

**JOINT**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS**  
**1949 Industrial Park Road, Room 140**  
**Conway, South Carolina 29526**  
**and**  
**THE S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL**  
**Office of Environmental Quality Control**  
**Water Quality Certification and Wetlands Programs Section**  
**2600 Bull Street**  
**Columbia, South Carolina 29201**

REGULATORY DIVISION

Refer to: P/N #2006-3476-4IV

March 9, 2007

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act (48-39-10 et.seq.), and the S.C. Construction in Navigable Waters Permit Program (R. 19-450, et. seq., 1976 S.C. Code of Laws, as amended), an application has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control by

**WEDGEFIELD PLANTATION ASSOCIATION**  
**c/o NEWKIRK ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.**  
**POST OFFICE BOX 309**  
**BLUFTON, SC 29910**

for a permit to excavate material from canals adjacent to waters of the

BLACK RIVER

within canals in the Wedgefield Plantation located northeast of the Town of Georgetown in Georgetown County, South Carolina (Latitude 33.43099°, Longitude 79.24806°).

In order to give all interested parties an opportunity to express their views,

**NOTICE**

is hereby given that written statements regarding the proposed work will be received by both of the above mentioned offices until

**12 O'CLOCK NOON, MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2007**

from those interested in the activity and whose interests may be affected by the proposed work.

The proposed work consists of hydraulically dredging 99,400 cubic yards of material from two entrance canals and portions of the adjacent canal system (an area measuring 12 acres) to depths of -6.0 MLW and -8.0 MLW as shown on sheets 3 through 11. The proposed work includes placing the dredged material in an adjacent 12.8 acre disposal basin. The disposal basin was authorized by a Department of the Army permit in 1983 (permit number 82-4D-248), but may still contain jurisdictional waters of the U.S. Note that the proposed project is a modified version of a 2002 proposal for which a Department of the Army permit was denied without prejudice due to denial of the required Water Quality Certification and Coastal Zone Consistency Certification by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DA permit number 2002-1W-428-C).

**NOTE: Plans depicting the work described in this notice are available and will be provided, upon receipt of a written request, to anyone that is interested in obtaining a copy of the plans for the specific project. The request must identify the project of interest by public notice number and a self-addressed stamped envelope must also be provided for mailing the drawings to you. Your request for drawings should be addressed to the**

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Charleston District, Conway Field Office  
1949 Industrial Park Road, Room 140  
Conway, South Carolina 29526**

The District Engineer has concluded that the discharges associated with this project, both direct and indirect, should be reviewed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in accordance with provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. As such, this notice constitutes a request, on behalf of the applicant, for certification that this project will comply with applicable effluent limitations and water quality standards. The work shown on this application must also be certified as consistent with applicable provisions of the Coastal Zone Management Program (15 CFR 930). The District Engineer will not process this application to a conclusion until such certifications are received. This activity may also require evaluation for compliance with the S.C. Construction in Navigable Waters Permit Program. State review, permitting and certification is conducted by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. The applicant is hereby advised that supplemental information may be required by the State to facilitate the review. Persons wishing to comment or object to State certification or the navigable waters permit must submit all comments in writing to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control at the above address within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Implementation of the proposed project would impact 12 acres of estuarine substrates and emergent wetlands utilized by various life stages of species comprising the red drum, shrimp, and snapper-grouper management complexes. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial individual or cumulative adverse impact on EFH or fisheries managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

Pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended), the District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project is not likely to adversely affect any Federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated or proposed critical habitat. This public notice serves as a request for written concurrence from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service on this determination.

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), this public notice also constitutes a request to Indian Tribes to notify the District Engineer of any historic properties of religious and cultural significance to them that may be affected by the proposed undertaking.

In accordance with the NHPA, the District Engineer has also consulted the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places for the presence or absence of registered properties, or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein, and this worksite is not included as a registered property or property listed as being eligible for inclusion in the Register. To insure that other cultural resources that the District Engineer is not aware of are not overlooked, this public notice also serves as a request to the State Historic Preservation Office to provide any information it may have with regard to historic and cultural resources.

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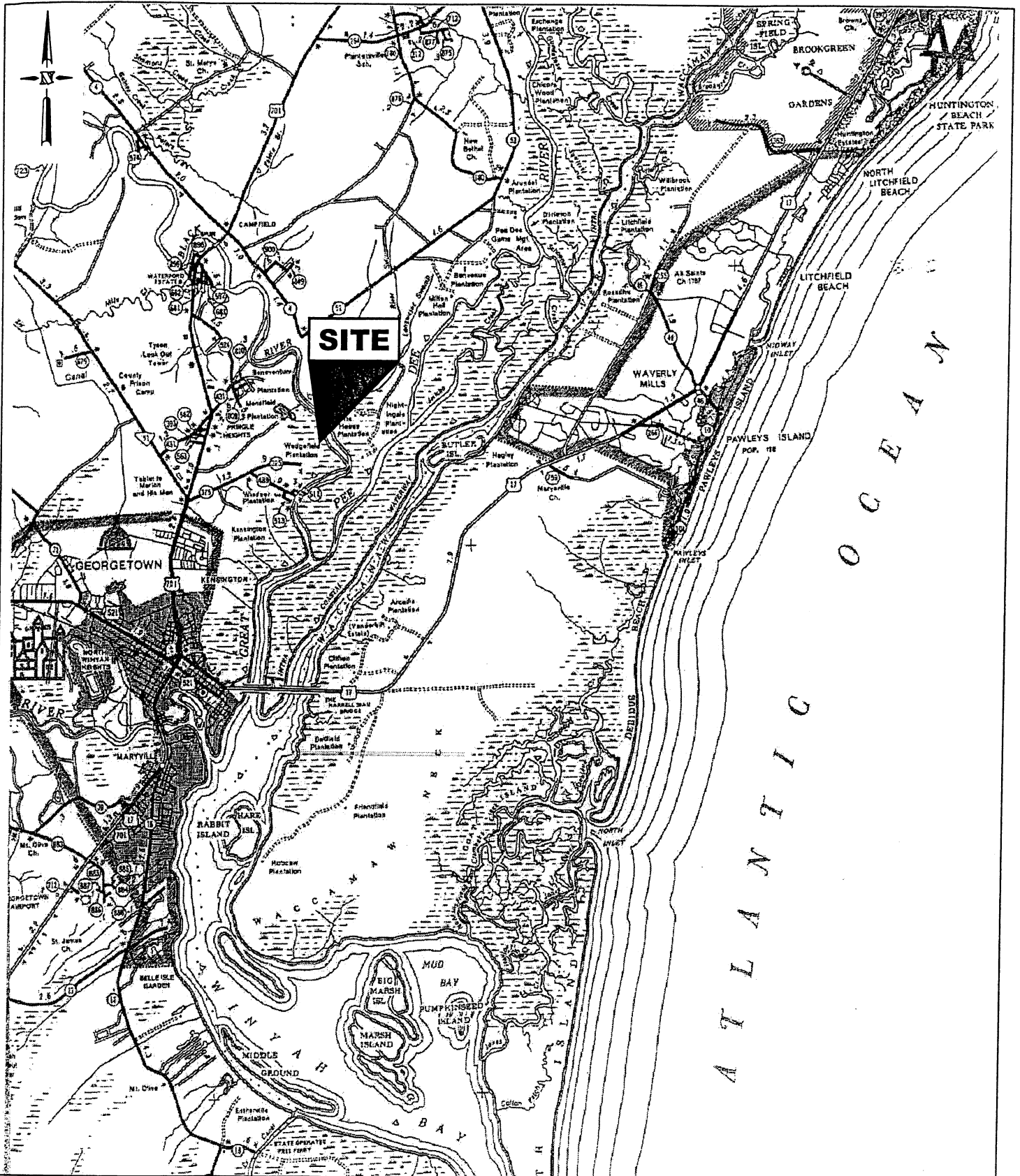
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Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest and will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act and, as appropriate, the criteria established under authority of Section 102 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended. 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 project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the project 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. A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest. In cases of conflicting property rights, the Corps of Engineers cannot undertake to adjudicate rival claims.

