



PUBLIC NOTICE

US Army Corps
of Engineers
New York District
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New York, N.Y. 10278-0090
ATTN: Regulatory Branch

In reply to:

Public Notice Number: NAN-2016-00987-EYR
Issue Date: November 03, 2016
Expiration Date: November 23, 2016

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) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344):

APPLICANT: New Jersey Department of Transportation – Office of Maritime Resources
1035 Parkway Avenue, P.O. Box 600
Trenton, NJ 08625

ACTIVITY: 10-year maintenance dredging of State of New Jersey Navigation Channels in the Shrewsbury River with beach placement of all resultant dredged material.

WATERWAY: Shrewsbury River

LOCATION: Dredge Locations:

- 1) Monmouth Beach Channel, Boroughs of Monmouth Beach and Sea Bright, Monmouth County, New Jersey
- 2) Rumson Country Club Y Channel, Boroughs of Rumson and Sea Bright, Monmouth County, New Jersey
- 3) Oceanport Creek Entry Channel, Borough of Oceanport, Monmouth County, New Jersey

Dredge Material Placement Location:

Atlantic Coast of New Jersey, Sandy Hook to Barnegat Inlet Beach Erosion Control Project, Borough of Monmouth Beach, Monmouth 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.

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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 submitted in response to this notice will be fully considered during the public interest review for this permit application. Comments provided will become part of the public record for this permit application. All written comments, including contact information, 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.

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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

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) 790-8715 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>.

Stephan A. Ryba
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Enclosures

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WORK DESCRIPTION

The permit applicant, New Jersey Department of Transportation – Office of Maritime Resources, has requested Department of the Army authorization for 10-year maintenance dredging of three (3) State of New Jersey Navigation Channels in the Shrewsbury River: Monmouth Beach Channel in the Boroughs of Monmouth Beach and Sea Bright; Rumson Country Club Y Channel in the Boroughs of Rumson and Sea Bright; and Oceanport Creek Entry Channel in Borough of Oceanport; all located within the Shrewsbury River, Monmouth County, New Jersey. All resultant dredged material is proposed to be placed as beach nourishment along the Monmouth Beach shoreline within the boundaries of the Atlantic Coast of New Jersey, Sandy Hook to Barnegat Inlet Beach Erosion Control Project.

Monmouth Beach Channel

The proposed dredge area is irregularly-shaped, approximately 61,600-square feet, and extends to a maximum depth of -6-feet below the Plane of Mean Low Water (MLW) plus 1-foot of allowable overdepth. Dredging was last performed at Monmouth Beach Channel in 1962.

Rumson County Club Y Channel

The proposed dredge area is irregularly-shaped, approximately 119,400-square feet, and extends to a maximum depth of -5-feet below the Plane of Mean Low Water (MLW) plus 1-foot of allowable overdepth. Dredging was last performed at Rumson Country Club Y Channel (also known as Edwards Point Channel) in 1988.

Oceanport Creek Channel

The proposed dredge area is irregularly-shaped, approximately 68,700-square feet, and extends to a maximum depth of -4-feet below the Plane of Mean Low Water (MLW) plus 1-foot of allowable overdepth. Dredging was last performed at Oceanport Creek Channel in 1990.

Approximately 4,519-cubic yards of the estimated total dredge volume of 17,497-cubic yards will be placed below the Plane of Spring High Water along the Monmouth Beach shoreline within the boundaries of the Atlantic Coast of New Jersey, Sandy Hook to Barnegat Inlet Beach Erosion Control Project template. All of the work would be accomplished by hydraulic dredge, with the dredged material transported via pipeline to the beach placement areas. The dredge pipeline would be floating, except when exiting the dredge, entering or exiting booster pumps as it approaches the beach placement site, at channel crossings where it would be submerged to accommodate transiting vessels, and to avoid any observed submerged aquatic vegetation. The permit applicant has stated that the pipeline will be marked as per U.S. Coast Guard regulations.

The stated purpose of this project is to restore and maintain safe navigation depths for emergency, commercial, and recreational marine vessels, as well as to provide sand nourishment for Monmouth Beach's shoreline for erosion and flood protection. The

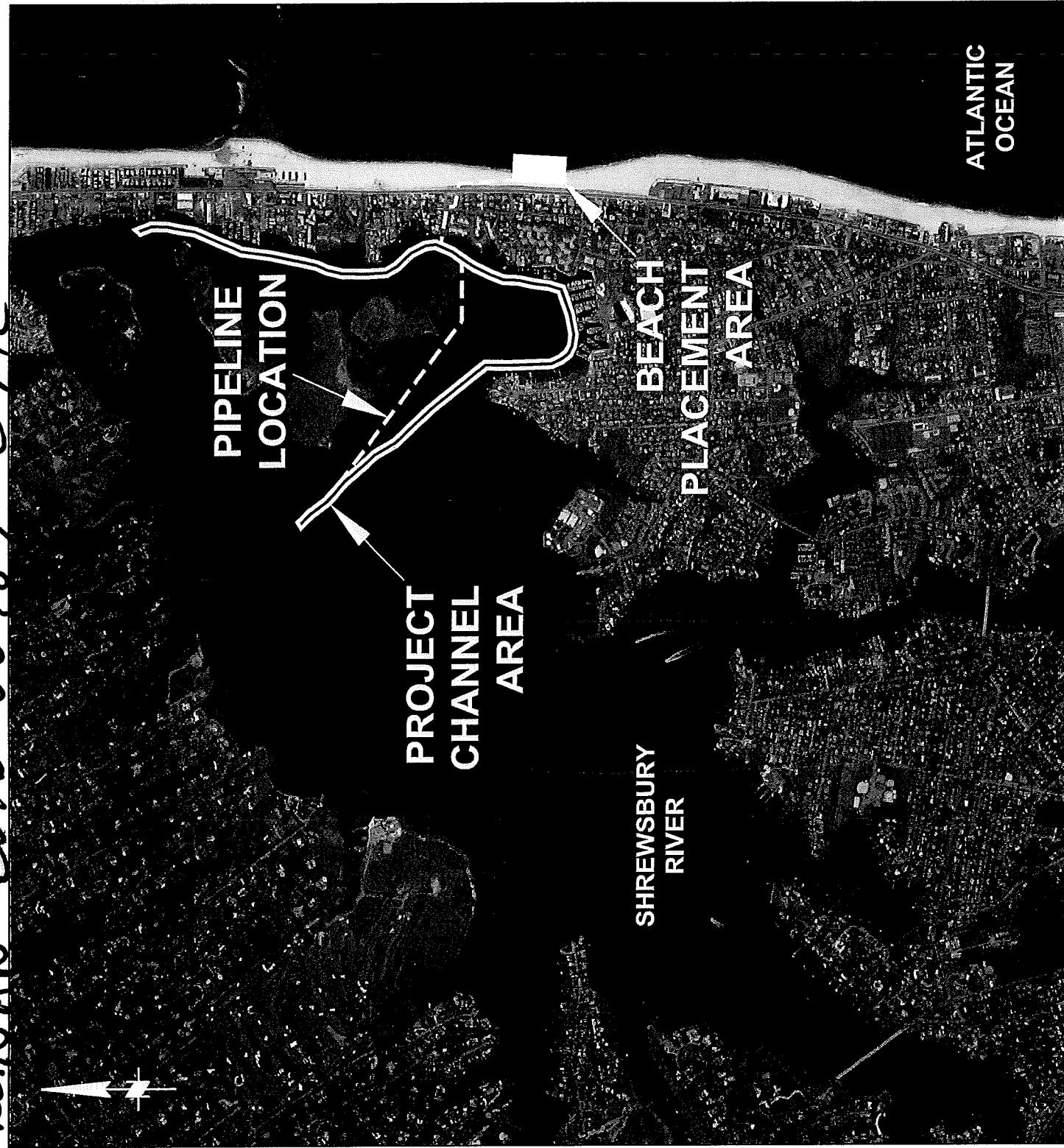
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permit applicant has estimated that two dredging events will be required during the 10-year life of the permit in order to maintain safe navigational depths.

