



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-2014-01201-EYR**
Issue Date: **June 09, 2015**
Expiration Date: **July 09, 2015**

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: New York City Economic Development Corporation
110 William Street
New York, NY 10038

ACTIVITY: Installation of one temporary fixed steel pier.

WATERWAY: Upper Bay of New York Harbor

LOCATION: The New York Wheel Site in the St. George Neighborhood of the Borough of Staten Island, City of New York, Richmond County, New York

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.

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

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provided will become a part of the public record for this action.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be fully considered during the public interest review for this permit application. All written comments, including names and addresses, will be made a part of the administrative record, available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act. The Administrative Record, or portions thereof, may also be posted on a Corps of Engineers internet web site. Due to resource limitations, this office will normally not acknowledge the receipt of comments or respond to individual letters of comment.

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 construction work, fully described in the enclosed Work Description, could cause minimum disruption of habitat for various life stages of some EFH-designated species as a result of a minor short-term temporary increase in turbidity during construction. However, the New York District has made the preliminary determination that the site-specific minor adverse effects are not likely to be substantial because it is expected that fish populations would avoid the small area of minor disturbance. Further consultation with NOAA/FS regarding EFH impacts and conservation recommendations is being conducted and will be concluded prior to the final decision on this 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 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 York, the applicant's certification and accompanying information is available from the New York State Department of State Division of Coastal Resources, Coastal Management Program, 99 Washington Avenue – Suite 1010, Albany, New York 12231-0001, Telephone (518) 474-6000. Comments regarding the applicant's certification, and copies of any letters to this office

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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 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) 790-8515 and ask for Mr. Robert Youhas.

In order for us to better serve you, please complete our Customer Service Survey located at <http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/CustomerSurvey.aspx>.

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



for
Jodi M. McDonald
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Enclosures

