

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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

State of Connecticut
Department of Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street
Hartford, Connecticut 01606-5127

US Army of Engineers
New England District
696 Virginia Road
Attn: Marine Analysis Unit
Concord, MA 01742-2751

In replying refer to:

Public Notice Number: NAN-2013-01246-EBO
Issue Date: October 16, 2014
Expiration Date: November 17, 2014

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), Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) and Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research & Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1413).

APPLICANT: American Yacht Club
499 Stuyvesant Avenue
Rye, New York 10580

ACTIVITY: Dredge approximately 21,000 cubic yards of sandy silt including one-foot overdepth for open water disposal.

WATERWAY: Milton Harbor Tributary to Long Island Sound

LOCATION: Town of Rye, Westchester County, New York.

Independent evaluations of various aspects of the proposed project will be performed by the US Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, US Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, the State of Connecticut, and the State of New York in accordance with applicable federal and state laws.

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 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.

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.

Any person may request, by writing to the District Engineer 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 of 1996 (Public Law 104-267) (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), requires federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on all actions, proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The District Engineer has made a preliminary determination that site-specific adverse effects are not likely to be substantial. Further coordination with NMFS regarding EFH recommendations is being conducted and will be concluded prior to a final decision on the permit application.

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 archaeological, scientific, prehistorical or historical data may be lost by work accomplished under the required permit.

Reviews of activities pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will 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 the applicant will obtain a water quality certificate or waiver from the appropriate state agency in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act prior to a permit decision.

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 occur.

For activities within the coastal zone of New York State, the applicant's certification and accompanying information is available from the Consistency Coordinator, New York State Department of State, Division of Coastal Resources and Waterfront Revitalization, Coastal Zone Management Program, 41 State Street, Albany, New York 12231, Telephone (518) 474-6000. Comments regarding the applicant's certification, and copies of any letters to this office commenting upon this proposal, should be so addressed.

The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Long Island Sound Programs will review the applicant's dredged material placement proposal for consistency with Connecticut's water quality standards. Subsequent issuance of the Section 401 Water Quality Certificate from the state agency will indicate concurrence with the coastal area management plan.

Barge overflow of dredged material will not occur during the dredging of this proposed project, therefore, the only Section 404 activity involved in this application is the placement of the dredged material at one of the designated disposal sites in

Long Island Sound.

Comments related to water quality issues should be submitted both to this office and to the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Long Island Sound Programs, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127. For more information about the water quality certification, please contact Connecticut's Office of Long Island Sound Programs at (860) 424-3034.

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:

Navigable Waters Permit from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

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)790-8420 and ask for Rosita Miranda.

In order for us to better serve you, please complete our Customer Service Survey located at http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm_apex/f?p=regulatory_survey.

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, American Yacht Club, has requested Department of the Army authorization to perform maintenance dredging of the access and dock areas at the mouth of Milton Harbor, a tributary to Long Island Sound, City of Rye, Westchester County, New York.

Dredging: Maintenance dredging would be accomplished mechanically from three areas located in the access channel to the main docks, the launch service docks and the sailing school/event docks located immediately north of the main docks totaling approximately 105,034 square feet, which would be dredged to depths of minus 10 feet mean lower low water (MLLW), minus 8 feet MLLW and minus 6 feet MLLW plus minus one foot MLLW, respectively. This yields a total dredging volume of approximately 21,000 cubic yards. Barge overflow is not proposed. The dredged material is proposed to be placed at the Western Long Island Disposal Site (WLDS). The dredged material has been found suitable for unconfined disposal at WLDS. The stated purpose of the proposed dredging is to restore safe navigation within the Club's dock areas at lower tide levels.

Sampling and Testing:

Based on an evaluation of the data that characterize the material proposed to be dredged, the applicant has sampled and tested the areas to be dredged; the Corps of Engineers finds that the data provided sufficient information to satisfy the evaluation and testing requirements of the appropriate regulations. The Corps finds that placement at Western Long Island Sound Disposal Site would be suitable.

The dredged material has undergone physical and chemical analysis and has satisfied Part 227.13(b) of exclusionary criteria of the Ocean Dumping Act regulations regarding biological testing. It is our preliminary determination that the material is acceptable for disposal at this disposal site. A Department of the Army permit, if issued in this matter, would authorize the disposal of the dredged material at the designated Long Island Sound Disposal Site for maintenance dredging.

