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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 (DMR22-000773)

PROPOSED WETLAND FILL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A BOAT LAUNCH FACILITY, AND
NAVIGATIONAL ACCESS DREDGING, COMMUNITY OF ST. MARTIN, JACKSON 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) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: Jackson County Board of Supervisors
2915 Canty Street
Pascagoula, Mississippi 39567

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Biloxi Back Bay, Section 37, Township 7 South, Range 9 West, Community of St. Martin, Jackson County, Mississippi. (Latitude: 30.427096°North, and Longitude: -88.882985°West.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicant proposes to fill 0.07 acres of wetlands associated with the construction of a parking area and fill 0.017 acres of wetlands associated with the construction of a 65-foot long by 25-foot-wide boat launch. In addition, the applicant proposes the construction of two 70-foot long by 5-foot-wide piers, one of which would incorporate a 50-foot breakwater into its design. The applicant further proposes to dredge an access channel 336-foot long by 20-foot wide from a current depth of -2.0 MLW to a depth of -4.5 MLW. Approximately 837 cubic yards of material would be excavated by hydraulic dredge, placed on a lined barge, and transported to the Harrison County Development Commissions C-1 Upland Disposal Site.

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. (DMR22-000773).

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 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 Corps of Engineers 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 of Engineers 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 within the permit area. In accordance with Appendix C of 33 CFR 325, the Corps has determined the permit area consists of the entire undertaking in waters of the United States, which includes the footprint of the proposed fill areas and area to be dredged. 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 comment from the State Historic Preservation Officer regarding the existence, or the potential for existence, of significant cultural and historic properties within the permit area.

Preliminary review of this application, the U.S. Department of the Interior's List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants and the National Marine Fisheries Service list of Mississippi's Threatened and Endangered Species indicate the following federally-listed species are known or

expected to occur within the project area: West Indian Manatee (T), Eastern Black Raid (T), Mississippi Sandhill Crane (E), Piping Plover (T), Red Knot (T), Wood Stork (T), Alabama Red-Bellied Turtle (E), Gopher Tortoise (T), Loggerhead Sea Turtle (E), Alligator Snapping Turtle (PT), and Gulf Sturgeon (T). There is no designated critical habitat within the project action area. At this time, the USACE, Mobile District has made no 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) and NMFS will be performed as determined to be appropriate.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The proposal would impact approximately 0.26 acres of estuarine substrate, emergent wetlands, and shade approximately 700 square feet of the water column as a result of the construction of the proposed boat ramp, piers, parking area and dredging. 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 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 (NMFS).