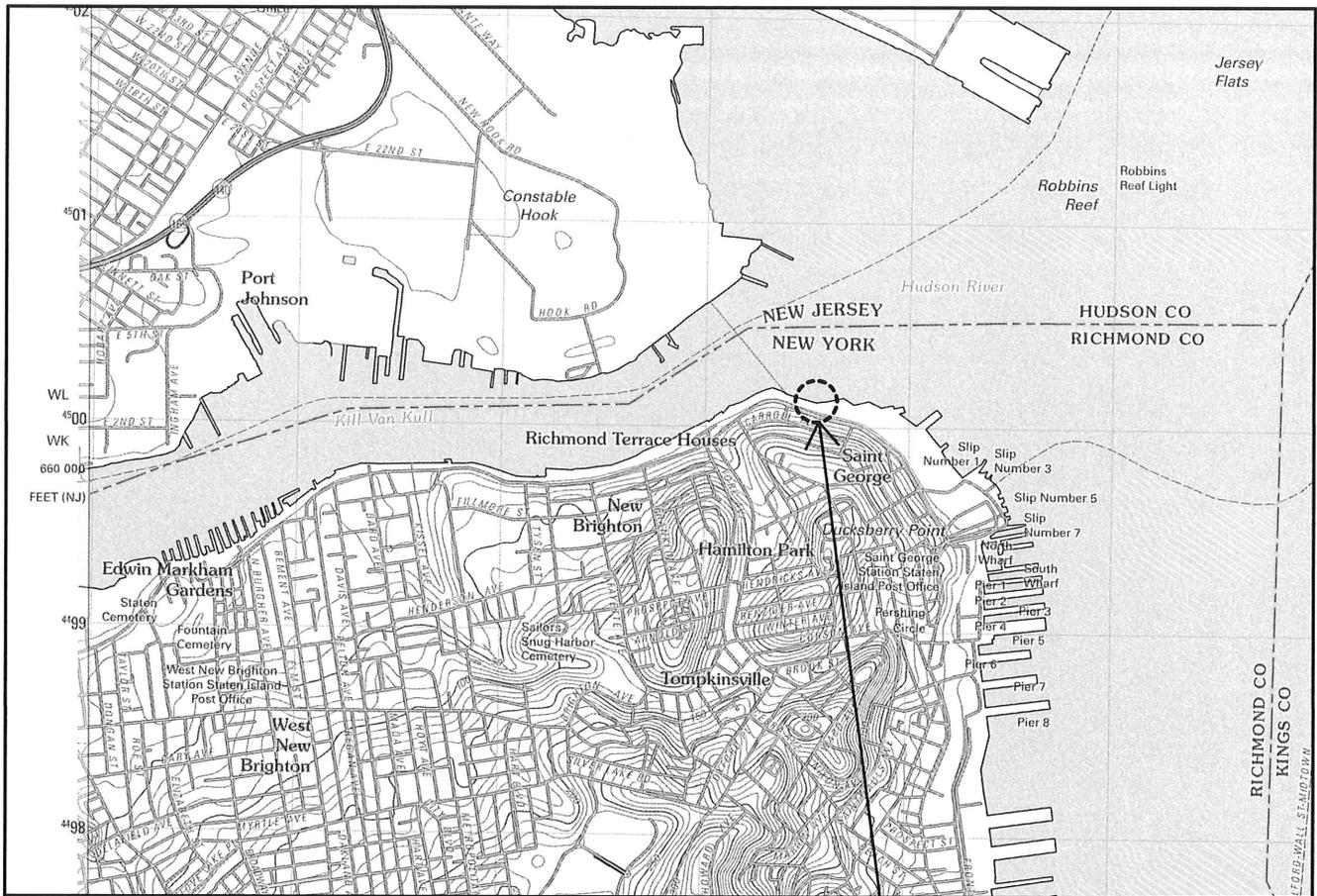
WORK DESCRIPTION

The permit applicant, New York City Economic Development Corporation, has requested Department of the Army authorization to construct one temporary, fixed, pile-supported, steel pier structure at The New York Wheel site in the neighborhood of St. George, Borough of Staten Island, City of New York, Richmond County, New York.

The regulated work would involve construction of one 190-foot long by 33-foot wide fixed, steel pier structure comprised of steel decking supported by eighteen (18) 36-inch diameter steel pipe piles installed into the sea bottom via vibratory and impact hammer. No fill will be placed within the steel pipe support piles. The proposed pier will extend approximately 155-linear feet from the existing concrete seawall into Upper Bay of New York Harbor.

The applicant has stated that they have avoided, minimized, and mitigated for impacts proposed to the maximum extent practicable by limiting construction to the smallest area practicable, installing a non-permanent structure, and utilizing a turbidity curtain during installation of the pier's support piles.

The stated purpose of this project is to provide a temporary structure to allow mooring of vessels for delivery of structural components and materials to The New York Wheel site for construction of a Ferris wheel. A total of approximately sixty (60) vessel deliveries, each with a mooring time of approximately 4 to 10 hours, is anticipated for the project. Upon completion of Ferris wheel construction activities, estimated to be two (2) years in duration, the entire pier structure, including all support piles, will be dismantled and removed from the waterway.



LOCATION MAP

PROJECT LOCATION

NOT TO SCALE

SOURCE: USGS JERSEY CITY, NJ; NY QUAD MAP



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- SHEET 7- TEMPORARY CONST. DOCK CROSS SECTION

PURPOSE:

CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION DOCK TO PROVIDE MOORING FOR THE WATER TRANSPORT OF MATERIALS TO THE SITE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW YORK WHEEL. AFTER THE COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEW YORK WHEEL, THE TEMPORARY PLATFORM, AND CAISSONS OR PIERS WILL BE REMOVED.

DRAWINGS PREPARED BY EDWARD M. WEINSTEIN,
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PERMIT NO. 2-6402-00087/00020

