

PUBLIC NOTICE

US Army Corps
of Engineers
New York District
Jacob K. Javits Federal Building
New York, N.Y. 10278-0090
ATTN: Regulatory Branch

In replying refer to:
Public Notice Number: **NAN-2012-01201-WCA**
Issue Date: **May 10, 2013**
Expiration Date: **June 10, 2013**

To Whom It May Concern:

The New York District, Corps of Engineers 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).

APPLICANT: Township of Weehawken Planning Office
400 Park Avenue
Weehawken, New Jersey 07086

ACTIVITY: Construct and install a 10,450 square foot pile supported "Y" shaped pier and an associated floating kayak launch pier within the Hudson River. The proposed pier would be known as the "Weehawken Recreational Pier".

WATERWAY: Hudson River

LOCATION: Township of Weehawken, Hudson County, New Jersey.

A detailed description and plans of the applicant's activity are enclosed to assist in your review.

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, considerations 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 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.

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ALL COMMENTS REGARDING THE PERMIT APPLICATION MUST BE PREPARED IN WRITING AND MAILED TO REACH THIS OFFICE BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THIS NOTICE, otherwise, it will be presumed that there are no objections to the activity. Comments provided will become a part of the public record for this action.

Any person may request, in writing, before this public notice expires, that a public hearing be held to collect information necessary to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons why a public hearing should be held. It should be noted that information submitted by mail is considered just as carefully in the permit decision process and bears the same weight as that furnished at a public hearing.

Our preliminary determination is that the activity for which authorization is sought herein is not likely to affect any Federally endangered or threatened species or their critical habitat. However, pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531), the District Engineer is consulting with the appropriate Federal agency to determine the presence of and potential impacts to listed species in the project area or their critical habitat.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act (Public Law 104-267), requires all Federal agencies to consult with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Service (NOAA/FS) on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The proposed work, fully described in the attached work description, could cause the disruption of habitat for various life stages of some EFH-designated species as a result of the construction of the proposed regulated activity. Further consultation with NOAA/FS regarding EFH impacts and conservation recommendations are being conducted and will be concluded prior to the final decision.

Based upon a review of the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, there are no known sites eligible for, or included in, the Register within the permit area. Presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical data may be lost by work accomplished under the required permit.

Pursuant to Section 307 (c) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended [16 U.S.C. 1456 (c)], for activities under consideration that are located within the coastal zone of a state which has a federally approved coastal zone management program, the applicant has certified in the permit application that the activity complies with, and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with, the approved state coastal zone management program. By this public notice, we are requesting the state's concurrence with, objection to, or waiver of the applicant's certification. No permit decision will be made until one of these actions occurs. For activities within the coastal zone of New Jersey State, the applicant's certification and accompanying information is available from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Coastal Management Program, P.O. Box 418, 401 E. State Street, Trenton, NJ, 08625, Telephone (609) 633-2201. Comments regarding the applicant's certification, and copies of any letters to this office commenting upon this proposal, should be so addressed.

In addition to any required water quality certificate and coastal zone management program concurrence, the applicant has obtained or requested the following governmental authorization for the activity under consideration:

- (New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Waterfront Development Permit)

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It is requested that you communicate the foregoing information concerning the activity to any persons known by you to be interested and who did not receive a copy of this notice. If you have any questions concerning this application, you may contact this office at (917) 790-8412 and ask for James Cannon.

In order for us to better serve you, please complete our Customer Service Survey located at <http://per2.nwp.usace.army.mil/survey.html>

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



Jodi M. McDonald
Chief, Regulatory Branch



Enclosures

WORK DESCRIPTION

The applicant, Township of Weehawken Planning Office, has requested Department of the Army authorization to construct and install an approximately 10,450 square foot "Y" shaped pile supported pier and an associated floating kayak launch pier to be known as the "Weehawken Recreational Pier". The proposed Weehawken Recreational Pier would be installed adjacent to the existing Weehawken Waterfront Park, within the Hudson River, in the Township of Weehawken, Hudson County, New Jersey.

