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New England District

696 Virginia Road
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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File Number: NAE – 2006 - 3709

In Reply Refer To: Mr. Brian E. Valiton

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The District Engineer has received a permit application from the applicant below to **conduct work in waters of the United States** as described below. The Corps is soliciting comments on both the project itself and the range of issues to be addressed in the environmental documentation.

APPLICANT: Community Rowing, Inc.

ACTIVITY

To install and maintain a new pile-supported fixed pier system and a new pile-anchored floating dock system in the Charles River for a new rowing facility at Daly Field, Brighton, Massachusetts. A detailed description and plans of the applicant's activity are attached.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK

This work is proposed in the Charles River at Nonantum Road, Brighton (Boston), Massachusetts. The proposed location on the USGS Boston South quadrangle sheet is at UTM Zone 19 coordinates 4691921 N and 0321660 E.

AUTHORITY

Permits are required pursuant to:

Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899

Section 404 of the Clean Water Act

Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act).

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact 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 may reasonably 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 value, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain value, 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.

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

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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.

Where the activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States or the transportation of dredged material for the purpose of disposing it in ocean waters, the evaluation of the impact of the activity in the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act, and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 as amended. Based on his initial review, the District Engineer has determined that the proposed work may impact properties listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. Additional review and consultation to fulfil requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, will be ongoing as part of the permit review process.

The States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island have approved **Coastal Zone Management Programs**. Where applicable the applicant states that any proposed activity will comply with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the approved Coastal Zone Management Program. By this Public Notice, we are requesting the State concurrence or objection to the applicant's consistency statement.

The following authorizations have been applied for, or have been, or will be obtained:

- (X) Permit, License or Assent from State.
- (X) Permit from Local Wetland Agency or Conservation Commission.
- () Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

In order to properly evaluate the proposal, we are seeking public comment. Anyone wishing to comment is encouraged to do so. **Comments should be submitted in writing by the above date.** If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Brian Valiton at (978) 318-8166, (800) 343-4789 or (800) 362-4367, if calling from within Massachusetts.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for a public hearing shall specifically state the reasons for holding a public hearing. The Corps holds public hearings for the purpose of obtaining public comments when that is the best means for understanding a wide variety of concerns from a diverse segment of the public.

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The initial determinations made herein will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice. All comments will be considered a matter of public record. Copies of letters of objection will be forwarded to the applicant who will normally be requested to contact objectors directly in an effort to reach an understanding.

For more information on the New England District Corps of Engineers programs, visit our website at <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil>.

THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN AUTHORIZATION TO DO ANY WORK.



Karen K Adams
Chief, Permits and Enforcement Branch
Regulatory Division

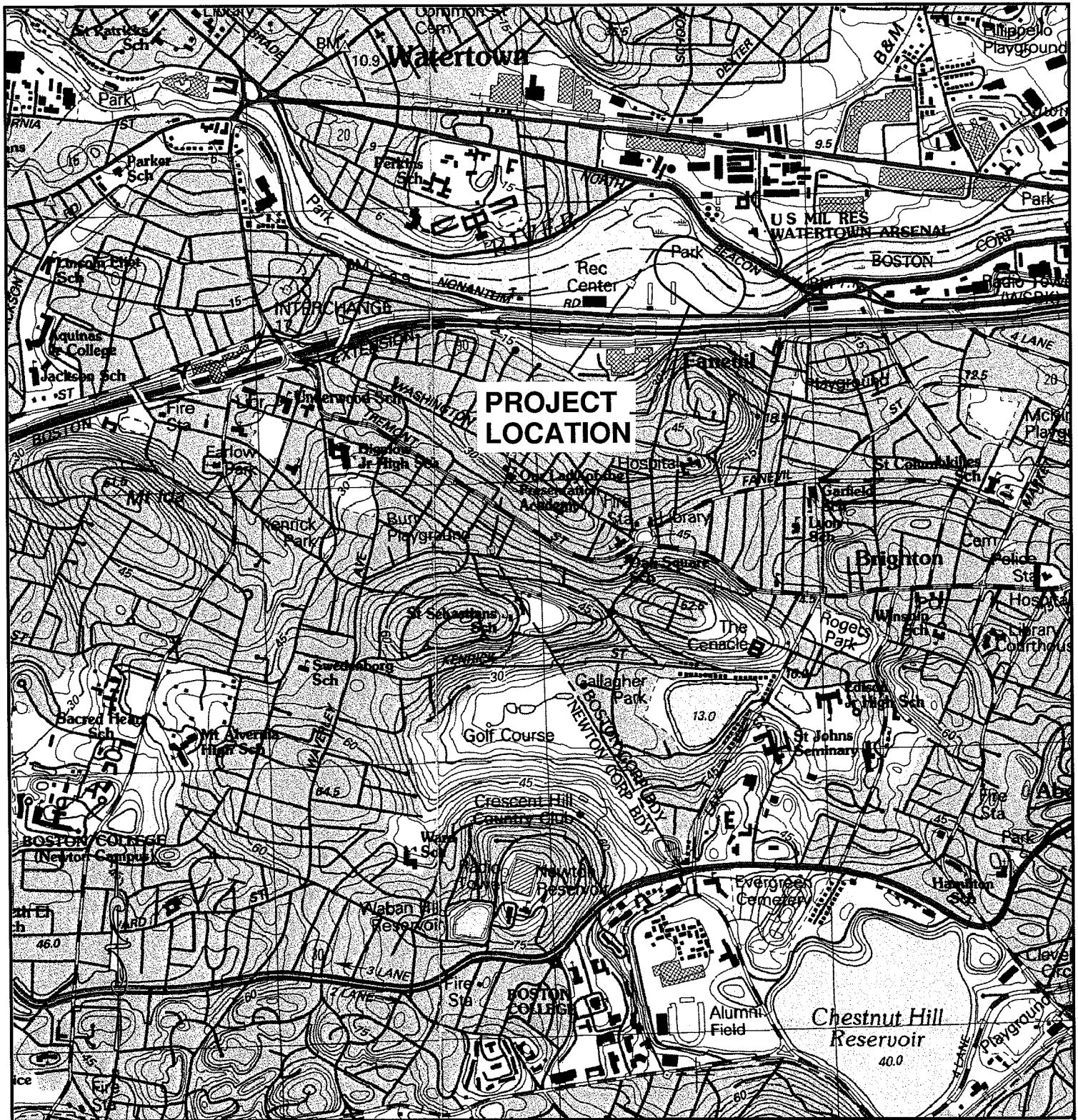
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NAME: _____
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PROPOSED WORK AND PURPOSE

