

US Army Corps
of Engineers
Rock Island District

PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Blackhawk Fleet, Inc.

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CEMVR-OD-P-454790

Section: 10

Joint Public Notice
US Army Corps of Engineers
Illinois Department of Natural Resources/Office of Water Resources

1. **Applicant.** Blackhawk Fleet, Inc., 10910 South Utah, Post Office Box 4809, Davenport, Iowa 52802.

2. **Project Locations.**

- Site 1. Section 8, Township 17 North, Range 2 West; Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois; approximate Mississippi River mile 478.2 (located immediately downstream the I-280 bridge).
- Site 2. Section 34, Township 18 North, Range 2 West; Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois; approximate Mississippi River mile 480.6 (former Kaulkey Boat Yard).

3. **Project Description.** The applicant proposes to develop two new fleeting areas for barges awaiting service at area terminals, awaiting repair, and awaiting other related fleeting activities. The fleets will be secured to anchor barges, which will be held in place by a combination of stockless anchors and spuds. The mooring will comply with U.S. Coast Guard navigation rules.

- Site 1. This site will have 36 barges. Barges will be moored 4 barges long (800 feet) by 9 barges wide (315 feet).
- Site 2. This site will have 15 barges. Barges will be moored 3 barges long (600 feet) by 5 barges wide (175 feet).

Previous Authorizations. In September 2001, Department of the Army authorizations (CEMVR-OD-P-394430/394460 and CEMVR-OD-P-394460-1) were granted to Blackhawk Fleet to develop fleeting areas.

- CEMVR-OD-P-394430 (Iowa side of channel). Area 3 – 34 barges; Area 8 – 17 barges.
- CEMVR-OD-P-394460 (Illinois side of channel). Area 1 – 2 barges, Area 2 – 51 barges; Area 4 – 67 barges; Area 5 – 35 barges; Area 6 – 13 barges.
- CEMVR-OD-P-343460-1 (Illinois side of channel). Area 7 – 15 barges; Area 9 – 37 barges; Area 10 – 83 barges; Area 11 – 47 barges. Blackhawk Fleet, Inc., will no longer use the fleeting areas authorized under Department of the Army permit CEMVR-OD-P-394460-1. This fleeting area will be occupied by Walter Marine Enterprise, Incorporated.

NOTE: Blackhawk Fleet, Inc., also has submitted applications for other fleeting in the area. The projected need is to replace the fleeting space not available under Department of the Army permit CEMVR-OD-P-394460-1. The proposed changes should not result in any increase in barge traffic in the pool.

- CEMVR-OD-P-448390 – This new request for 85 barges was described in a public notice issued September 17, 2003. At this time, the Corps of Engineers has not made a decision on this request.
- See the separate public notice dated concurrently with this public notice discussing the following 3 proposals:
 - o CEMVR-OD-P-394430-1 – request to add 18 barges to Area 3 in Section 19, Township 77 North, Range 2 East; Scott County, Iowa; approximate Mississippi River miles 469.9-470.5 (previously authorized Area 3).
 - o CEMVR-OD-P-2004-128 – request for 18 fleet barges and two anchor barges in Section 20, Township 77 North, Range 2 East; near Buffalo, Scott County, Iowa; approximate Mississippi River mile 471.3.
 - o CEMVR-OD-P-2004-129 – new request to fleet 15 barges in Section 23, Township 77 North, Range 2 East; near Buffalo, Scott County, Iowa; approximate Mississippi River mile 474.4 – 474.6 (located adjacent to the LaFarge Corporation facility).

4. Agency Review.

a. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers. The Department of the Army application is being processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

b. State of Illinois.

(1) The project plans have been submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for review.

(2) The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Natural Resources (IDNR/OWR), application is being processed pursuant to an Act in Relation to the Regulation of the Rivers, Lakes and Streams of the State of Illinois, Chapter 615, ILCS 5 (Illinois Compiled Statutes (1994)). Comments concerning the IDNR/OWR permit should be addressed to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271, with a copy provided to the Corps of Engineers (see paragraph 11. of this public notice for address). Mr. Mike Diedrichsen, IDNR/OWR (217/782-3863), may be contacted for additional information.