Summary of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Designation

Western Long Island Sound Disposal Site

10 x 10 Square Coordinates:

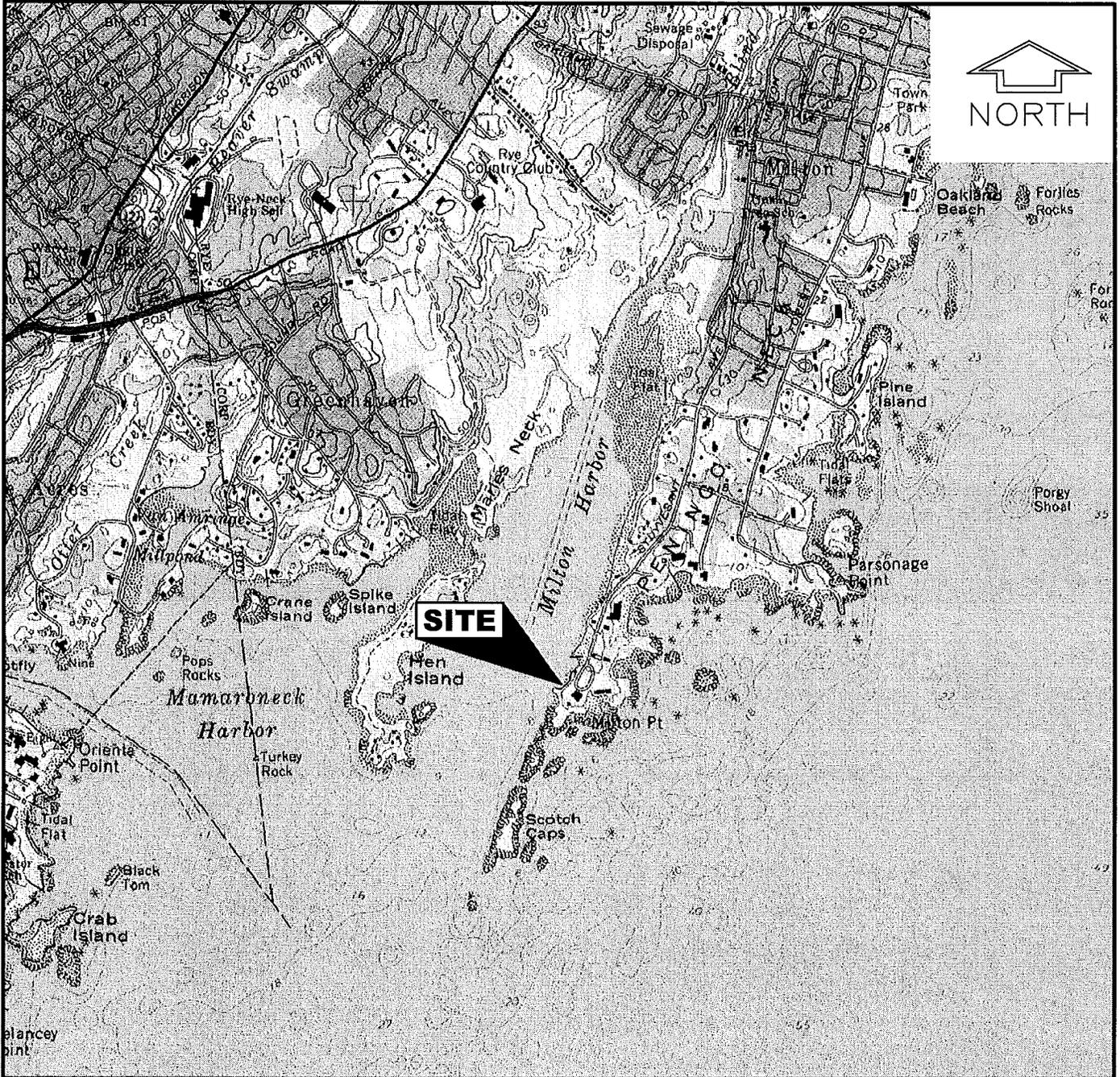
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| Boundary | North | East | South | West |
| Coordinate | 41° 00.0' N | 73° 20.0' W | 40° 50.0' N | 73° 30.0' W |