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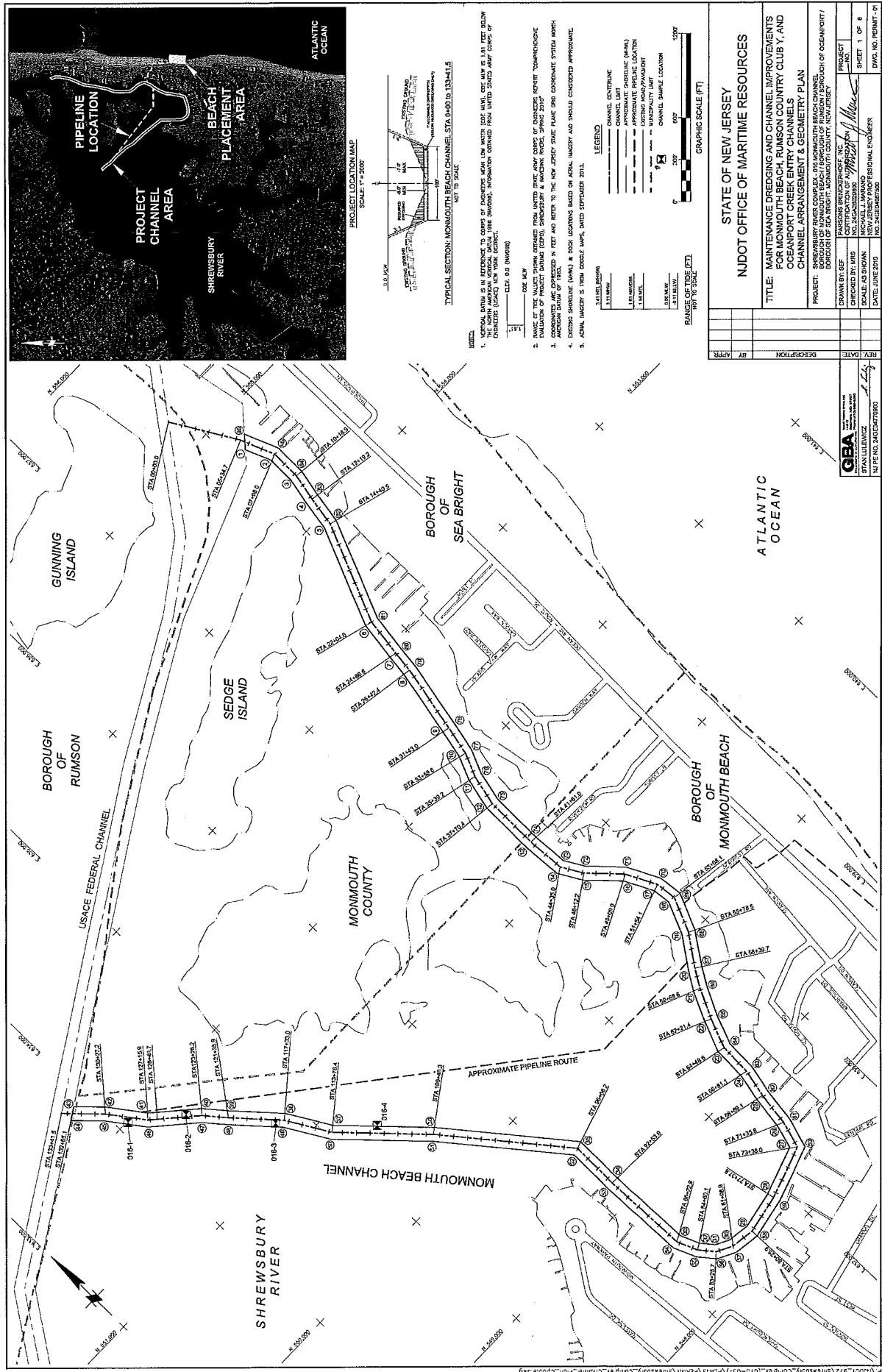


