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

# MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OFFICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL (MDEQ)

### MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES DMR21-000227

# TO REPAIR AND REPLACE EXISTING FISHING PIERS AND BOAT LAUNCH RAMPS WITHIN THE POINT PARK RECREATIONAL AREA, PASCAGOULA, MS

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

**APPLICANT:** City of Pascagoula

Post Office Box 908

Pascagoula, Mississippi 339568

**WATERWAY AND LOCATION:** Lake Yazoo Canal, Section 6, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi (Latitude 30.345416 North, Longitude -88.562282 West).

**PROPOSED WORK:** The City of Pascagoula proposes to repair and replace four boat launches, three piers and two fishing piers located at the Point Park Recreation Area in Pascagoula, Mississippi. The Project involves improving the piers and boat launches at the Point Park Recreation Area at the west end of Beach Boulevard in Pascagoula, Mississippi. The existing structures have deteriorated since they were constructed in the late 1980's and were last refurbished in 2003. This permit would authorize the work originally permitted in 2015 and modified in 2018. These permits expired prior to commencement of the project.

The Project involves improving the piers at the Point Park recreation area at the west end of Beach Boulevard in Pascagoula, Mississippi. The existing piers at the north end of the boat launches will be straightened and widened. A smaller pier south of the boat launches

was damaged by Hurricane Nate and will be repaired. A new deck will be constructed between the southern boat launch pier and the small south pier that will connect the two.

South end piers will be:

- 1) 115'2" x 11' wide this pier is existing and will be replaced
- 2) Existing 10' x 18'10" access pier, was damaged in a storm and will be replaced
- 3) 12' x 6' wide pier will be an extension of the southern pier that is adjacent to the southern boat ramp
- 4) Optional 20'x20' pavilion area will be constructed between piers 3 and 1 above. An optional shade structure may be constructed on this pavilion area if funds allow. If the pavilion and shade structure are not funded, a section of pier 10'9" x 26 feet will connect piers 1 and 3.

#### At the north end:

5) the existing pier will be replaced and will be 111' long x 7' wide See attached drawings.

The applicant has applied for coastal zone (CZ) consistency in accordance with the State Coastal Zone Management Program. A determination relative to CZ consistency will be made by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources.

The project area is located in the area of existing boat ramps and wooden piers. Wetland vegetation is present on the south and north sides of the fishing piers but will not be impacted by the project.

The Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Certification Rule (Certification Rule, 40 CFR 121), requires certification for any license or permit that authorizes an activity that may result in a discharge. The applicant is responsible for requesting certification and providing required information to the certifying agency. As of the date of this public notice, the applicant has not submitted a certification request to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (certifying authority).

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 (USACE) 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, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation,

water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The USACE 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 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 affect historic properties. In accordance with Appendix C of 33 CFR 325, the USACE has determined the permit area consists of the pier and boat launch repairs. 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. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has made a preliminary determination that the project would have no potential to effect historic properties based on the highly disturbed nature of the site. The structures are existing, and the harbor is routinely dredged. By letter dated June 3, 2011 Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) stated that no cultural resources are likely to be affected and, therefore, have no objection with the proposed undertakings. This letter was in response to a cultural resource assessment addendum performed in April 2011. MDAH Project Log #05-077-11, Report # 11-0235. However, we are seeking comment from the State Historic Preservation Officer, federallyrecognized American Indian tribes, local historical societies, museums, universities, the National Park Service, and the general public regarding the existence or the potential for existence of significant cultural and historic properties which may be affected by the work. This action 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 project area.

