

# 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-2018-00710-EBR  
Issue Date: August 8, 2018  
Expiration Date: September 7, 2018

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

APPLICANT: Suffolk County Department of Public Works  
335 Yaphank Avenue  
Yaphank, NY 11980

WATERWAY: Noyac Creek, a tributary of Noyac Bay

LOCATION: Dredge Location: Noyac Creek

Dredge Material Placement Location: Noyac Bay shoreline on south side of Jessup Neck and on the Noyac Bay shoreline on the north side of Clam Island in Noyac, Town of Southampton, Suffolk County, New York

ACTIVITY: Dredge with ten years maintenance with beach placement.

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.

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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 adversely 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 lifestages of some EFH-designated species as a result of a temporary increase in turbidity during construction. However, the New York District has made the preliminary determination that the site-specific adverse effects are not likely to be substantial because it is expected that fish populations would avoid the small area of disturbance. Further consultation with NOAA/FS regarding EFH impacts and conservation recommendations is 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 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, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Avenue, 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.



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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
- New York State Department of State
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

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) 790-8516 and ask for William Bruno.

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>.

*per Naomi Handell*

Stephan A. Ryba  
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Enclosures

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**WORK DESCRIPTION**

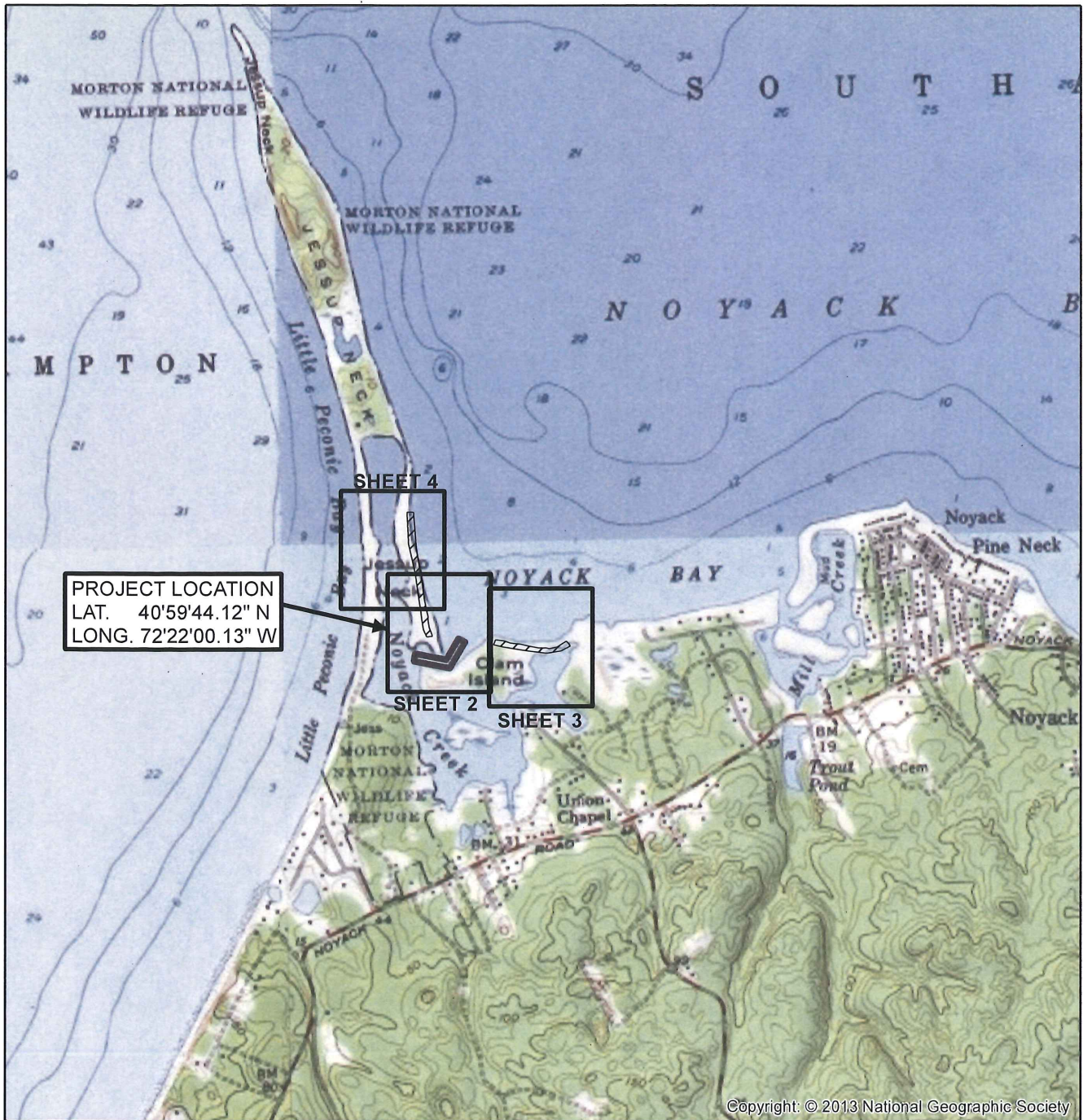
The applicant, Suffolk County Department of Public Works, has requested Department of the Army authorization to conduct dredging with ten-years maintenance with placement of the dredged material at two (2) designated beach placement areas. The project is located at Noyac Creek, a tributary of Noyac Bay in Noyac, Town of Southampton, Suffolk County, New York.