MONMOUTH BEACH CHANNEL - PROJECT LOCATION MAP

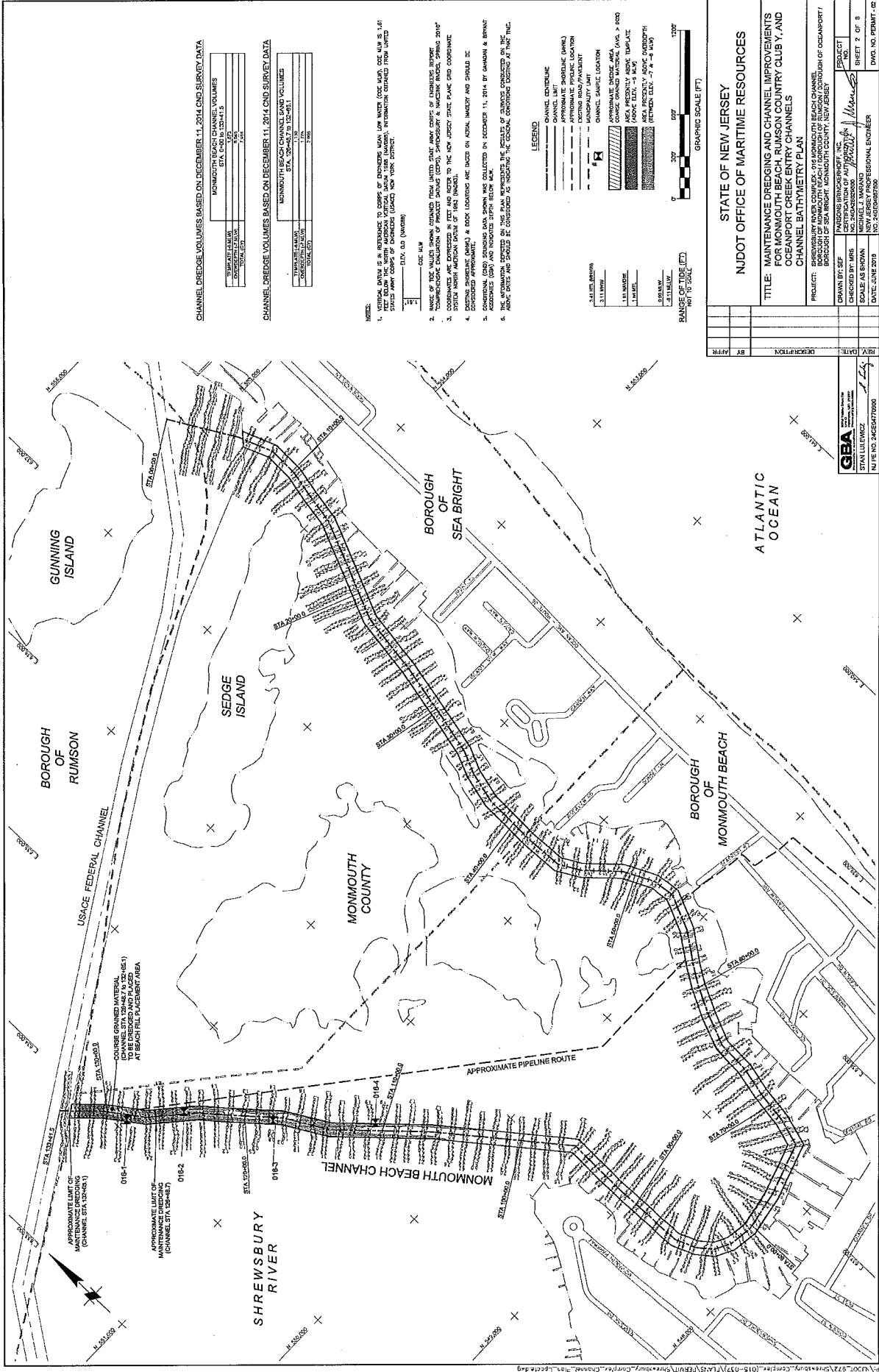
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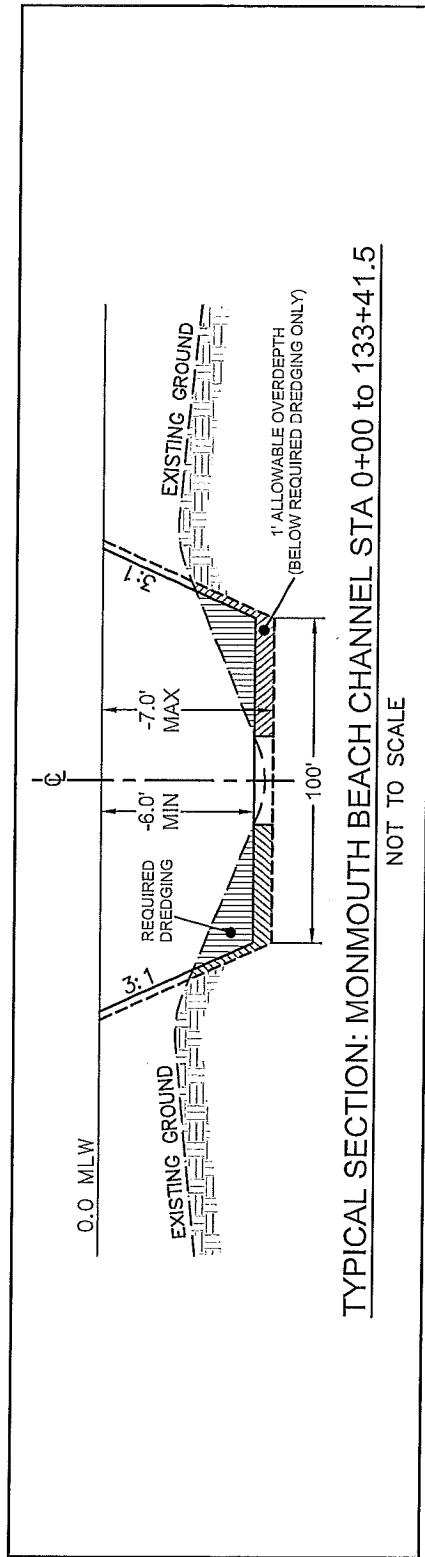
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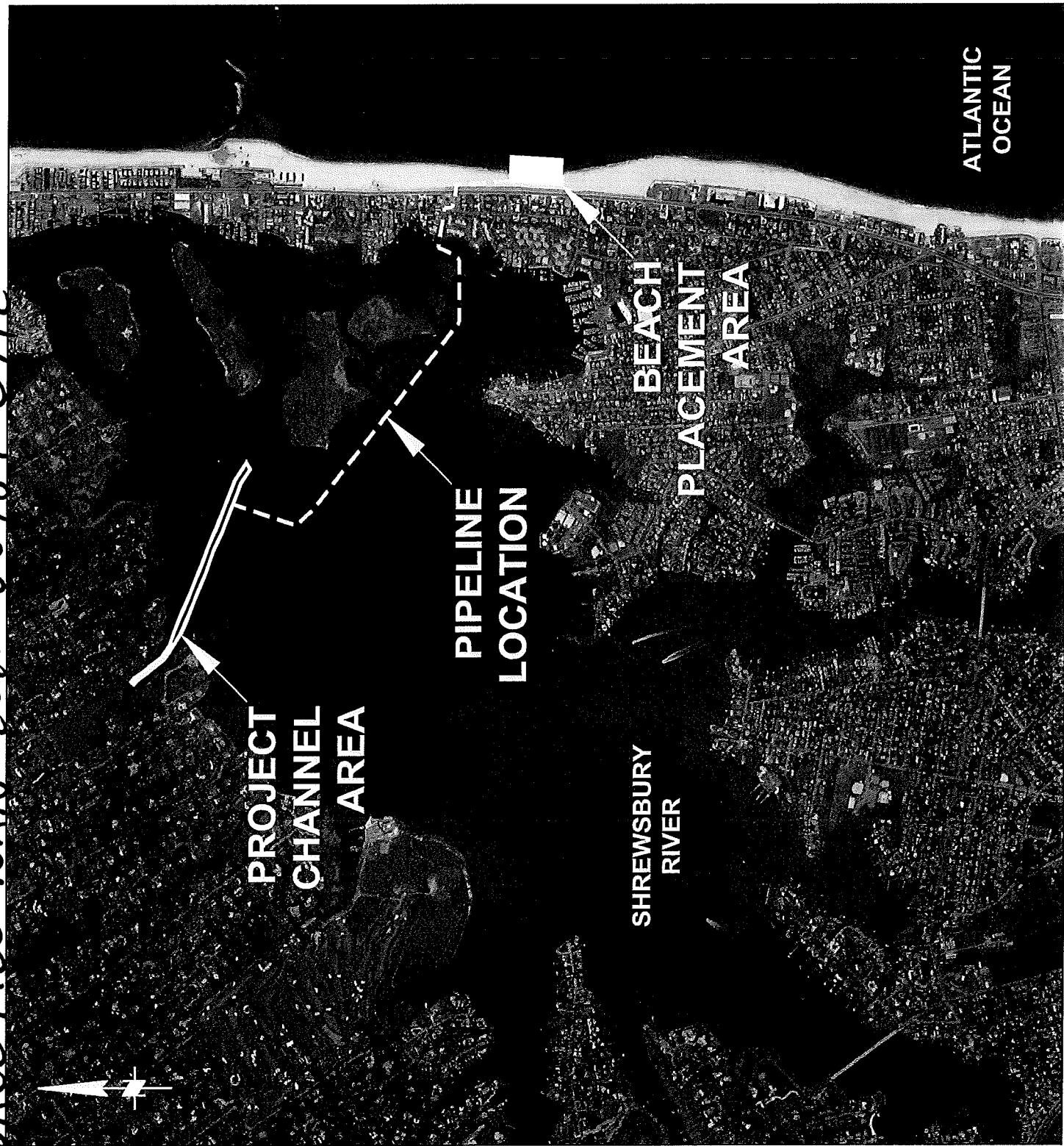


