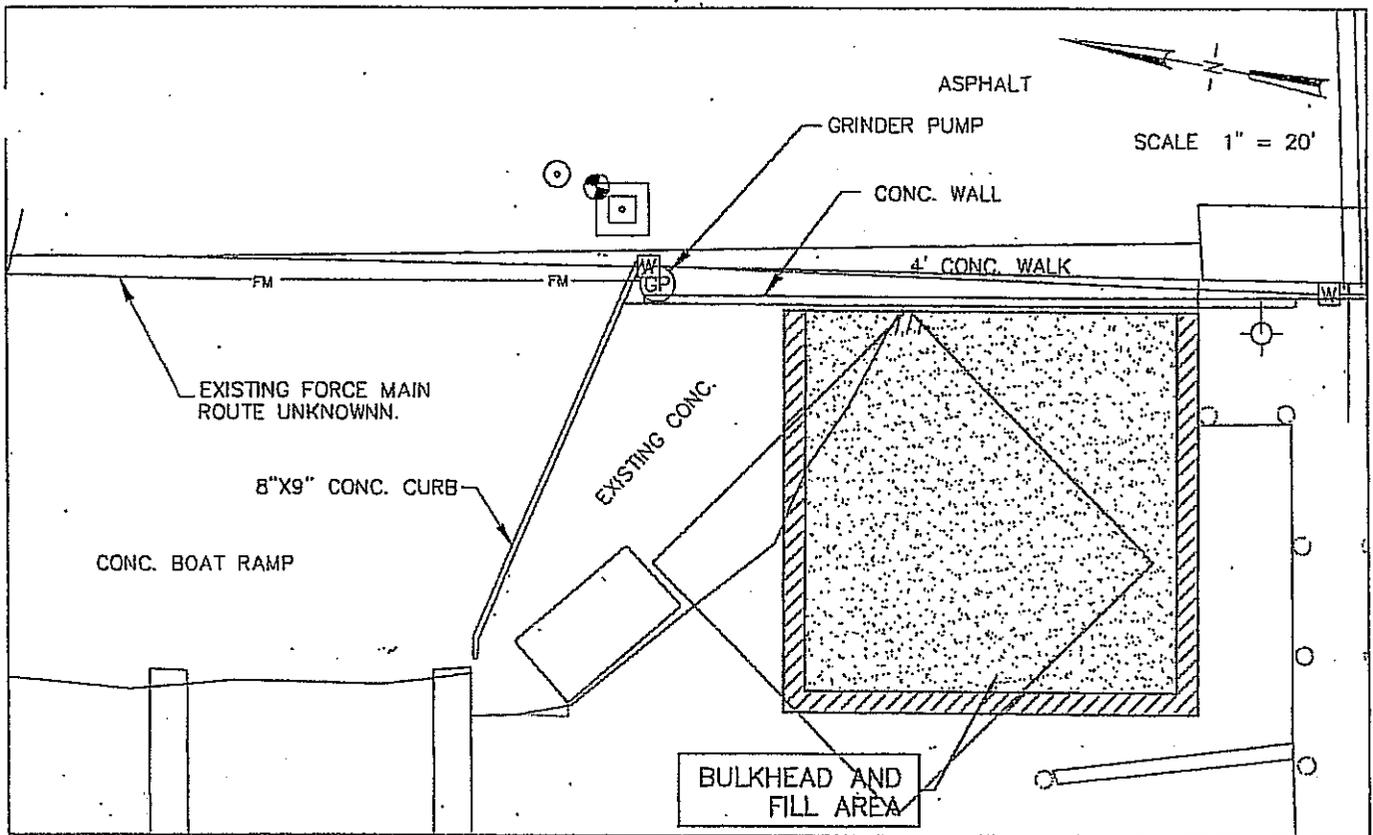
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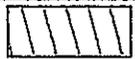