Square Description (i.e. habitat, landmarks, coastline markers): Atlantic Ocean waters within the square within Long Island Sound affecting the following: on the north shore of Long Island from just north of Northport, NY., to Cooper Bluff, NY. on Cove Neck, west of Cold Spring Harbor, NY. These waters are north of the following: Northport., NY, Eatons Neck, Northport Bay, Little Neck, East Neck, West Neck, and Lloyd Neck, Huntington, NY., Greenlawn, NY., Centerport, NY., Woodbury, NY., and Huntington Bay. Also, there is a discontinued dumping ground along with a present disposal area, both on the northern boundary of the square, south of Noroton Heights, CT. and South Norwalk, CT.

| Species | Eggs | Larvae | Juveniles | Adults |
|--|------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Atlantic salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>) | | | X | X |
| Atlantic cod (<i>Gadus morhua</i>) | | | | |
| haddock (<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>) | | | | |
| pollock (<i>Pollachius virens</i>) | | | X | X |
| whiting (<i>Merluccius bilinearis</i>) | | | | |
| offshore hake (<i>Merluccius albidus</i>) | | | | |
| red hake (<i>Urophycis chuss</i>) | X | X | X | X |
| white hake (<i>Urophycis tenuis</i>) | | | | |
| redfish (<i>Sebastes fasciatus</i>) | n/a | | | |
| witch flounder (<i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i>) | | | | |
| winter flounder (<i>Pseudopleuronectes americanus</i>) | X | X | X | X |
| yellowtail flounder (<i>Limanda ferruginea</i>) | | | | |
| windowpane flounder (<i>Scophthalmus aquosus</i>) | X | X | X | X |
| American plaice (<i>Hippoglossoides platessoides</i>) | | | | |
| ocean pout (<i>Macrozoarces americanus</i>) | | | | |

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| Atlantic halibut (<i>Hippoglossus hippoglossus</i>) | | | | |
| Atlantic sea scallop (<i>Placopecten magellanicus</i>) | | | | |
| Atlantic sea herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>) | | | X | X |
| monkfish (<i>Lophius americanus</i>) | | | | |
| bluefish (<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>) | | | X | X |
| long finned squid (<i>Loligo pealeii</i>) | n/a | n/a | | |
| short finned squid (<i>Illex illecebrosus</i>) | n/a | n/a | | |
| Atlantic butterfish (<i>Peprilus triacanthus</i>) | | | | |
| Atlantic mackerel (<i>Scomber scombrus</i>) | X | X | X | X |
| summer flounder (<i>Paralichthys dentatus</i>) | | | X | |
| scup (<i>Stenotomus chrysops</i>) | X | X | X | X |
| black sea bass (<i>Centropristis striata</i>) | n/a | | X | |
| surf clam (<i>Spisula solidissima</i>) | n/a | n/a | | |
| ocean quahog (<i>Artica islandica</i>) | n/a | n/a | | |
| spiny dogfish (<i>Squalus acanthias</i>) | n/a | n/a | | |
| tilefish (<i>Lopholatilus chamaeleonticeps</i>) | | | | |
| king mackerel (<i>Scomberomorus cavalla</i>) | X | X | X | X |
| Spanish mackerel (<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>) | X | X | X | X |
| cobia (<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>) | X | X | X | X |
| sand tiger shark (<i>Carcharias taurus</i>) | | X | | |
| Little skate (<i>Leucoraja erinacea</i>) | | | X | X |
| Winter skate (<i>Leucoraja ocellata</i>) | | | X | X |