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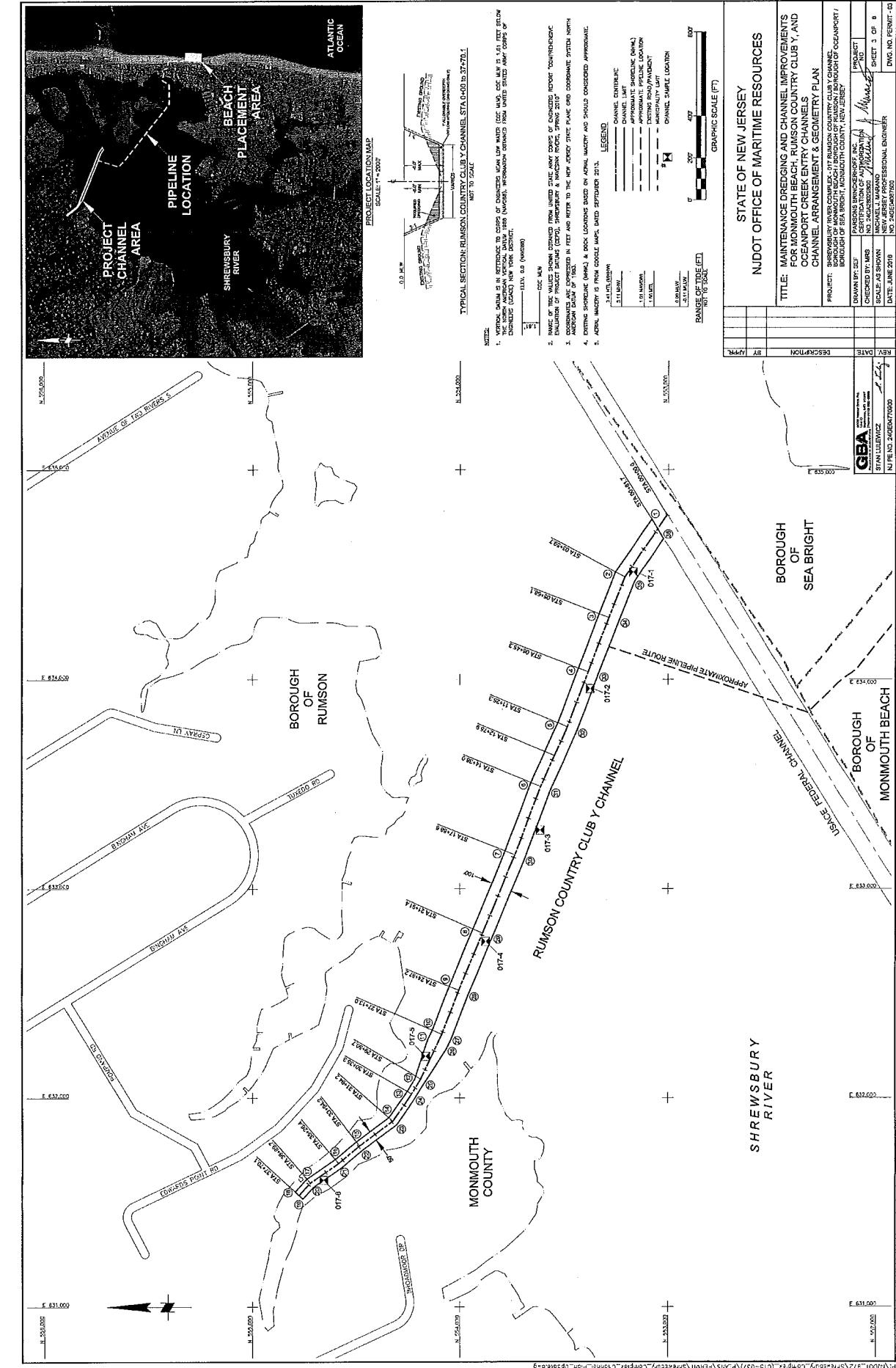