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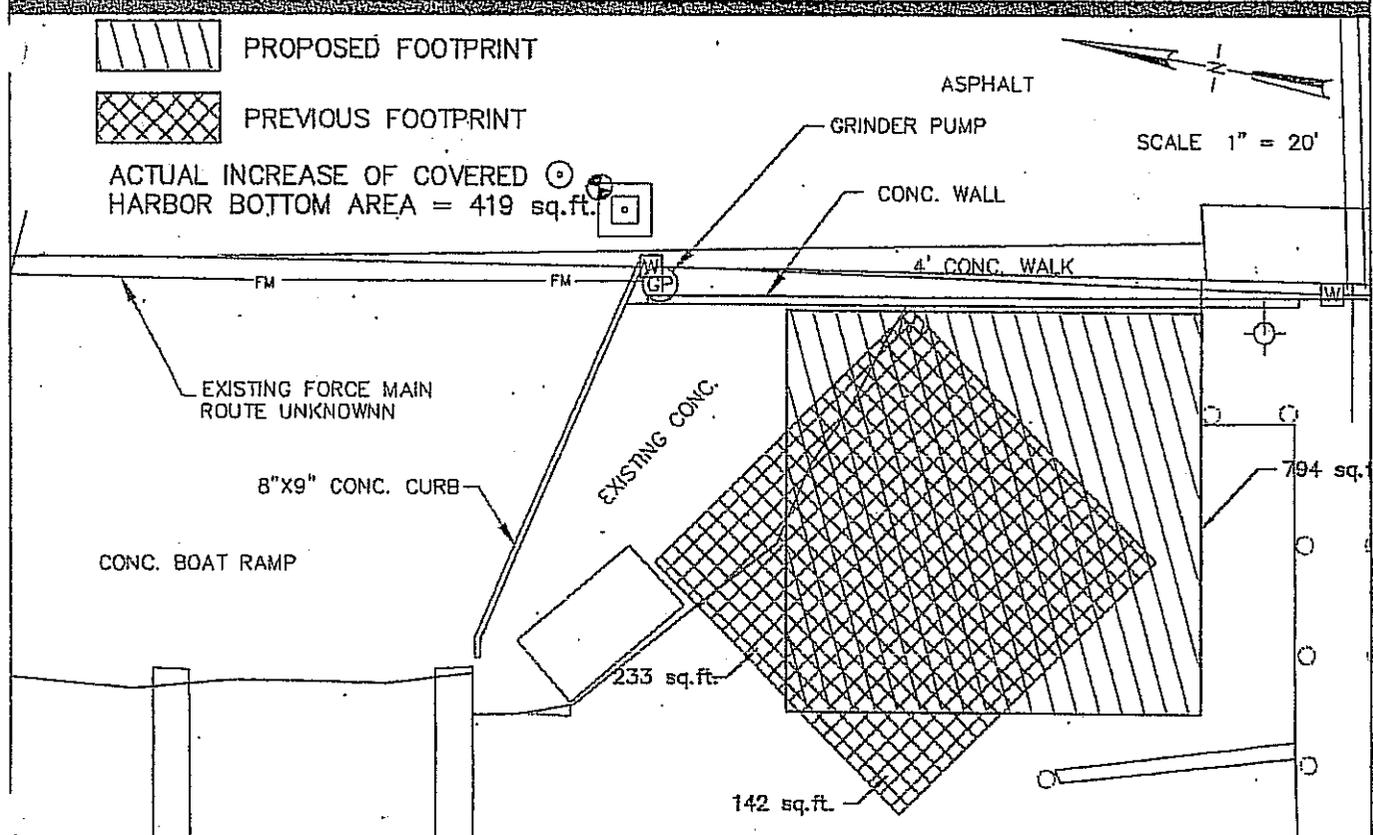
A1 - Marina Plan