5. Historical/Archaeological. The Corps of Engineers consulted with the geographic information systems (GIS) archeological site and survey databases and current as of June 2003. The query determined that there were no previously recorded archeological sites in the permit area and that the area had not been surveyed. The permit area is located within the active channel of the Mississippi River. It is the opinion of the Corps of Engineers that issuance of the permit will not affect historic properties because "the nature, scope, and magnitude of the work, and/or structures to be permitted are such that there is little likelihood that a historic property exists or may be affected" (33 CFR Part 325, Appendix C.3.b).

6. Endangered Species. District staff have performed a preliminary review of this application for the potential impact on threatened or endangered species pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as amended. Our preliminary determination is that the proposed activity is not likely to adversely affect any listed species or critical habitat. Therefore, no formal consultation has been initiated with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service at this time. However, this preliminary determination is subject to change should further information become available.

7. Public Interest Review. The decision whether to issue the Corps 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, cultural values, 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 production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

8. Who Should Reply. 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. These statements should be submitted on or before the expiration date specified at the top of page 1. These statements should bear upon the adequacy of plans and suitability of locations and should, if appropriate, suggest any changes considered desirable.

9. Public Hearing Requests. 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. A request may be denied if substantive reasons for holding a hearing are not provided.

10. **Reply to the Corps of Engineers.** Comments concerning the Corps permit should be addressed to the District Engineer, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, ATTN: OD-P (Wayne Hannel), Clock Tower Building - Post Office Box 2004, Rock Island, Illinois 61204-2004. **Mr. Wayne Hannel (309/794-5378)** may be contacted for additional information.