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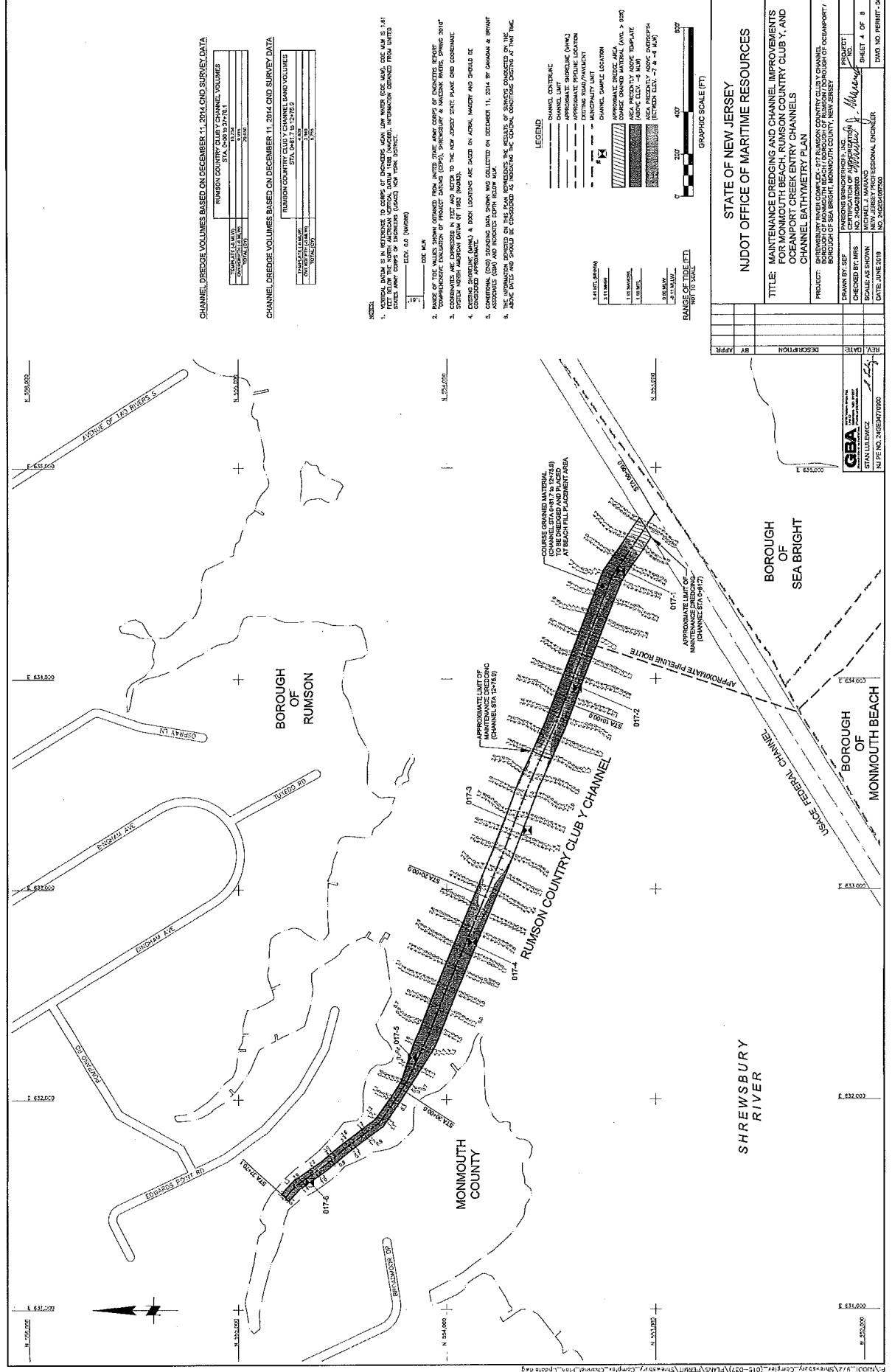
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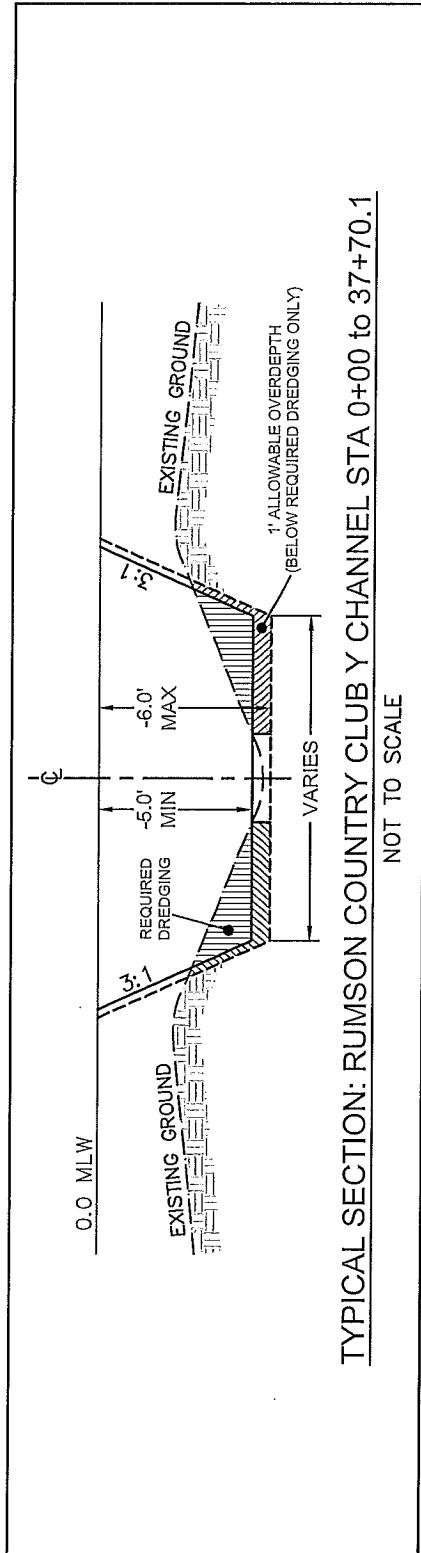
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