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 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 project. 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 activity.

If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact Chad Konickson at 843.365.4239.



PURPOSE: MAINTENANCE DREDGING

ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS  
SEE ATTACHED LIST

SURVEY DATUM: MLW

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FIGURE 1  
OVERALL LOCATION MAP

NOT TO SCALE

WEDGEFIELD PLANTATION  
ASSOCIATION  
73 SWAMP FOX LANE  
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA 29440

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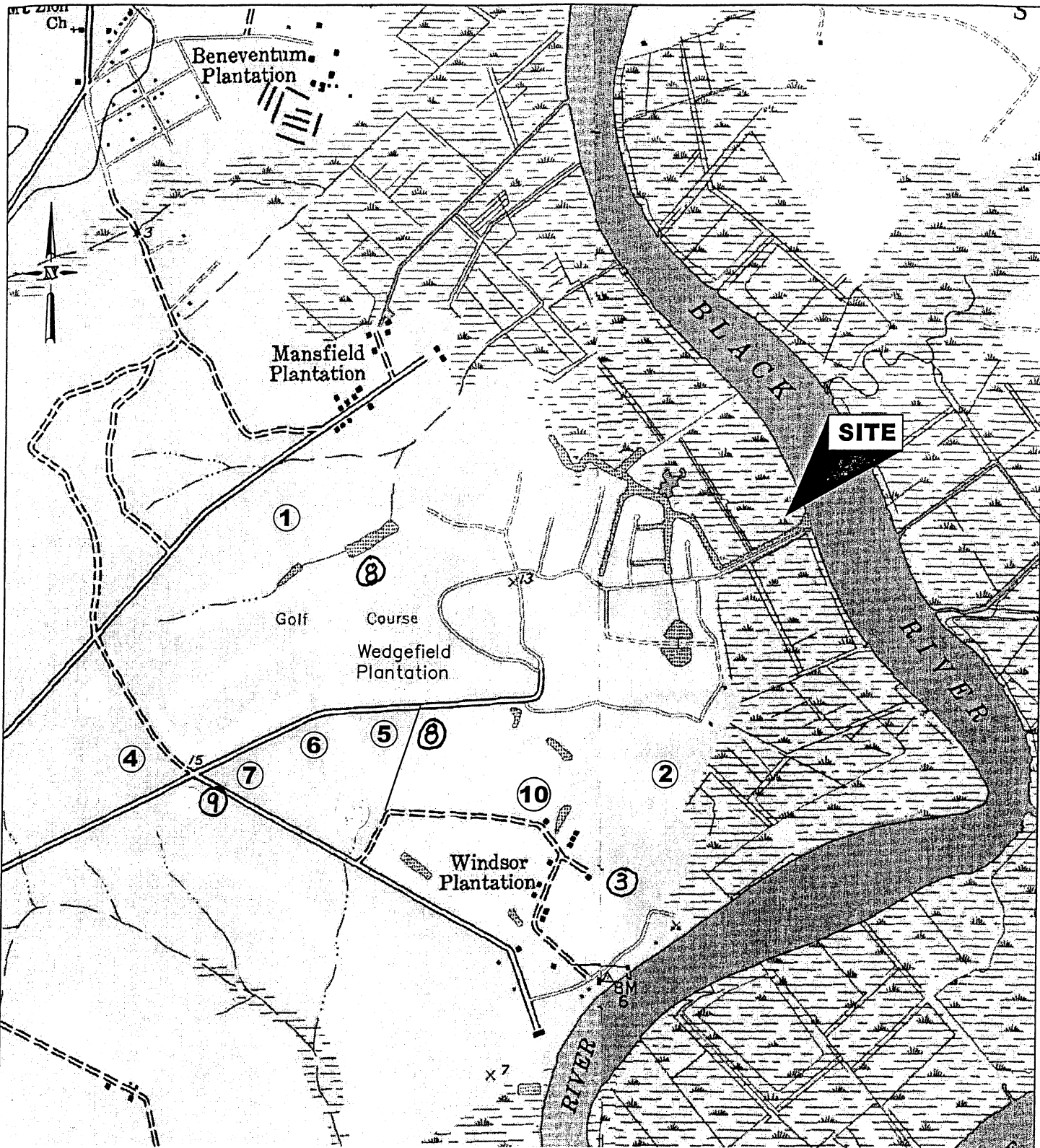
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IN: WEDGEFIELD PLANTATION CANALS  
ADJACENT TO THE BLACK RIVER

COUNTY OF: GEORGETOWN,  
SOUTH CAROLINA

SHEET: 1 OF 14

DATE: 03/08/2006



\* NAMES OF ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS LISTED ON SHEET 2A

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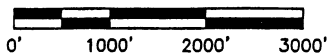
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FIGURE 2  
SITE LOCATION MAP

SCALE: 1" = 2000'



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GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA 29440

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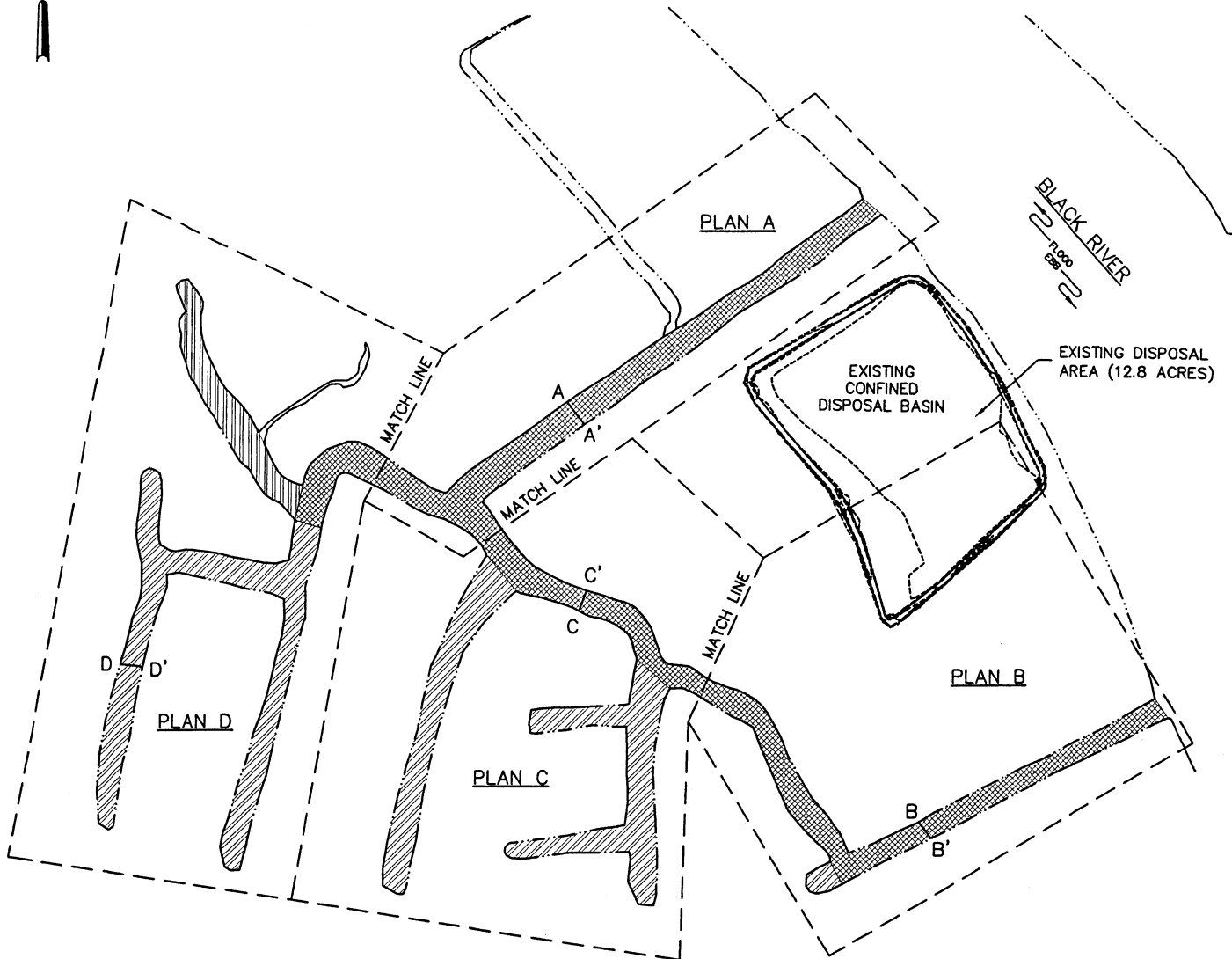
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DATE: 03/08/2006