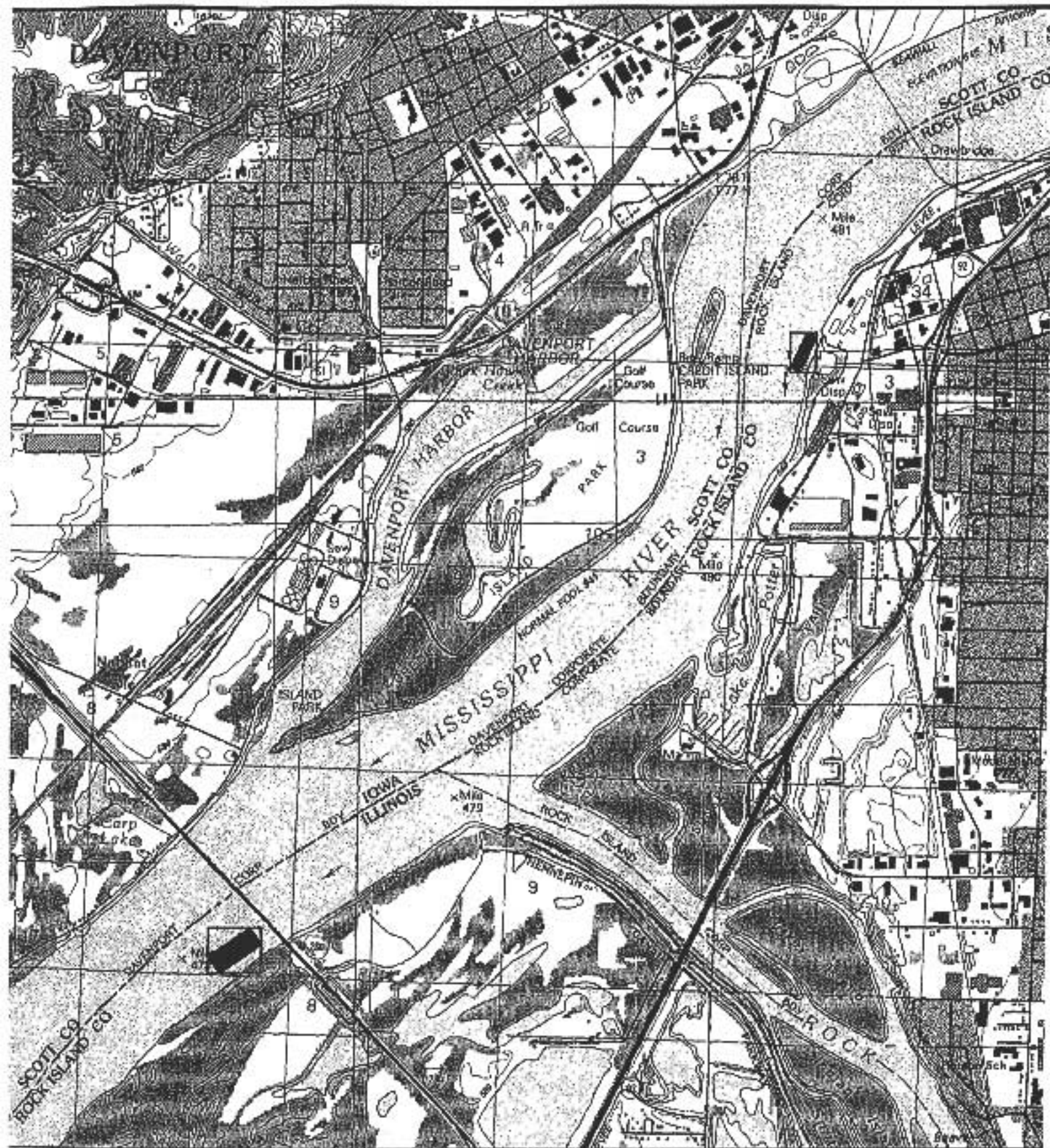
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