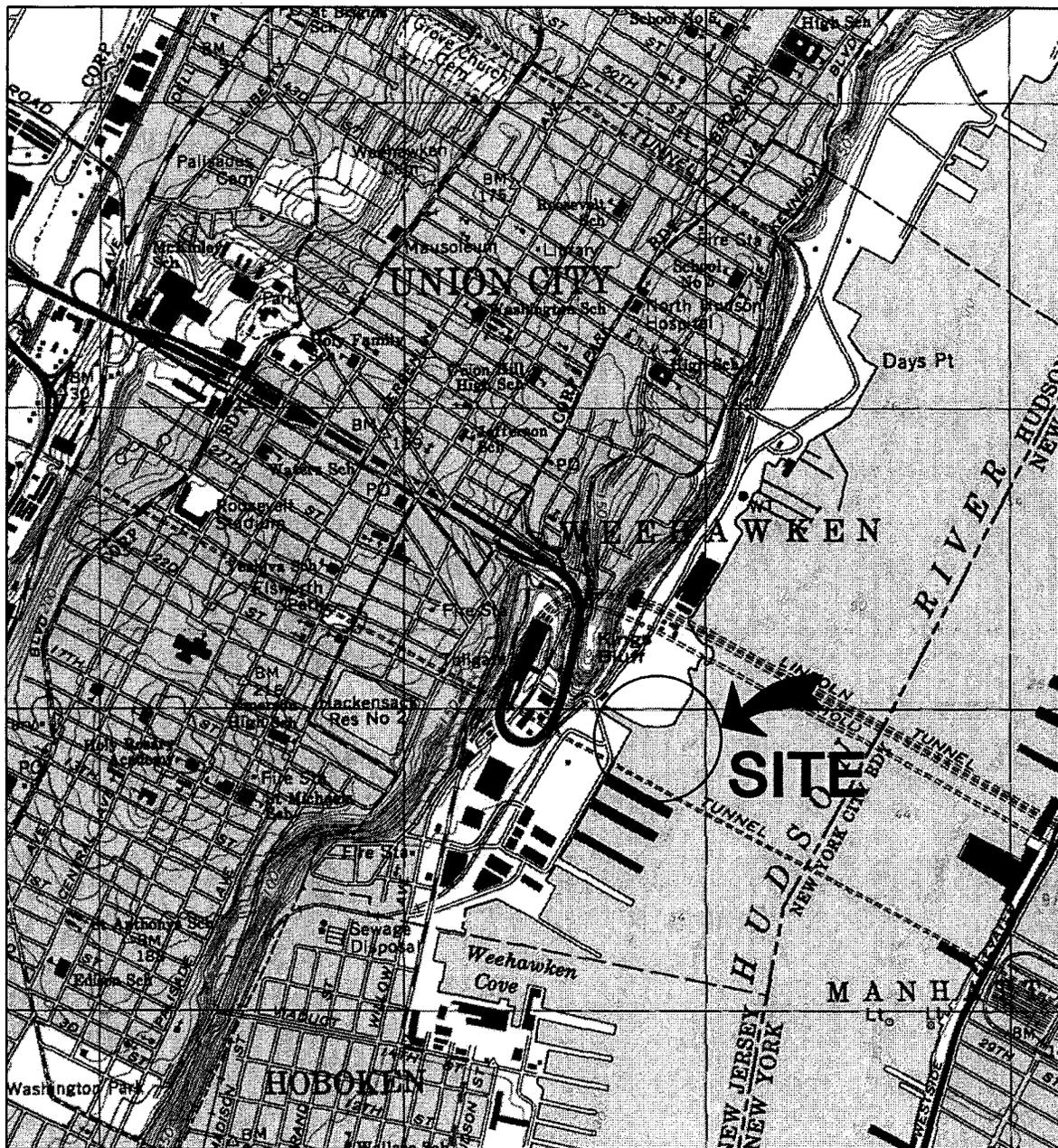
The construction of the proposed recreational pier would consist of six (6) pile supported platforms (pods) connected by six (6) walkways. The 6 pod dimensions would vary in size and include two (2) 30-foot wide by 60-foot long pods each supported by 9 precast concrete piles; two (2) 30-foot wide by 40-foot long pods each supported by 9 precast concrete piles; and two (2) octagon shaped pods 30-foot by 30-foot and supported by 8 precast concrete piles. The 6 connecting walkways would also vary in size and include five (5) 10-foot wide by 50-foot long sections, and one 10-foot wide by 55-foot long section.

The pods would be constructed using precast concrete planks on concrete piles and pile caps. A concrete topping would be used to surface the pods and create an architectural finish. A total of sixty-three (63) 24-inch by 24-inch precast concrete piles would be used to construct the entire pier. The walkways would be constructed using two steel I-beams with timber decking and supported at each end by the precast concrete piles used to support the pods. Each walkway and pod would feature educational and informational, marine specific exhibits and contain benches, nighttime lighting and handrails around the perimeter of the pier to match the existing rails currently installed along the waterfront park walkway bulkhead. Fishing would be allowed on pods 3, 5 and 6. A fish cleaning station would be provided on pod 3 for public use. The connecting walkways and pods would not accommodate normal vehicular access; however, emergency and maintenance personnel would be able to access the pier using 4-wheeled Gator vehicles, golf carts or equivalent small, lightweight vehicles. The proposed pier would extend approximately 409 feet into the Hudson River. The existing Federal Navigation Channel would be approximately 790 feet from the eastern end of the proposed pier.