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**LEGEND:**

-  APPROXIMATE EDGE OF MARSH GRASS
-  AREA TO BE DREDGED TO -6.0 MLW
-  AREA TO BE DREDGED TO -8.0 MLW

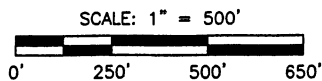
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FIGURE 3  
OVERALL DREDGE AREA SITE PLAN



SCALE: 1" = 500'  
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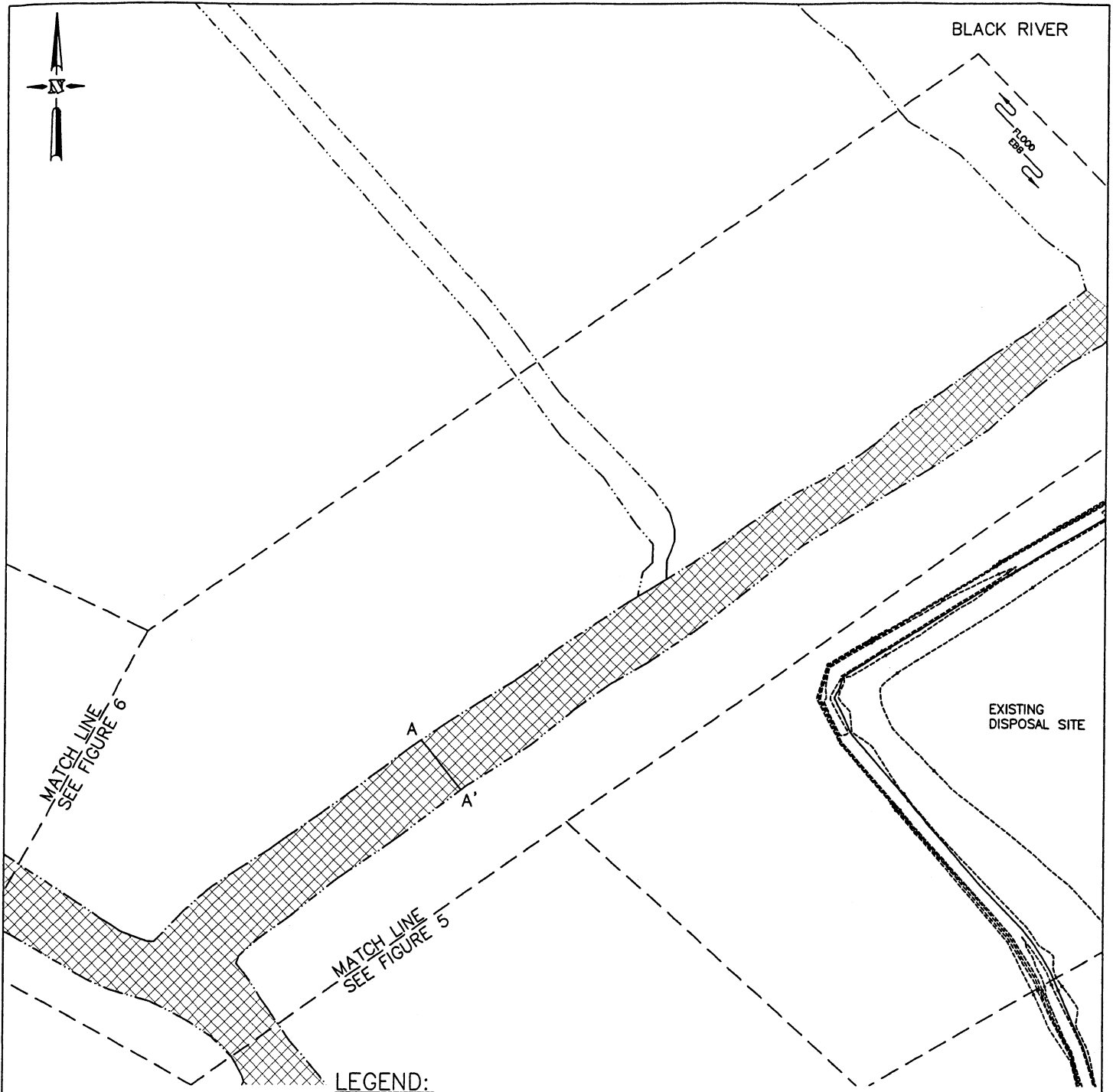
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

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-  APPROXIMATE EDGE OF MARSH GRASS
  -  AREA TO BE DREDGED TO -6.0 MLW
  -  AREA TO BE DREDGED TO -8.0 MLW

PURPOSE: MAINTENANCE DREDGING


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**FIGURE 4**  
**DREDGE AREA - PLAN A**

SCALE: 1" = 200'



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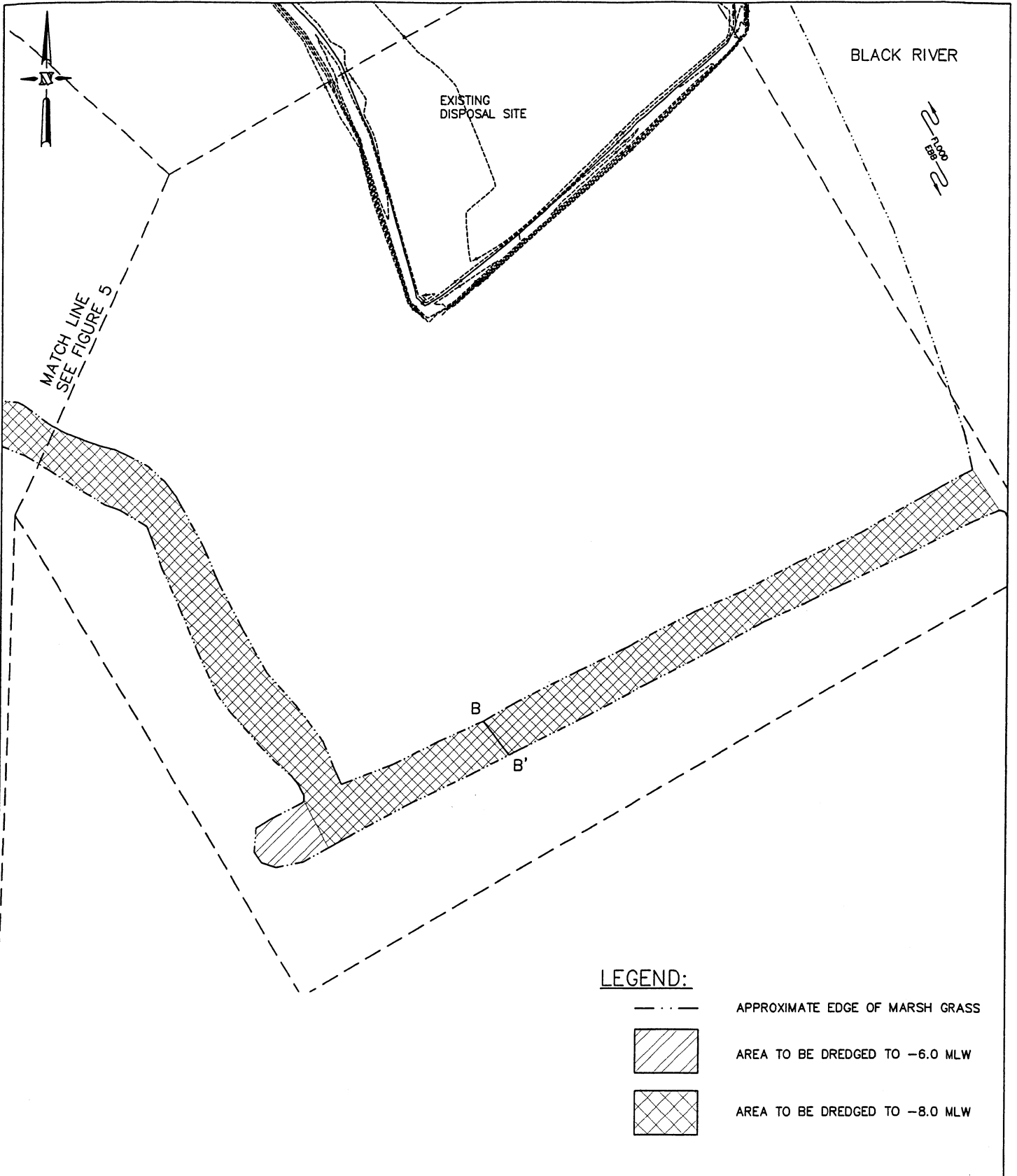
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