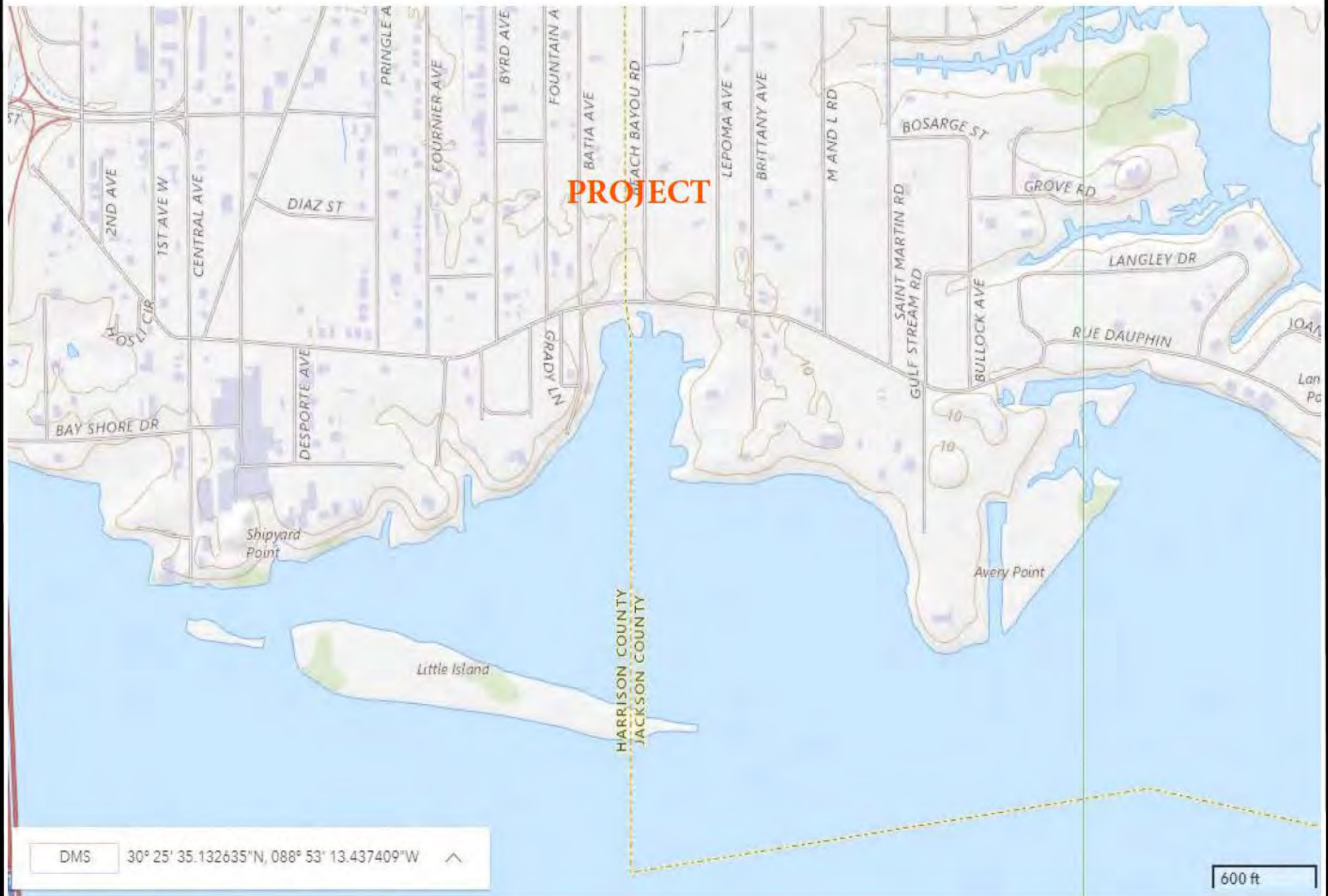
Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number SAM-2022-01257-MJF and should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, Attention: South Mississippi Branch, with a copy to the Mississippi 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, **Maryellen Farmer (maryellen.j.farmer@usace.army.mil), phone (228) 523-4116**. Please refer to the above Public Notice number.

For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our website at: www.sam.usace.army.mil 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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Enclosures