Additional regulated activities would include the construction and installation of a kayak launch pier that would extend off the north face of Pod 1. The kayak launch pier would consist of a 4-foot wide by 30-foot long access way that would extend down on a 1:12 slope to 5-foot wide by 5-foot long platform supported by a single precast concrete pile. A 4-foot wide by 70-foot long access way, at a 1:12 slope, would extend down to a 5-foot wide by 30-foot long floating pier anchored by two steel or timber piles.

During pier construction, a barge-based waterfront construction crew would perform the installation of the concrete piles while a land based crew would construct the pods and walkways of the pier. Materials, equipment, and supplies used for pile driving would be stored on the barges, and materials, equipment, and supplies used for constructing the pods and walkways would be stored on land.

The purpose of the project is to provide the existing Weehawken Waterfront Park with a recreational pier that will provide additional passive recreational activities to the public.



LOCATION MAP



SOURCE: USGS QUADRANGLE MAP
WEEHAWKEN, NJ-NY

PROJECT LOCATION:
NORTH (Y): 625282; EAST (X): 702493

PURPOSE: NEW RECREATIONAL
PIER

DATUM: NAVD 88

ADJACENT OWNERS:
1. SEE APPENDIX A

WEEHAWKEN RECREATIONAL
PIER

APPLICANT: TOWNSHIP OF WEEHAWKEN
400 PARK AVE.
WEEHAWKEN, NJ 07086

AGENT: M.G. McLAREN, P.C.
100 SNAKE HILL ROAD
WEST NYACK, N.Y. 10994

LOCATION MAP

IN: HUDSON RIVER
AT: HARBOR BLVD
COUNTY OF: HUDSON STATE: NJ

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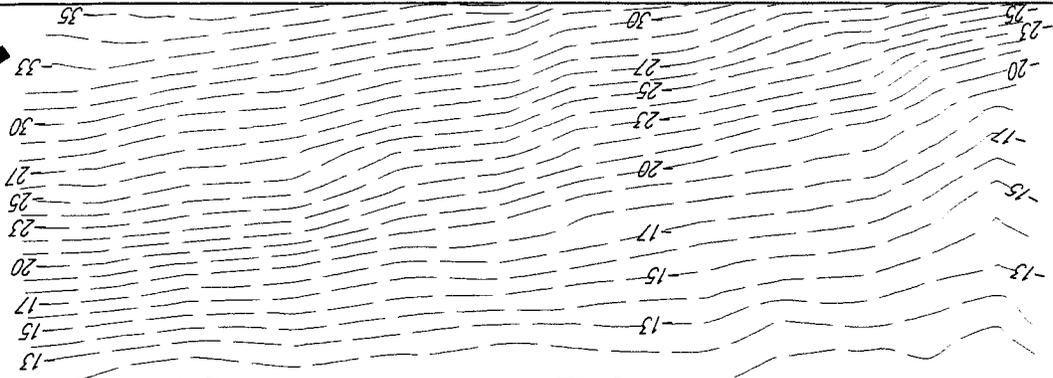
DATUM TABLE

DESCRIPTION	NAVD 88	NOAA MLLW
HOWL (09/12/1960)	7.23'	10.01'
MHHW	2.28'	5.06'
MHW	1.95'	4.73'
NAVD 88	0.00'	2.78'
MLW	-2.57'	0.21'
MLLW	-2.78'	0.00'
LOWL (02/02/1976)	-7.07	-4.29'



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PILE OF PILES

APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF NORTH AMTRAK TUNNEL

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EXISTING SITE PLAN
SCALE 1"=80'

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HUDSON RIVER



PREVIOUS PIER A

TO BE CONSTRUCTED DURING PHASE II

TO BE CONSTRUCTED DURING PHASE IA

PREVIOUS PIER B

LINE OF SIGHT EMPIRE STATE BUILDING

790 Feet to Federal Navigation Channel

APPROXIMATE LIMITS OF AMTRAK RAILROAD TUNNELS

PENN RAIL ROAD TUNNELS

- LEGEND
- LIGHT POLE
 - FISH CLEANING STATION
 - ▨ SEATING AREA

POD	AREA (SF)	USE	CONSTRUCTION PHASE
1	700	KAYAK LAUNCH	I
2	1800	EDUCATIONAL	I
3	1800	FISHING	I
4	700	RIVER VIEWING	I
5	1200	RIVER VIEWING	II
6	1200	RIVER VIEWING	II