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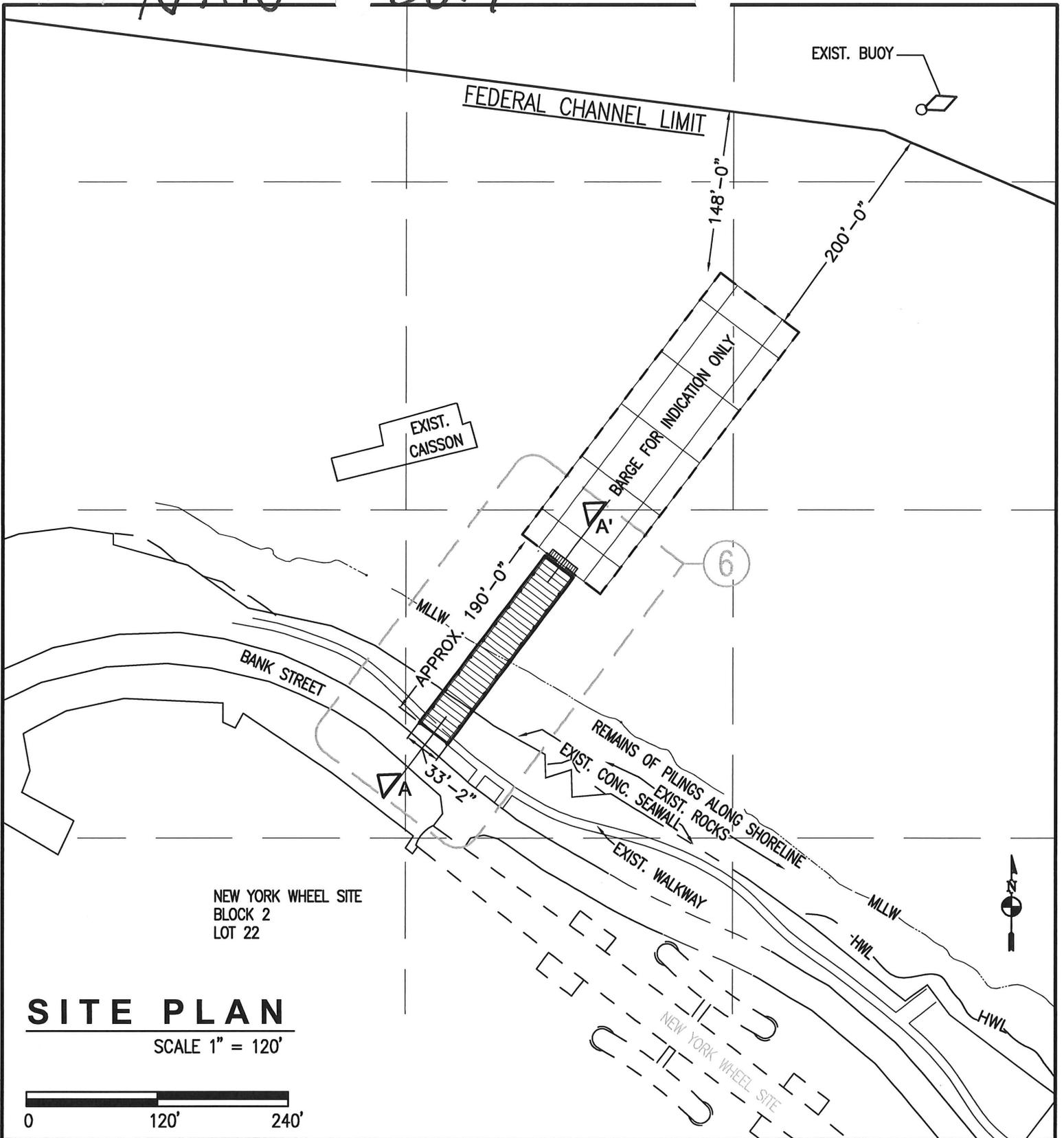
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SITE PLAN

SCALE 1" = 120'



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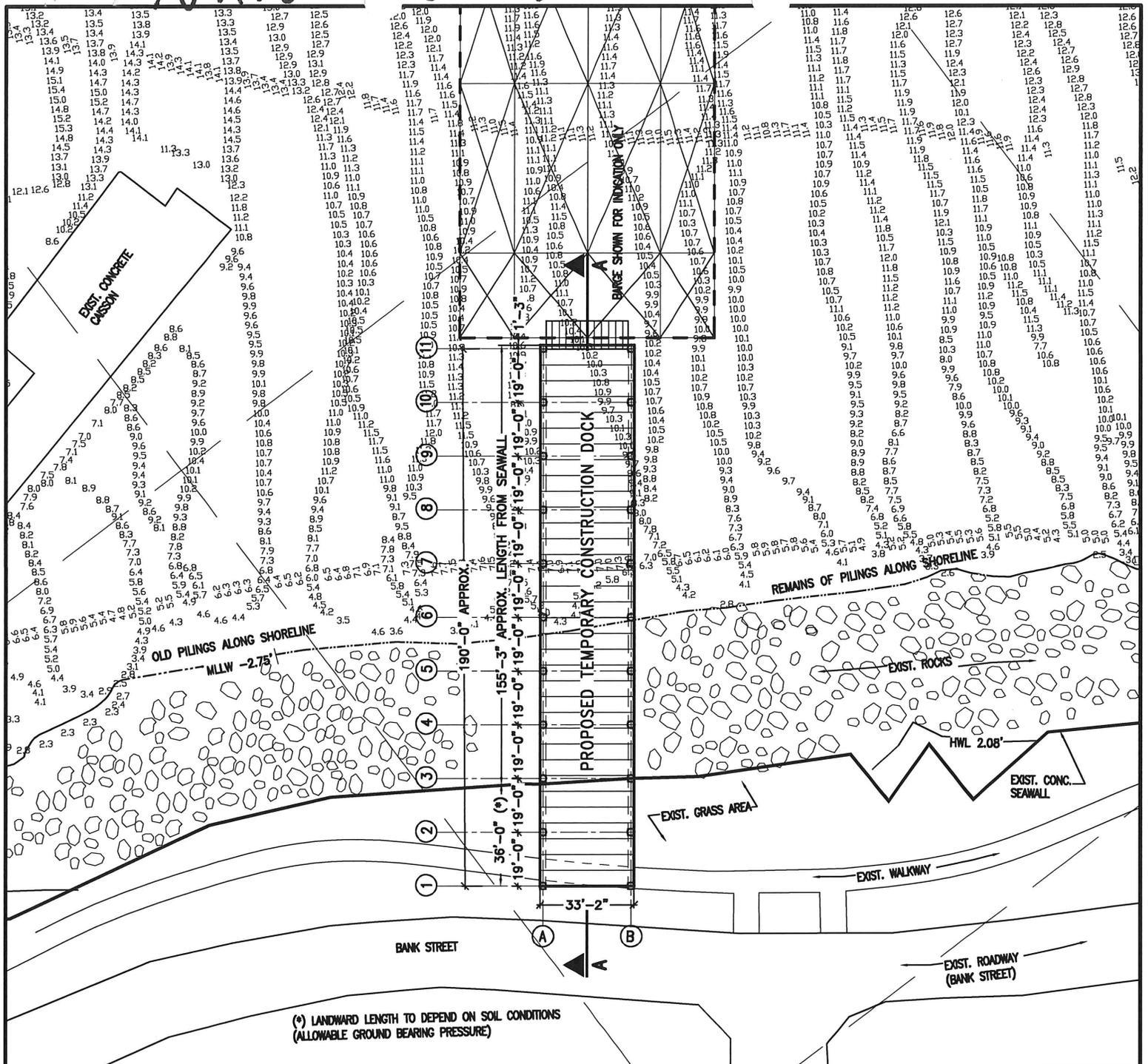
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TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION DOCK PLAN

