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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2024-00802-LHL

January 17, 2025

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

REQUEST TO IMPACT 0.33 ACRE OF FORESTED WETLANDS IN CONJUNCTION
WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BARGE FLEETING AREA ON THE TOMBIGBEE
RIVER, CALVERT, MOBILE 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 U.S.C. 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: American Commercial Barge Line
1701 E. Market Street
Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130

AGENT: Thompson Engineering, Inc.
Attention: Dr. Barry Vittor
8060 Cottage Hill Road
Mobile, Alabama 36695

LOCATION: The project is located on a manmade canal off the Tombigbee River, within Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 1 East; at Latitude 31.146342° North, Longitude -87.959419° West; in Calvert, Mobile County, Alabama.

PROJECT PURPOSE: The basic project purpose is to provide a barge fleeing area along the riverbank while protecting the bank against ongoing erosion.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicant has proposed to install 37 mooring piles to provide barge fleeing along 8,500 linear feet of riverbank. The 24-inch diameter pipe piles will be advanced 35 feet below the mean low water line at an interval of 750 feet. The shoreline immediately adjacent to the proposed barge fleeing area will be armored with 7,440 linear feet of riprap from mean low water to 8 feet above the top of the bank. A total of 12,226 cubic yards of riprap rock will be placed along the riverbank and will be placed 2 feet thick and placed on geotextile fabric. The proposed activity will result in approximately 0.33 acre of forested wetland fill.

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION: The project has been designed to limit the height of the rock placement so that the rock will only reach the top of the riverbank where the elevation is relatively low. Wetland fill would be minimal within these low elevational features. The design provides for the minimum practicable width of rock fill onto the

wetland areas, while providing shoreline protection. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Mobile District, has not verified the adequacy of the applicant's avoidance and minimization efforts at this time.

MITIGATION: The applicant has proposed to compensate for unavoidable impacts to 0.33 acre of through the purchase of credits from the Lillian Swamp Mitigation Bank.

WATER QUALITY / COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT: The applicant has applied for certification from the State of Alabama in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act and for Coastal Zone Management (CZM) consistency concurrence in accordance with the Alabama Coastal Area Management Program. Upon completion of the required advertising and public comment review, a determination relative to Water Quality Certification and CZM consistency will be made by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM). This notice serves as a notification to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requesting a determination of potential water quality impacts to neighboring jurisdictions, pursuant to section 401(a)(2) of the Clean Water Act.

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 as well as portions of the wetland and upland areas located adjacent to the riverbank. The National Register of Historic Places will be consulted for properties listed in or eligible for 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. The permit area described above is currently under review by District Archaeologists to provide a determination on the potential for the existence of significant cultural and historic properties. Further coordination with the SHPO 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 impact approximately 0.003 acre of riverine substrate utilized by various life stages of multiple marine species. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have an adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries due to the minor area of impact and proposed mitigation activities. Our final determination is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service and/or the U.S. Department of Interior, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

ENDANGERED SPECIES: Preliminary review of this application and the U.S. Department of the Interior's List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants indicate the proposed activity will have no effect on the following listed endangered or threatened species with the potential to exist within the watershed of the permit area: Alabama red bellied turtle (E), Eastern indigo snake (T), Alabama sturgeon (E), Gulf sturgeon (T), inflated heelsplitter (T), and Southern clubshell (E). There is no designated critical habitat within the project action area. This determination is being coordinated with the USFWS via 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.

Correspondence concerning this notice should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-2024-00802-LHL**, and should be directed to the project manager, Ms. Leslie Hiles Lott by e-mail at Leslie.H.Lott@usace.army.mil, or to the USACE, Mobile District,

Regulatory Division, Attention: Ms. Leslie Hiles Lott, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001. Copies of all comments should be furnished to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management 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.

All comments should be received no later than 30 days from the date of this Public Notice. If you have questions concerning this publication, you may contact Ms. Leslie Hiles Lott by email at Leslie.H.Lott@usace.army.mil, or by phone at (251) 362-1051. Please refer to the above Public Notice Number **SAM-2024-00802-LHL**, in any communication concerning this project.