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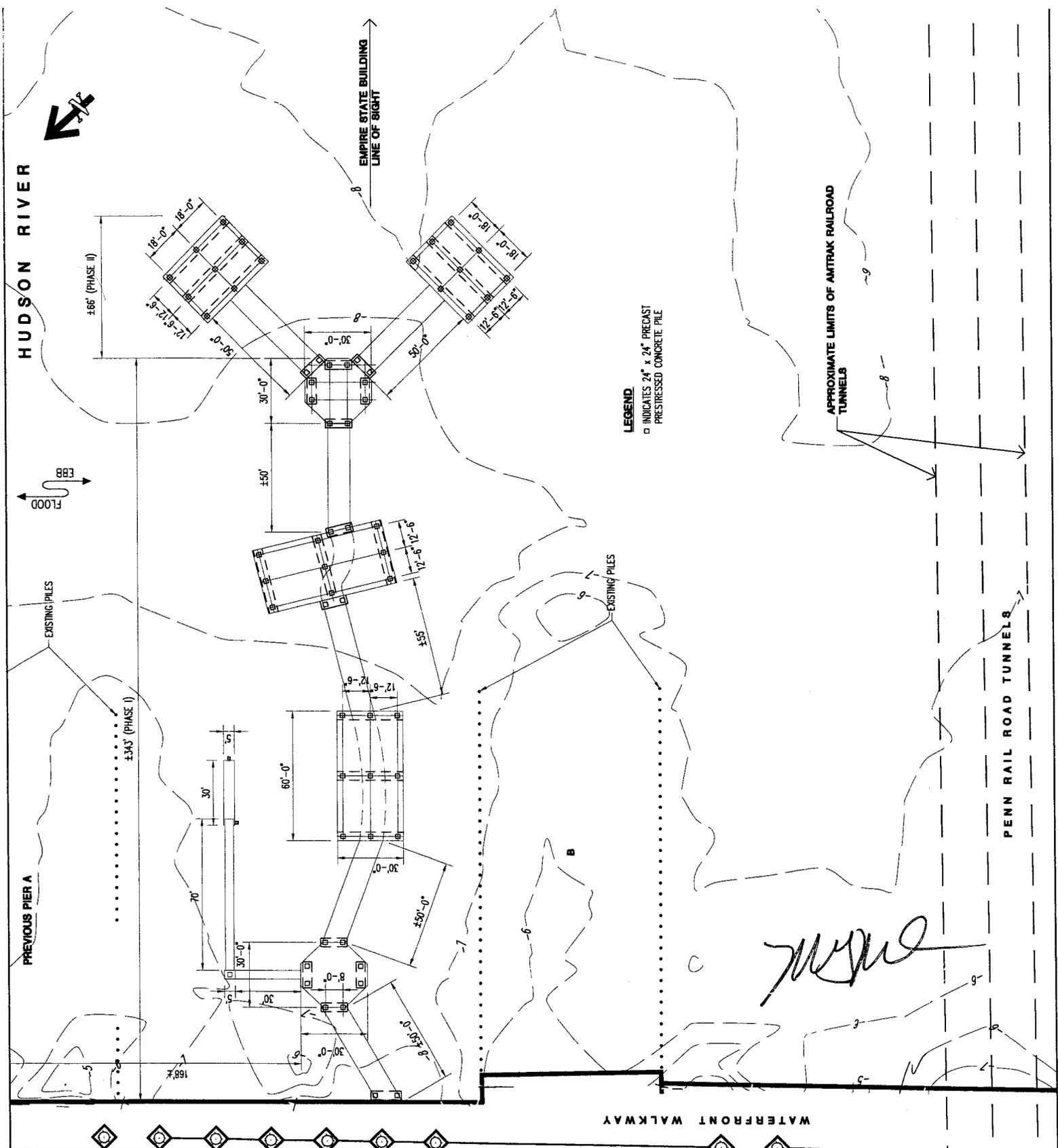
WATERFRONT WALKWAY

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PROPOSED PIER PLAN
 SCALE: 1"=65'
 IN: HUDSON RIVER
 AT: HARBOR BLVD
 COUNTY OF: HUDSON STATE: NJ

