

# 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-2022-00658-EVI

Issue Date:

Expiration Date:

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**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:** New York City Economic Development Corporation  
One Liberty Plaza, 14<sup>th</sup> Fl  
New York, NY 10006

**WATERWAY:** East River

**LOCATION:** 54<sup>th</sup> Ave on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Long Island City, Borough of Queens, Queens County, City of New York, New York

**ACTIVITY:** Construction of a new ferry landing

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 EMAILED TO [Robert.T.Vietri@usace.army.mil](mailto:Robert.T.Vietri@usace.army.mil) 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 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 life stages 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.

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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.


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) 790-8379 and ask for Robert T. Vietri.

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>.

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FOR AND IN BEHALF OF  
Stephan A. Ryba  
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Enclosures

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**WORK DESCRIPTION**

The applicant, the New York City Economic Development Corporation, has requested Department of the Army authorization for the construction of a new ferry landing. The proposed project is located in the East River at 54<sup>th</sup> Ave on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Long Island City, Borough of Queens, Queens County, City of New York, New York.

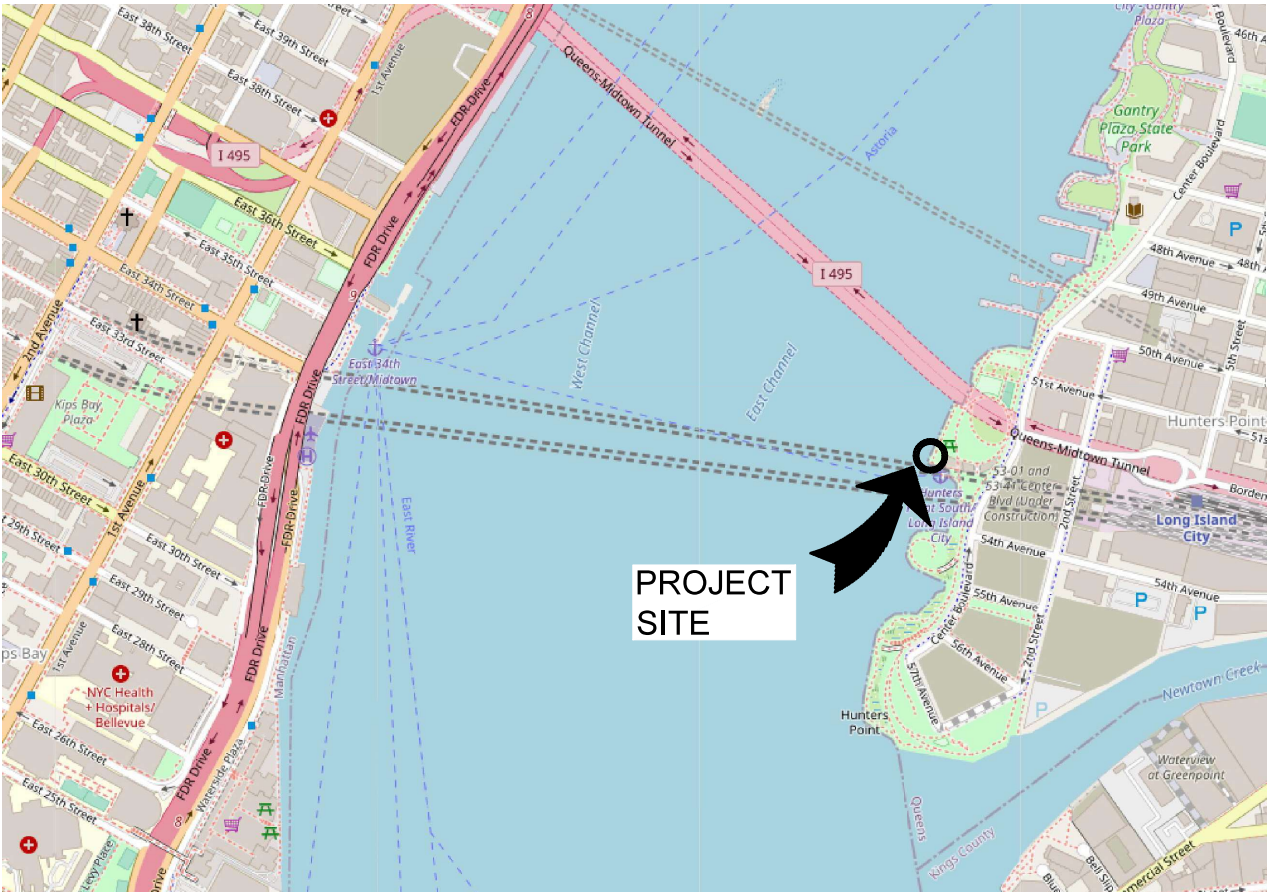
The existing Hunters Point South ferry landing consisting of an 8-foot-wide by 48-foot-long gangway leading to a 20-foot-wide by 24-foot-long floating dock anchored to the seafloor by six (6), 16-inch diameter steel pipe piles will be removed entirely.