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

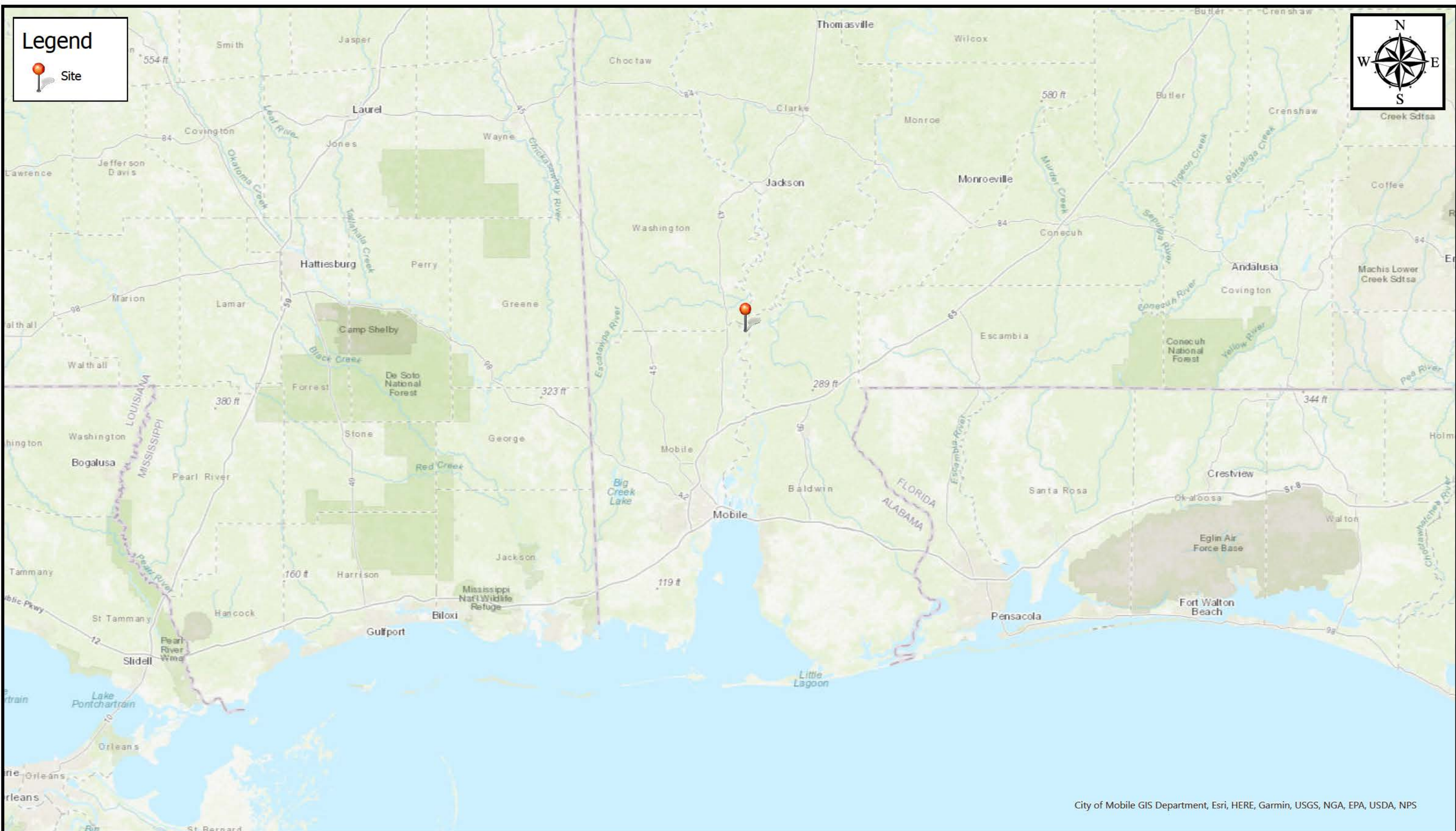
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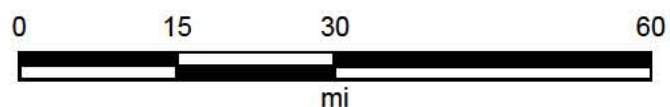
