



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, MOBILE DISTRICT
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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2007-01635-LET

July 19, 2022

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

REQUEST TO IMPACT 0.076-ACRE OF WATER BOTTOMS IN
CONJUNCTION WITH THE REPLACEMENT AND EXPANSION OF A BOAT
RAMP ON ALABAMA RIVER, FRISCO CITY, MONROE COUNTY, ALABAMA

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This District has received an application for a Department of the Army (DA) 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 U.S.C. 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: Alabama Department of Conservation
and Natural Resources
Attention: Mr. Todd Mize
64 North Union Street, Room 551
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

LOCATION: The proposed project is located on the Alabama River, at 12119 US Highway 84; within Section 30, Township 7 North, Range 5 East; at Latitude 31.551248, Longitude - 87.513648; in Frisco City, Monroe County, Alabama.

PROJECT PURPOSE: The purpose of this project is to expand an existing boat ramp to provide to the public an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible boat ramp.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicant proposes to remove an existing concrete boat ramp and replace it with a larger 30-foot-wide by 390-foot-long concrete ramp. Approximately 324 cubic yards of material, including concrete and aggregate, will be placed below the plane of mean high water during construction into 3,300 square feet (0.076-acre) of waterbottoms. The removal of the old boat ramp will require the excavation of approximately 350 yards of boat ramp and native sediment from the footprint of the existing structure. Excavated material will be immediately removed offsite, and new material will be staged in the existing gravel parking lot during construction.

AVOIDANCE & MINIMIZATION: The applicant has indicated the activity has been designed to lower the impact on aquatic and environmental resources in the area specifically by modifying an existing boat ramp, rather than by commencing construction at a new location. By improving an existing structure, approximately 1,200 cubic yards of additional earthen material will not need to be removed for construction of an ADA compliant ramp. All necessary BMPs will be utilized to help mitigate the impact of sedimentation downstream.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has not determined the adequacy of the applicant's avoidance and minimization efforts for the proposed activity.

MITIGATION: Compensatory mitigation would not be required because the activity consists of construction of structures that would not adversely impact wetlands or other special aquatic sites.

WATER QUALITY / COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT: The applicant would apply for 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 would be made by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) within an established reasonable period.

HISTORIC PROPERTIES: In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and Appendix C of 33 CFR Part 325, the undertaking defined in this notice is being considered for the potential to affect cultural and historic properties within the permit area. In accordance with Appendix C of 33 CFR Part 325, the Mobile District has determined the permit area consists of the entire undertaking in waters of the United States, which includes the 0.076-acre footprint of the boat ramp and some areas of the upland parking lot that would be disturbed by construction of the project for staging and material removal. A Phase I Cultural Resource survey has been provided by the applicant. The National Register of Historic Places will be consulted for properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register, which are known to exist and would be affected by the proposed work. The Mobile District is seeking comments regarding the existence, or the potential for existence, of significant cultural and historic properties within the permit area. At this time, the USACE, Mobile District has not made a final determination regarding potential effects of the project on cultural/historic resources. Further coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer and/or federally-recognized American Indian tribes will be performed as determined to be appropriate.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The proposed project would be located in non-tidal riverine habitat inland of marine and estuarine waterways; therefore, no EFH complexes or areas used by life stages of marine species would be affected. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would have No Effect on EFH or federally managed fisheries. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigative measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The USACE, Mobile District's review of the U.S. Department of the Interior's List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants indicate the following listed endangered or threatened species with the potential to exist within Alabama River or the watershed of the project: wood stork (*Mycteria americana*) (T), gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*) (C), Tulotoma snail (*Tulotoma magnifica*) (T), inflated heelsplitter (*Potamilus inflatus*) (T), southern clubshell (*Pleurobema decisum*) (E), Alabama sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus suttkusi*) (T), gulf sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus desotoi*) (T), and Georgia rockcress (*Arabis georgiana*) (T). There is designated critical habitat for the Alabama

sturgeon within the project's action area. At this time, the USACE, Mobile District has made no final determination with regard to potential effects of the project on the above-listed species. Further coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has been initiated prior to the publication of this Public Notice.