The proposed dredge area at Noyac Creek is L-shaped, approximately 90,000-square feet, and extends to a maximum depth of 6-feet below the plane of Mean Low Water (MLW). The duration of the dredging activity would be approximately three (3) weeks. The approximate slope of the channel would be 1 to 3. The dredging activity is proposed to be conducted by a hydraulic dredge and would be delivered to the designated beach placement areas via pipeline to sites located to the north and south of the channel mouth of Noyac Creek along the Noyac Bay shoreline on south side of Jessup Neck, which is located within the Elizabeth A. Morton National Wildlife Refuge and on the Noyac Bay shoreline on the north side of Clam Island in Noyac, Town of Southampton, Suffolk County, New York. Approximately 2,000-cubic yards of the estimated total dredge volume of 8,000-cubic yards would be placed below the Plane of Spring High Water; the approximate area of fill below Spring High Water at the beach placement sites is 54,000 square feet. The approximate slope of the uncontrolled hydraulic beachfront surplus area would be 1 on 15. The dredge pipeline would be floating, except at channel crossings where it would be submerged to accommodate vessels navigating Noyac Creek and Noyac Bay.

The applicant plans to conduct three (3) additional dredging events within the ten-year maintenance period and have stated that they have avoided, minimized, and mitigated for potential impacts proposed to the maximum extent practicable by limiting the dredging area to the minimum area required for safe and reasonable navigation of Noyac Creek. Any potential impacts would be temporary and would be offset by implementing best management practices associated with the proposed use of a hydraulic dredge and floating pipeline. The use of a hydraulic dredge and floating pipeline would provide the cleanest and least obtrusive method for sediment removal and transport, minimizing to the greatest extent possible any potential adverse effects to the aquatic environment.

The stated purpose of this project is to maintain Noyac Creek to provide safe navigation for recreational marine vessels, as well as to provide sand nourishment for the Noyac Bay shoreline for erosion and flood protection.