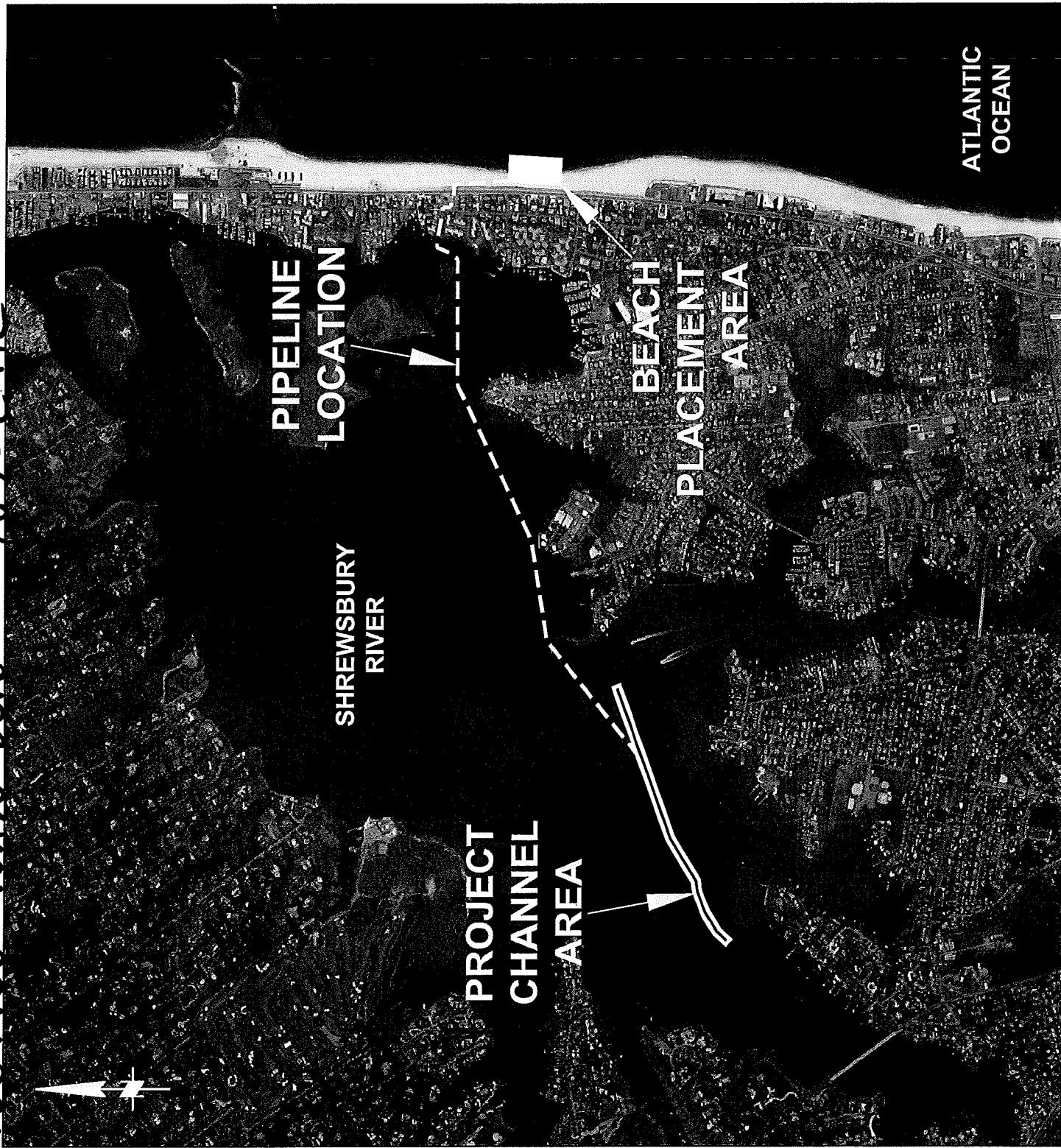
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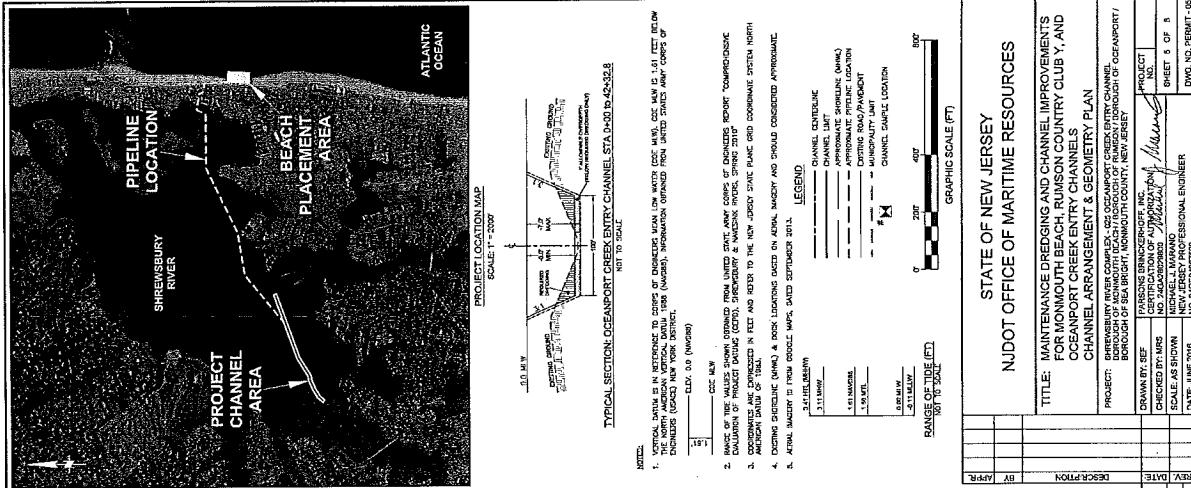
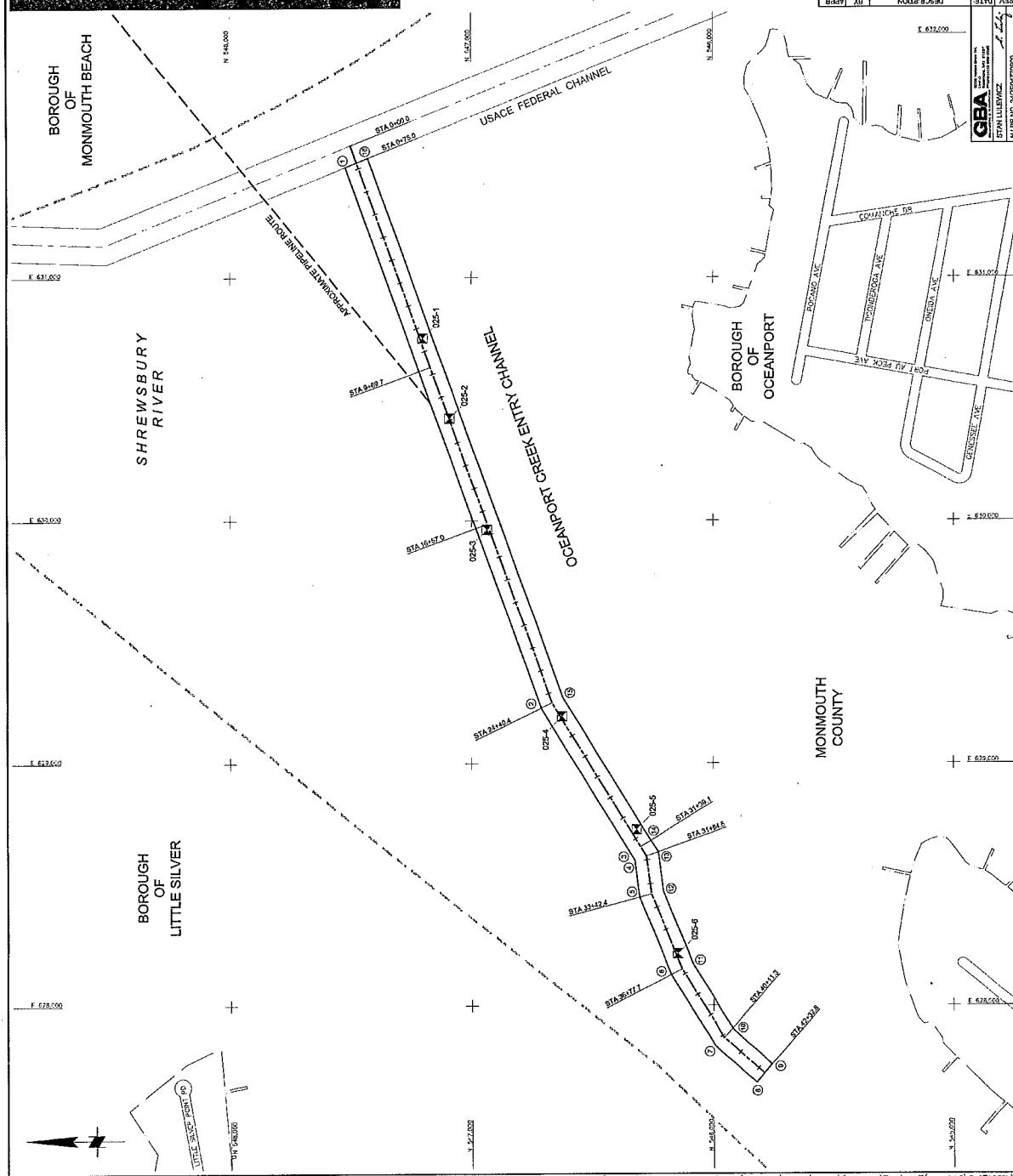
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