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-  AREA TO BE DREDGED TO -8.0 MLW

PURPOSE: MAINTENANCE DREDGING

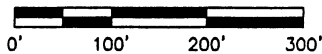
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**FIGURE 5**  
**DREDGE AREA - PLAN B**

SCALE: 1" = 200'



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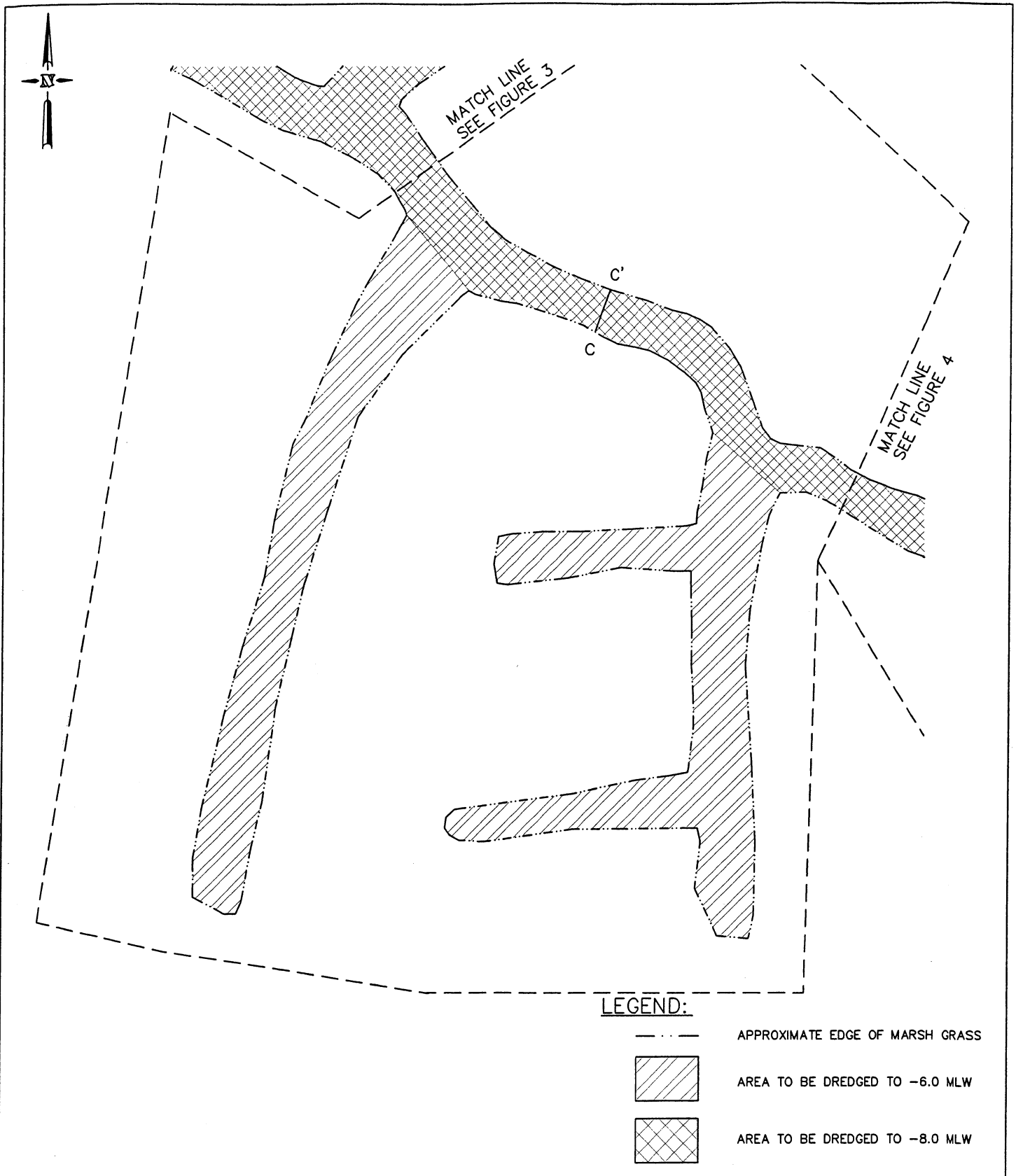
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

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-  AREA TO BE DREDGED TO -8.0 MLW

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**FIGURE 6**  
**DREDGE AREA - PLAN C**

SCALE: 1" = 200'



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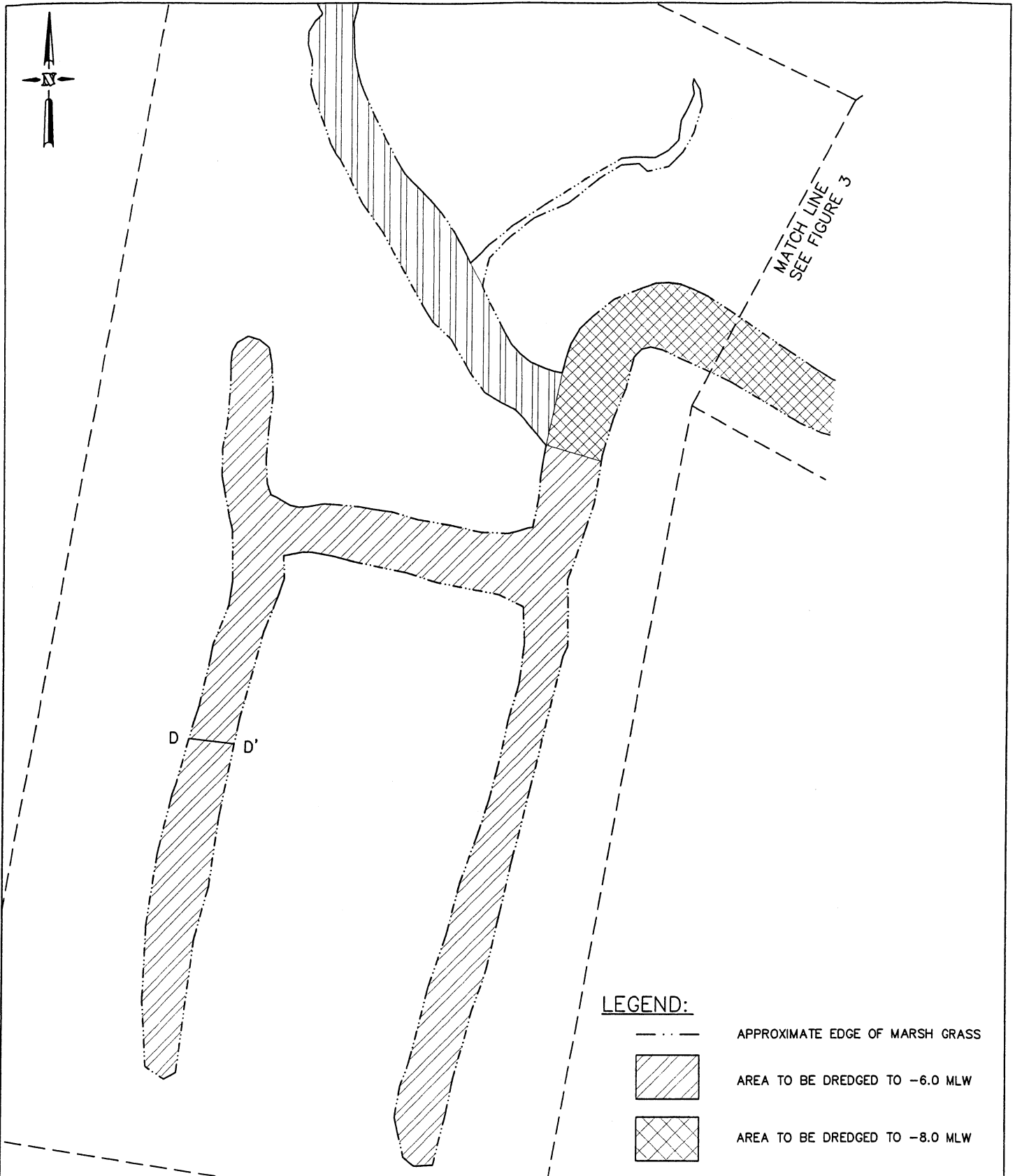
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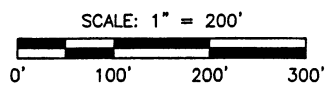
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FIGURE 7  
DREDGE AREA - PLAN D