A preliminary review of this application, the U.S. Department of the Interior List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants and the National Marine Fisheries Service list of Mississippi's Threatened and Endangered Species indicate the proposed activity will have no effect on endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat. The presence of the existing concrete apron at the project site eliminates the habitat for foraging, roosting, and shelter for all species. This notice serves as request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service for information 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.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Because the project is repairs to pre-existing structures, the proposal is not expected to impact estuarine substrate and emergent wetlands utilized by various life stages of species included in Fishery Management Plans for Coastal Migratory Pelagics, Red Drum, Reef Fish, Shrimp, Corals, or Highly Migratory Species. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not adversely impact EFH or associated fisheries managed by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council or the National Marine Fisheries Service. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or Federally managed fisheries. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

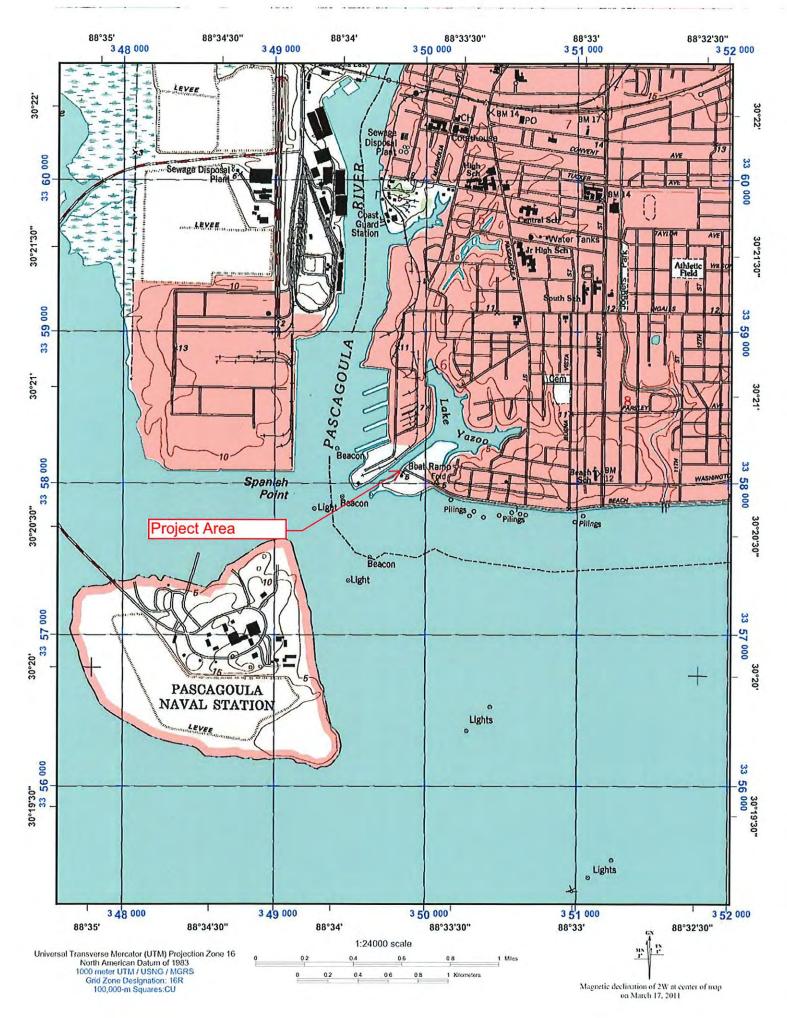
Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to **Public Notice Number SAM-2015-00849-RCV** and should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, Attention: South Mississippi Branch, with a copy to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 2261, Jackson, Mississippi 39225, and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530, in time to be received within **30 days** of the date of this public notice.