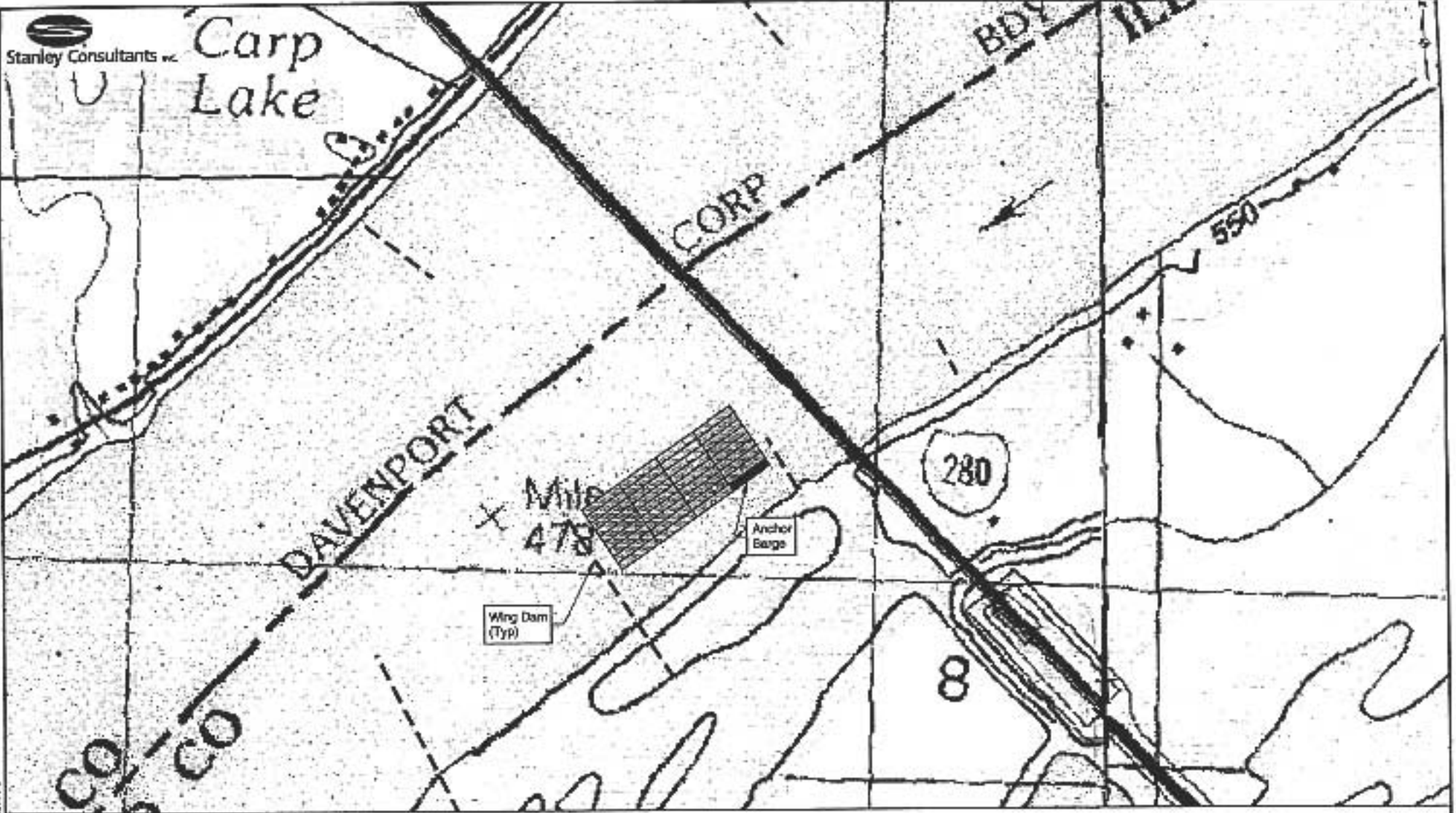
Wayne Hannel
Project Manager
Regulatory Branch