The work includes work in navigable waters for the construction/installation of 4 separate fixed pile supported piers each 12' wide and from 48' to 86' in length and each leading down to a separate pile-anchored floating dock system 10' wide and 130' long anchored parallel to the shoreline. The structures extend from the shoreline out into the waterway a maximum distance of 80'. The purpose is to provide rowers access to the Charles River. This docking/launching/landing facility is the in-water portion of a new boating facility that will include a new boathouse on the upland areas. No work in the waterway or in any wetlands will be involved in the boathouse construction.

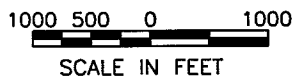
The work is described on the enclosed plans entitled "APPLICATION BY: COMMUNITY ROWING, INC. 600 PLEASANT STREET, WATERTOWN, MA 02472", on 10 sheets, and dated "1/29/07."



**PROJECT
LOCATION**

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VICINITY MAP

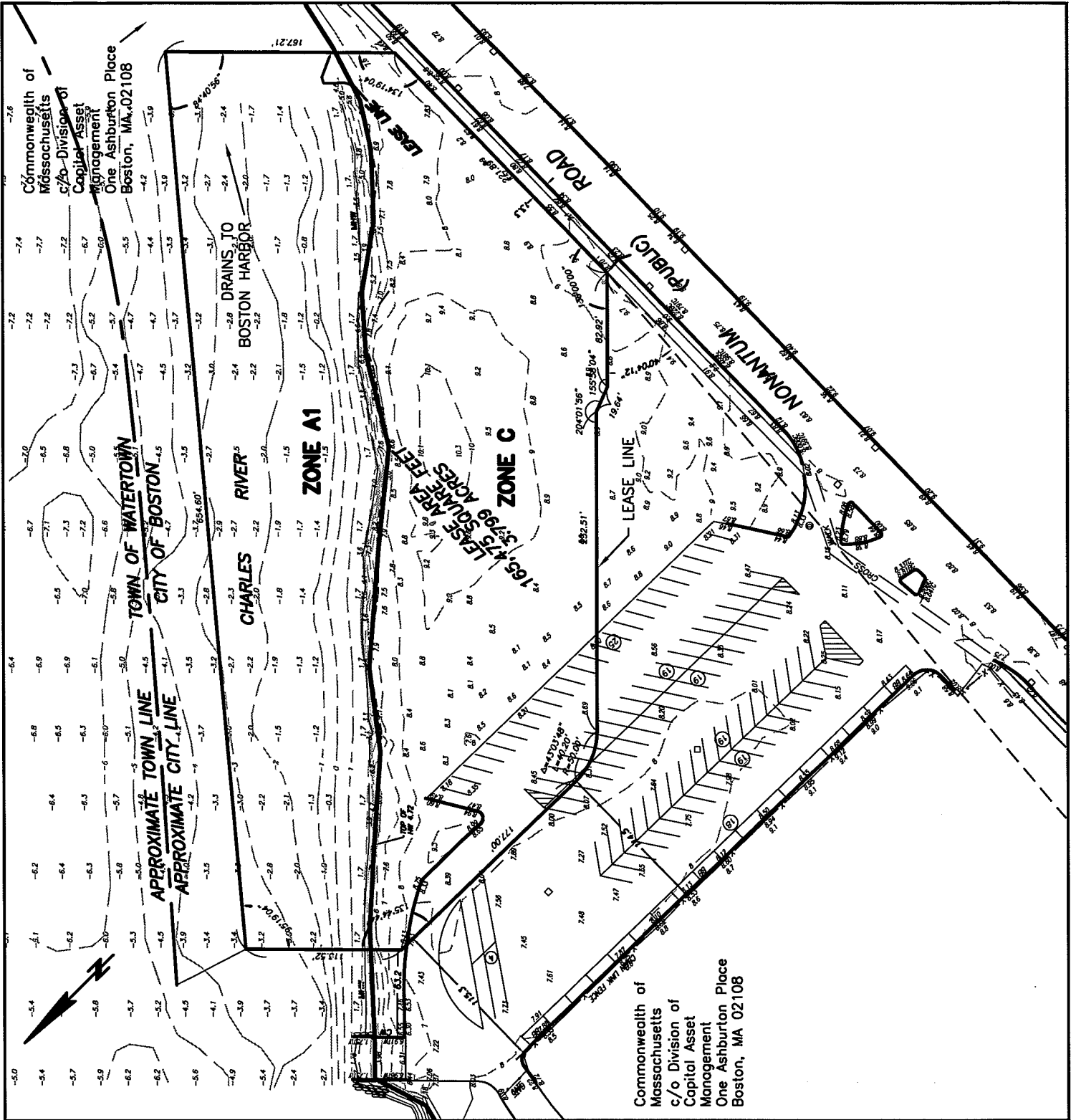


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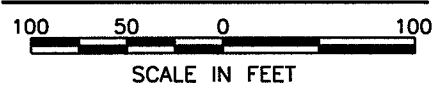
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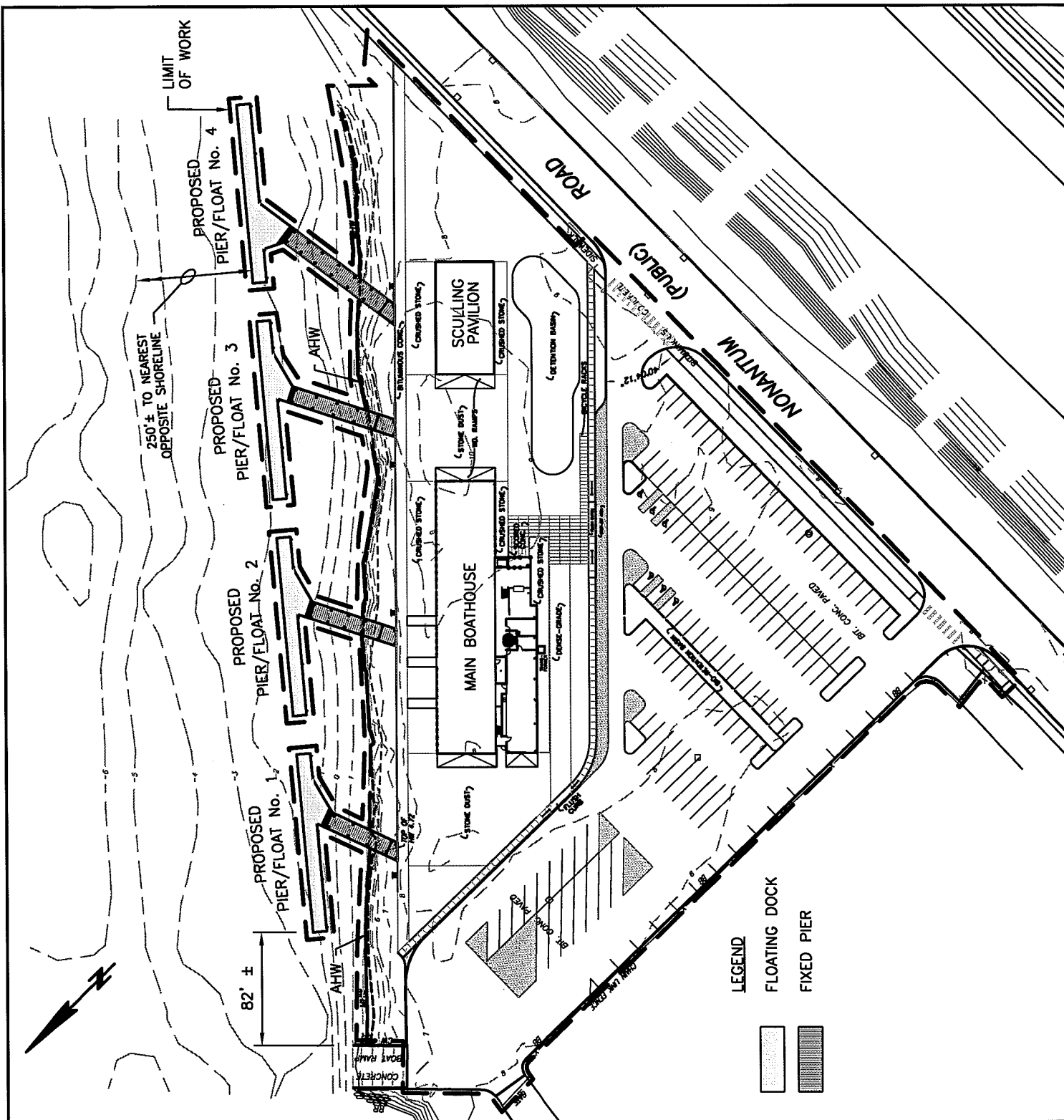
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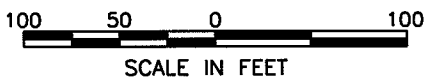
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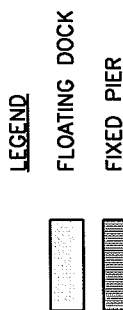
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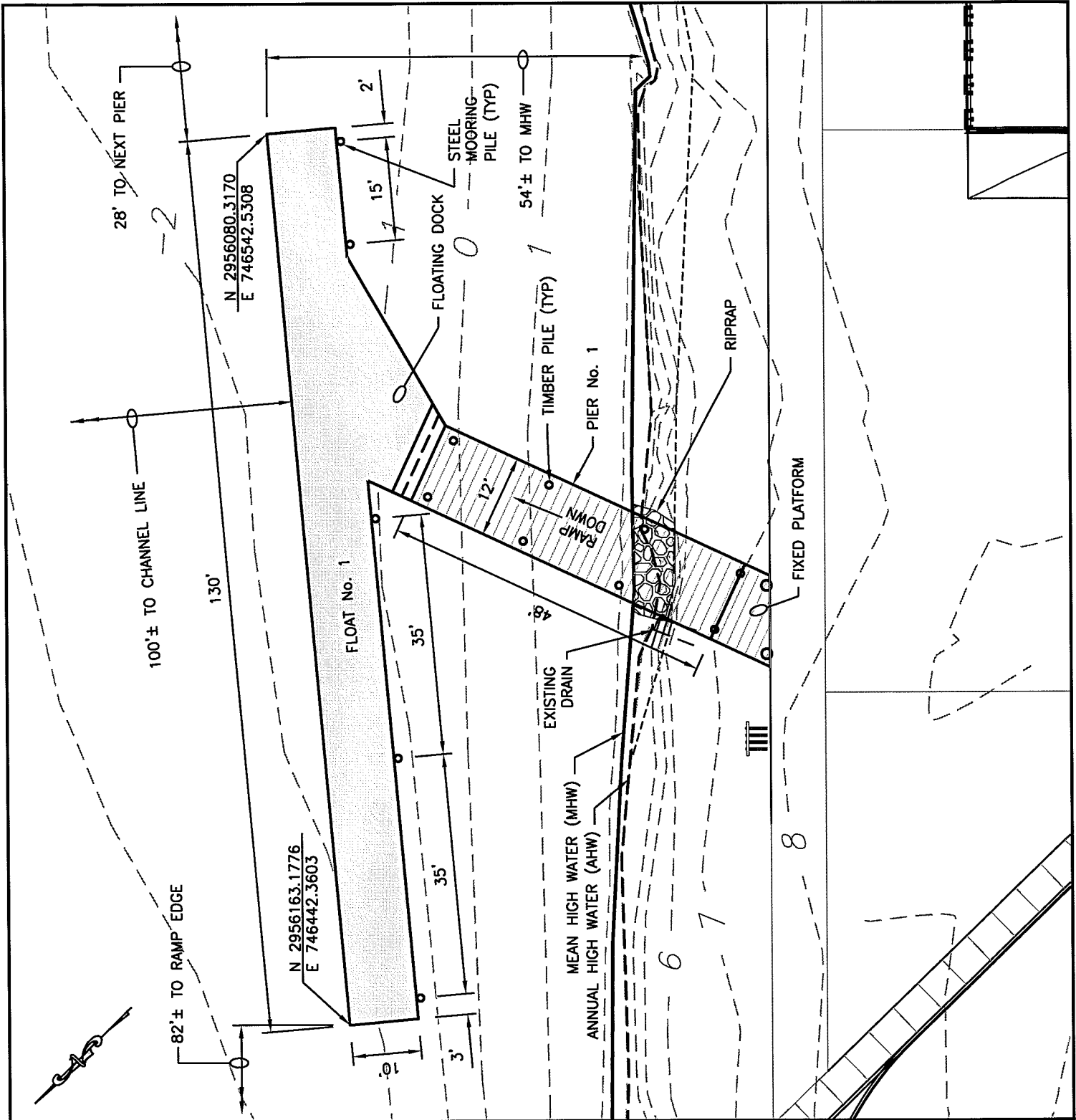