PROJECT LOCATION  
 LAT. 40°59'44.12" N  
 LONG. 72°22'00.13" W

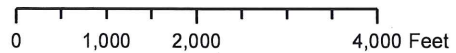
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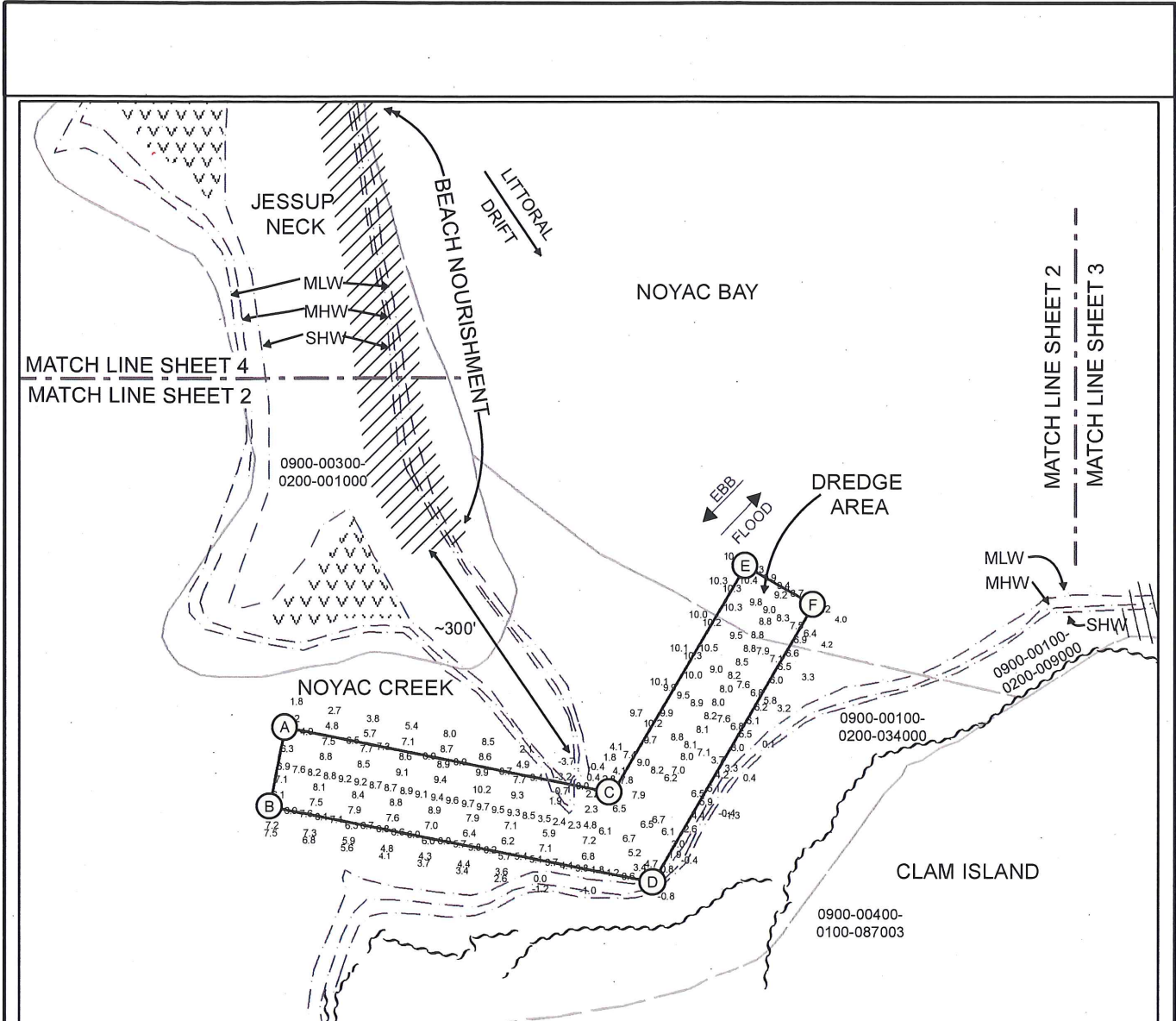
MAINTENANCE DREDGING AT:

**NOYAC CREEK**

TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON  
 SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

DATE: APRIL 2018

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- GENERAL NOTES:**
1. TYPE OF DREDGING: Maintenance
  2. METHOD OF DREDGING: Hydraulic
  3. APPROX. AMOUNT TO BE DREDGED: 8,000 cu. yds.
  4. TYPE OF MATERIAL TO BE DREDGED: Sand
  5. MATERIAL PLACEMENT LOCATION: Beach north and east of the channel.
  6. NAVIGATION CHANNEL DIMENSIONS: 900' L x 100' W x 6' D
  7. SURVEY PROVIDED BY SCDPW:  
Soundings shown represent results of survey performed December 2014.  
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  8. EXISTING SHORELINE CONDITIONS DRAWN FROM AERIAL.
  9. AMOUNT OF MATERIAL TO SETTLE BELOW SHW:  
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  10. AREA OF FILL BELOW SHW: Approx. 54,000 Sq. Ft.