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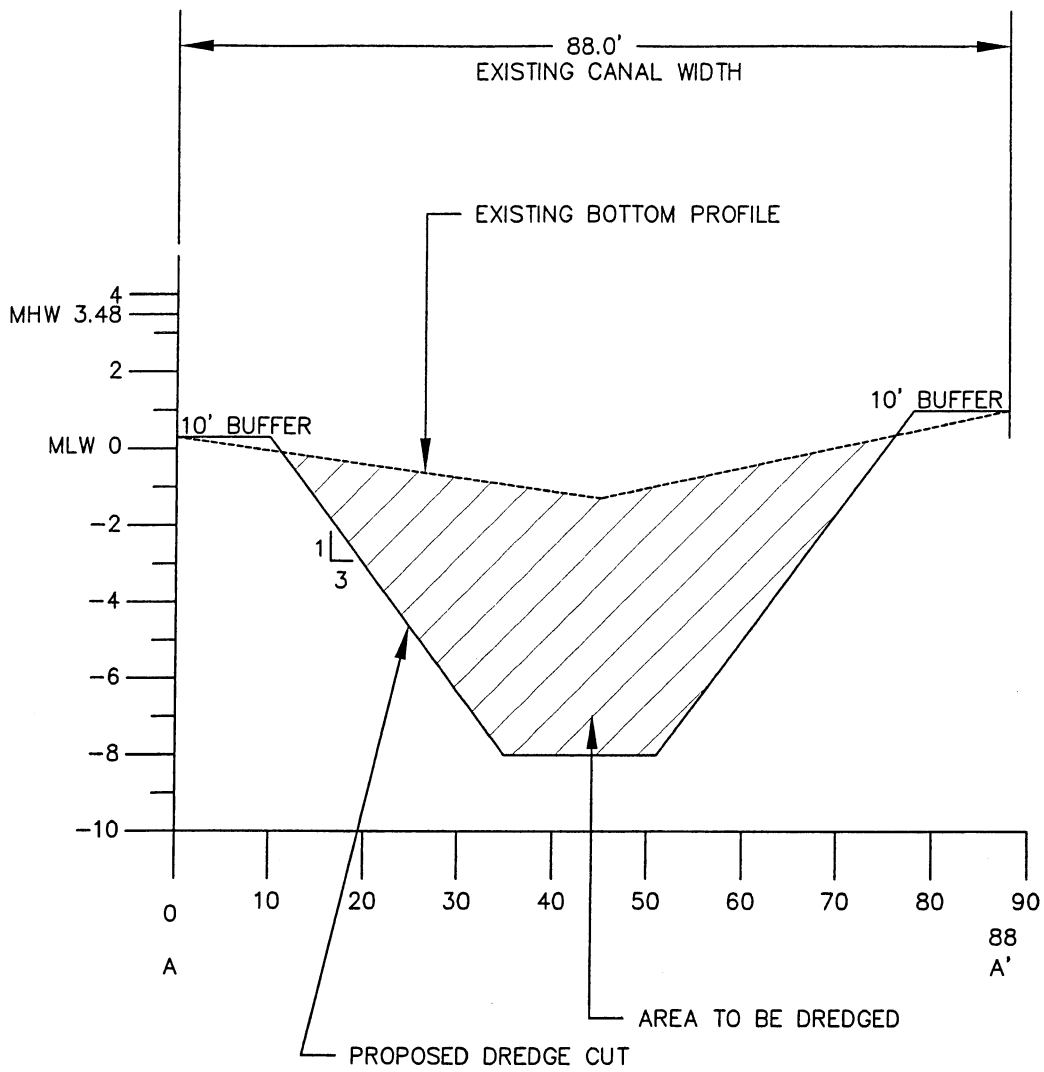
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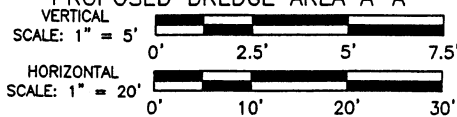
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**FIGURE 8**  
CROSS SECTION OF  
PROPOSED DREDGE AREA A-A'