COMMENTS: This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the USACE can be based. The Mobile District 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 USACE 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 below. 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. 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.

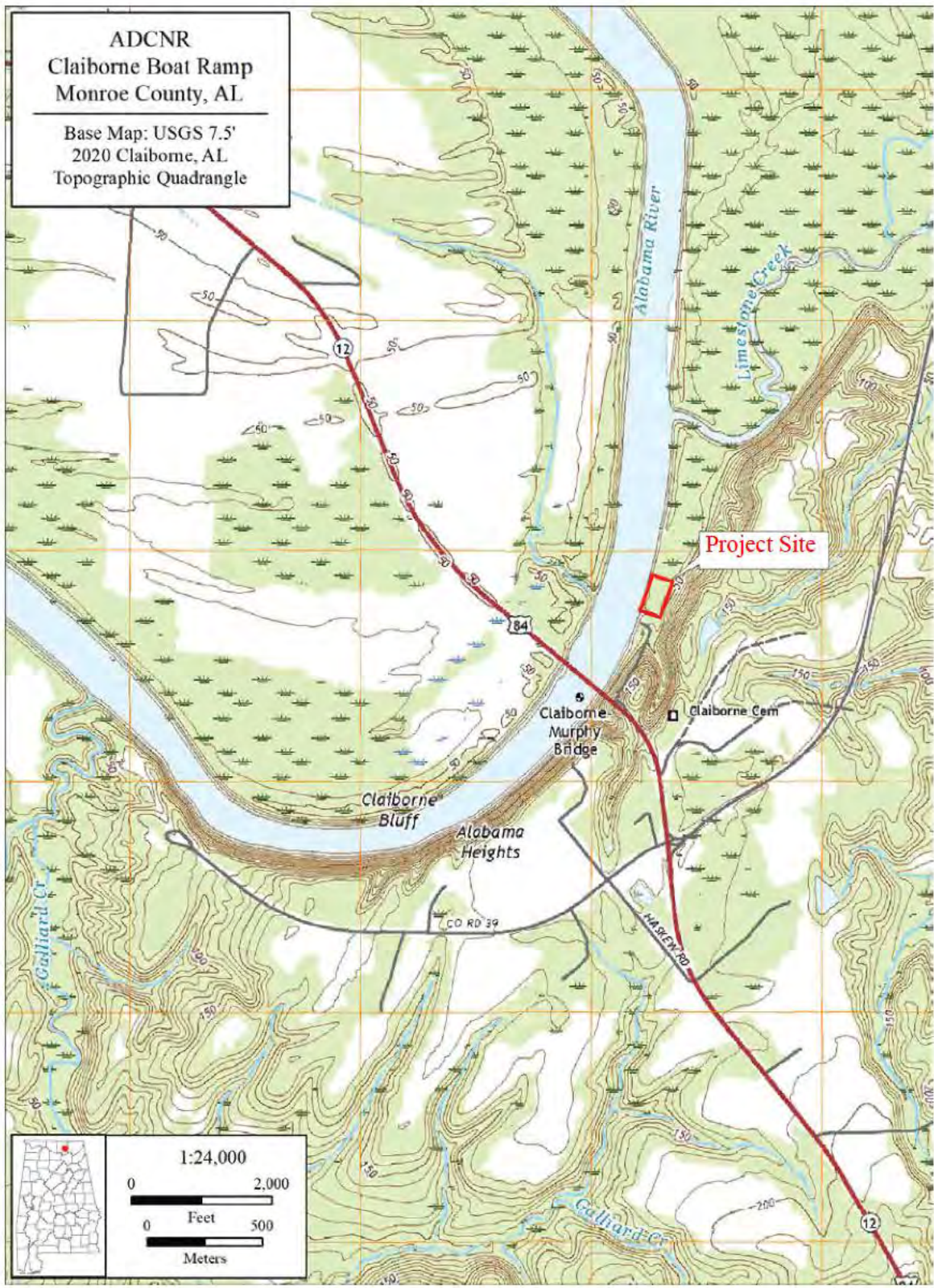
The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonably 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, historic properties, 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 and fiber production, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Evaluation of the probable impacts involving deposits of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States will also include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