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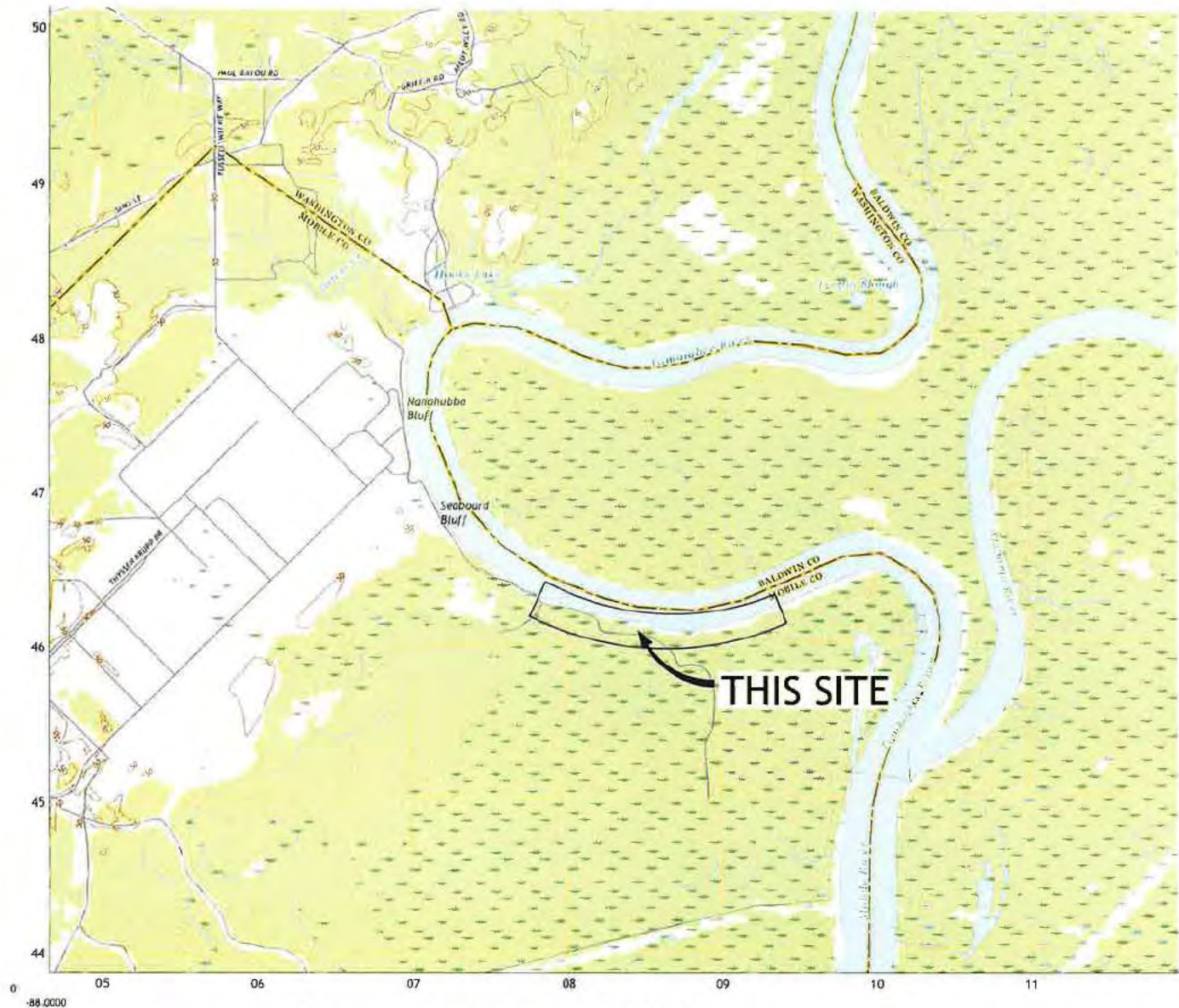
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Site Location Map