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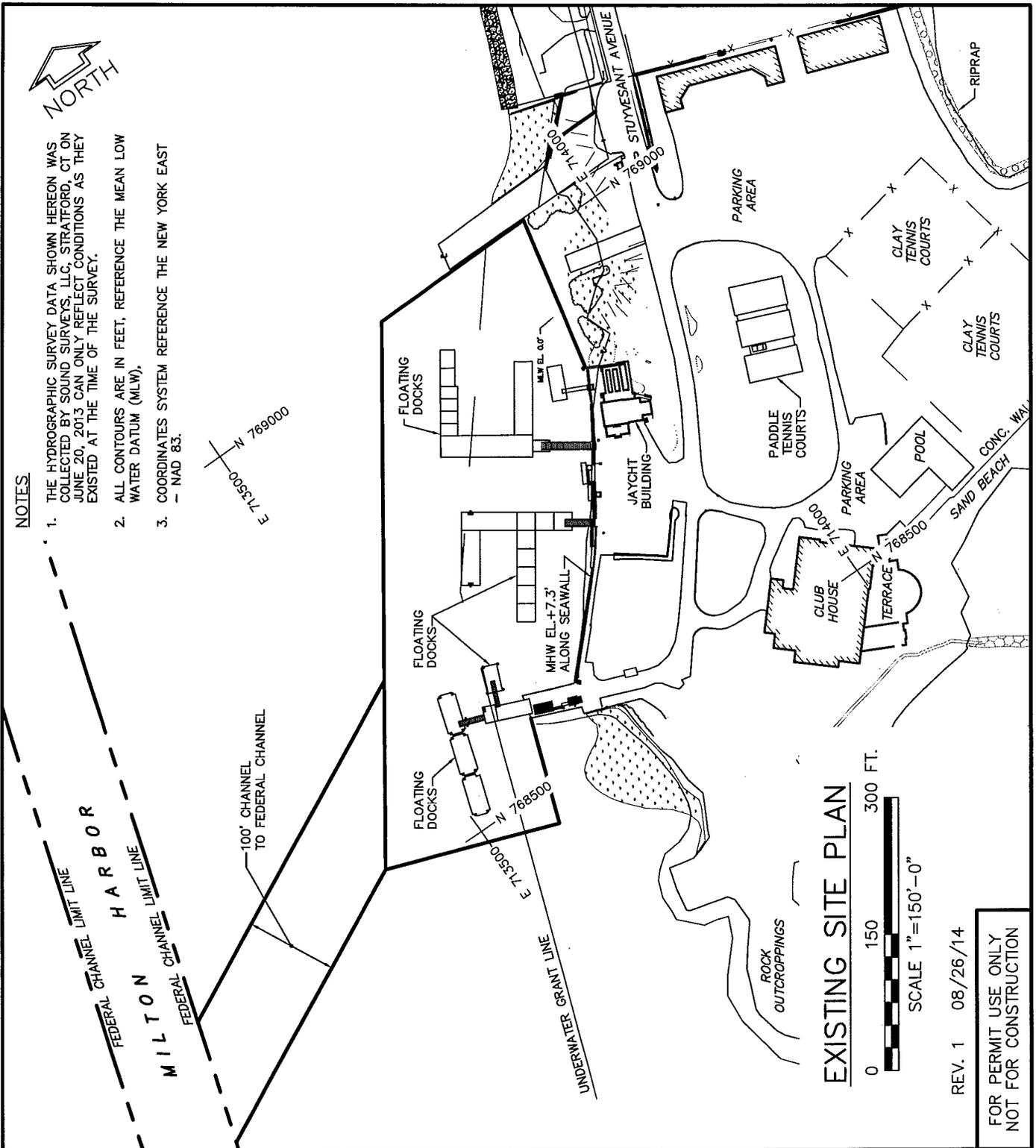
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EXISTING SITE PLAN