All comments should be received no later than 30 days from the date of this Public Notice. Correspondence concerning this notice should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-2007-01635-LET**, and should be directed to the District Engineer, Mobile District, Regulatory Division, Attention: **Ms. Jessica C. Comeaux**, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, or by e-mail at jessica.c.comeaux@usace.army.mil, or (251) 690-3262. Copies of all comments should be furnished to the ADEM at coastal@adem.alabama.gov, or sent to: Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Mobile Branch, Coastal Section, 3664 Dauphin Street, Suite B, Mobile, Alabama 36608.

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

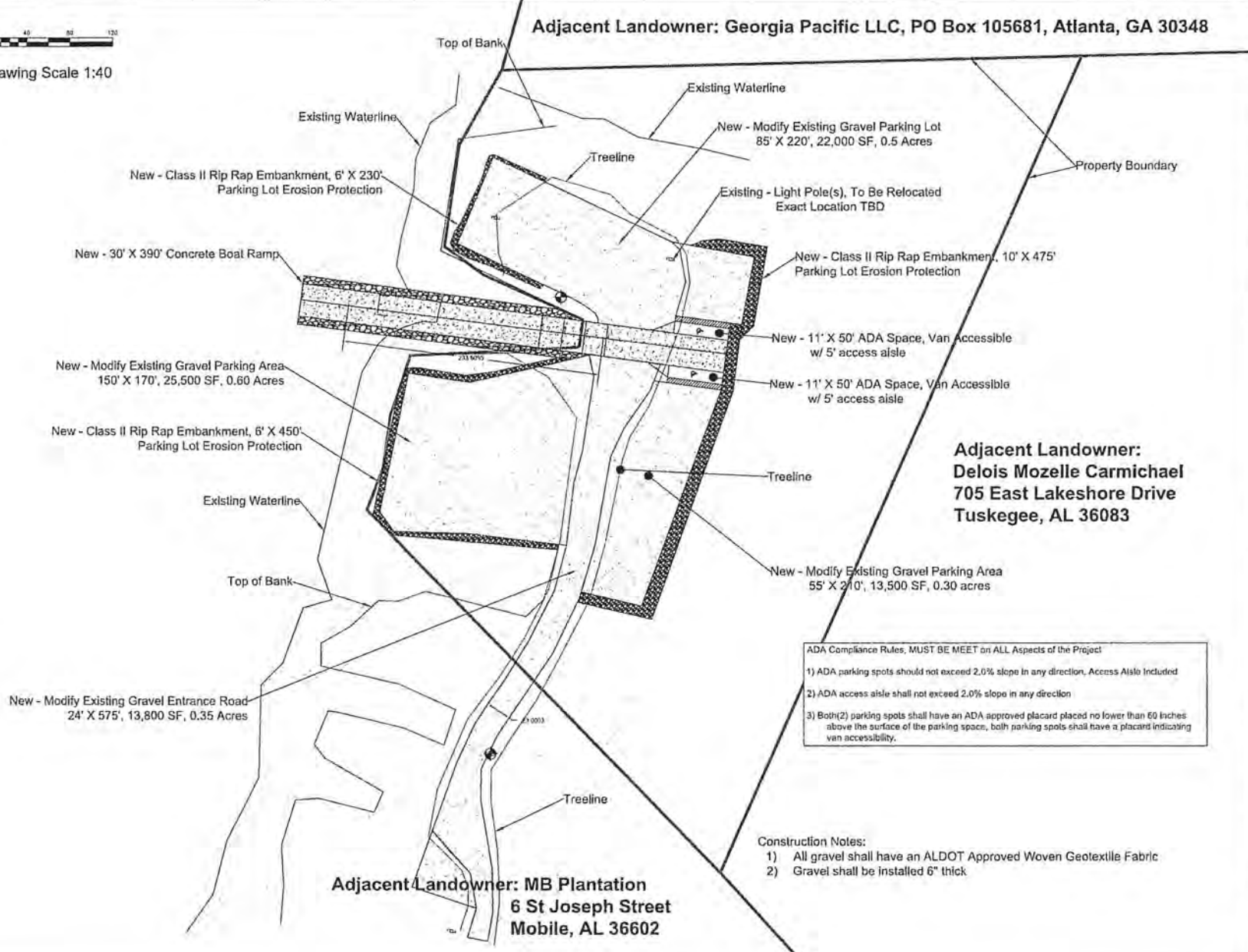
MOBILE DISTRICT
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Attachments