Map Center: 88.002133°W 30.913034°N

Map Created by: Leslie Hiles Lott
Date: 1/17/2025
Coordinate System: WGS 1984 Web Mercator Auxiliary Sphere
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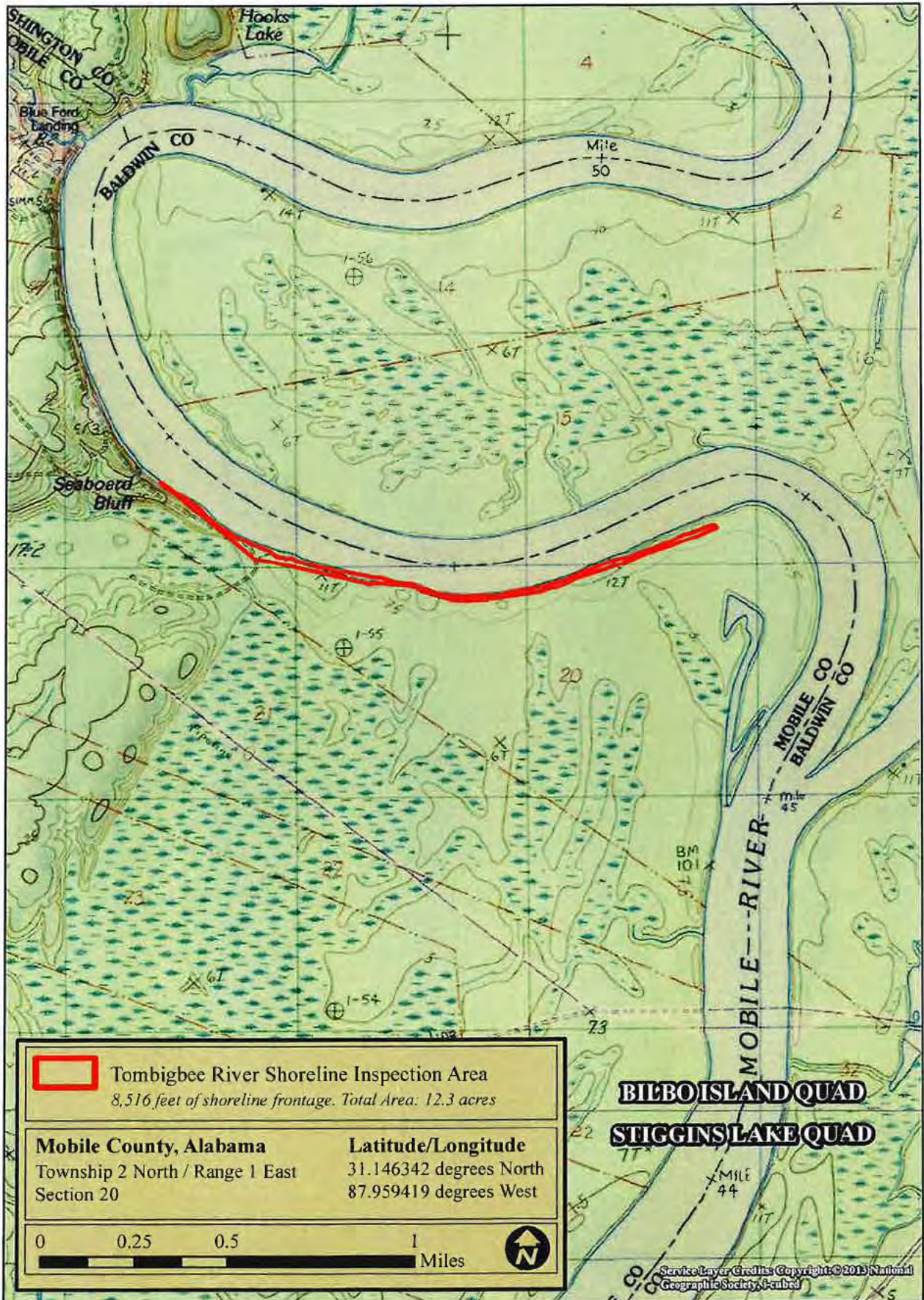
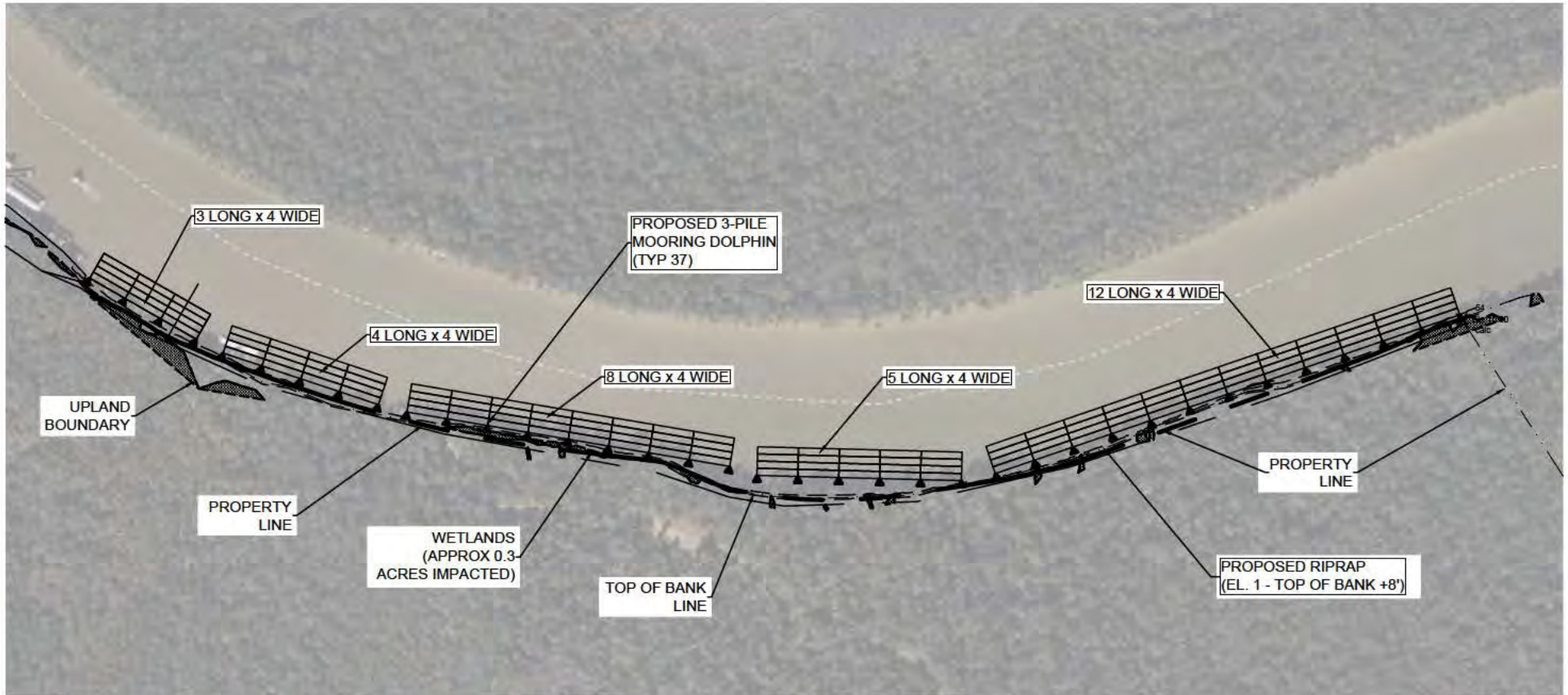
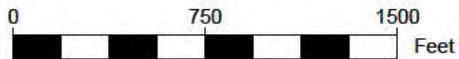