The new Hunter Point South ferry landing will consist of a 20-foot-wide by 15-foot-long precast concrete platform supported by four (4), two (2), six-foot-wide by 65-foot-long gangways and one (1), 35-foot-long by 90-foot-long floating barge. The proposed concrete platform will be supported by four (4), 24-inch diameter reinforced concrete filled steel pipe piles and the floating barge will be supported by eight (8), 36-inch diameter hollow steel anchor piles. Lastly a 36-inch diameter monopile with a 72-inch outer diameter floating donut fender will be placed approximately 52 feet to the north and 5 feet east of the northwest corner of the floating barge and up to four (4), foam filled floating type fenders will be installed along the southwest corner of the existing pier.

It is anticipated that a total of approximately 12 cubic yards (CY) of poured concrete will be placed within the four (4), 24-inch diameter reinforced steel pipe piles over an approximately 13 square foot area below the plane of Spring High Water.

The applicant has avoided, minimized, and mitigated for impacts by utilizing best management practices such as a turbidity curtain around the work area and utilizing a soft start approach during pile driving activities in order to reduce impacts to aquatic species while allowing aquatic species to leave the area before sound pressure increases.

The purpose of the project is to reconstruct the existing ferry terminal at Hunters Point South located in Long Island City, NY. The existing Hunters Point South ferry landing will be expanded to accommodate two (2) bow loader ferries and reoriented to allow for safer and easier berthing of vessels.