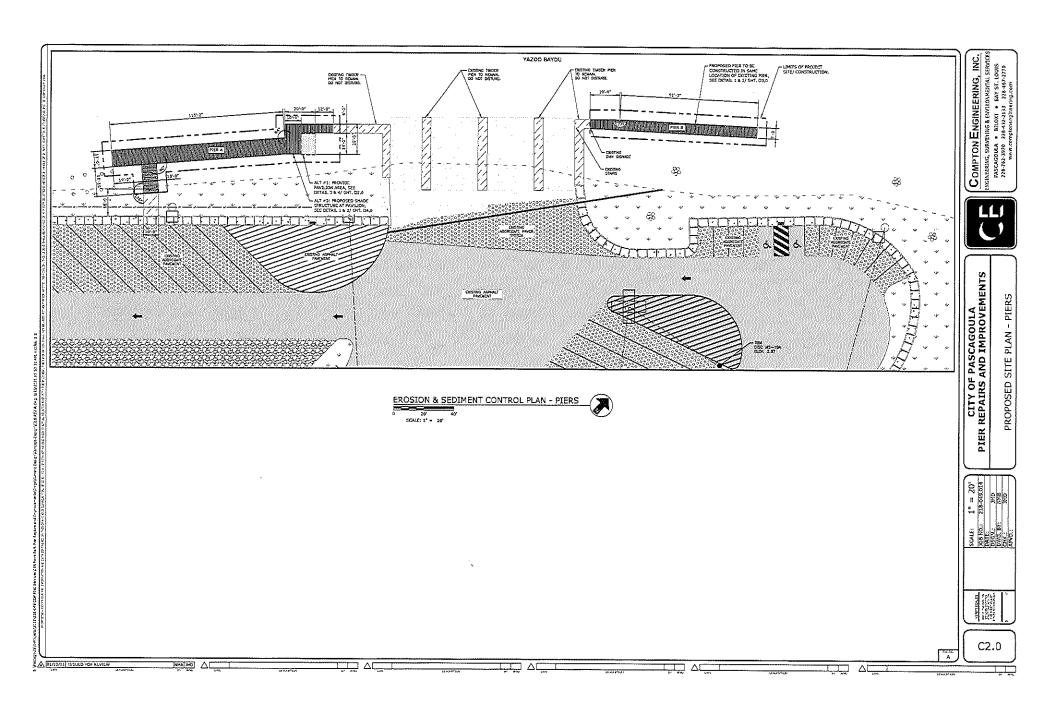
If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the project manager for this application, **Mr. Rudolph C. Villarreal** (rudolph.c.villarreal@usace.army.mil), **(251) 690-3246.** Please refer to the above Public Notice number.