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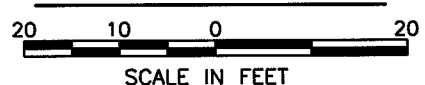
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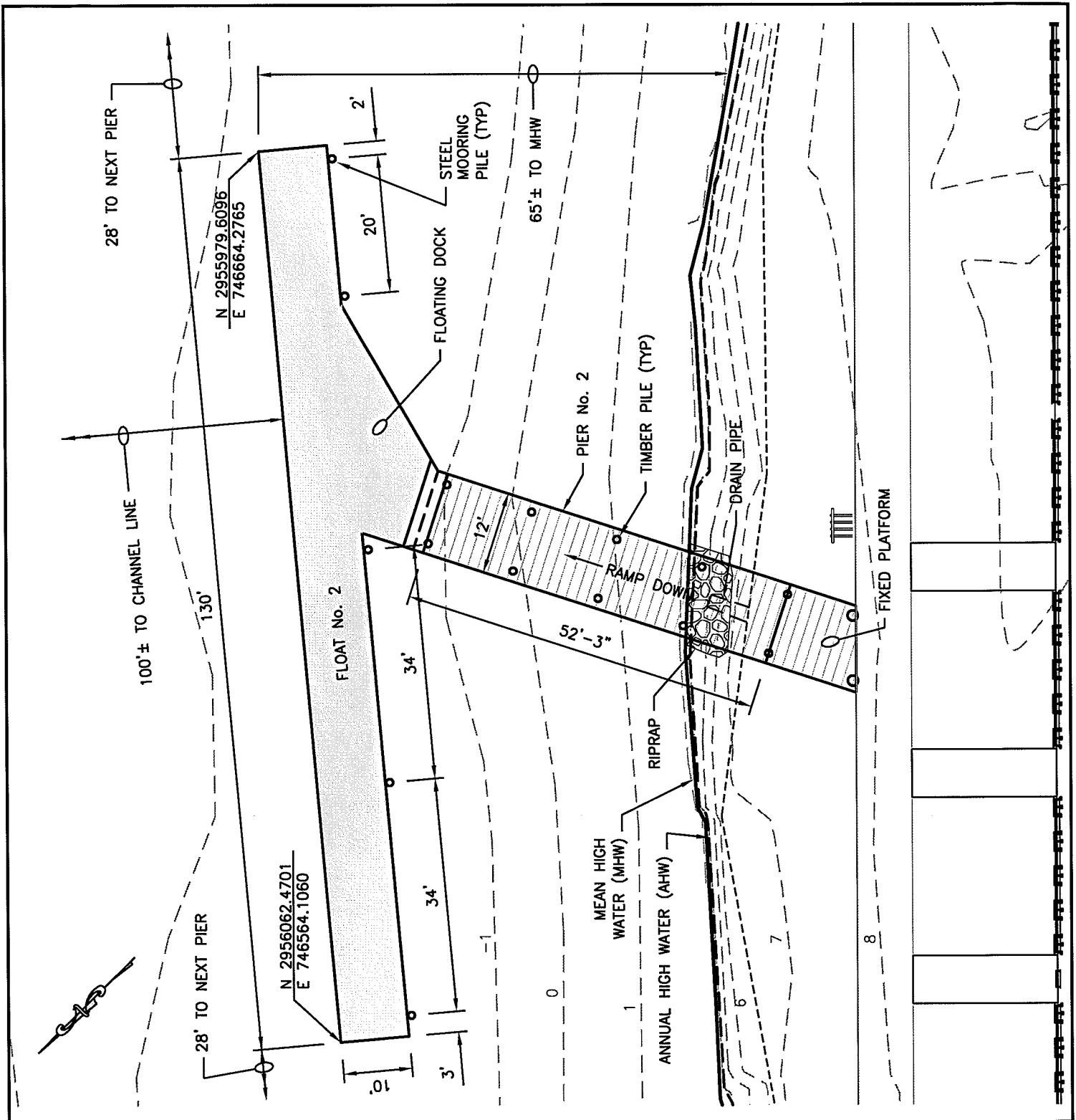