Title Date Scale Sheet No.	City of LONG BEACH, MS.	LONG BEACH SMALLCRAFT HARBOR	COMMUNITY MAP HARBOR FUEL FACILITY	GARNER RUSSELL & ASSOCIATES, INC. CONSULTING ENGINEERS	Project No. Date Scale Sheet No.



-  PROPOSED FOOTPRINT
-  PREVIOUS FOOTPRINT

ACTUAL INCREASE OF COVERED HARBOR BOTTOM AREA = 419 sq.ft.



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**LONG BEACH HARBOR
BULKHEAD AND FILL**

 **GARNER RUSSELL & ASSOCIATES, INC.**
CONSULTING ENGINEERS

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A2 - PROPOSED WORK



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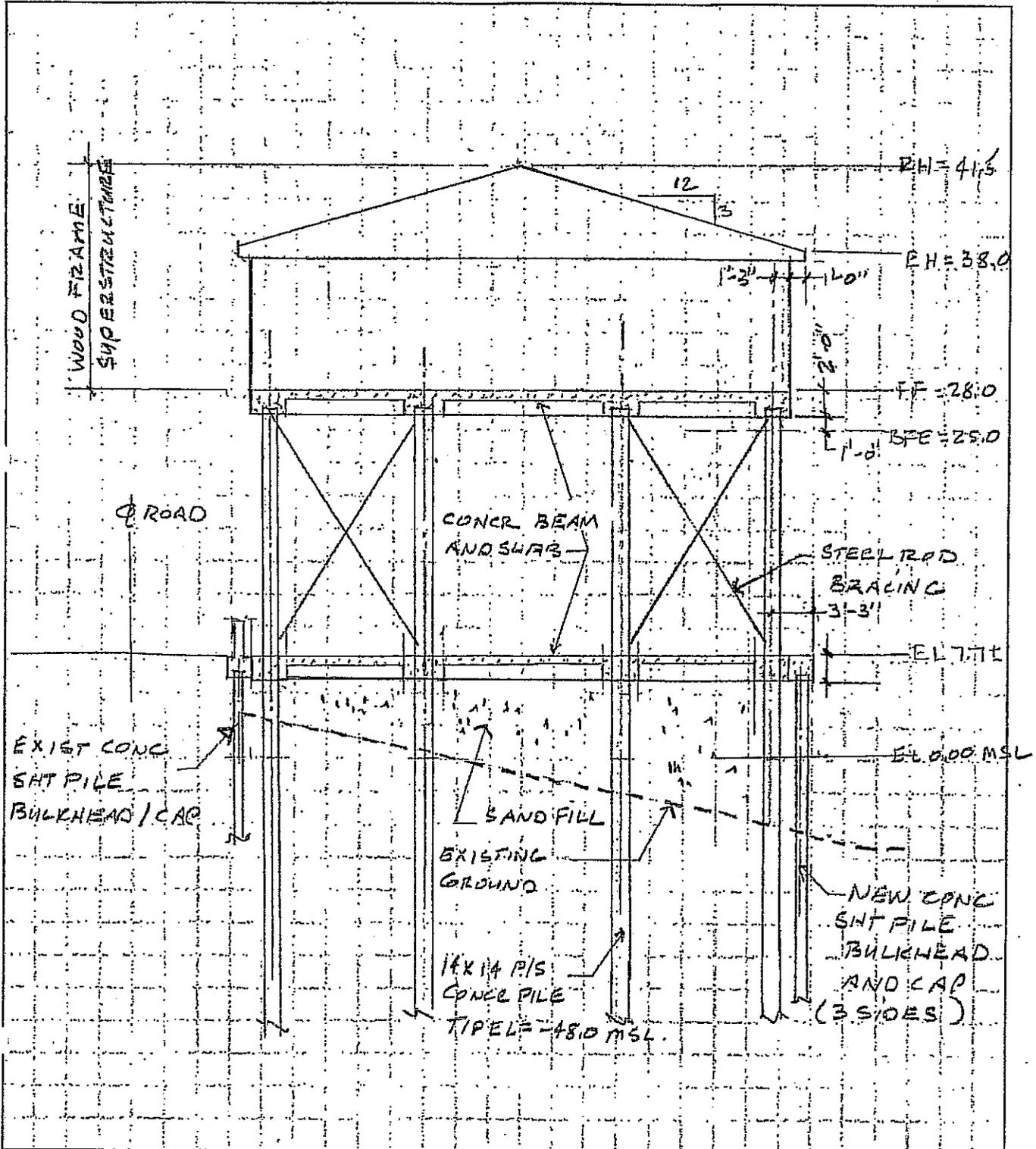
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SCALE 1" = 10'