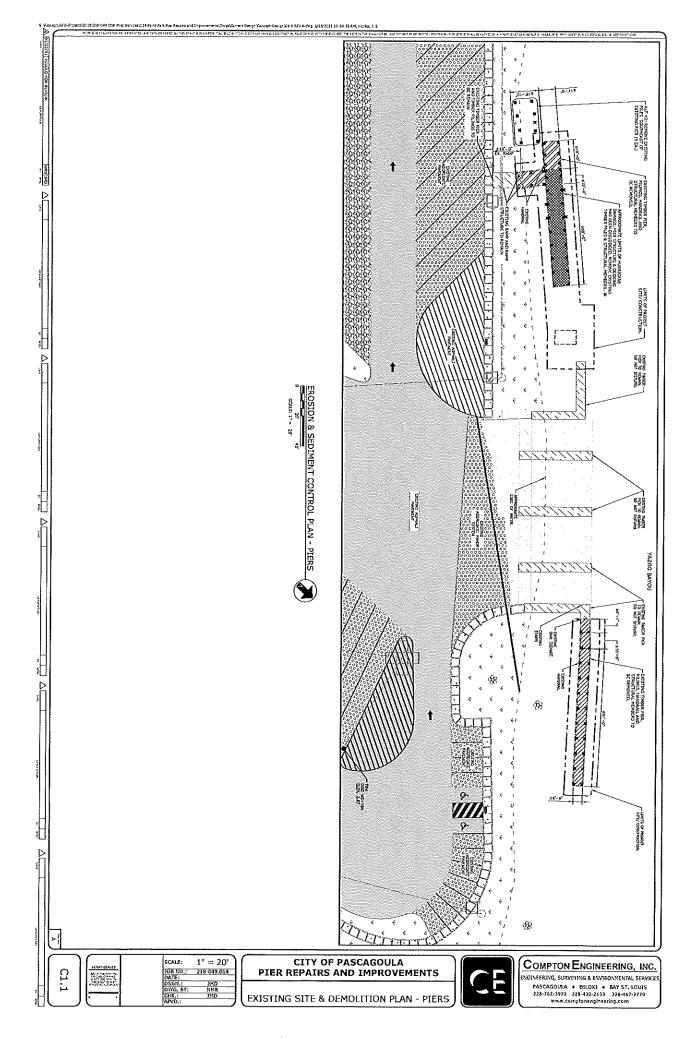
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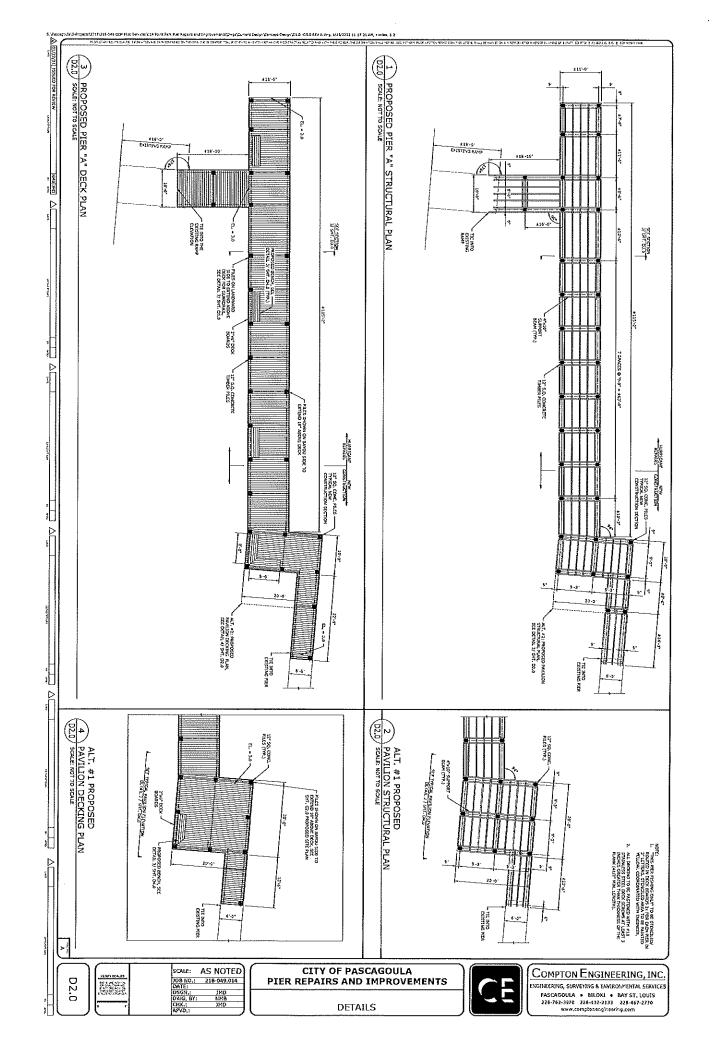
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