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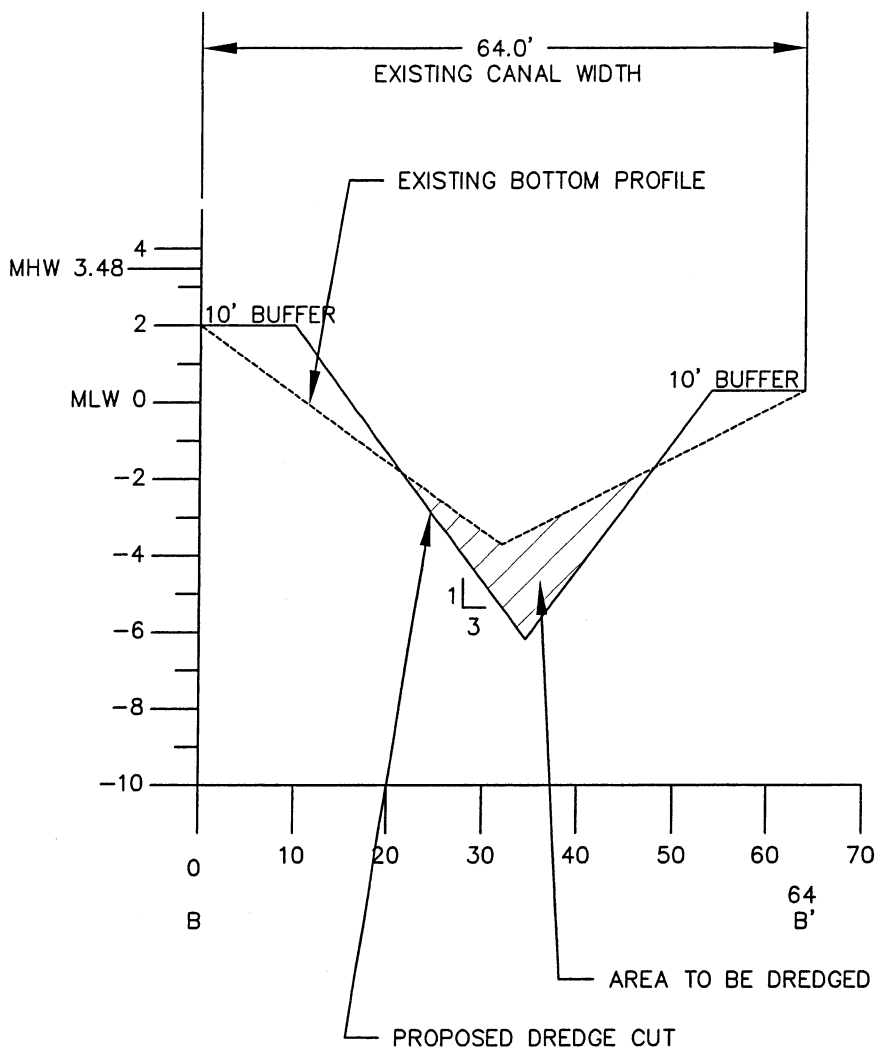
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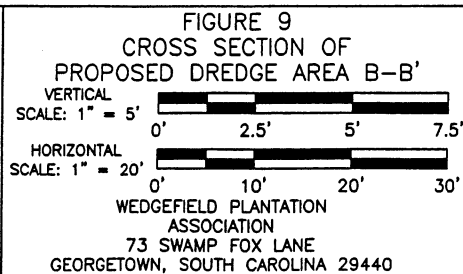
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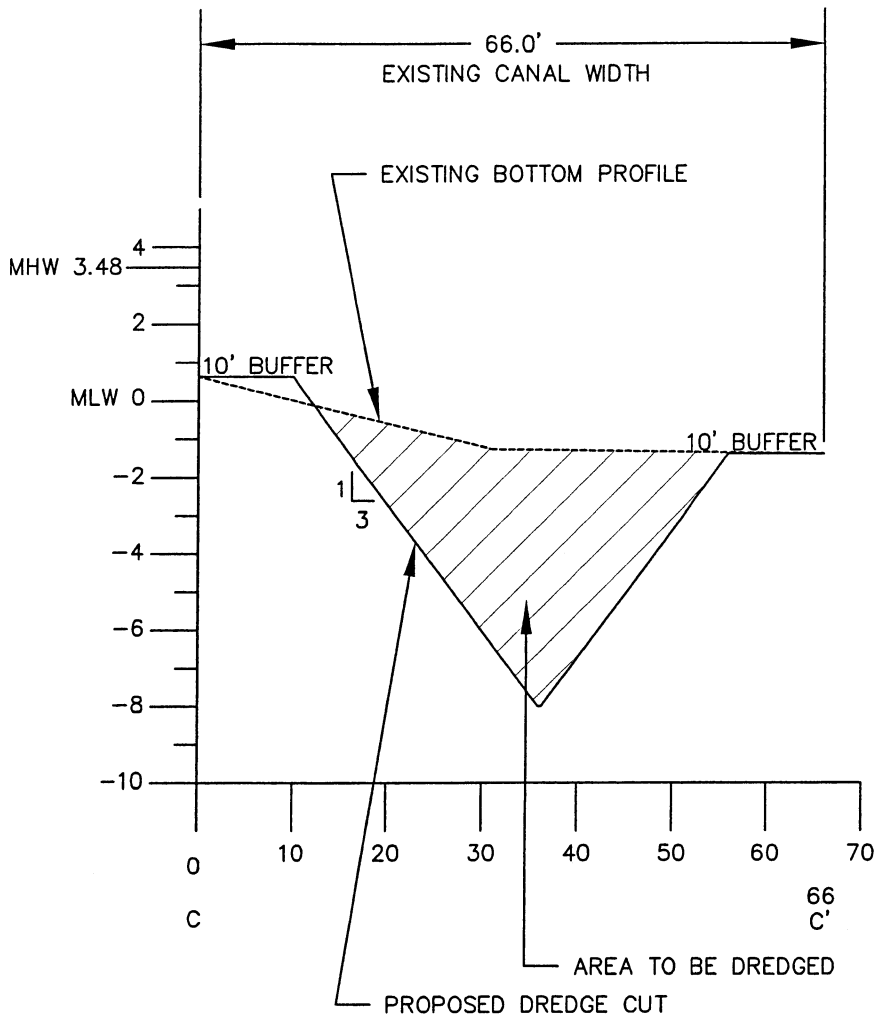
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**FIGURE 10**  
**CROSS SECTION OF**  
**PROPOSED DREDGE AREA C-C'**

VERTICAL  
 SCALE: 1" = 5'

HORIZONTAL  
 SCALE: 1" = 20'