USGS 7.5 min Topo Map-Biloxi Quad

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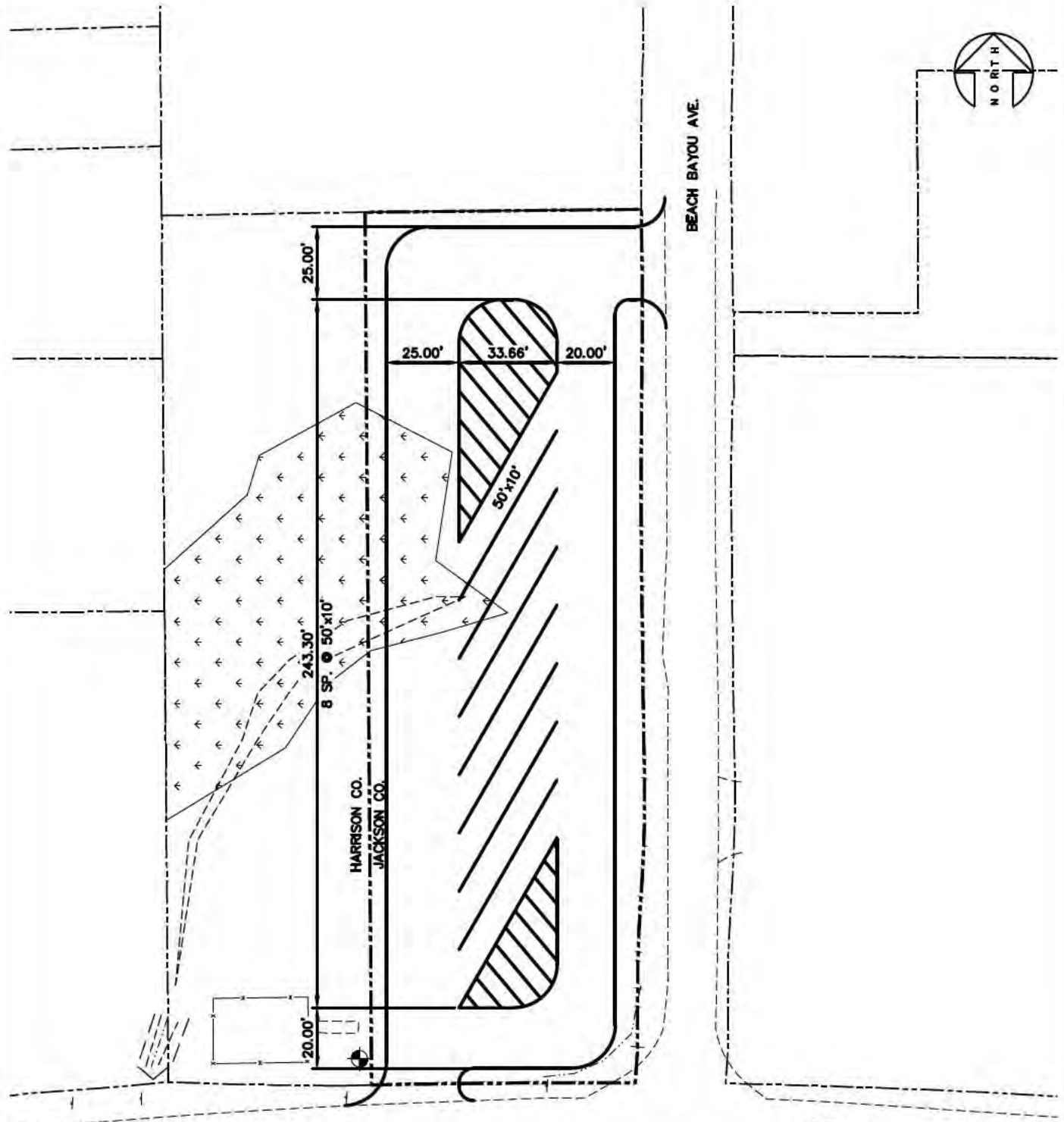
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PARKING LOT PLAN