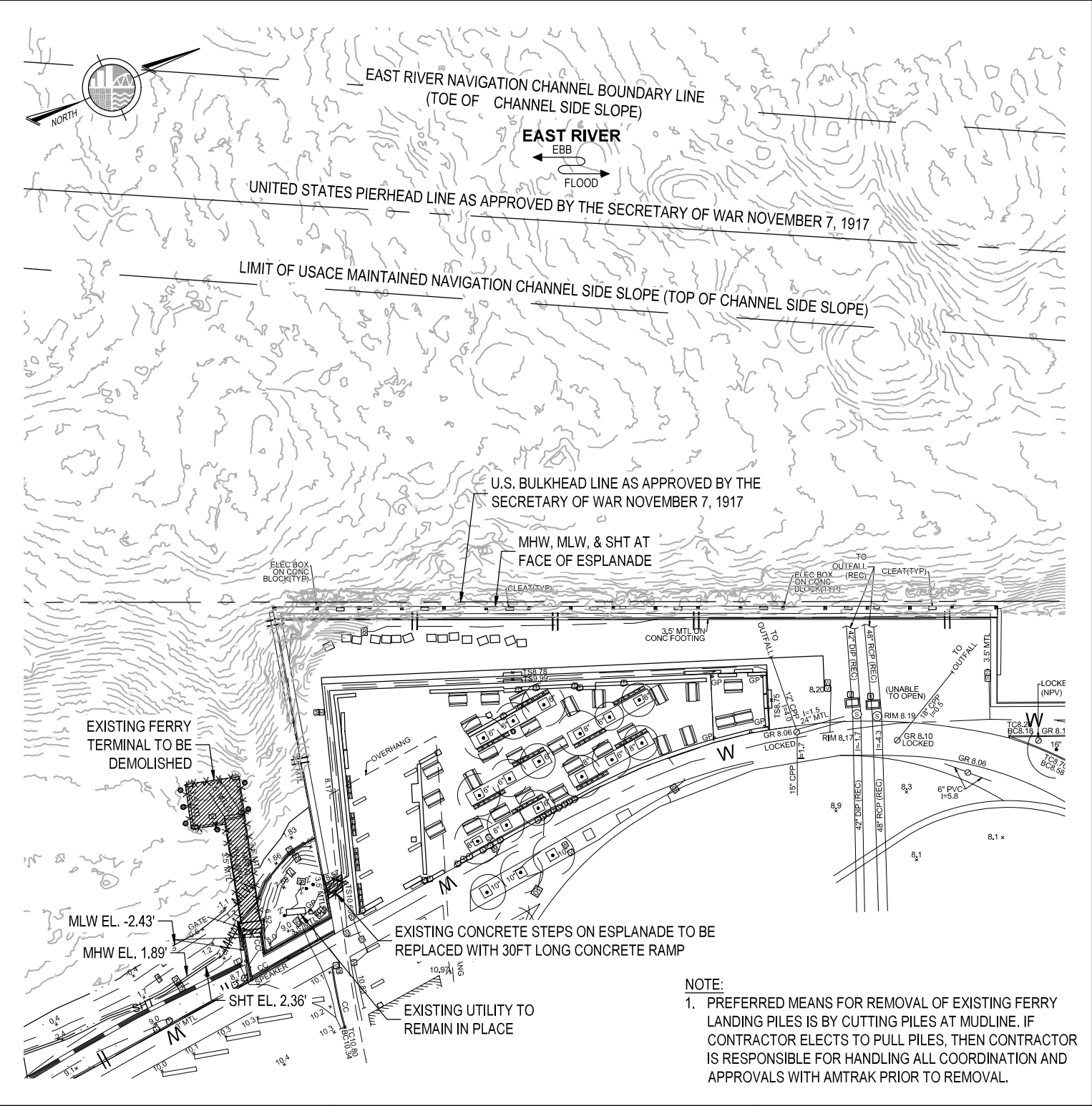


<p>PURPOSE: FERRY LANDING</p> <p>DATUM: NAVD88</p> <p>ADJACENT OWNERS:</p> <p>1. SEE ATTACHED LIST.</p>	<p>HUNTERS POINT SOUTH NYC FERRY LANDING</p> <p>APPLICANT: NEW YORK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 1 LIBERTY PLAZA NEW YORK, N.Y. 10006</p> <p>AGENT: M.G. McLaren Engineering &amp; Land Surveying, P.C. 530 Chestnut Ridge Road Woodcliff Lake, N.J. 07677</p>	<p>2.0 LOCATION MAP</p> <p>IN: EAST RIVER AT: QUEENS COUNTY OF: QUEENS STATE: NY</p> <p>SHT 2 OF 10</p> <p>06/17/2022</p>
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TIDAL DATUM CHART	
	NAVD88 (ft)
500-YR RETURN PERIOD	14.00
BASE FLOOD ELEVATION (BFE) PER PFIRM	VE 14
100-YR RETURN PERIOD	11.00
50-YR RETURN PERIOD	9.70
10-YR RETURN PERIOD	7.00
SPRING HIGH TIDE (SHT)	2.36
MEAN HIGHER-HIGH WATER (MHHW)	2.25
MEAN HIGH WATER (MHW)	1.89
NAVD88	0.00
MEAN DIURNAL TIDE LEVEL (TDL)	-0.21
LOCAL MEAN SEA LEVEL (LMSL)	-0.21
MEAN TIDE LEVEL (MTL)	-0.27
MEAN LOW WATER (MLW)	-2.43
MEAN LOWER-LOW WATER (MLLW)	-2.64