Drawing Scale 1:40



Adjacent Landowner: Georgia Pacific LLC, PO Box 105681, Atlanta, GA 30348

Adjacent Landowner:
Delois Mozelle Carmichael
705 East Lakeshore Drive
Tuskegee, AL 36083

Adjacent Landowner: MB Plantation
6 St Joseph Street
Mobile, AL 36602

ADA Compliance Rules. MUST BE MET on ALL Aspects of the Project

- 1) ADA parking spots should not exceed 2.0% slope in any direction. Access Aisle Included
- 2) ADA access aisle shall not exceed 2.0% slope in any direction
- 3) Both (2) parking spots shall have an ADA approved placard placed no lower than 60 inches above the surface of the parking space, both parking spots shall have a placard indicating van accessibility.

Construction Notes:

- 1) All gravel shall have an ALDOT Approved Woven Geotextile Fabric
- 2) Gravel shall be installed 6" thick

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
AND NATURAL RESOURCES
ENGINEERING SECTION

61 SOUTH EIGHTH STREET
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35203
REGISTRATION NUMBER 3494

PROJECT TITLE
Claiborne Boat Ramp Site Improvements
Site Plan

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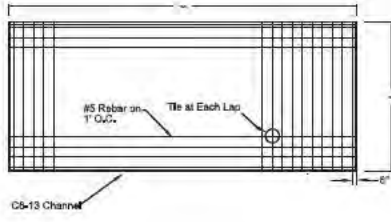
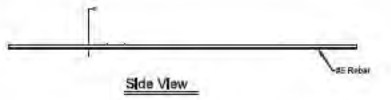
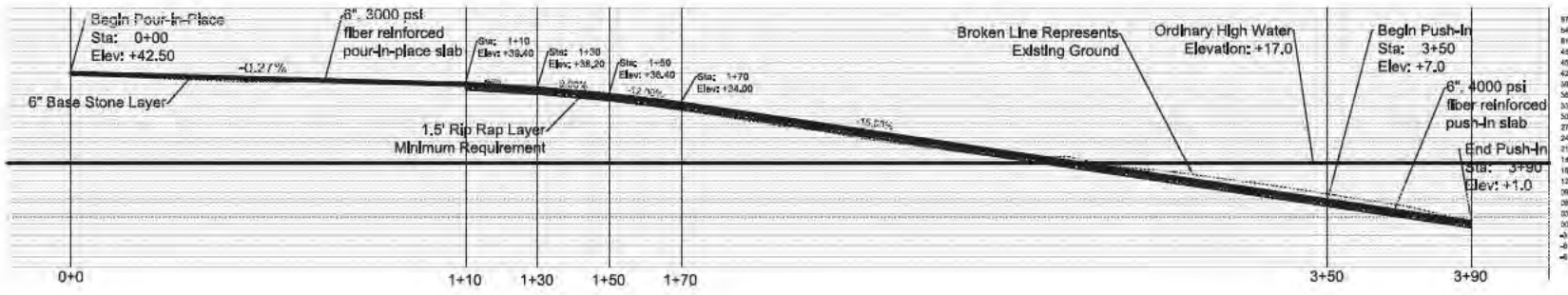
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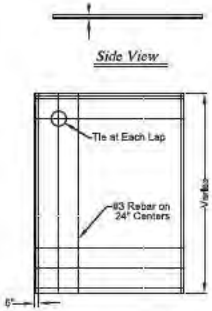
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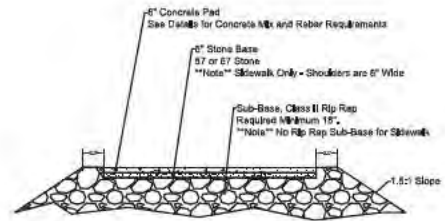
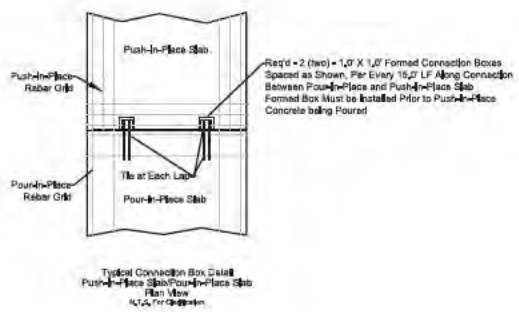
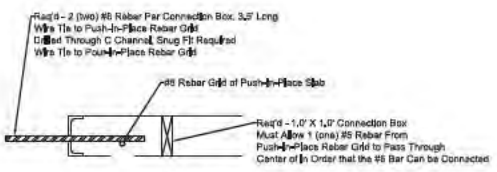
Typical Reinforcement Detail
Push-In-Place Slab
Plan View
N.T.S. For Clarification

Notes:

- All concrete shall be fiber reinforced with 1.5 pounds of poly-fiber per cubic yard of concrete (required concrete psi is specified on profile above)
- All rebar shall be standard steel rebar. Contractors must ensure rebar grid is suspended in concrete between 2'-3" above bottom of slab via concrete blocks or concrete stirrups/saddles.