**DREDGE AREA COORDINATES**

A	72° 22' 4.88" W	40° 59' 45.31" N
B	72° 22' 5.17" W	40° 59' 44.30" N
C	72° 21' 59.48" W	40° 59' 44.41" N
D	72° 21' 58.79" W	40° 59' 43.26" N
E	72° 21' 57.15" W	40° 59' 47.24" N
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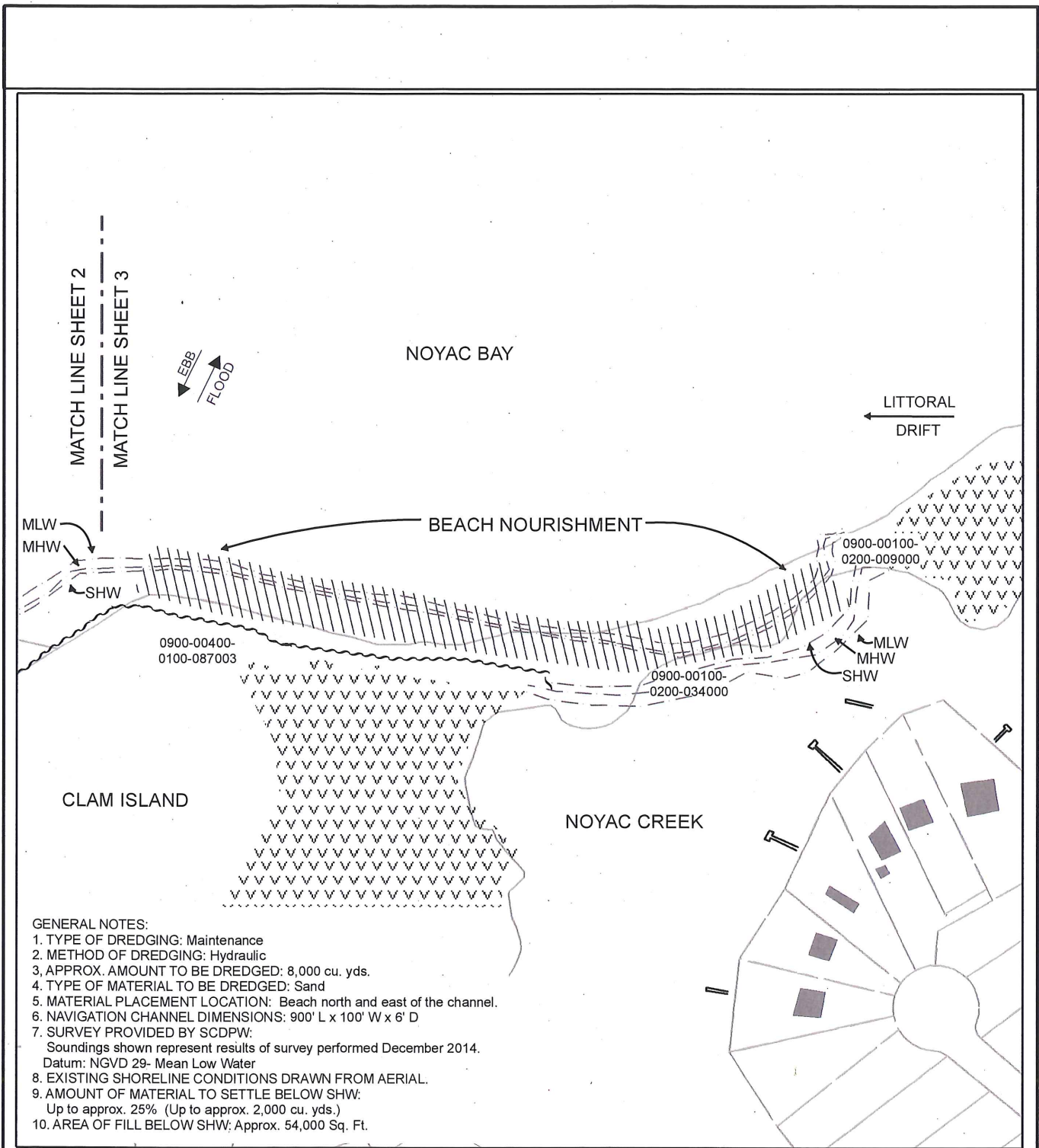