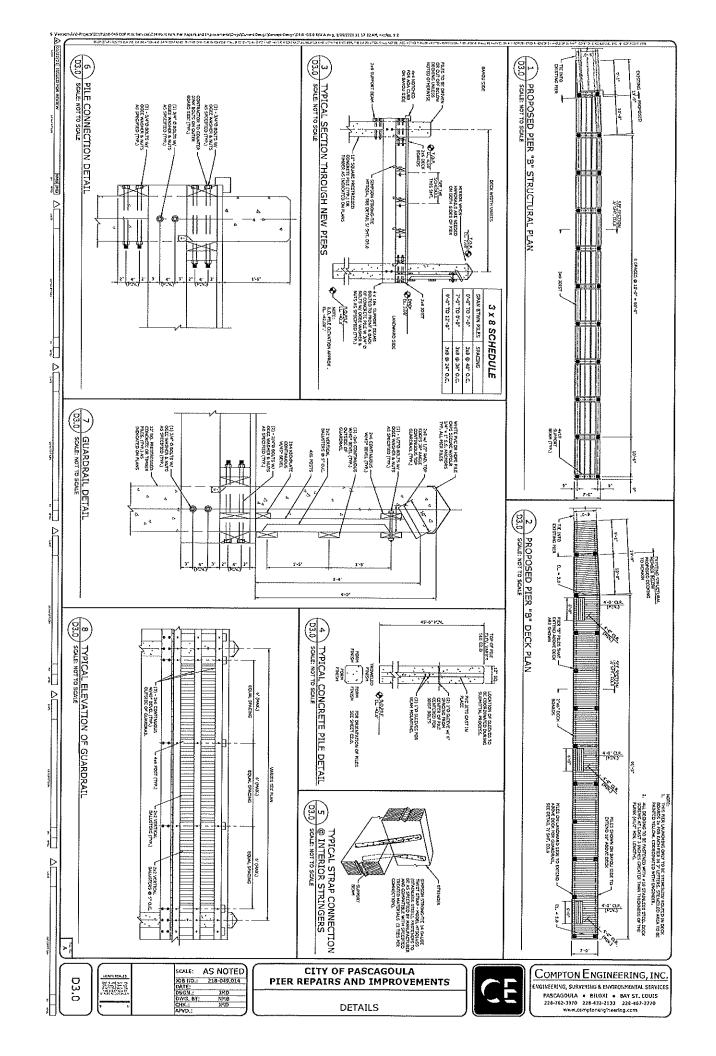
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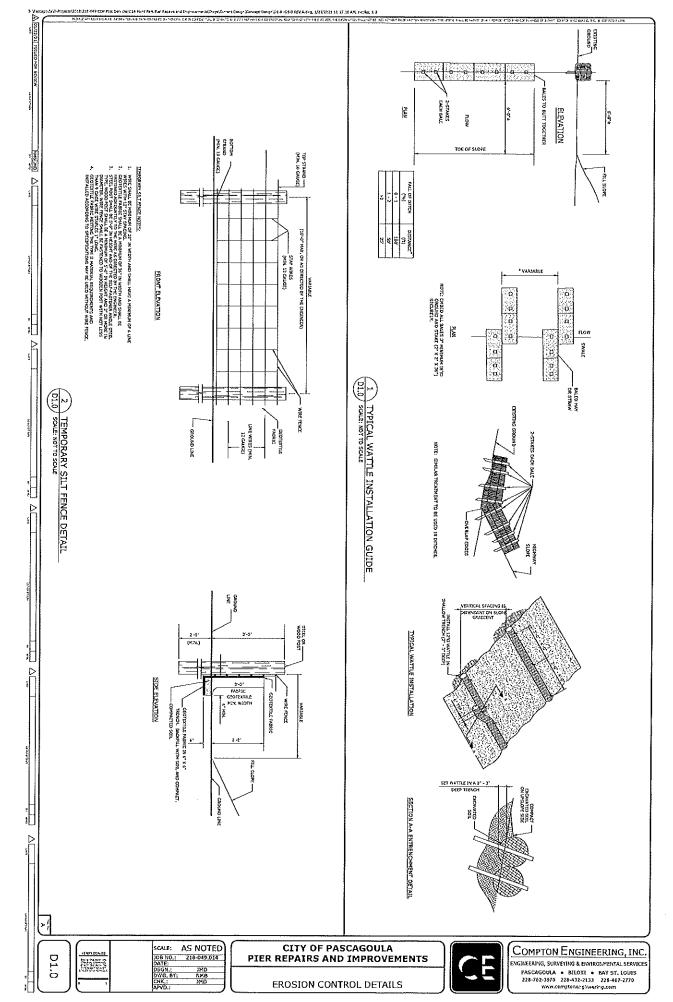
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