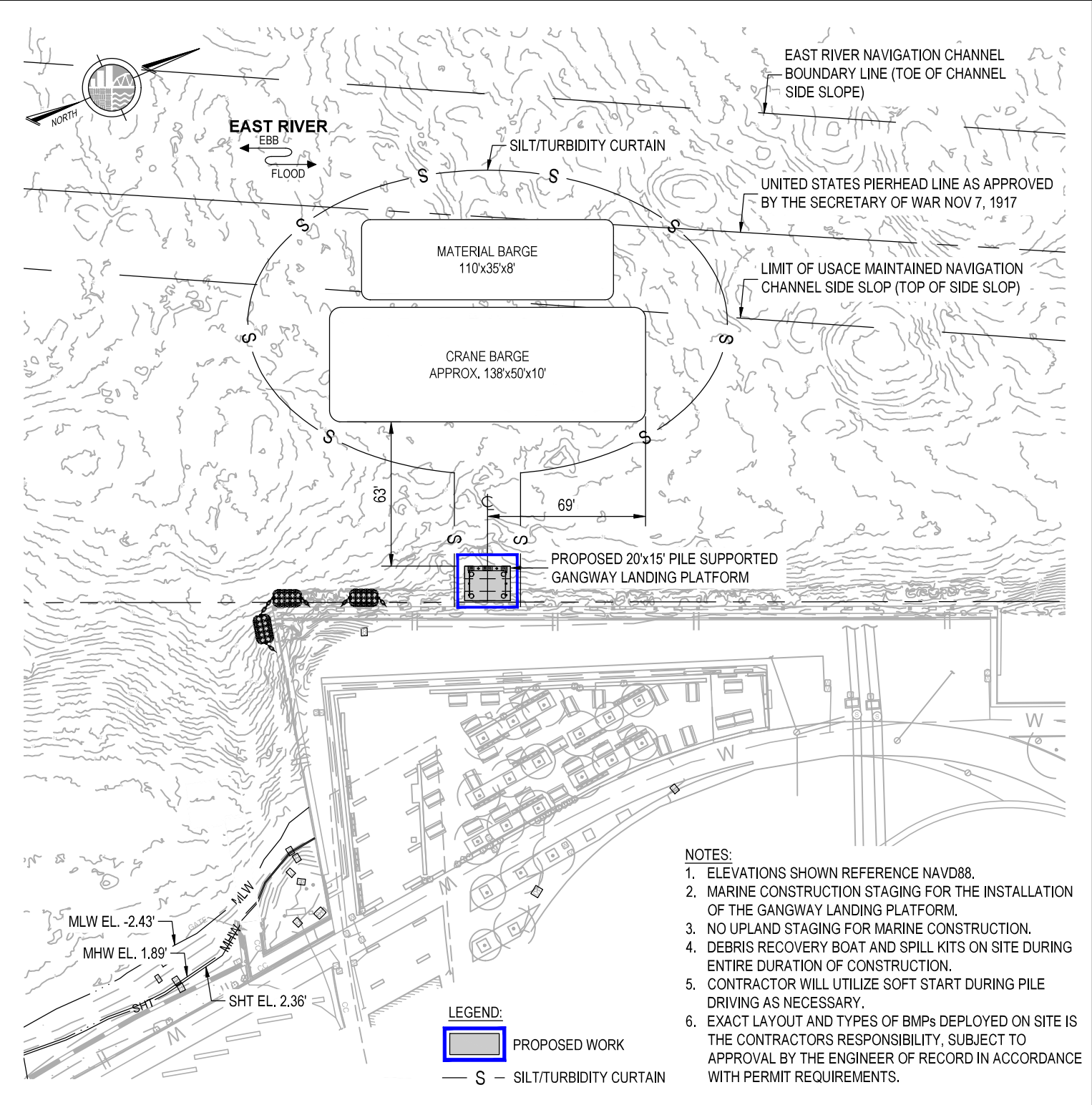
- NOTES:
- 1. WATER ELEVATIONS BASED ON NOAA VDATUM V. 4.3 "NEW JERSEY/NEW YORK/ CONNECTICUT - NORTHERN NJ, NY HARBOR, WESTERN LONG ISLAND SOUND, V. 4.3".
  - 2. SEA LEVEL RISE ADJUSTMENT OF 28" IS FOR NON-CRITICAL FACILITIES WITH AN END OF USEFUL LIFE THROUGH 2080S (2070-2099). (TABLE 4 OF NYC CLIMATE RESILIENCY DESIGN GUIDELINES, V4.0, SEPTEMBER 2020).
  - 3. RETURN PERIOD STILLWATER ELEVATIONS BASED ON FEMA FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY, CITY OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK, DECEMBER 2013.