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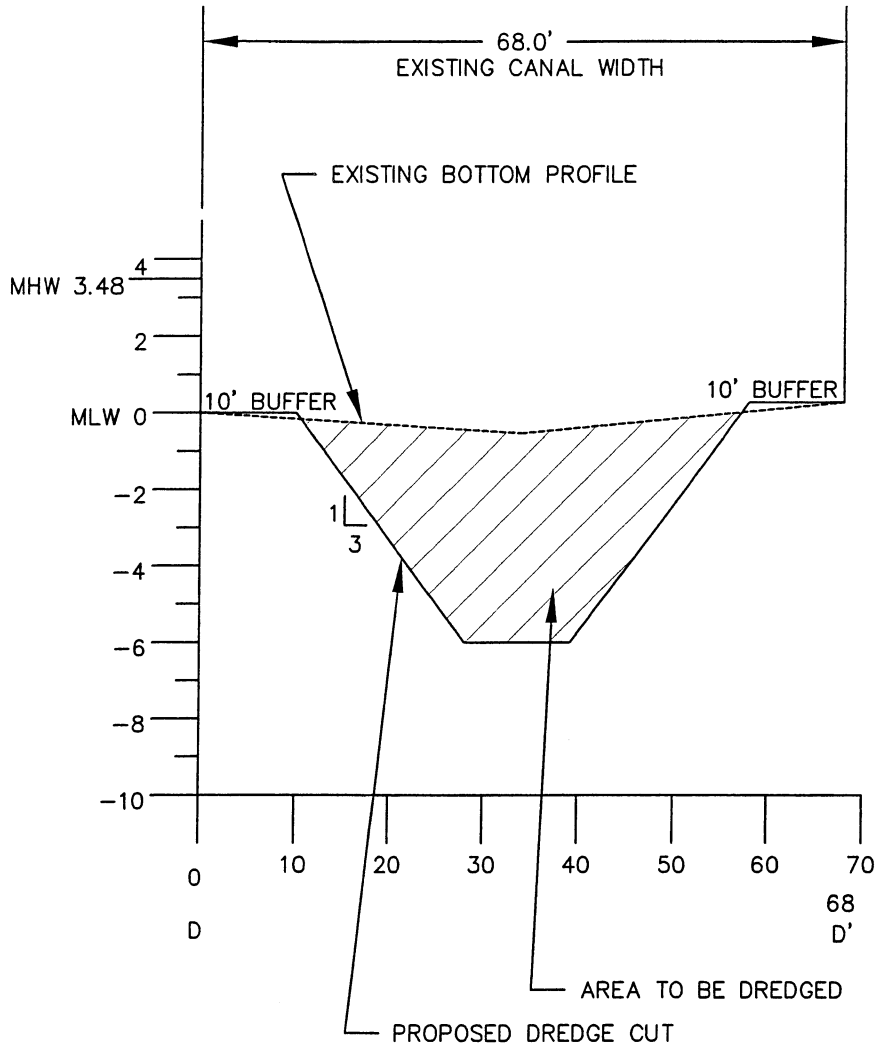
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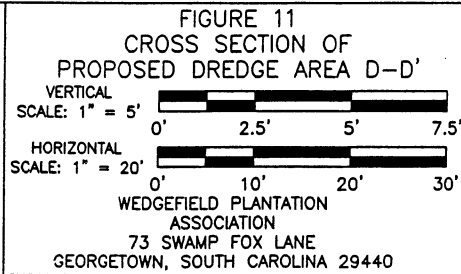
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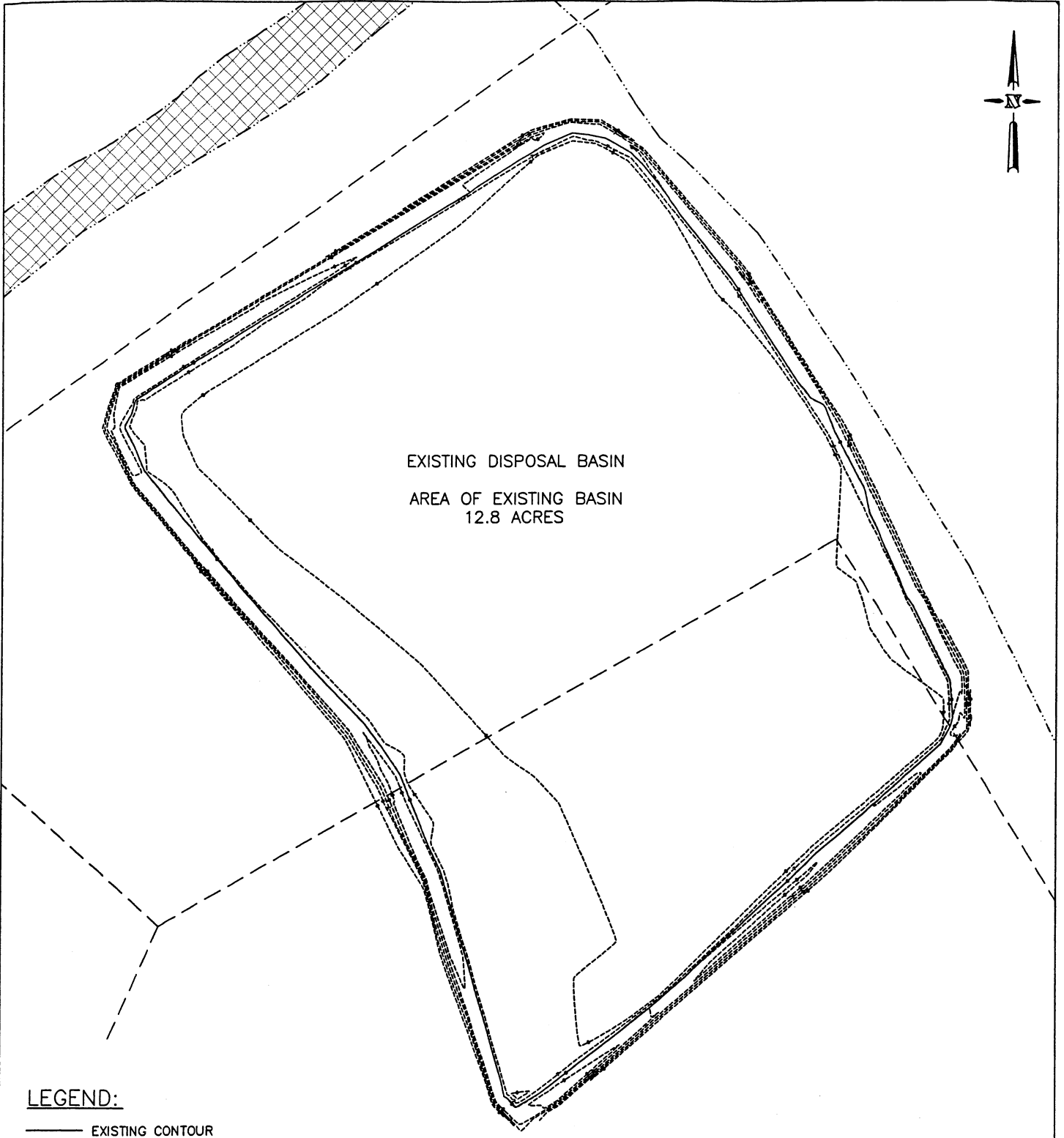
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EXISTING DISPOSAL BASIN  
 AREA OF EXISTING BASIN  
 12.8 ACRES

**LEGEND:**

—— EXISTING CONTOUR

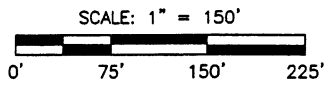
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FIGURE 12  
 EXISTING CONFINED DISPOSAL  
 BASIN



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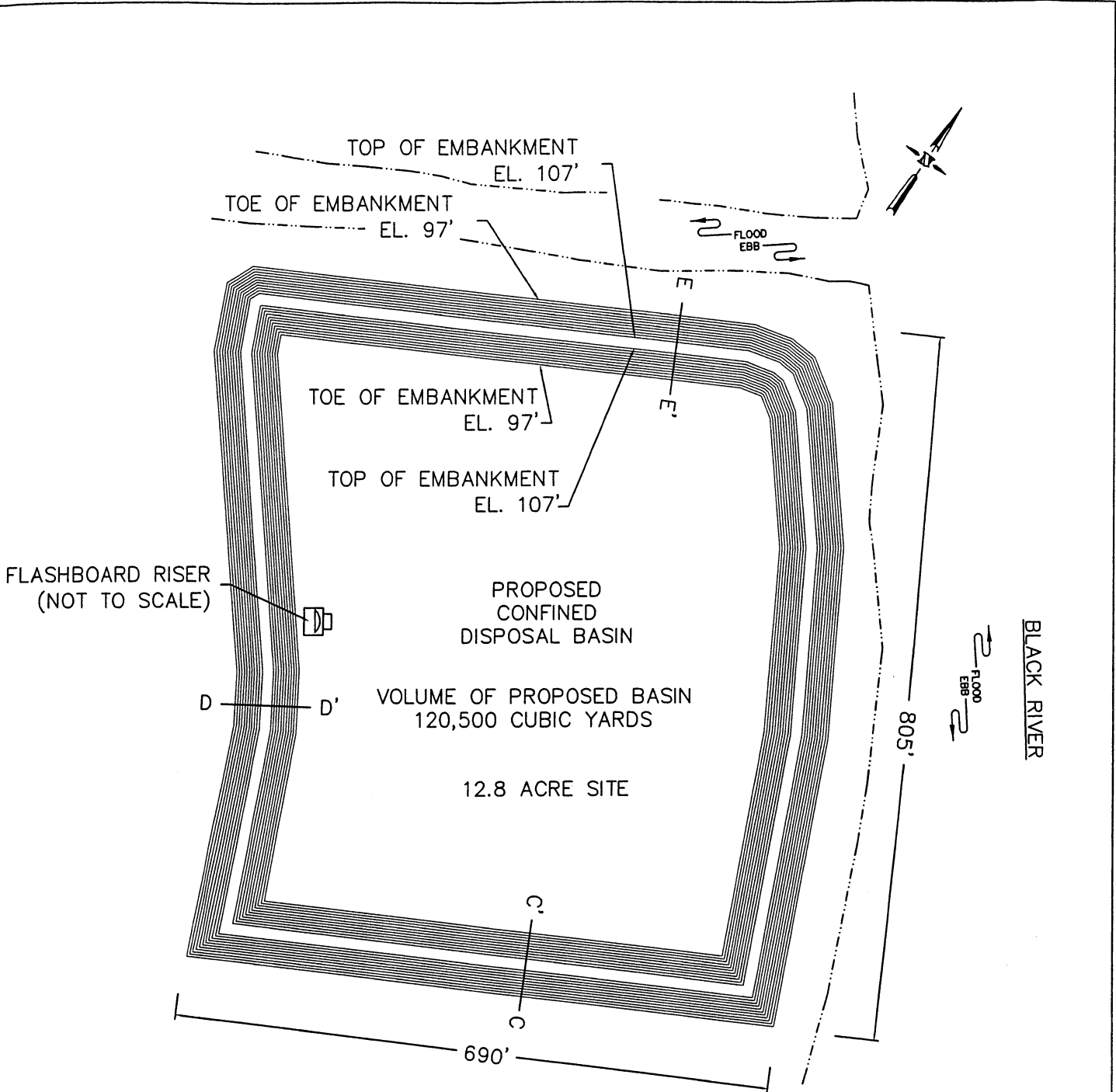
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**LEGEND:**