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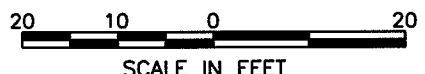
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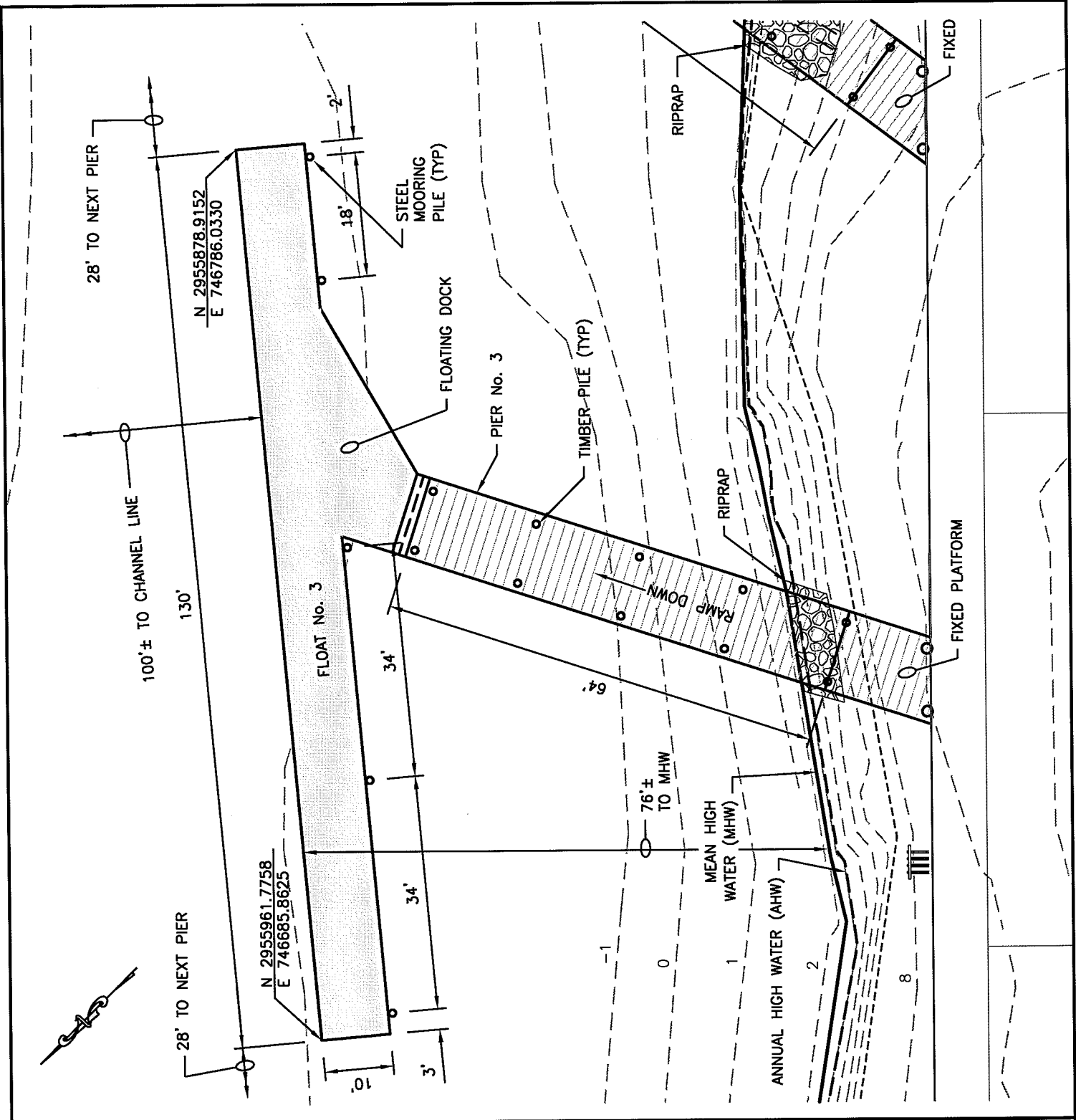