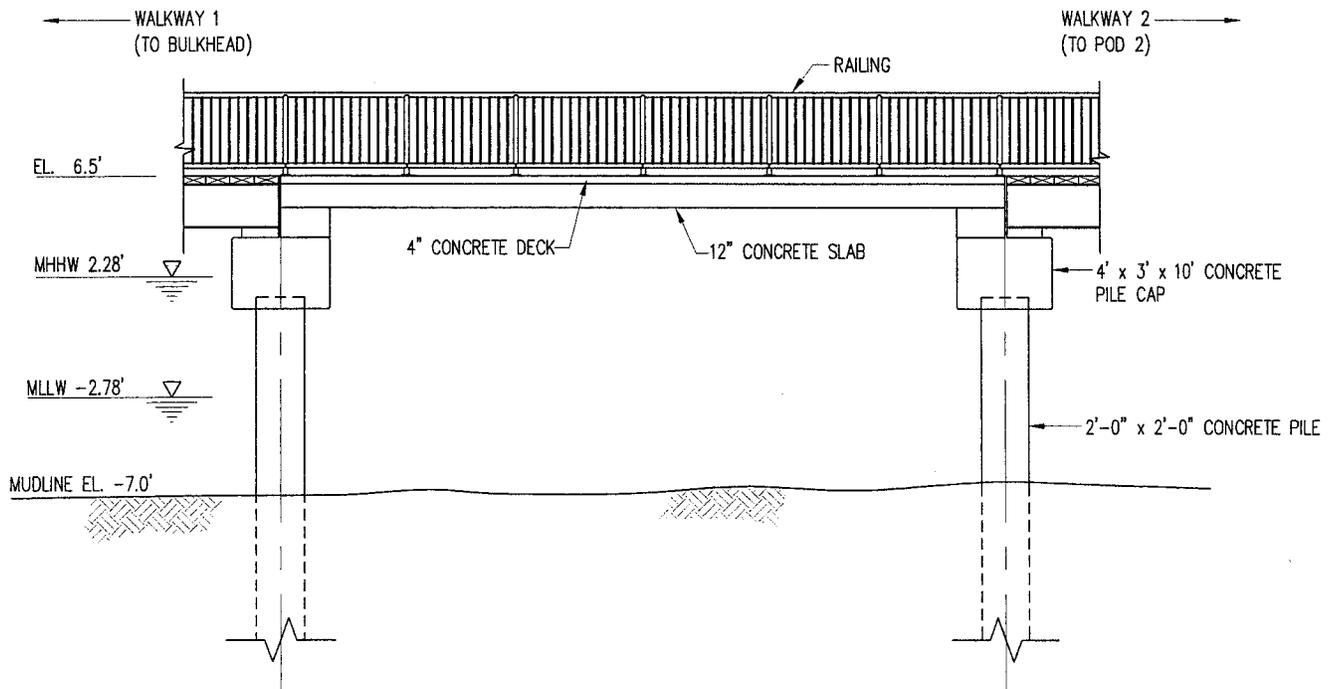
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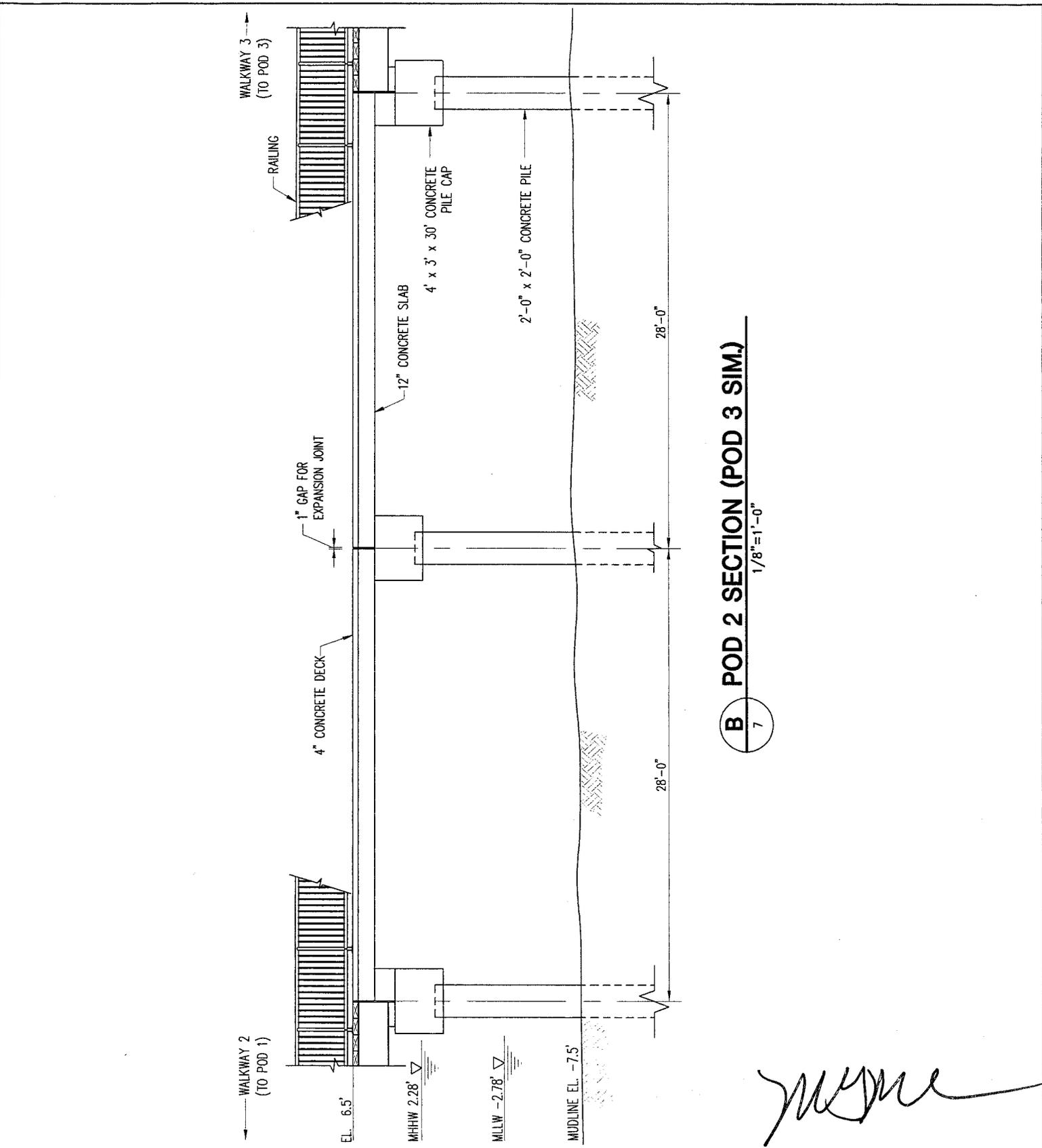
PROPOSED PILE PLAN
 SCALE 1"=60'
 IN: HUDSON RIVER
 AT: HARBOR BLVD
 COUNTY OF: HUDSON STATE: NJ
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A **POD 1 SECTION**