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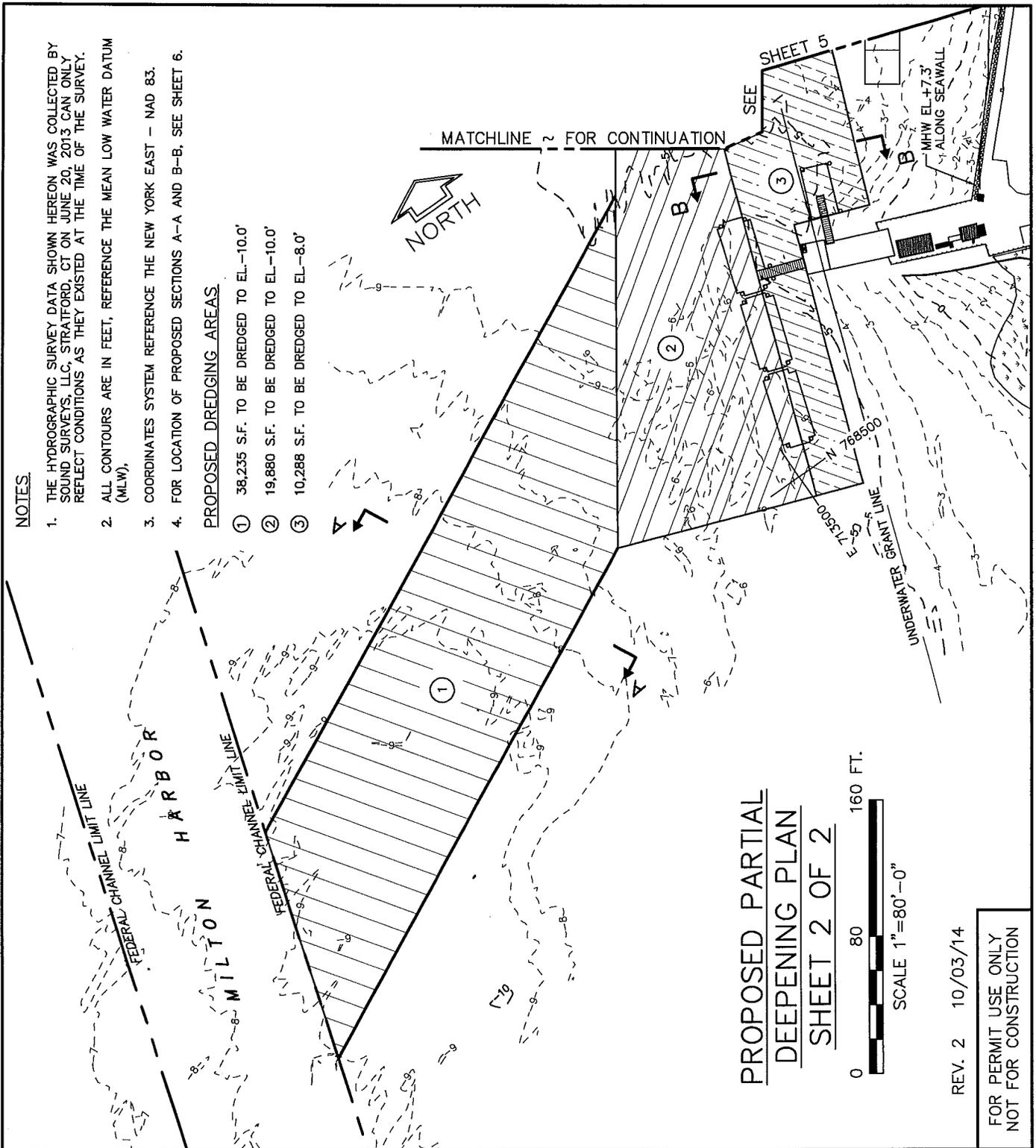
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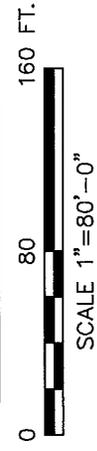
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4. FOR LOCATION OF PROPOSED SECTIONS A-A AND B-B, SEE SHEET 6.

PROPOSED DREDGING AREAS

- ① 38,235 S.F. TO BE DREDGED TO EL.-10.0'
- ② 19,880 S.F. TO BE DREDGED TO EL.-10.0'
- ③ 10,288 S.F. TO BE DREDGED TO EL.-8.0'