Figure 2. Project Location and Vicinity Map (Quad Locator)



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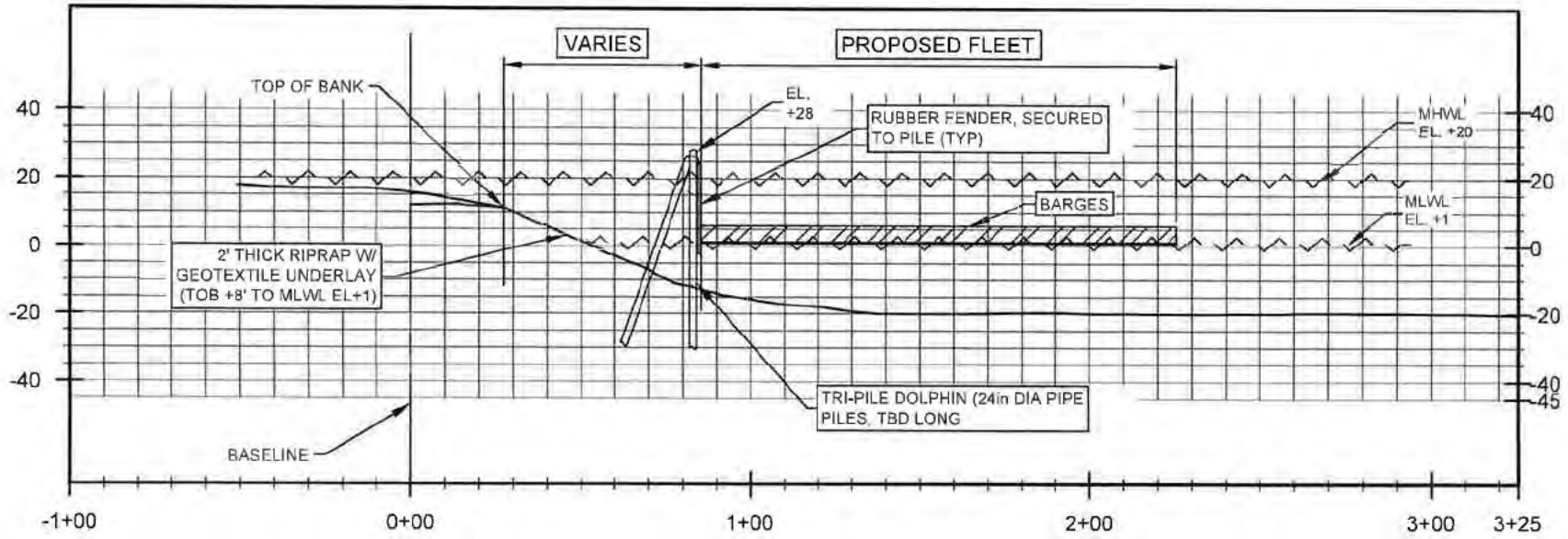
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