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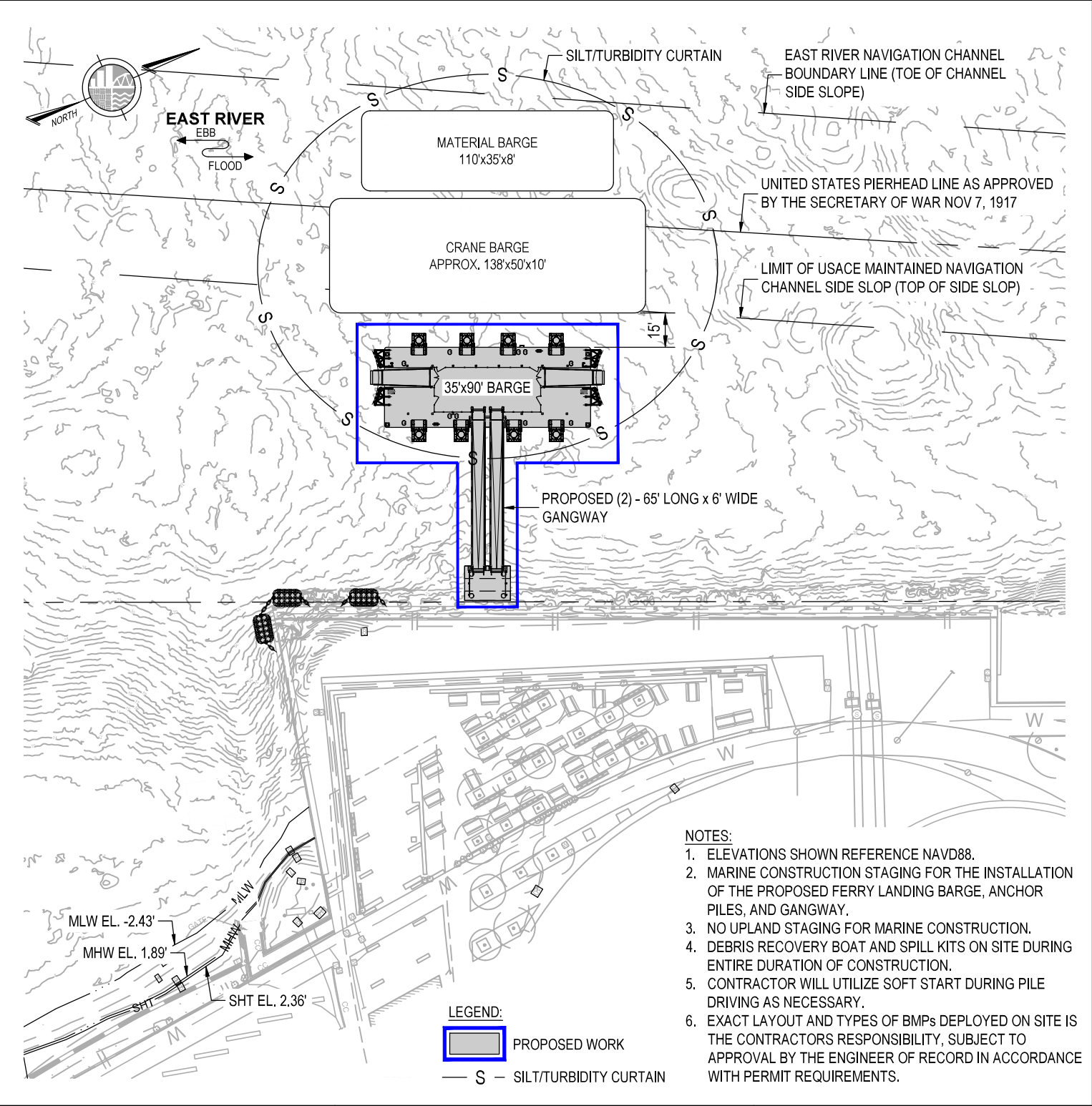