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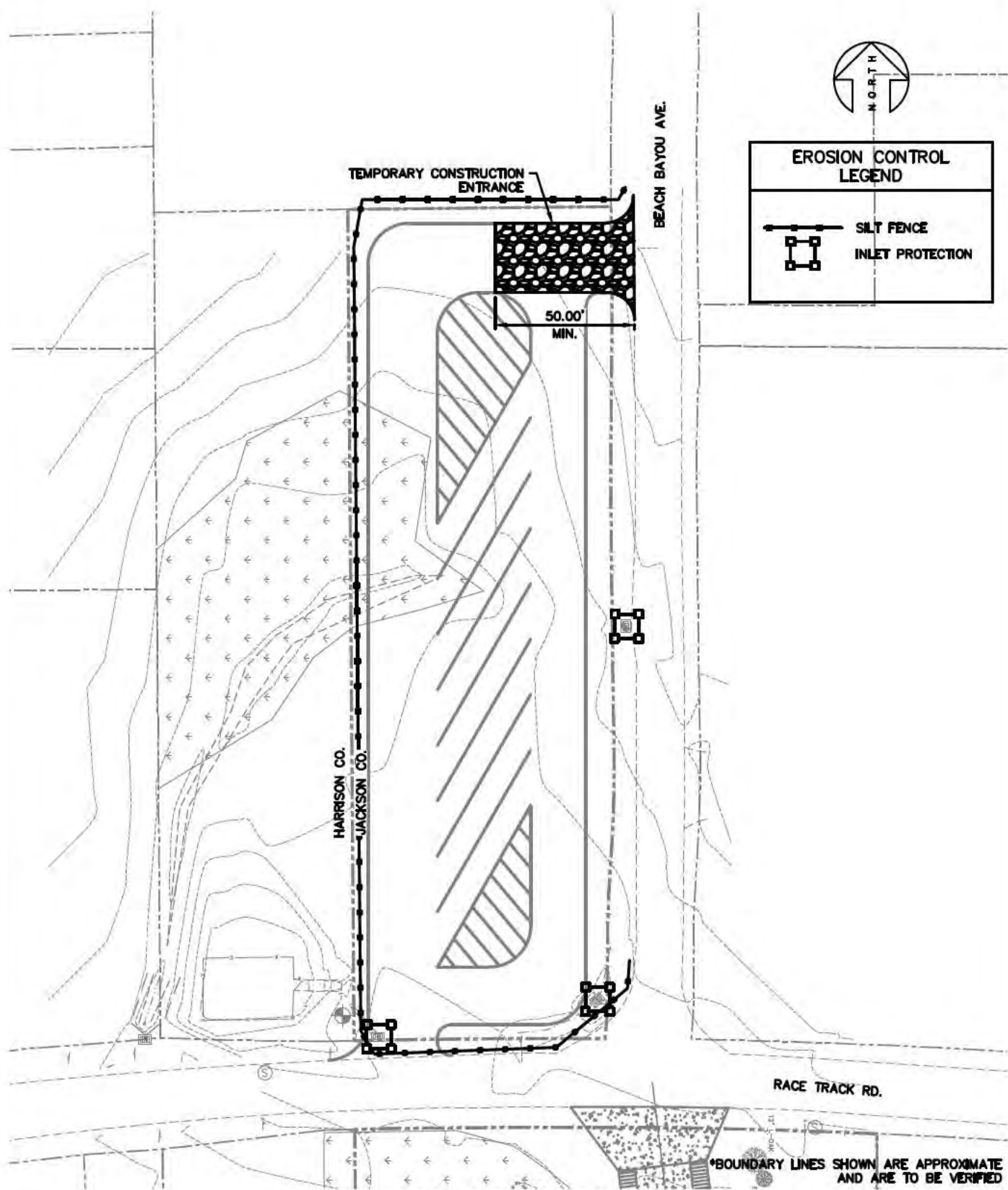


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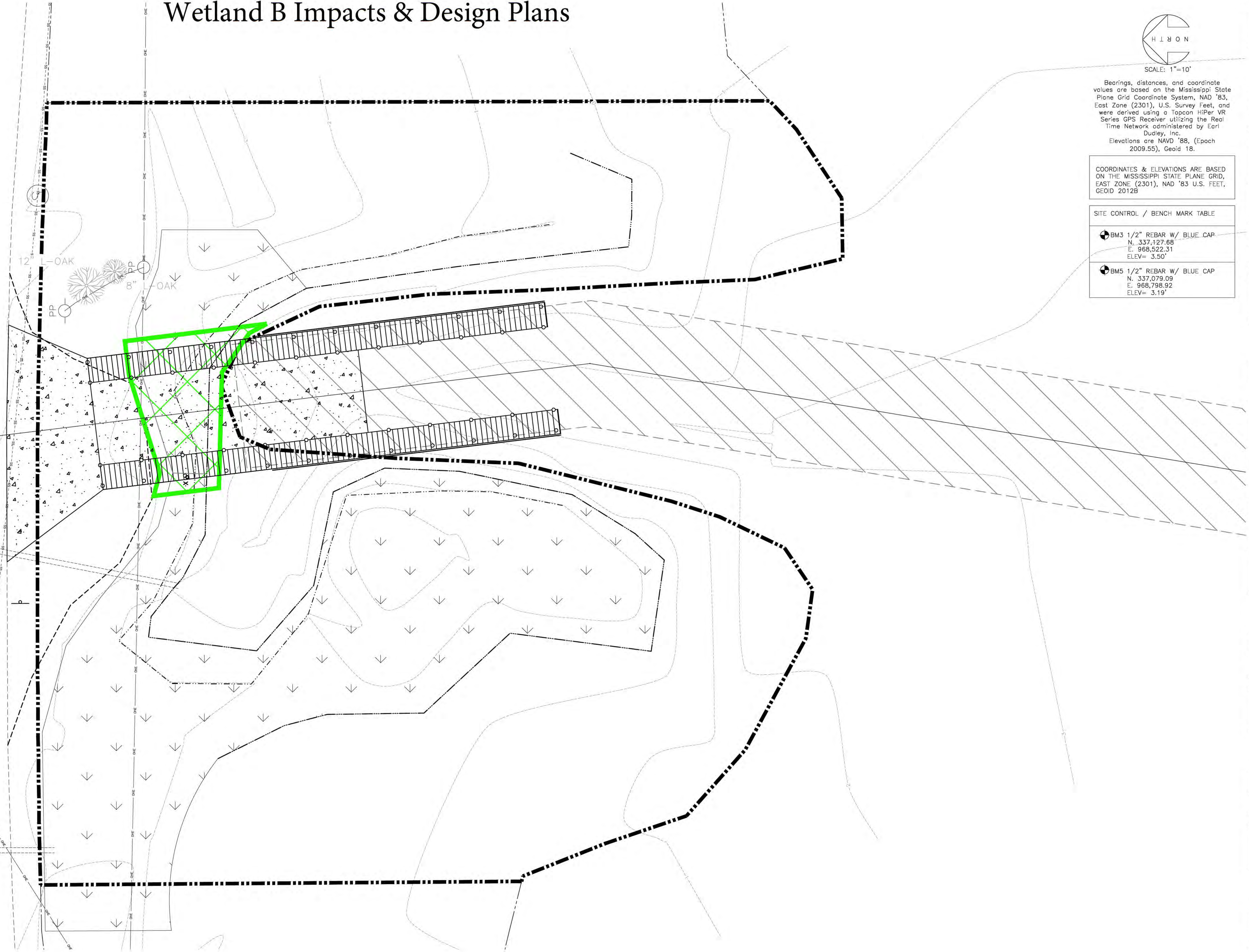
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Wetland B Impacts & Design Plans