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B POD 2 SECTION (POD 3 SIM.)
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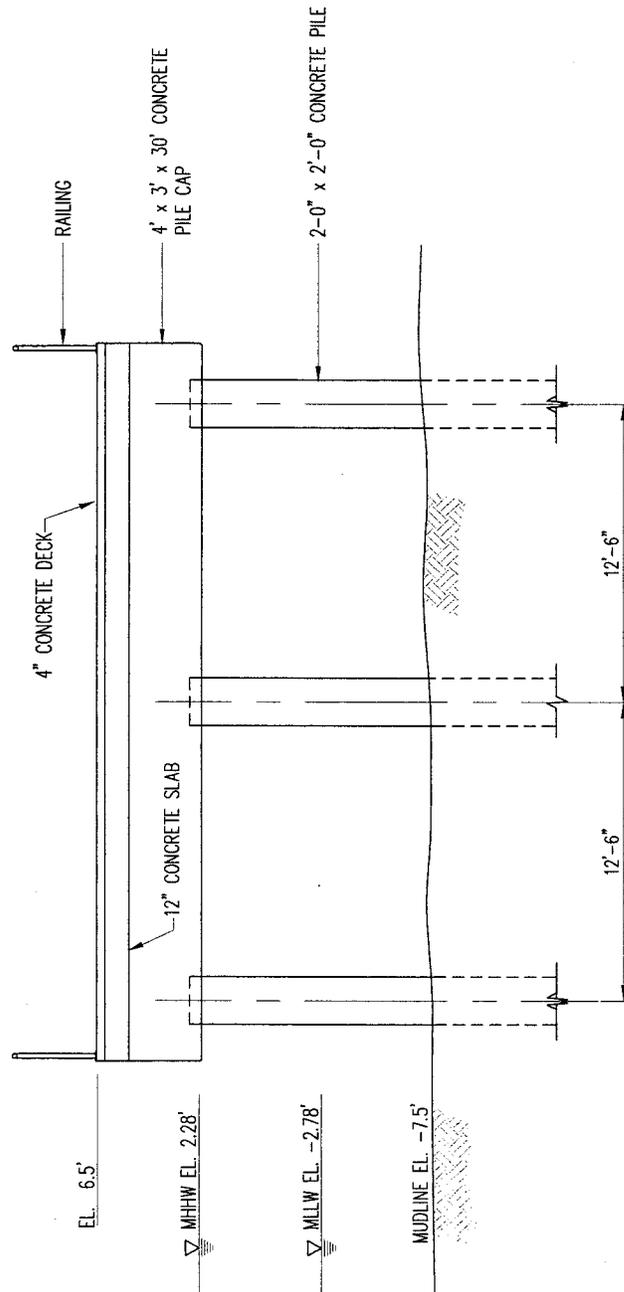
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SECTION POD 2 (POD 3 SIM.)