- PROPOSED CONTOUR
- ⊕ TEMPORARY BENCH MARK (TBM)

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**FIGURE 13**  
**PLAN VIEW**  
**OF PROPOSED DISPOSAL BASIN**

SCALE: 1" = 170'

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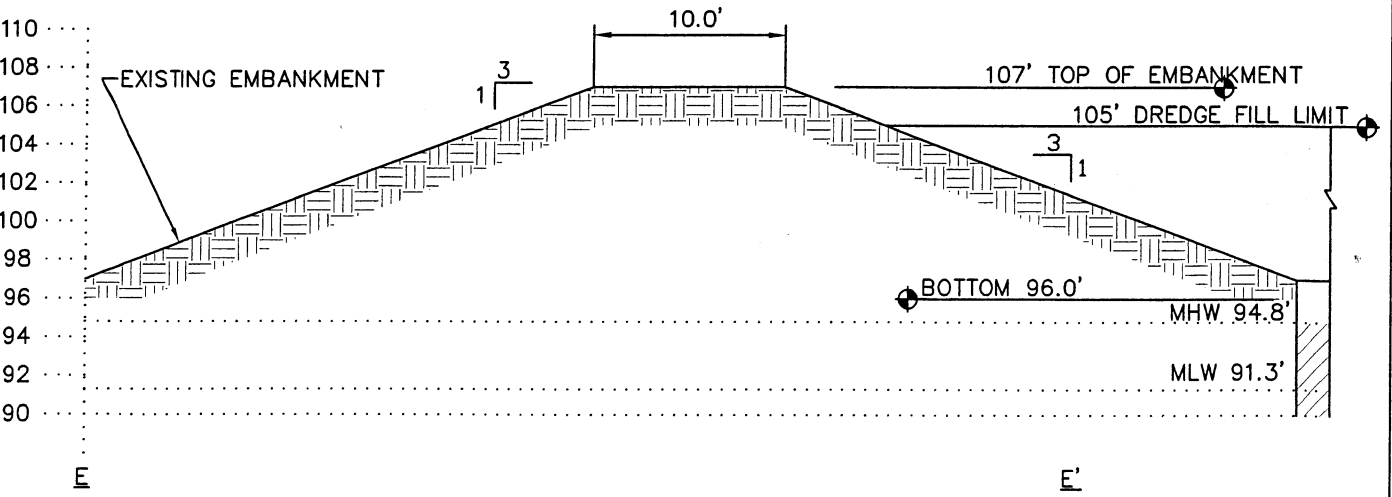
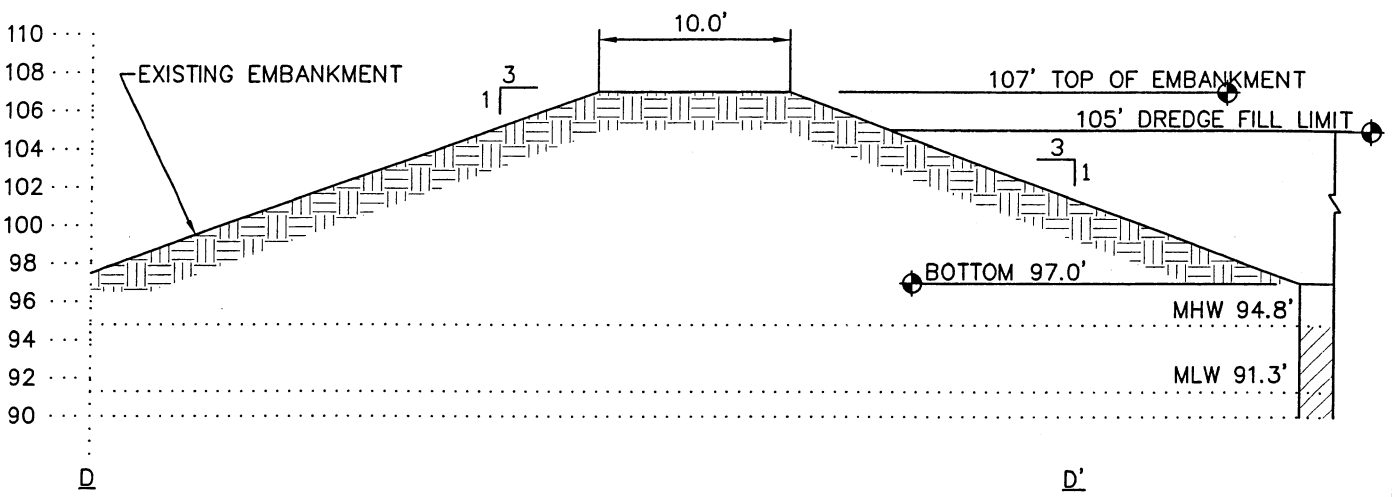
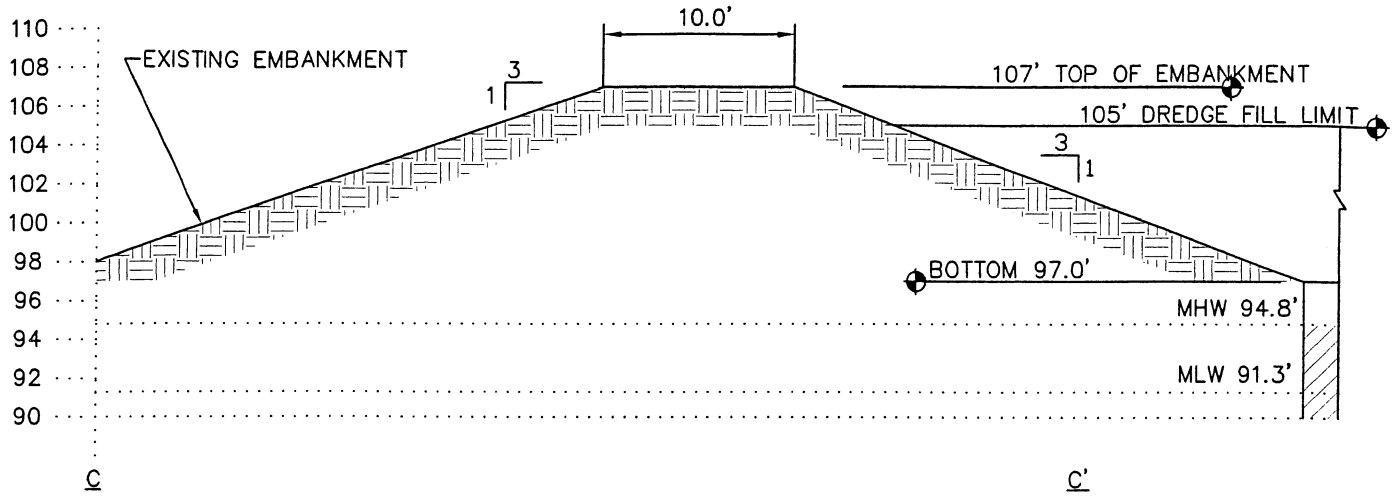
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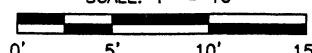
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\* ELEVATIONS ARE DERIVED FROM TEMPORARY BENCH MARK

<p>PURPOSE: MAINTENANCE DREDGING</p> <p>ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS SEE ATTACHED LIST</p> <p>SURVEY DATUM: MLW</p> <p>P/N 2006-3476-4IV</p>	<p>FIGURE 14 CROSS SECTIONS OF PROPOSED DISPOSAL BASIN EMBANKMENTS</p> <p>SCALE: 1" = 10'</p>  <p>WEDGEFIELD PLANTATION ASSOCIATION 73 SWAMP FOX LANE GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA 29440</p>	<p>PROPOSED: MAINTENANCE DREDGING</p> <p>AT: WEDGEFIELD PLANTATION</p> <p>IN: WEDGEFIELD PLANTATION CANALS ADJACENT TO THE BLACK RIVER</p> <p>COUNTY OF: GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA</p> <p>SHEET: 14 OF 14      DATE: 03/08/2006</p>
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