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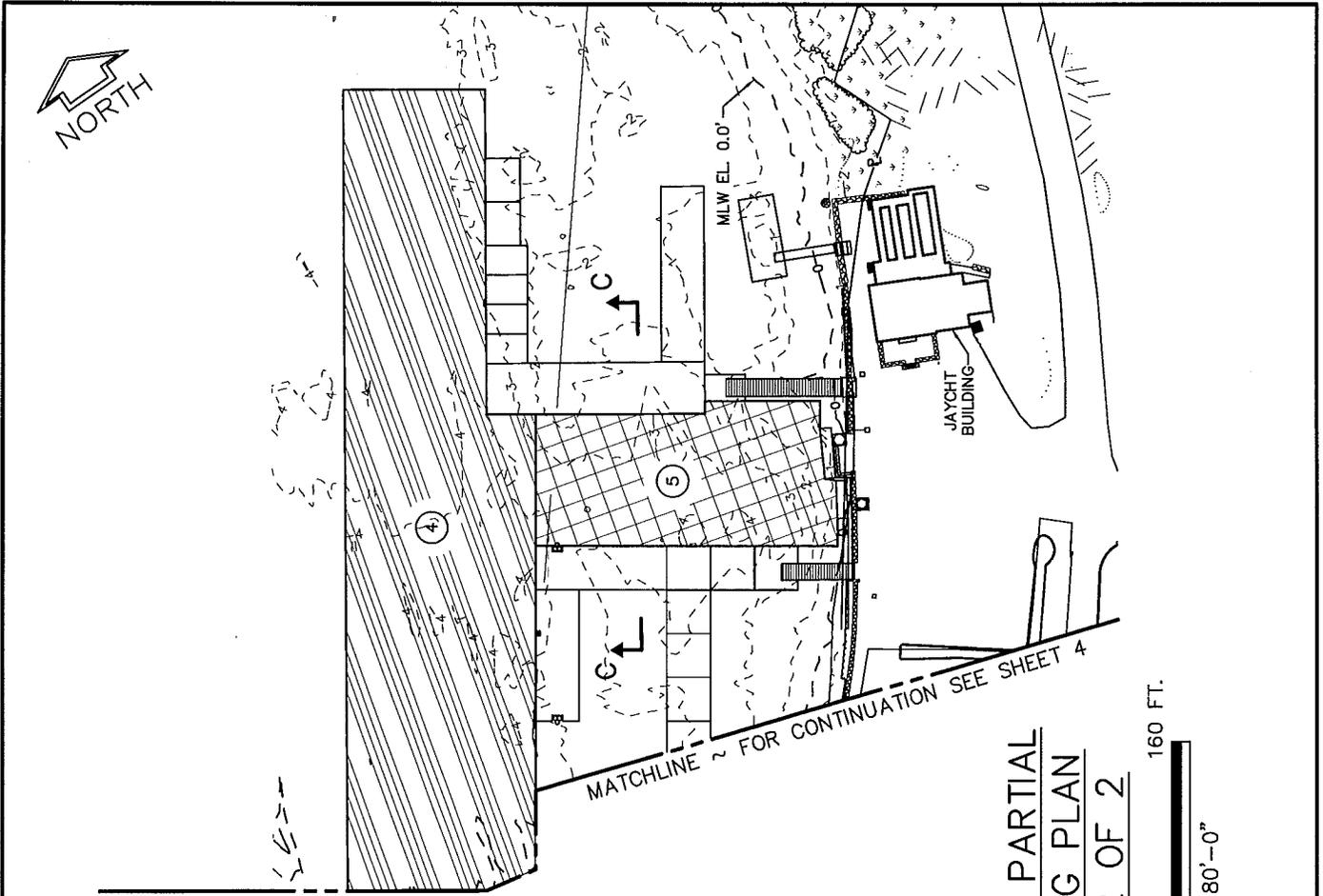
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 4. FOR PROPOSED SECTION C-C, SEE SHEET 7.

PROPOSED DREDGING AREAS

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