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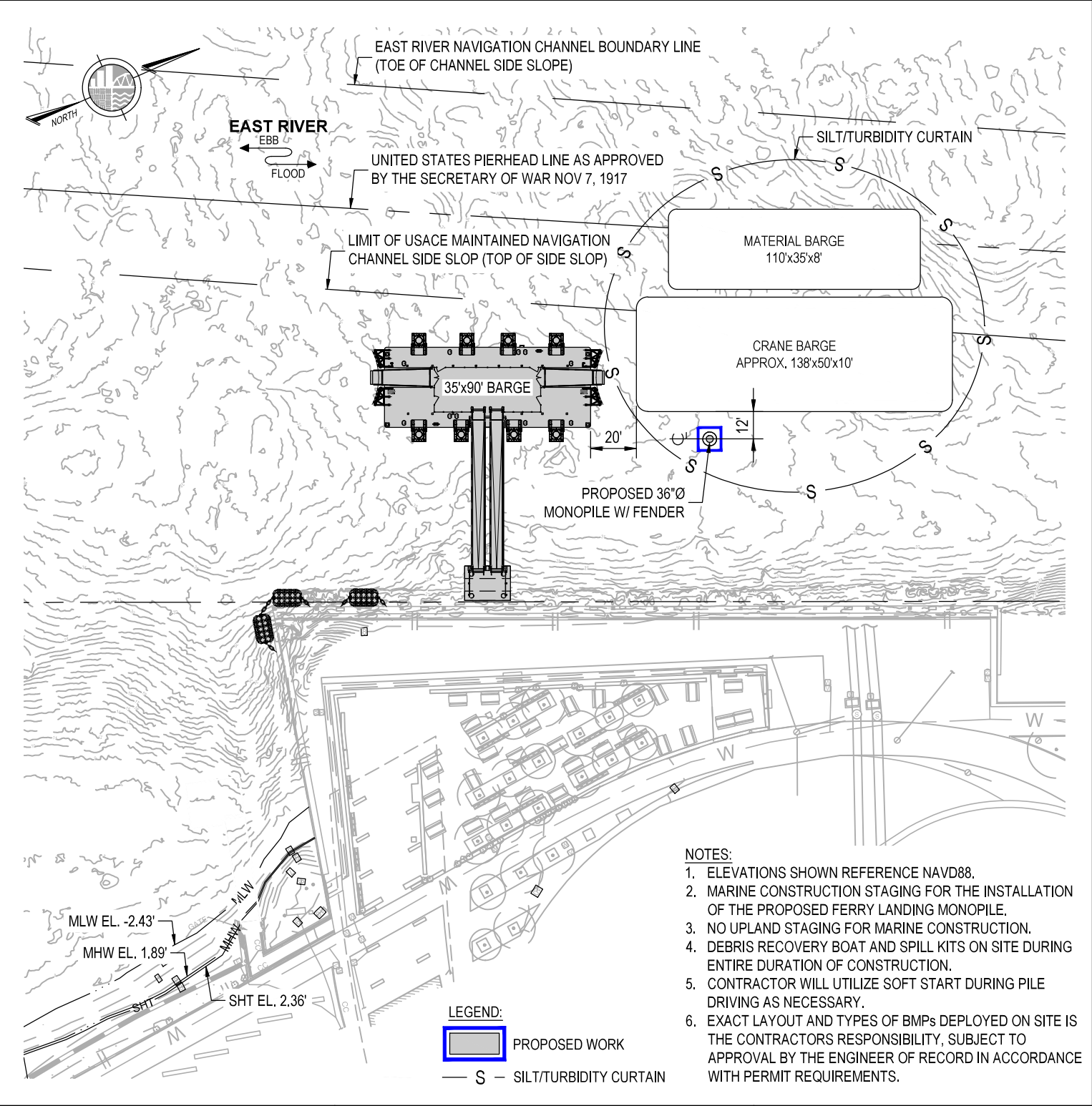