- The Push-In slab should be poured on two layers of polyurethane over a 4" bed of Gravel (place filter fabric under Gravel when necessary) and then allowed to cure for 10 days before pushing into place. The concrete shall be covered with plastic sheeting during curing process. Any damage or vandalism will be repaired at the contractor's expense. Test Cylinders shall be required.
- Concrete shall have a rough rake finish applied to the ramp on all finished slopes greater than 5 percent. All other concrete shall receive a broom finish unless specified differently by the project engineer. Where applicable, when looking in a cross-sectional view, the new concrete ramp's finish needs to match the finish of the existing concrete ramp. (i.e. raked finish needs to match raked finish and broom finish needs to match broom finish)
- Push-In Slab - Weld each corner of the channel to form a rectangular shaped form. Weld ends of #5 rebar to channel before pouring concrete.
- Contractor shall run all control joints in pour-in-place concrete within 24 hours of the concrete being poured. Control joints are to be 2" deep (4" slab thickness) and shall be cut out to expose a 20' X 20' Grid.
- Contractor MUST notify the ADCNR project engineer 3 working days prior to any concrete being poured. An ADCNR representative MUST inspect the concrete site work (grade, base, forms, rebar installation, etc.) prior to concrete being poured. An ADCNR representative MUST be present during EVERY concrete pour. Failure to meet any of these requirements WILL RESULT in the ADCNR rejecting all of the work in question. This requires the contractor to remove and replace all rejected work (to the required specifications), prior to receiving payment for the work performed.



Typical Reinforcement Detail
Pour-In-Place Boat Ramp & Sidewalk
Plan View
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