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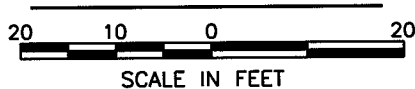
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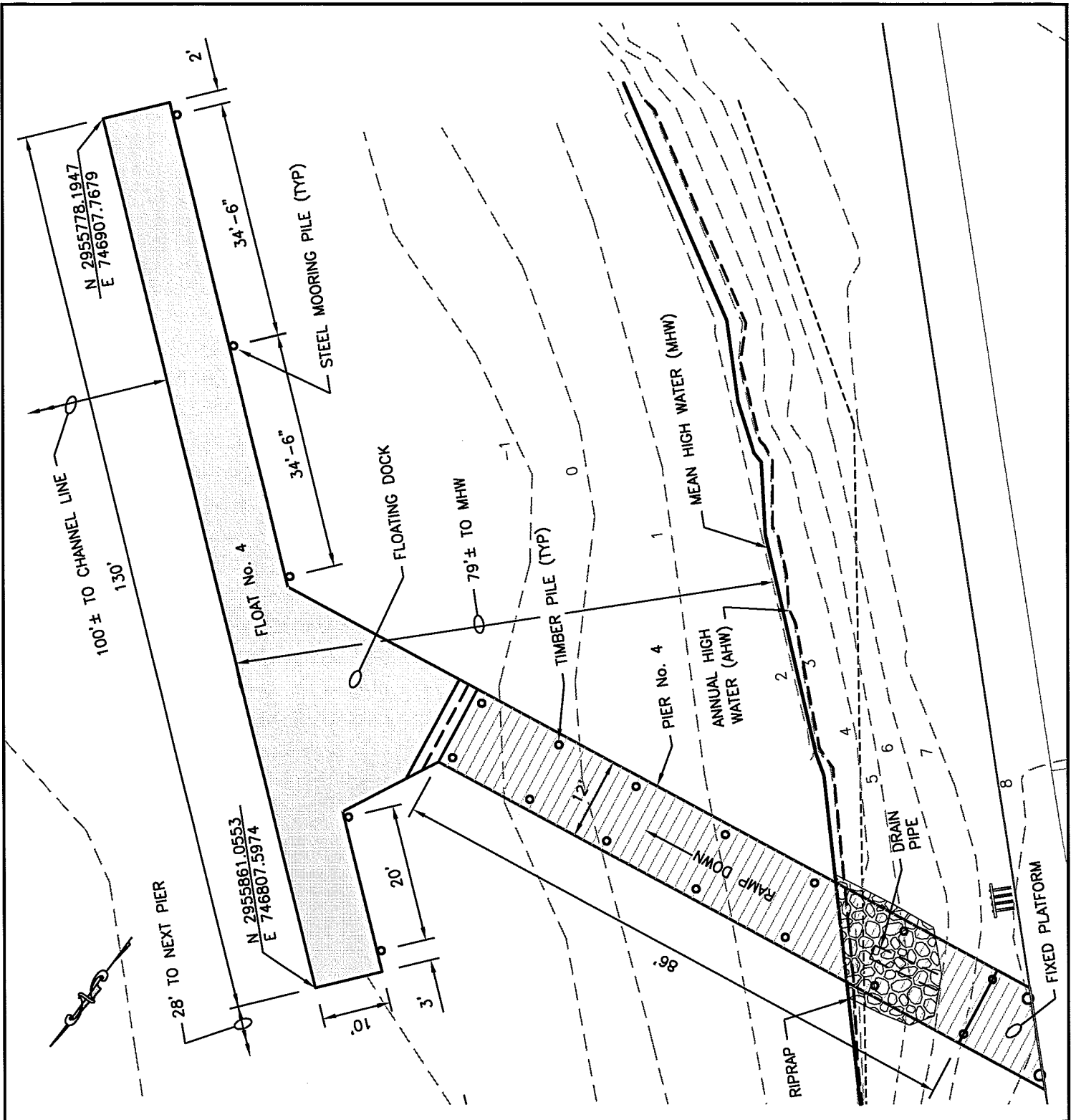