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RACE TRACK ROAD



SCALE: 1"=10'

Bearings, distances, and coordinate values are based on the Mississippi State Plane Grid Coordinate System, NAD '83, East Zone (2301), U.S. Survey Feet, and were derived using a Topcon HiPer VR Series GPS Receiver utilizing the Real Time Network administered by Earl Dudley, Inc. Elevations are NAVD '88, (Epoch 2009.55), Geoid 18.

COORDINATES & ELEVATIONS ARE BASED ON THE MISSISSIPPI STATE PLANE GRID, EAST ZONE (2301), NAD '83 U.S. FEET, GEOID 2012B

SITE CONTROL / BENCH MARK TABLE

<p>BM3 1/2" REBAR W/ BLUE CAP N. 337,127.68 E. 968,522.31 ELEV= 3.50'</p>
<p>BM5 1/2" REBAR W/ BLUE CAP N. 337,079.09 E. 968,798.92 ELEV= 3.19'</p>

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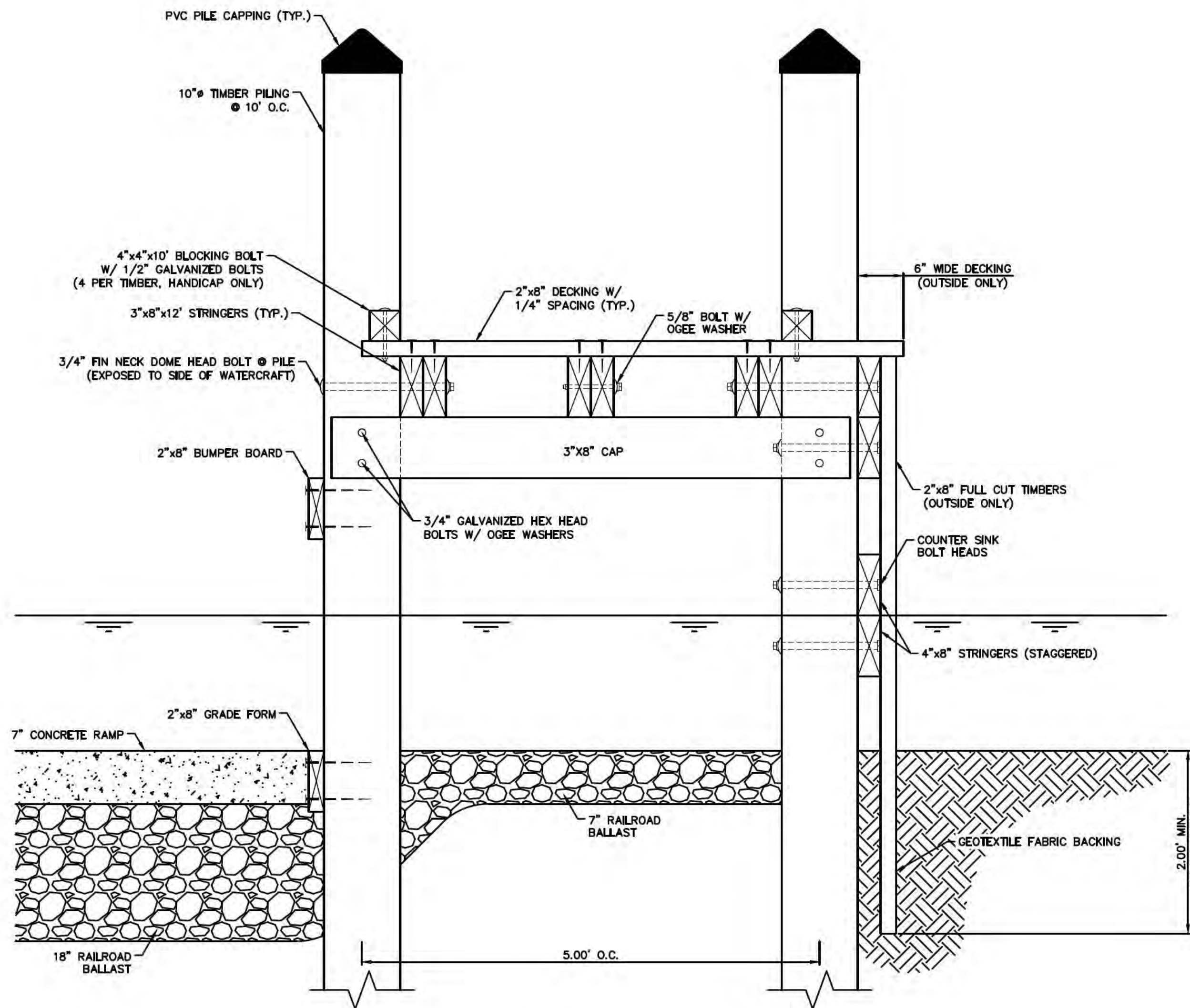
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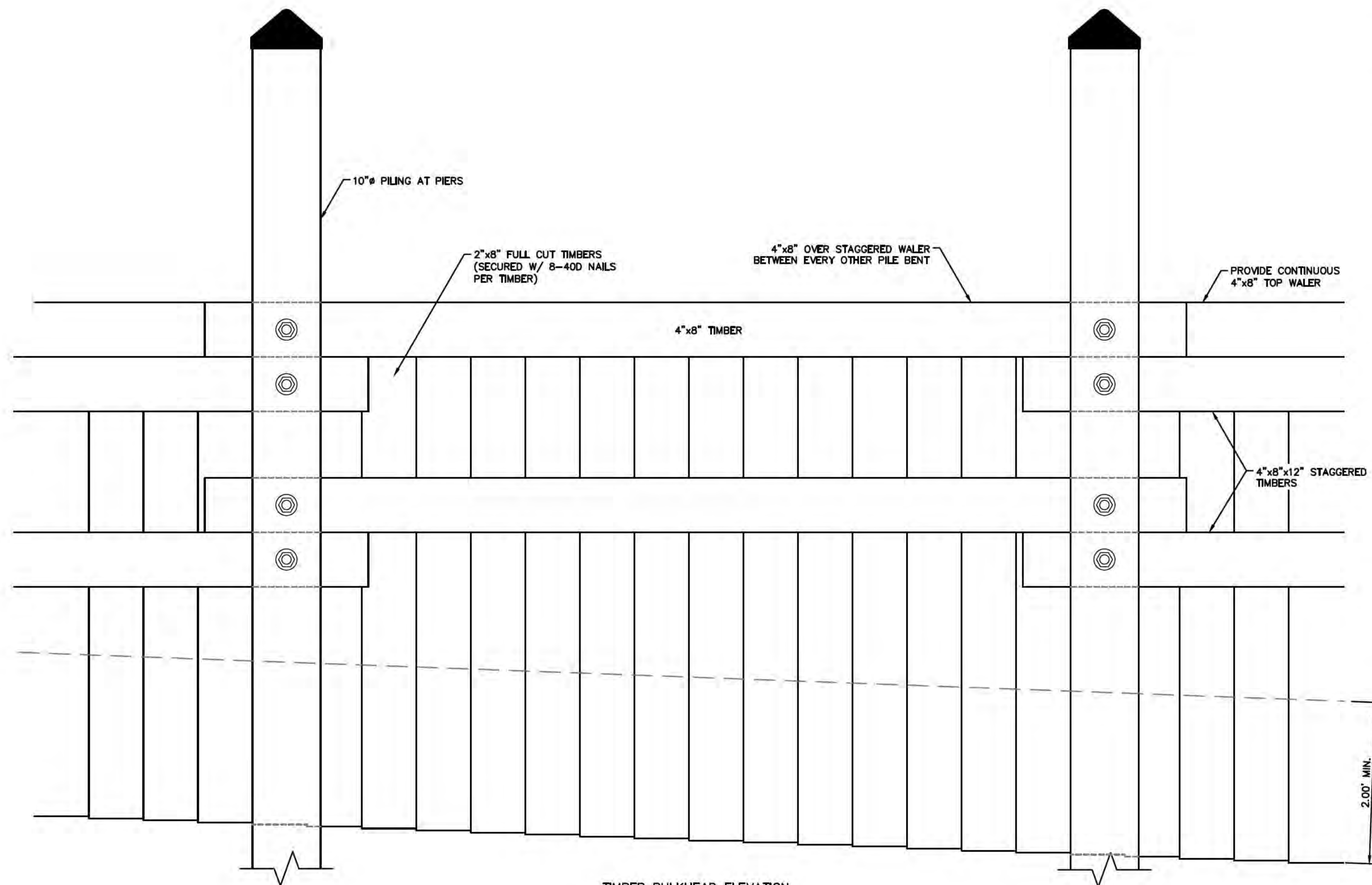
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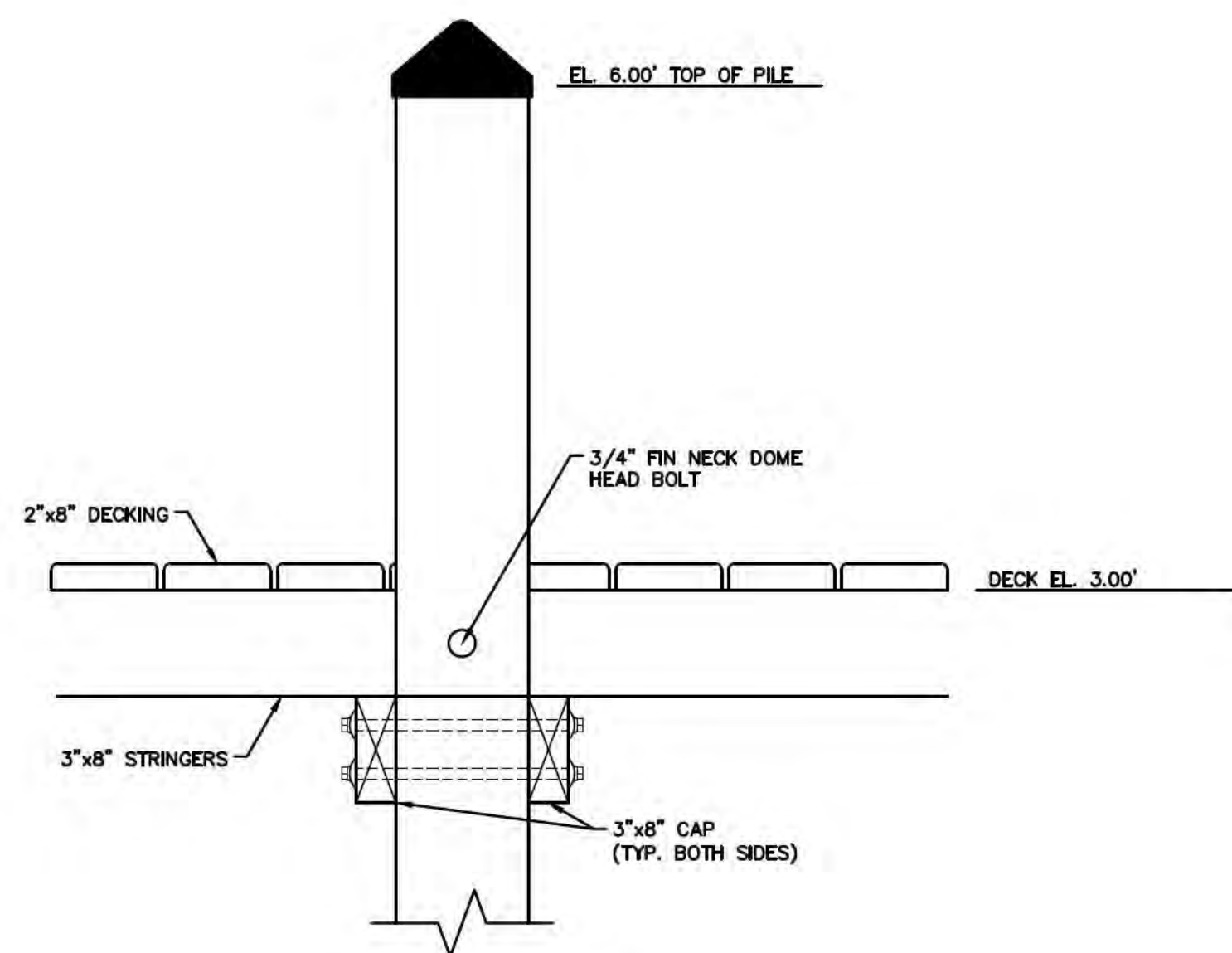
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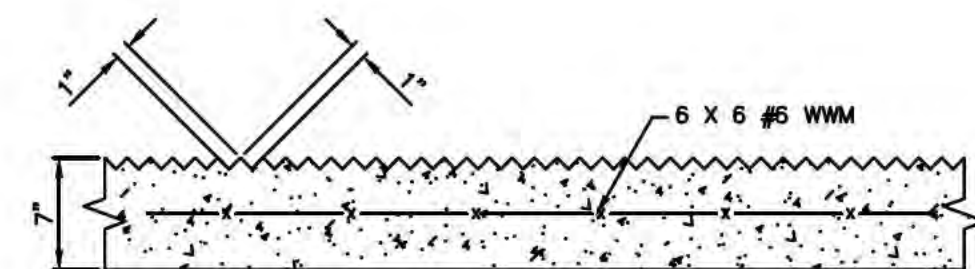
TYPICAL PIER AND BULKHEAD SECTION
SCALE: 1" = 1'