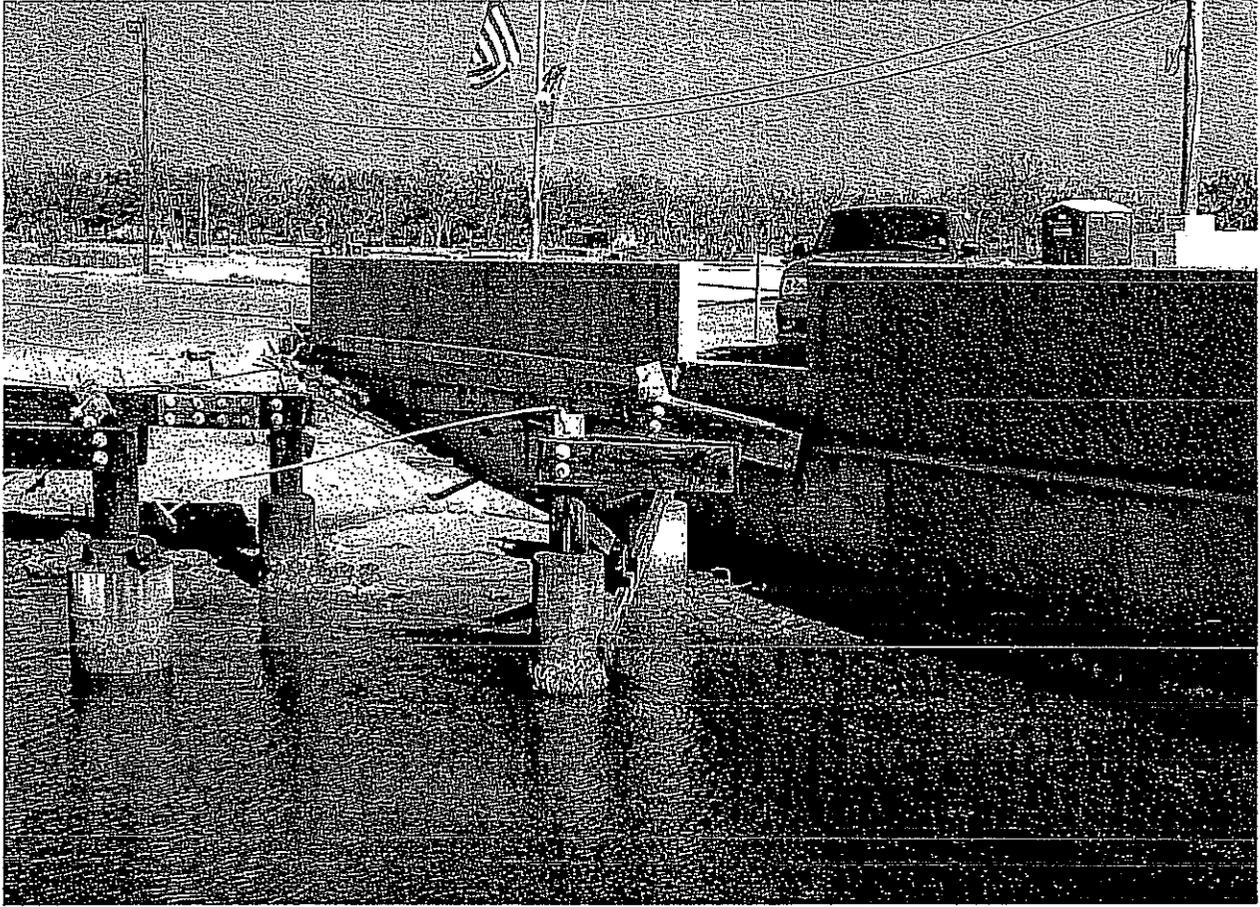
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