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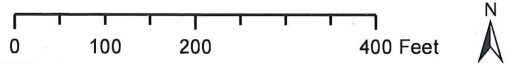
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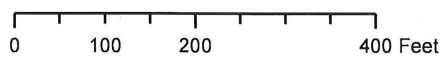
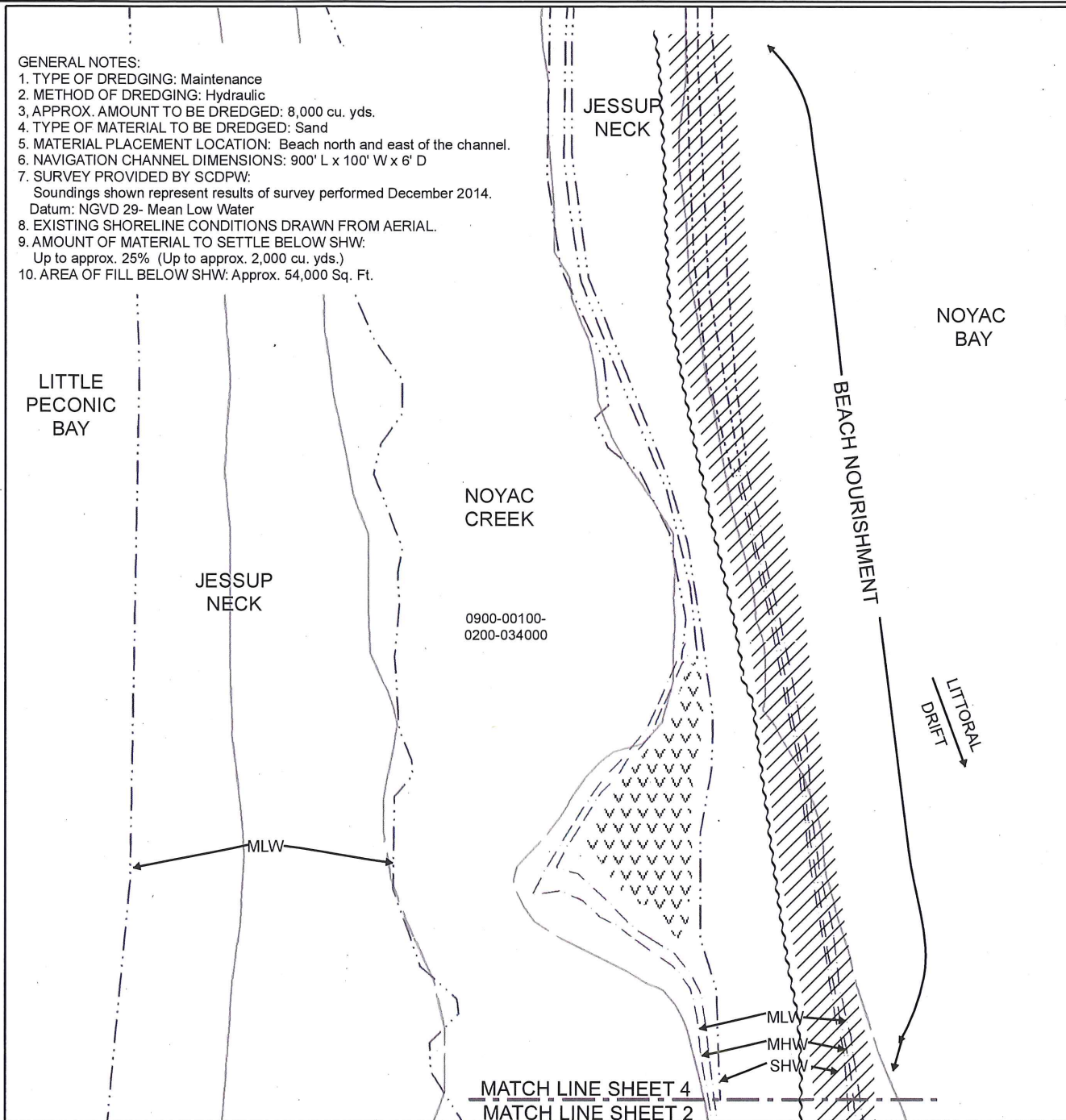
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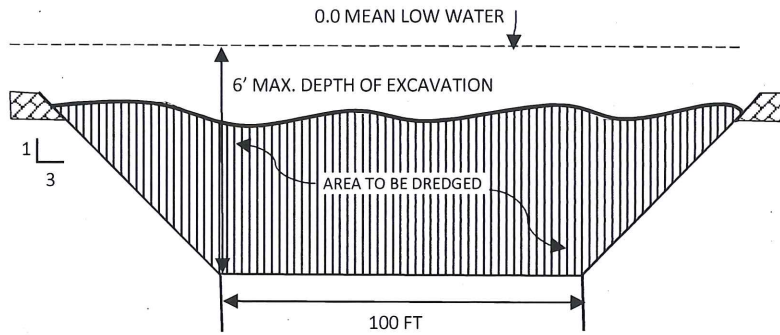