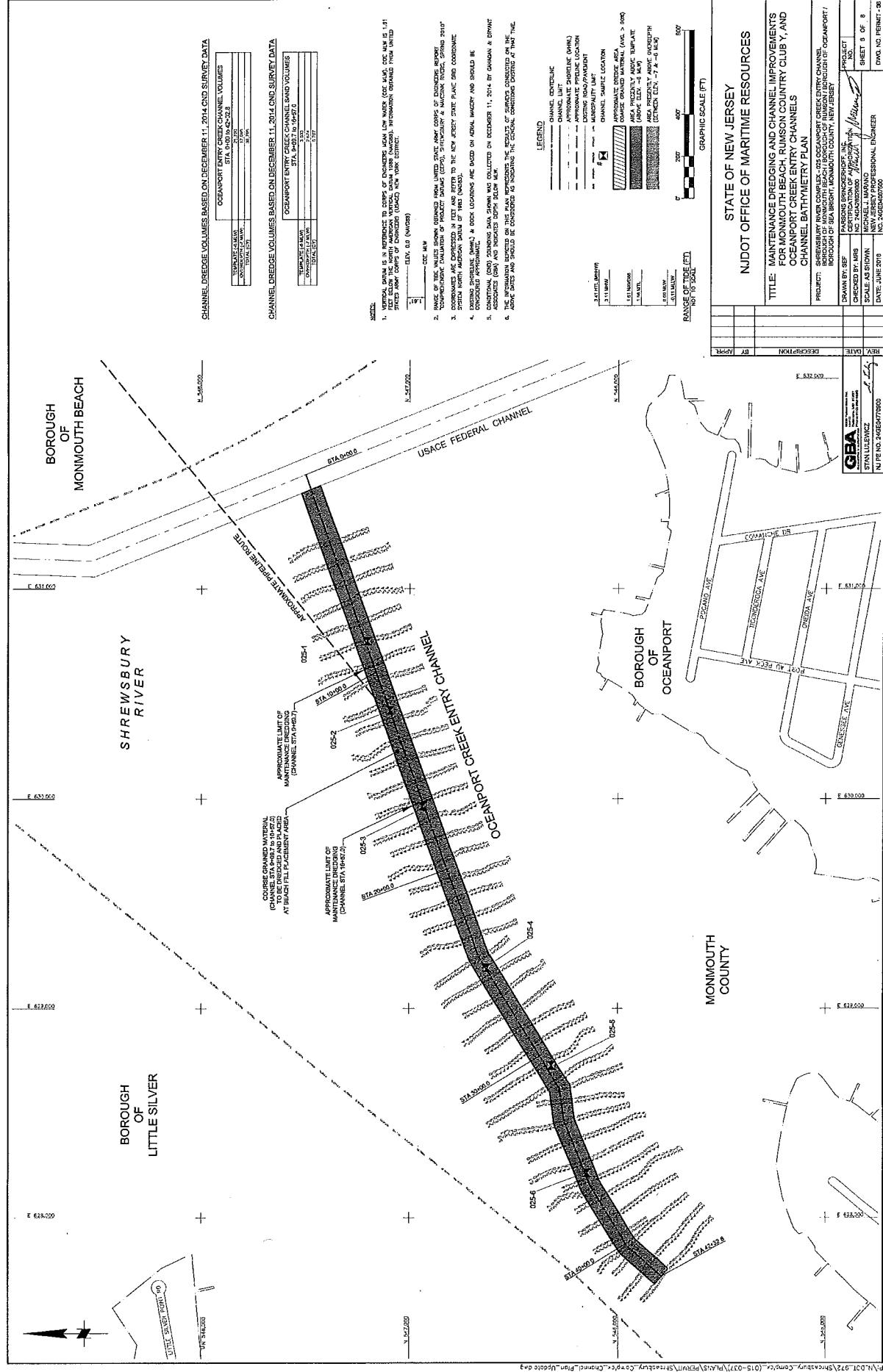
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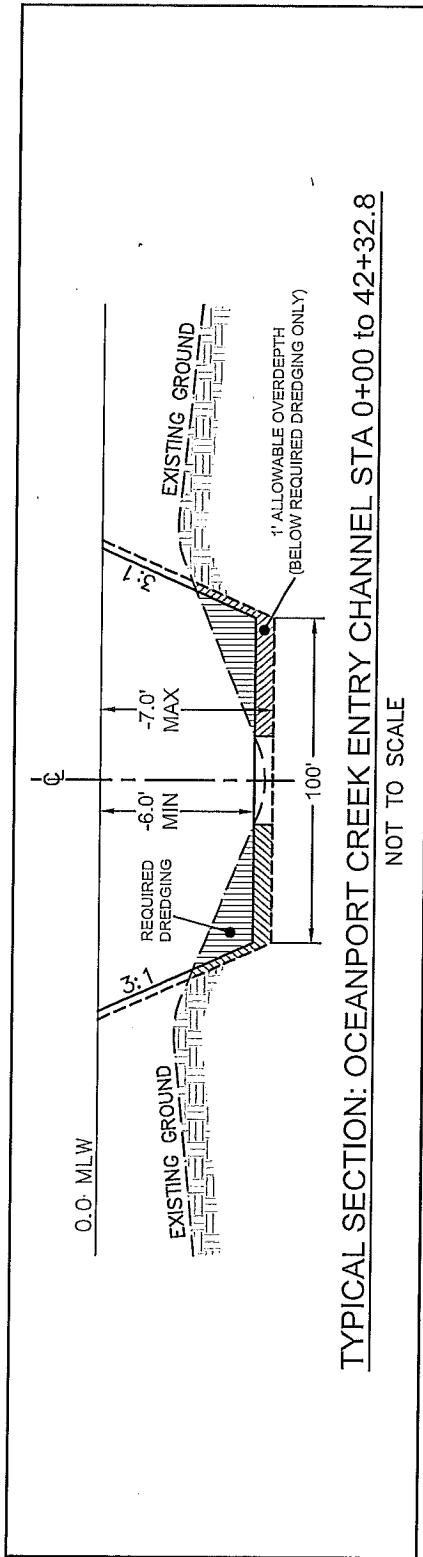
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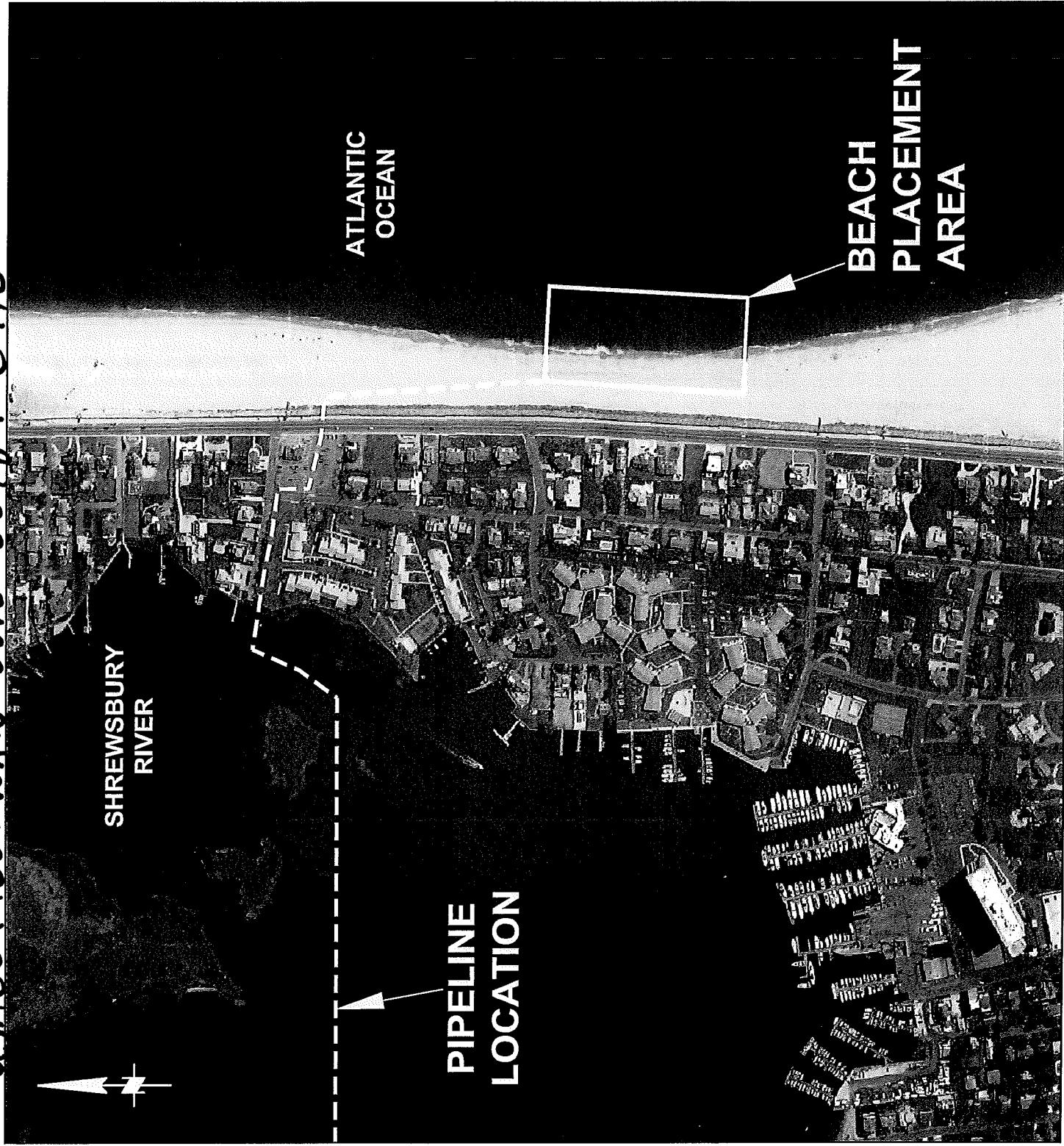