NOTE: ALL DIMENSIONS ARE APPROXIMATE

SCALE 1" = 50'



1. SOUNDINGS REFERENCED TO ELEVATION 0.00 FT IN NAVD 88 DATUM. NAVD 88 DEPTH VALUES PROVIDED BY HYDRODATA ON 12-16-14, AND BASED ON DATA FROM SURVEY OF JULY 2014.

2. UPLAND ELEVATIONS FROM SURVEY PREPARED CONTROL POINT ASSOCIATES, OCT. 2, 2012 IN RICHMOND DATUM AND CONVERTED TO NAVD 88 DATUM (AS SHOWN).



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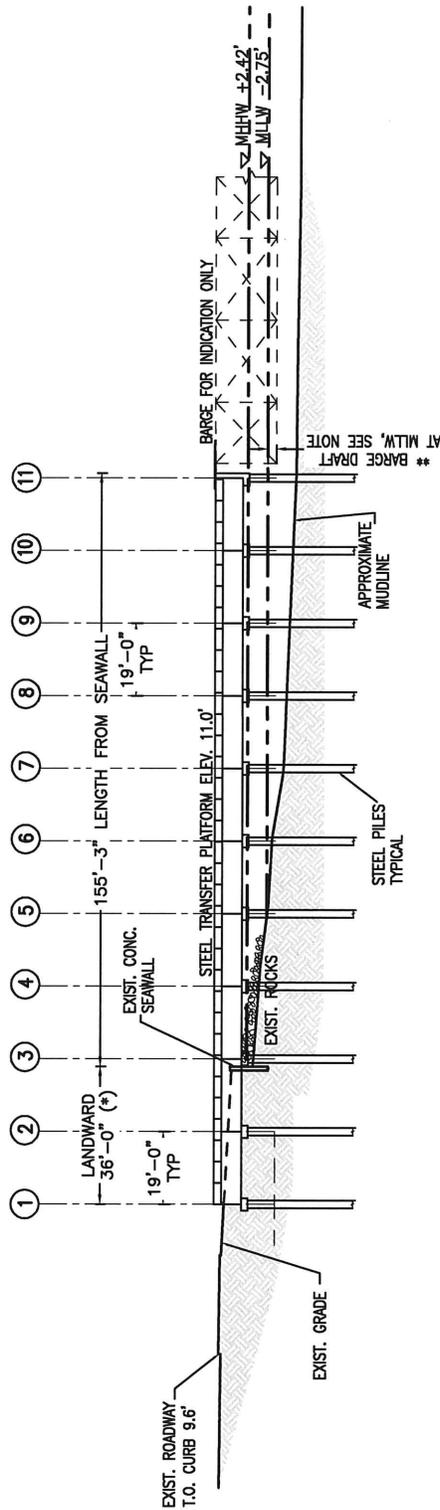
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(*) LANDWARD LENGTH TO DEPEND ON SOIL CONDITIONS (ALLOWABLE GROUND BEARING PRESSURE)

** BARGE DRAFT: MAXIMUM BARGE DRAFT TO BE A MINIMUM OF 2 FT ABOVE THE MULLINE DEPTH AT MLLW

TIDAL RANGE DEPTHS

MEAN HIGHER WATER (MHHW)	+ 2.42'
MEAN HIGH WATER (MHW)	+ 2.08'
REFERENCE DATUM NAVD 88	0.00'
MEAN LOW WATER (MLW)	- 2.55'
MEAN LOWER LOW WATER (MLLW)	- 2.75'

TIDAL RANGE VALUES REFERENCED TO ELEVATION 0.00 FT IN NAVD 88 DATUM.

SECTION A-A: THRU TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION DOCK

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