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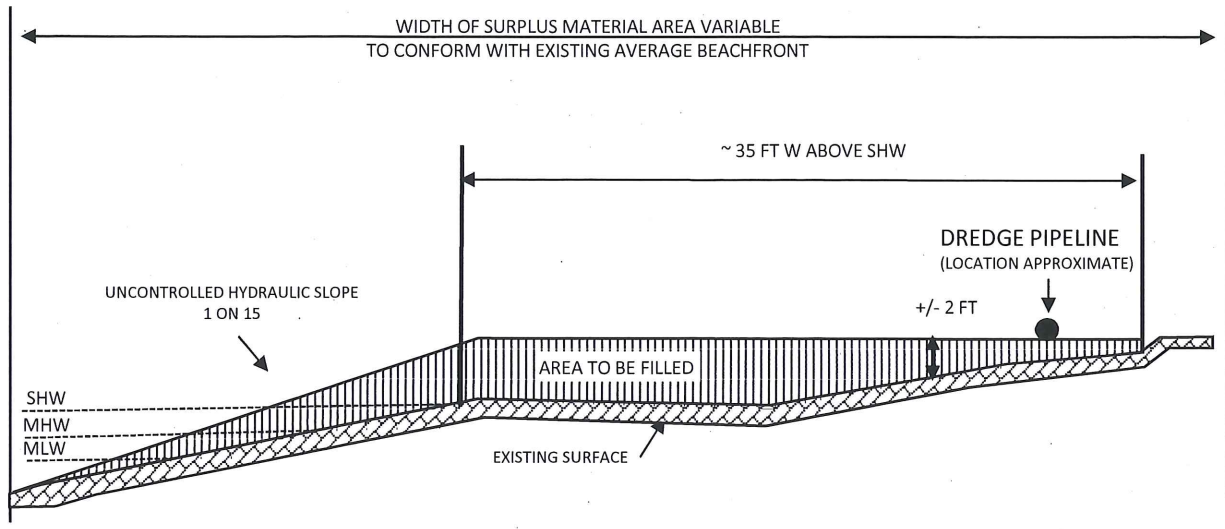
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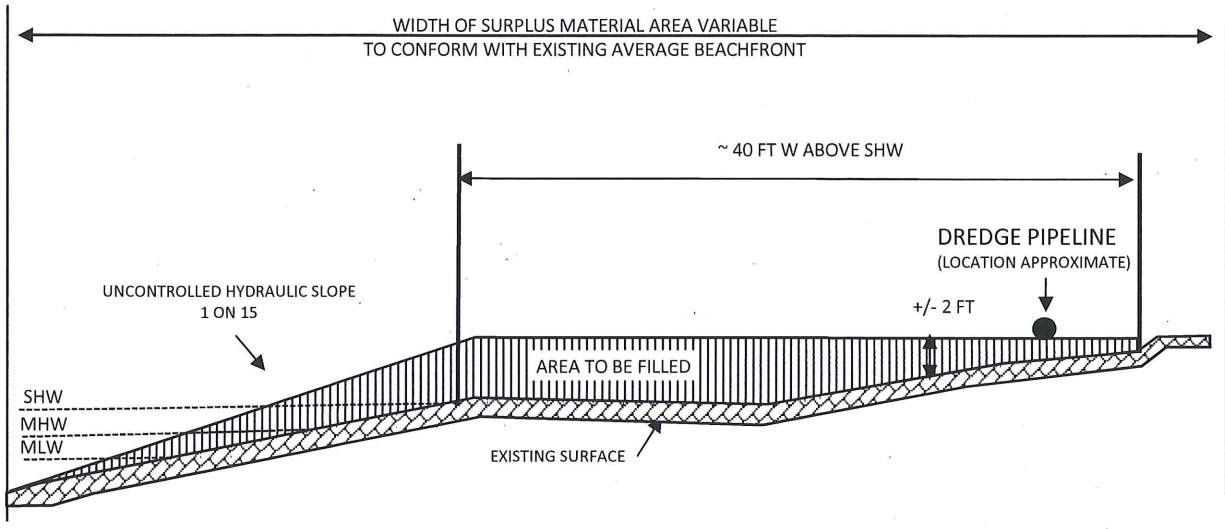
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**TYPICAL BEACH NOURISHMENT SECTION – NORTH OF CHANNEL**  
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