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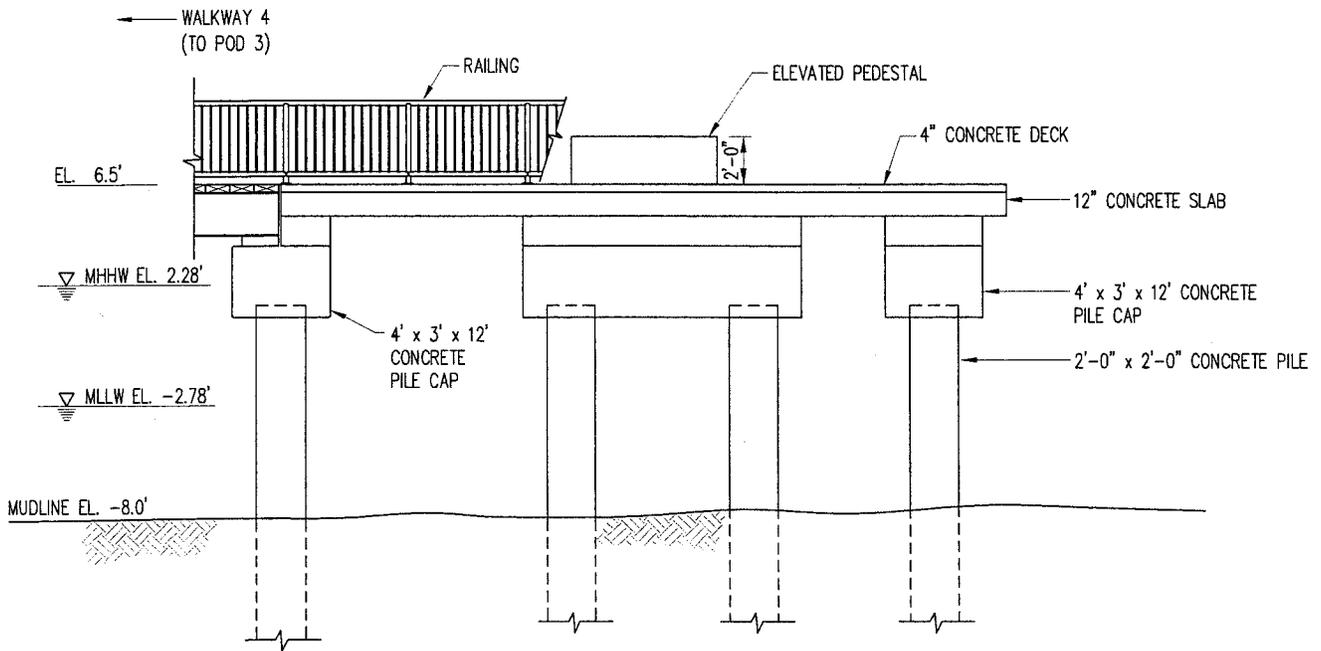
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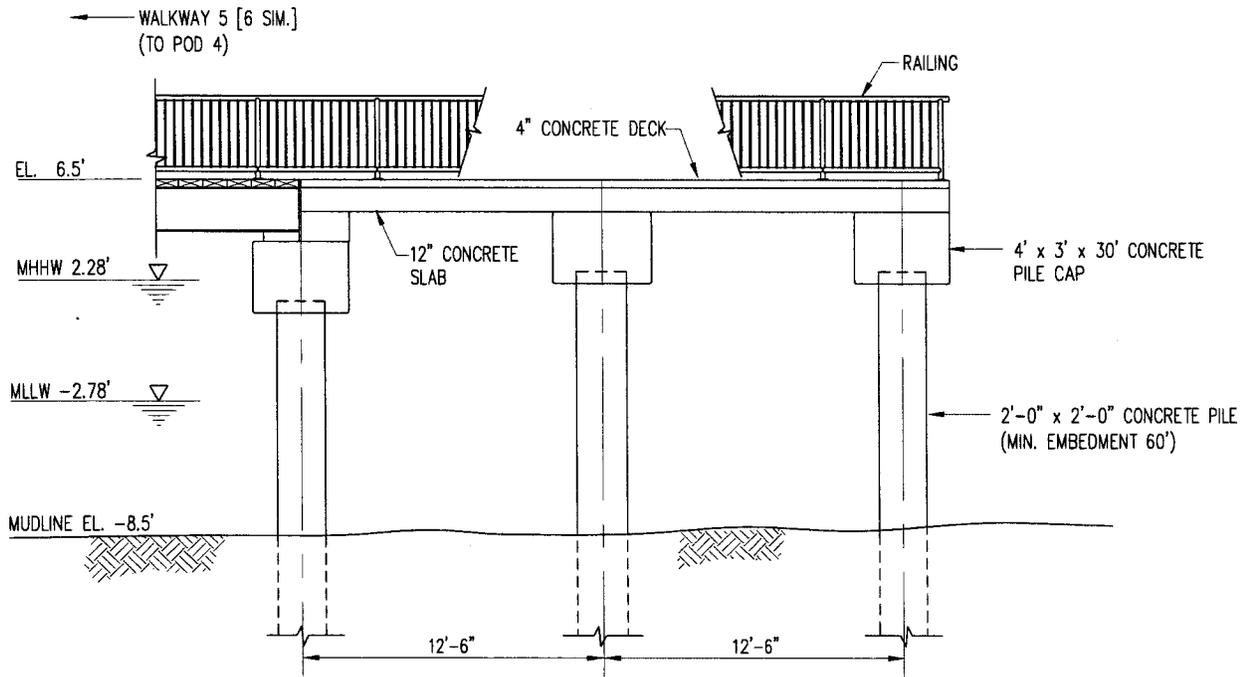
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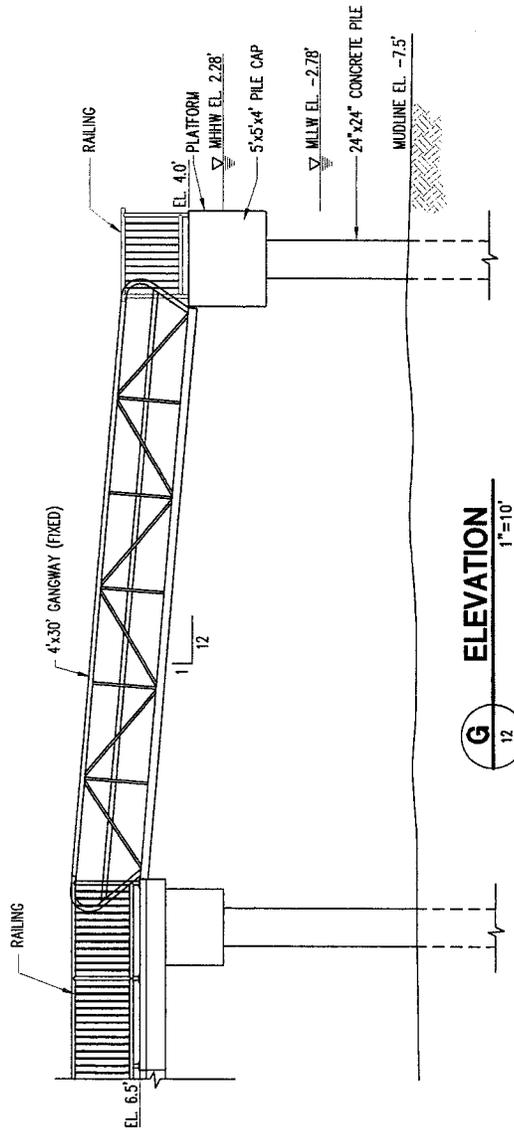