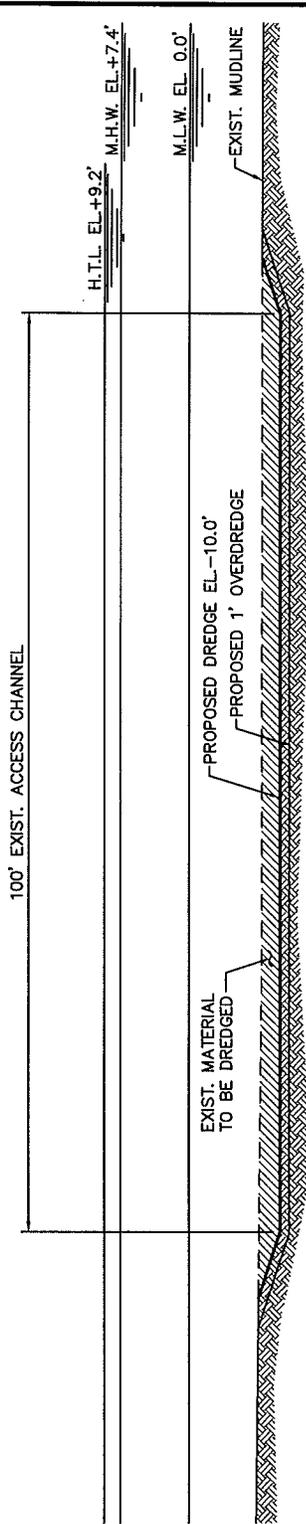
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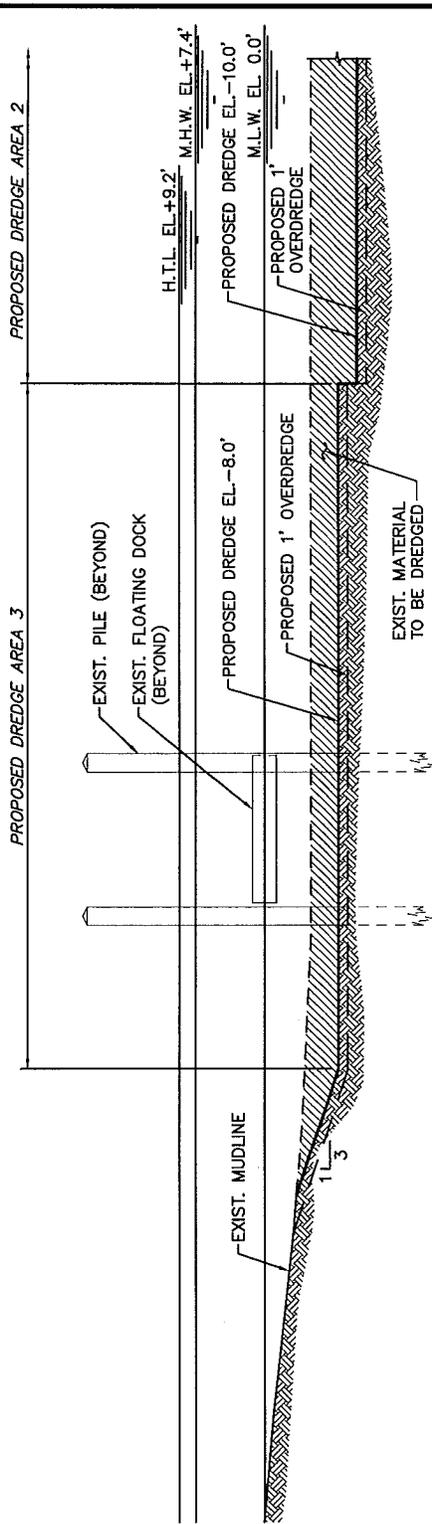
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NOTE FOR LOCATION OF PROPOSED SECTION A-A, SEE SHEET 4.