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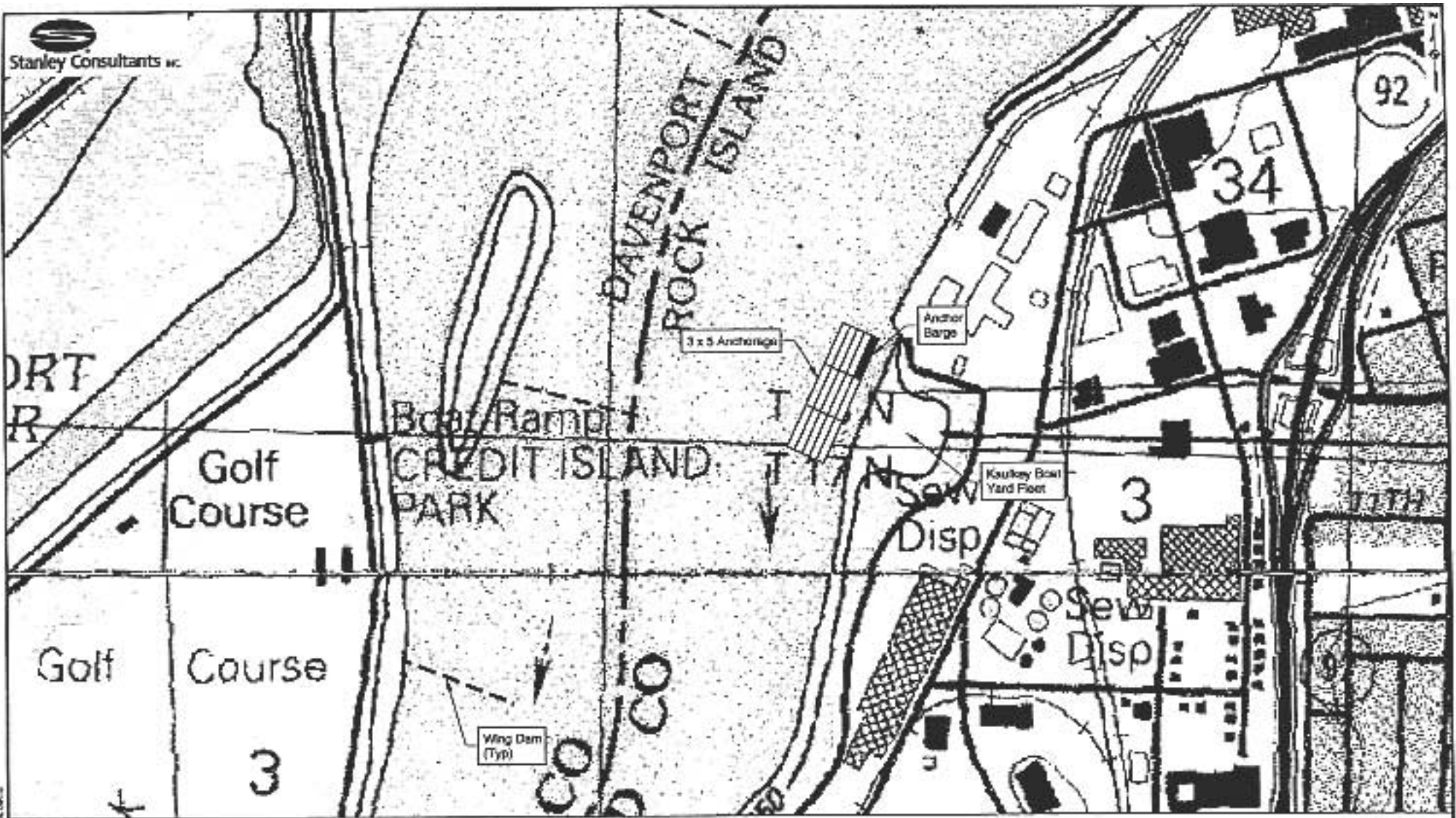
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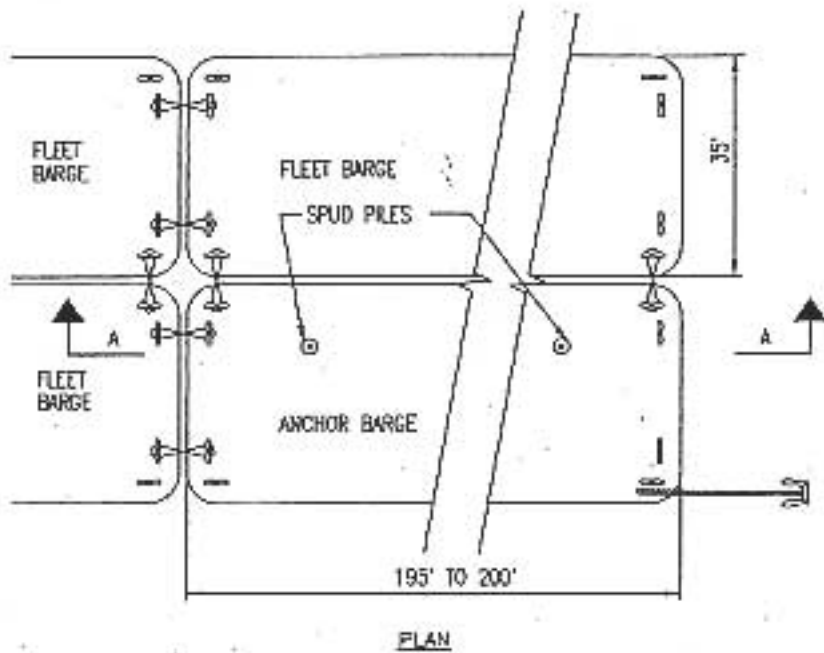
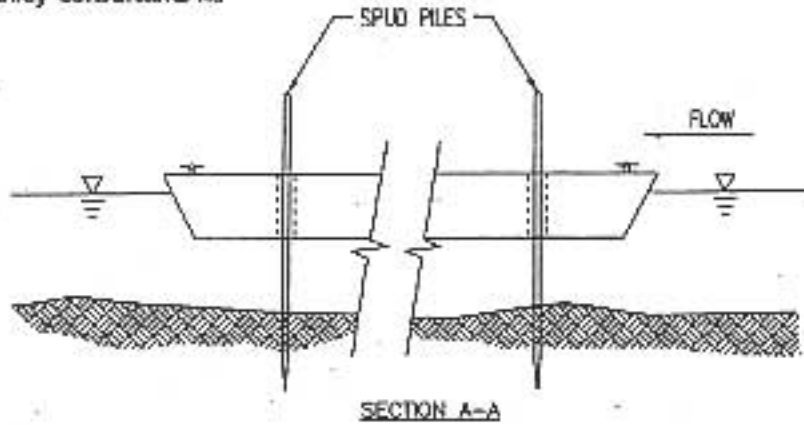
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Blackhawk Fleet Anchorage Plan
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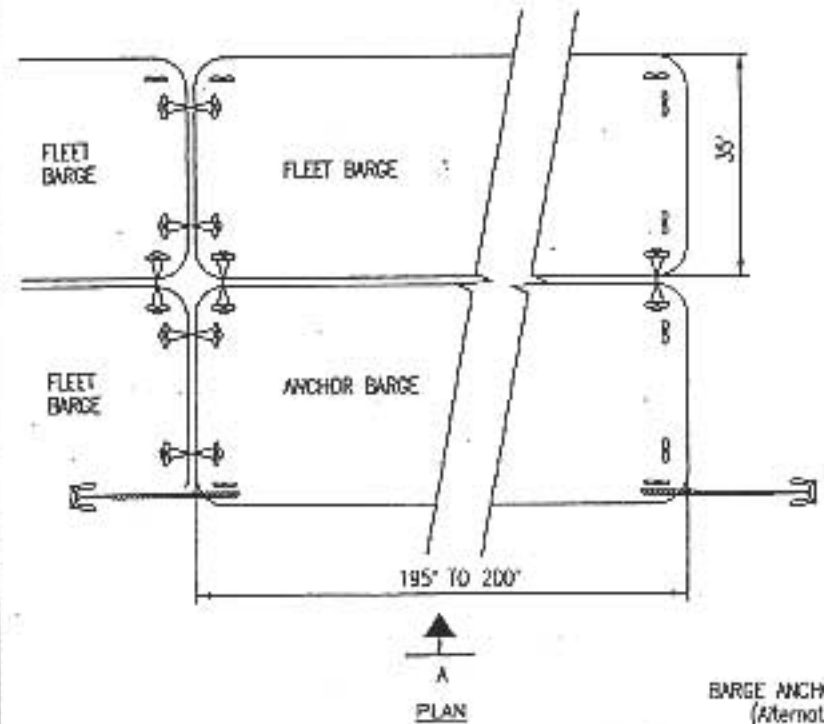