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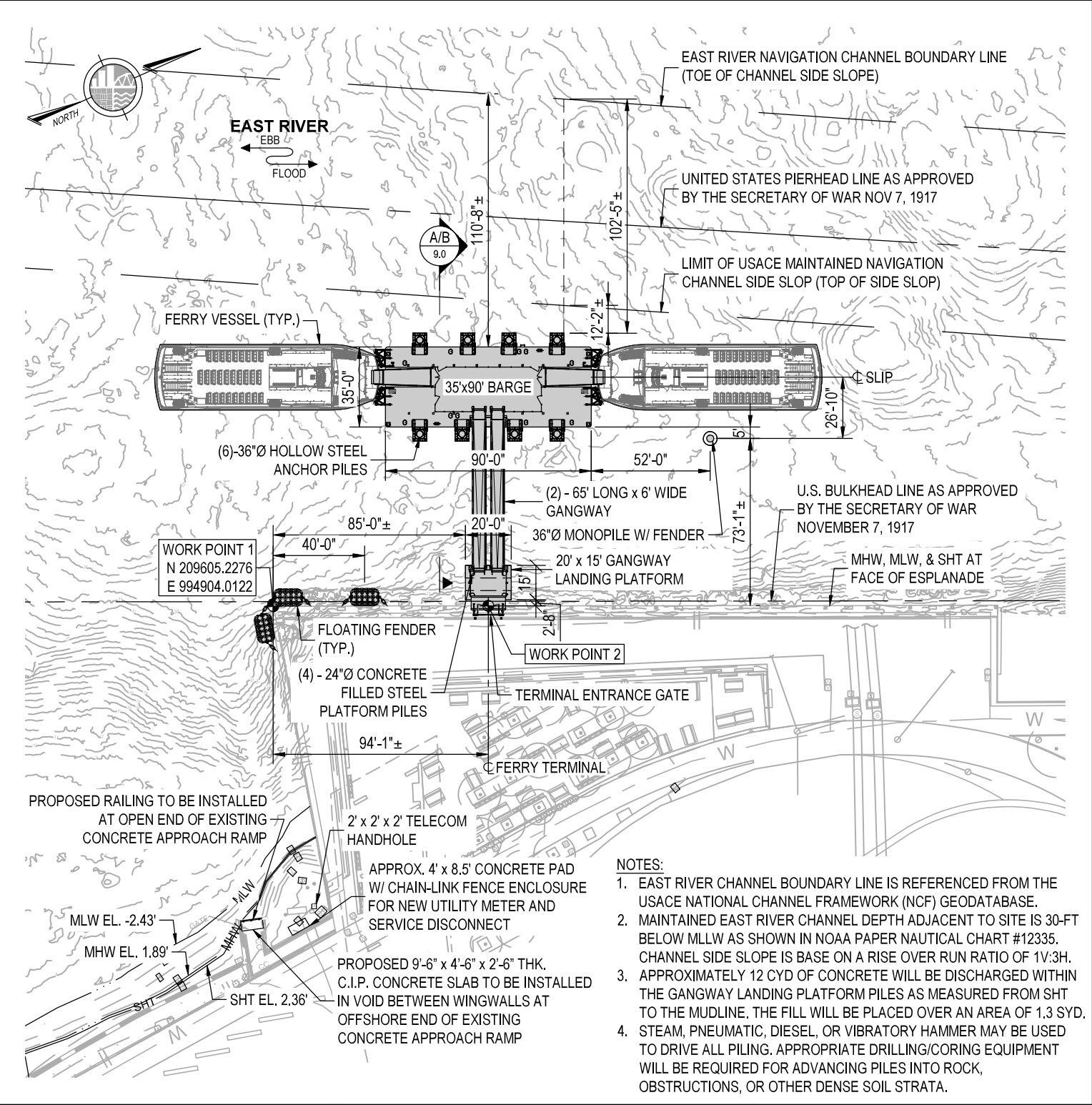