PROPOSED SECTION A-A



NOTE FOR LOCATION OF PROPOSED SECTION B-B, SEE SHEET 4.

PROPOSED SECTION B-B



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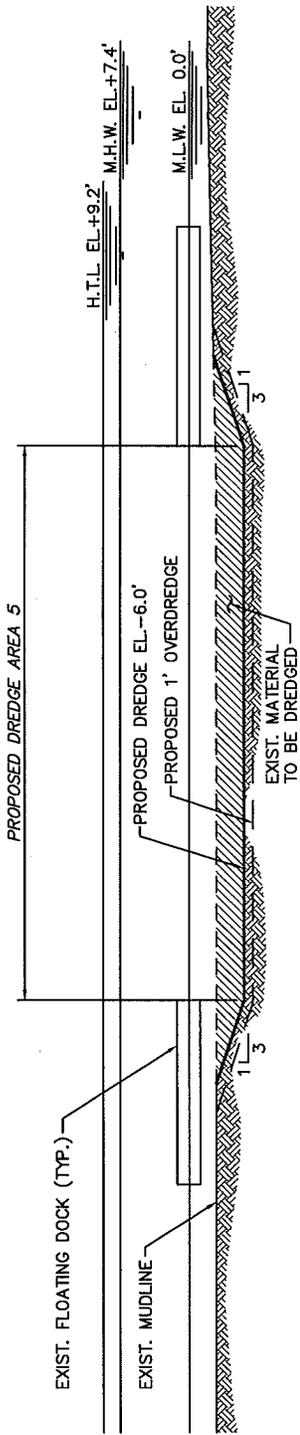
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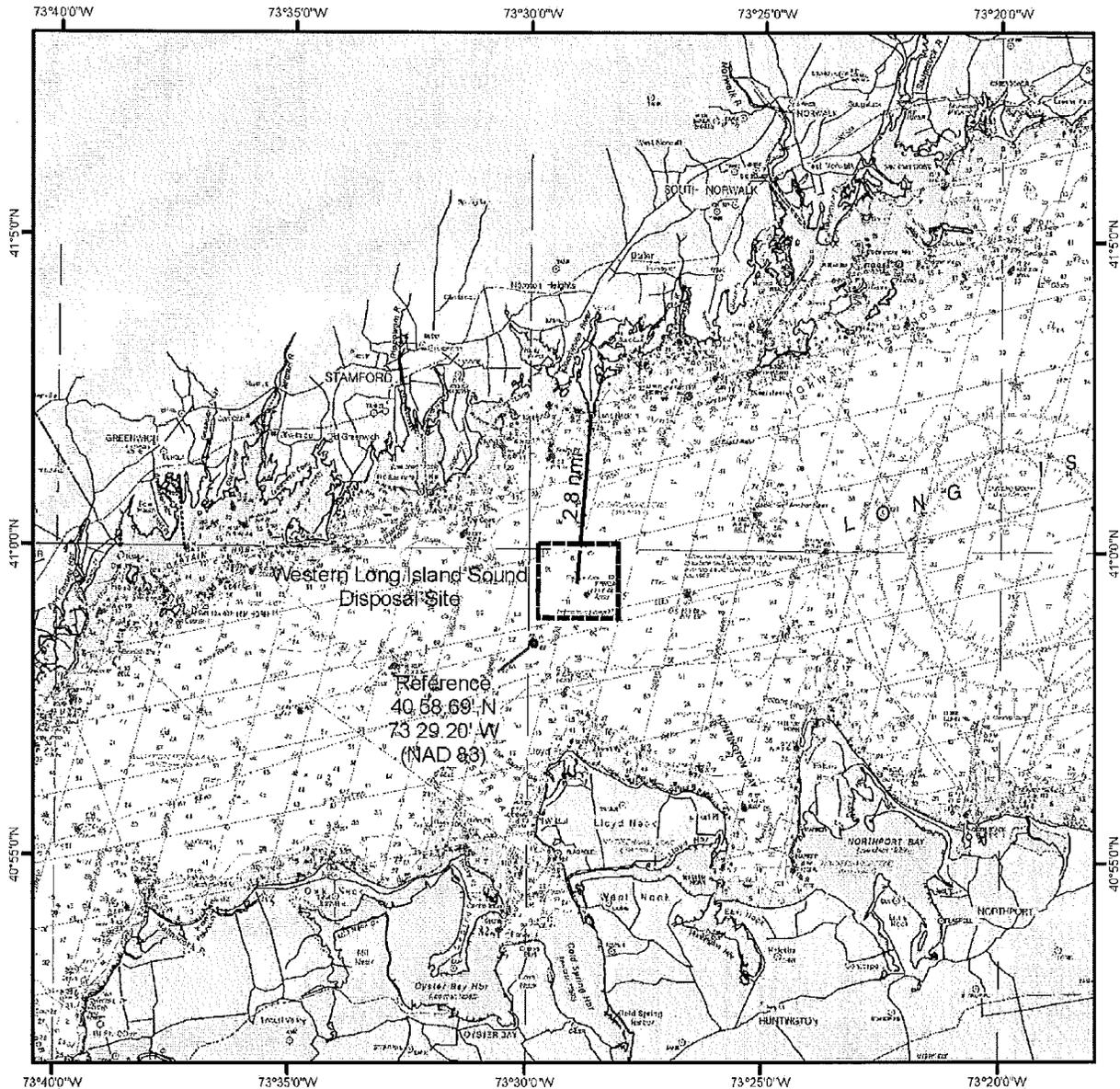


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WESTERN LONG ISLAND SOUND DISPOSAL SITE

Description: The Western Long Island Sound Disposal Site (WLDS) is located 2.8 nmi (5.1 km) south of Long Neck Point, Noroton, Connecticut between three historic dredged material disposal sites (Stamford, South Norwalk, and Eaton's Neck). It is a site centered at 40° 59.500' N, 73° 28.950' W (NAD 83). The authorized disposal point (within the overall disposal area) is specified for each dredging project in other project documents.

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TIDAL DATUM CONVERSION TABLE

| TIDAL DATUMS | MLW DATUM | NGVD29 DATUM | NAVD88 DATUM |
|------------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| MEAN HIGHER HIGH WATER | EL.+9.20' | EL.+6.38' | EL.+5.28' |
| MEAN HIGH WATER | EL.+7.40' | EL.+4.58' | EL.+3.48' |
| NAVD88 | EL+3.92' | EL.+2.82' | EL. 0.00' |
| MEAN TIDE LEVEL | EL.+3.70' | EL.+0.88' | EL.-0.22' |
| NGVD29 | EL+2.82' | EL.0.00' | EL.-1.10' |
| MEAN LOW WATER | EL. 0.00' | EL.-2.82' | EL.-3.92' |
| MEAN LOWER LOW WATER | EL.-0.25' | EL.-3.07' | EL.-4.17' |

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