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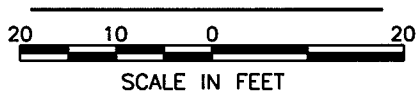
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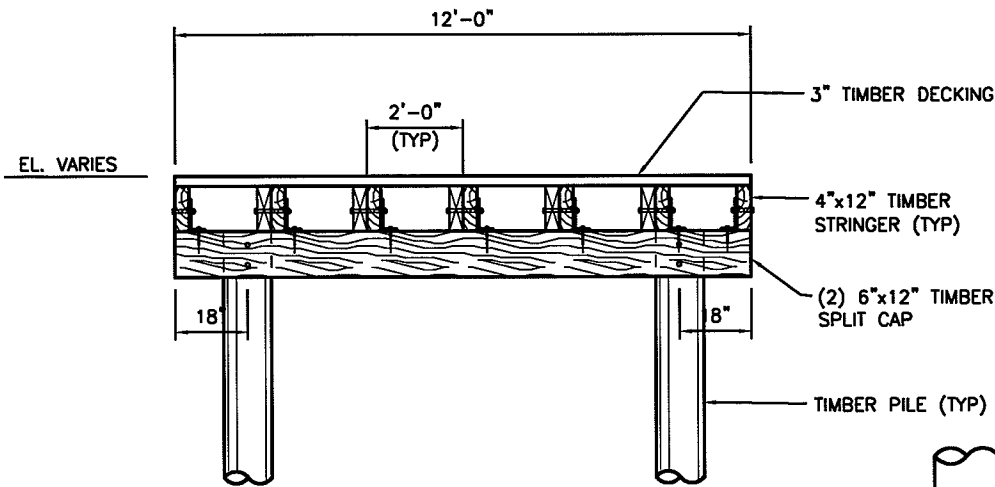
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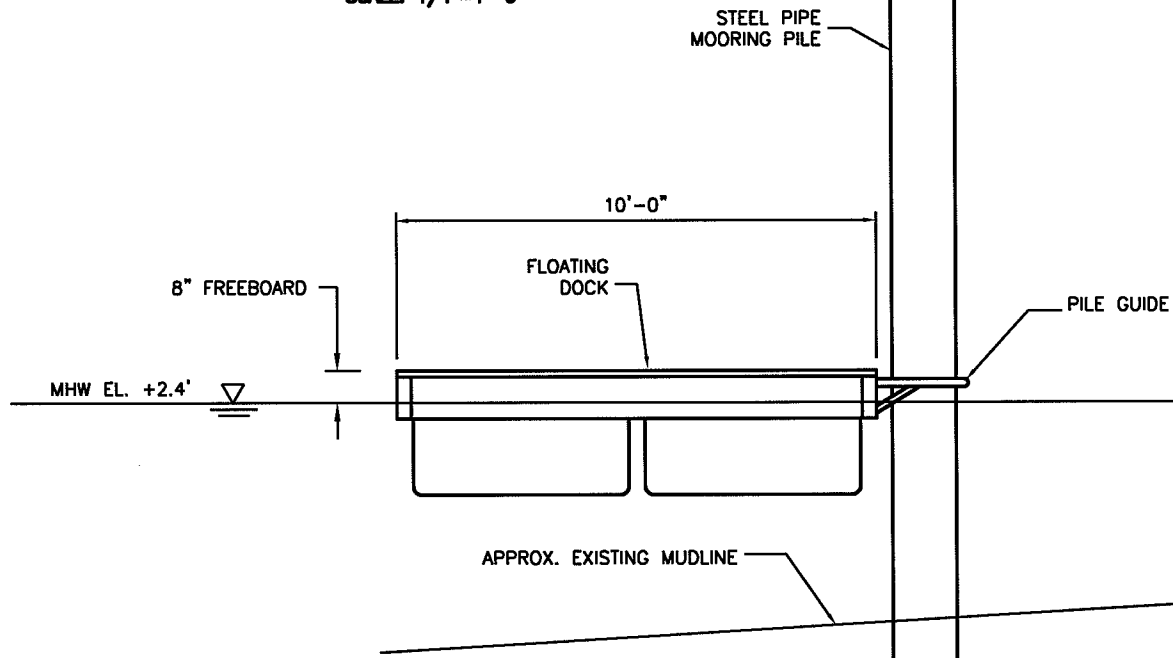
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TYPICAL PIER CROSS SECTION