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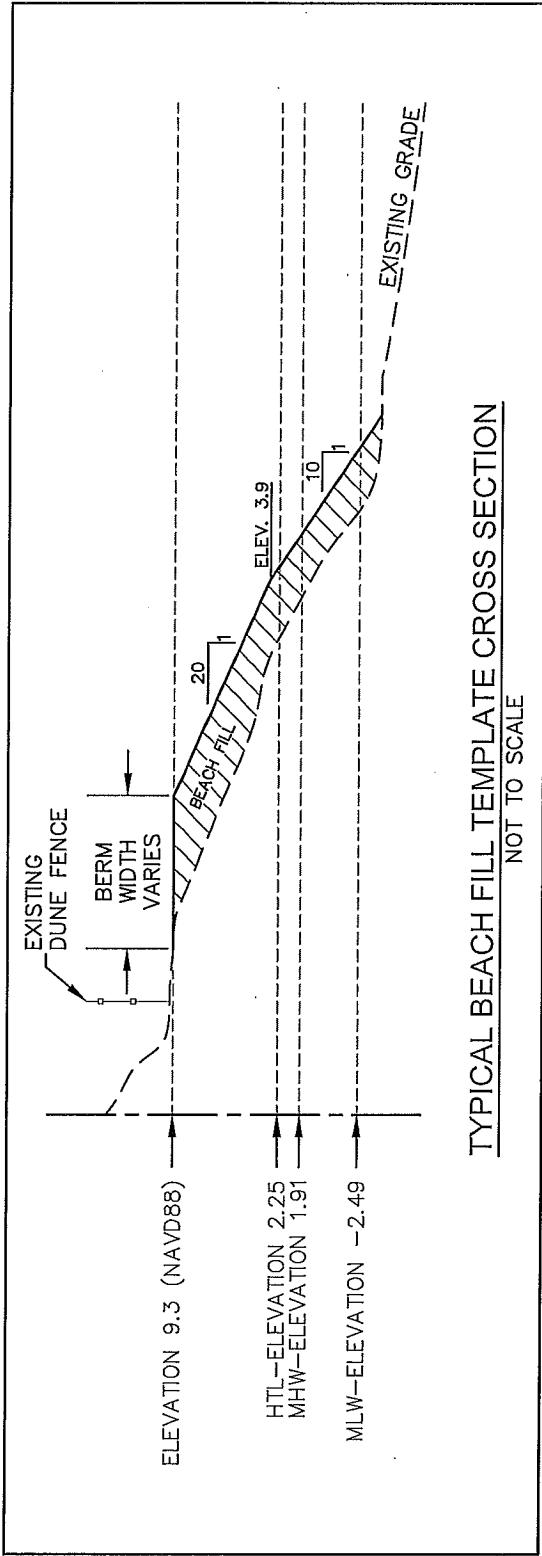


BEACH FILL PLACEMENT - PROJECT LOCATION MAP

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