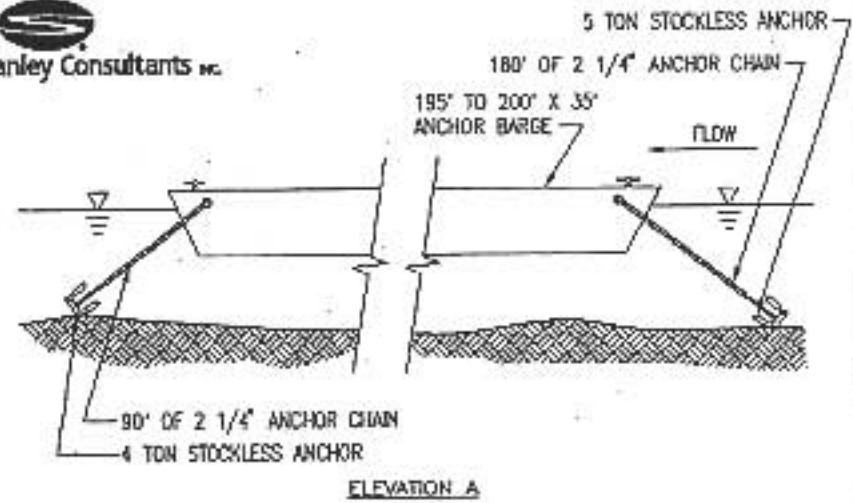


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Blackhawk Fleet
 Anchorage Plan
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BARGE ANCHORAGE
(Alternative 1)
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(Alternative 2)
FIGURE 7

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