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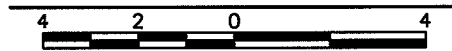
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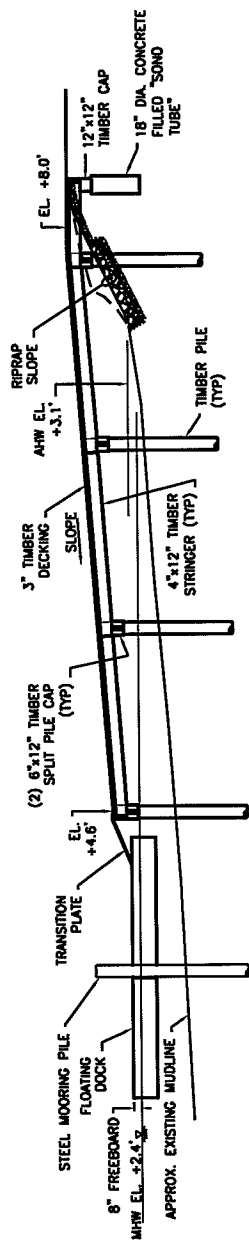


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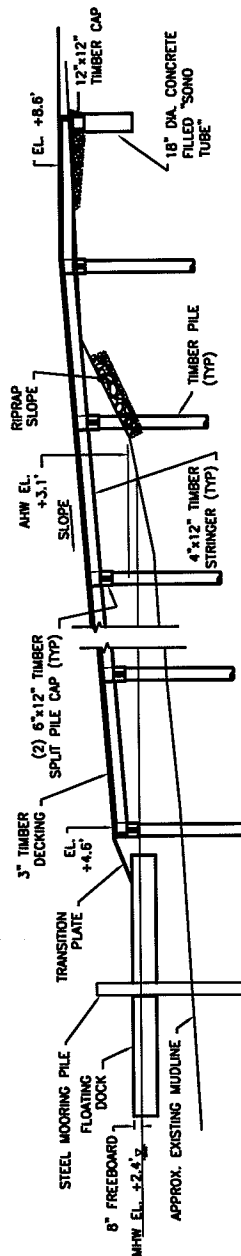
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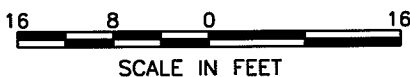


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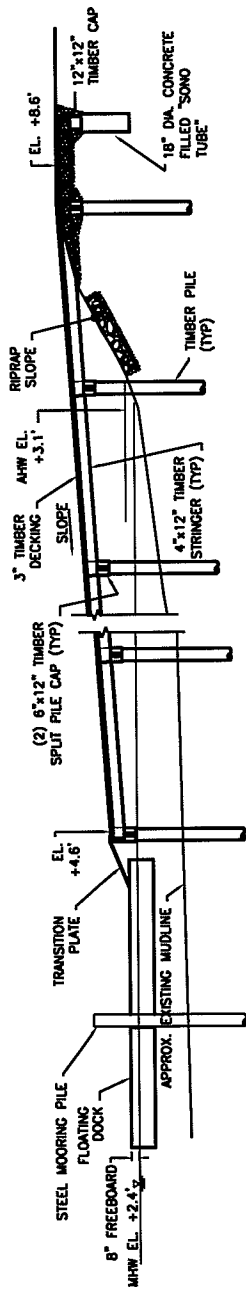
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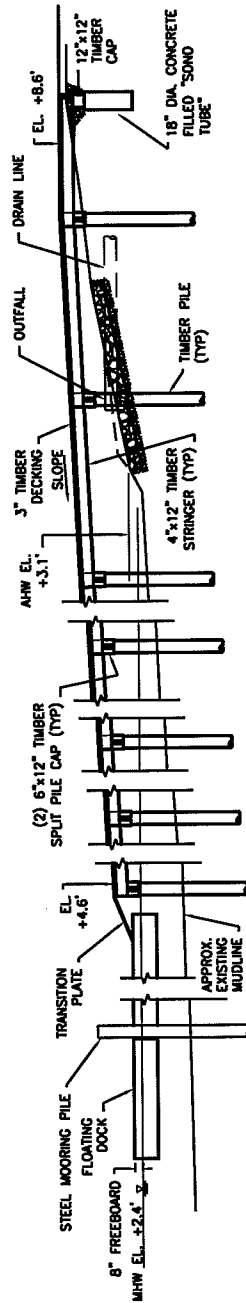
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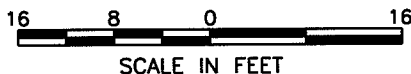


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