TIMBER BULKHEAD ELEVATION
SCALE: 1" = 1'



PARTIAL SIDE ELEVATION
SCALE: 1" = 1'



TYPICAL RAMP TREAD DETAIL
SCALE: 1" = 1'

GENERAL NOTES:

- TIMBER IS TO BE COPPER ARSENIC (CCA) TREATED MATERIAL.
- CCA TREATMENT:

DESCRIPTION	MIN. RETENTION RATE
STRUCTURAL MEMBER	2.5 LBS./C.F.
DECKING	0.8 LBS./C.F.
PILES	2.5 LBS./C.F.
- HOT DIPPED GALVANIZED FASTENERS:
 - 20d RING SHANK (2 PER BOARD @ EACH STRINGER, DECKING)
 - 20d FRAMING
- HOT DIPPED GALVANIZED BOLTS:
 - 5/8" - SPLICE BLOCKS
 - 3/4" - CAPS
 - 5/8" - STRINGER LAPS
 - 3/4" - FIN NECK DOME HEAD - PILE FACE @ STRINGERS
- ALL TIMBER SIZES TO BE ACTUAL AND NOT NOMINAL (CAPS, STRINGERS, DECKING, ETC.)
- FRAMING TIMBERS MAY BE ROUGH CUT, DECKING AND RAILS TO BE S4S

0' 1' 2' 3' 4' 5' 6' 7' 8' 9' 10' 11' 12' 13' 14' 15' 16' 17' 18' 19' 20'

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