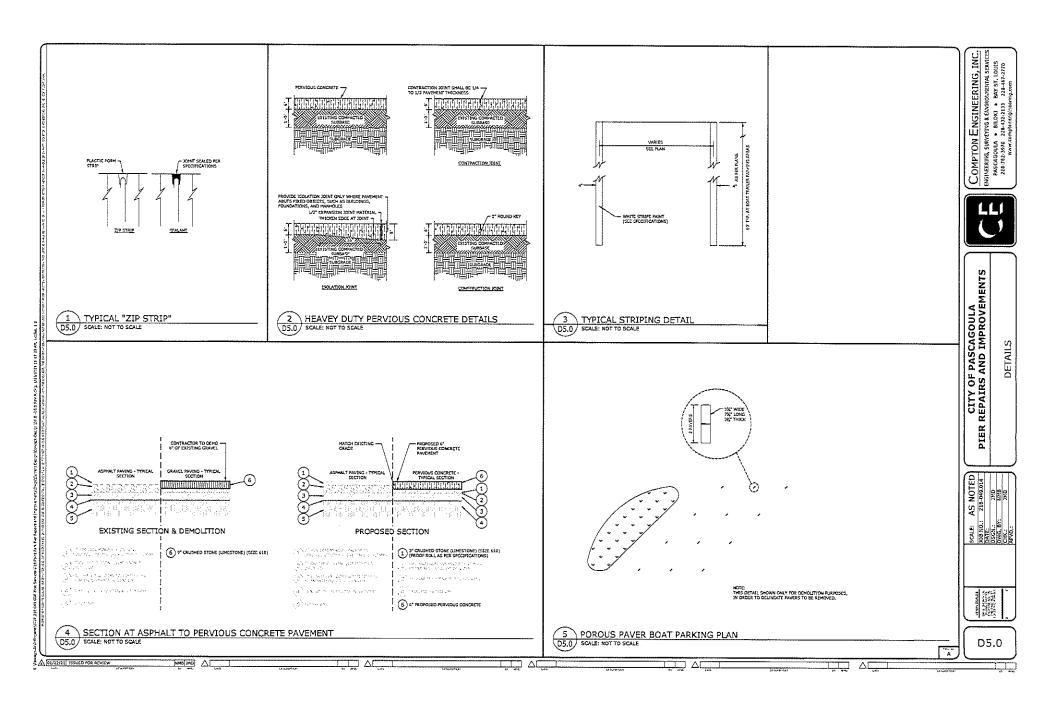
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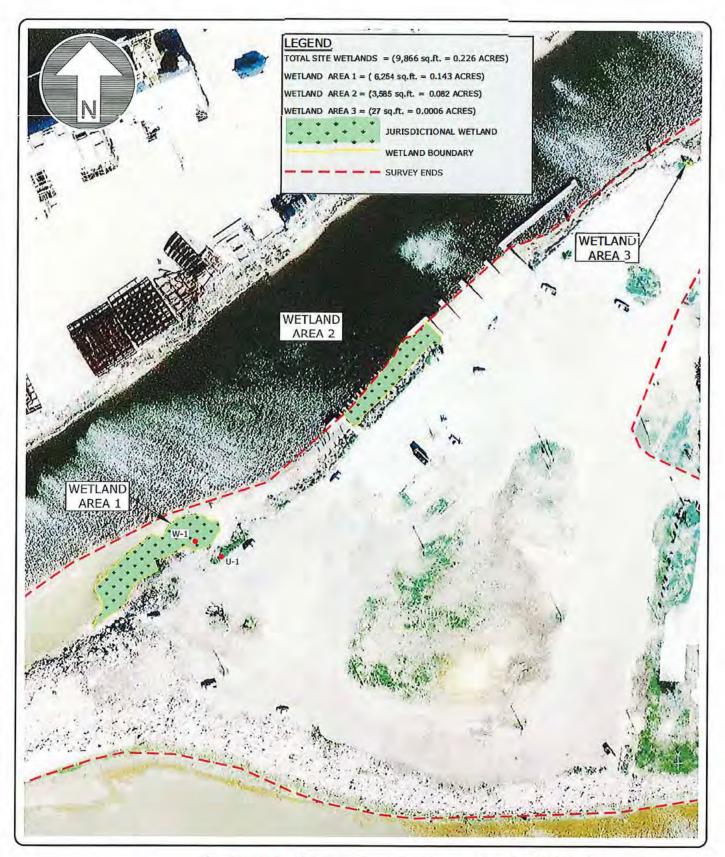
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