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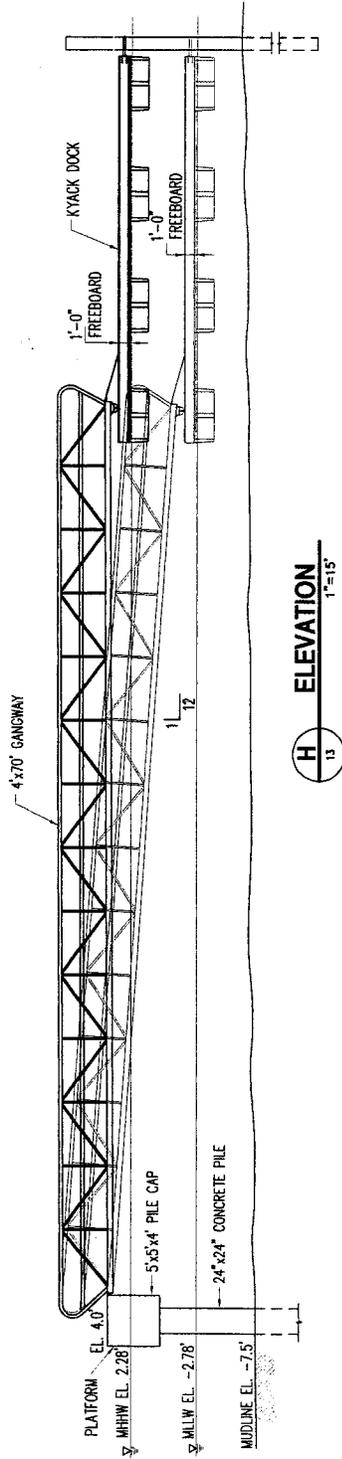
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ELEVATION
1"=15'

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GANGWAY ELEVATION

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