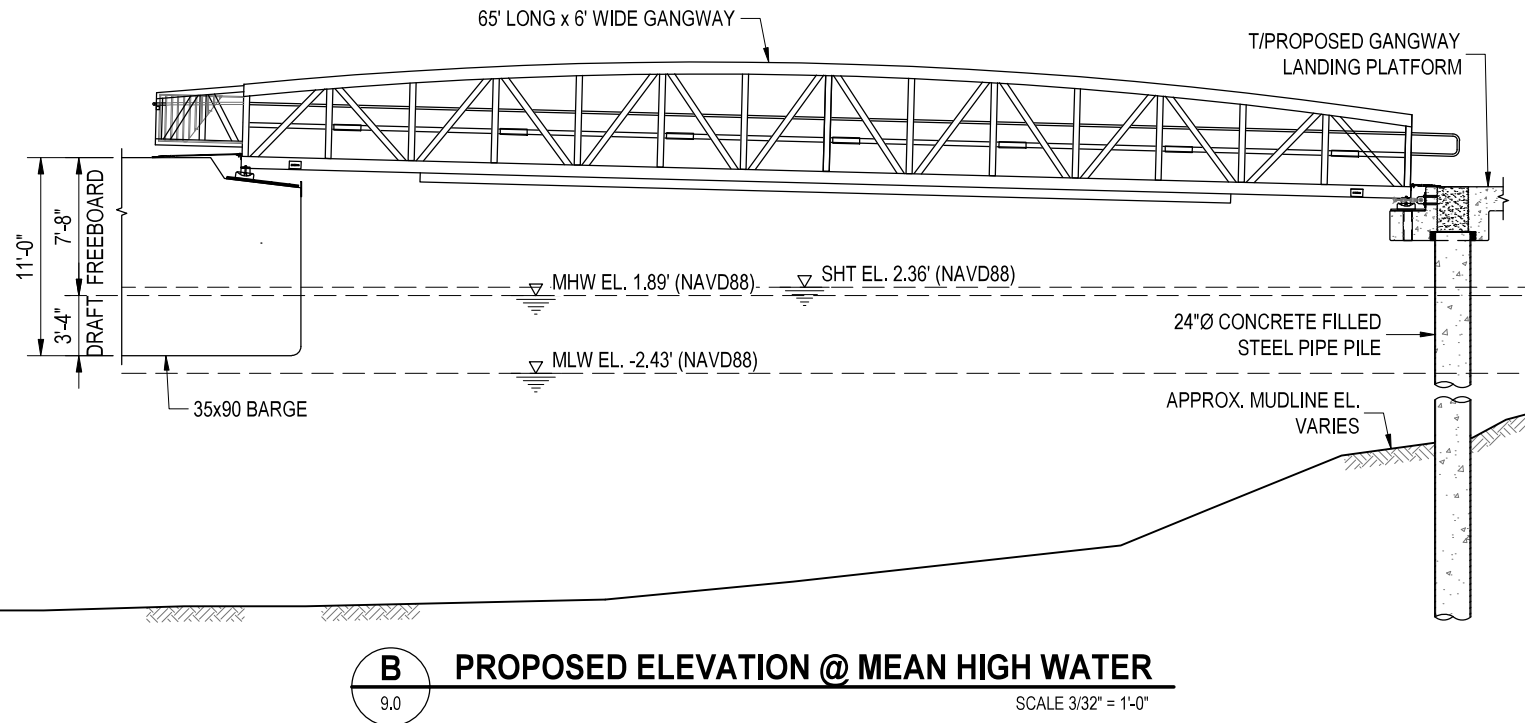
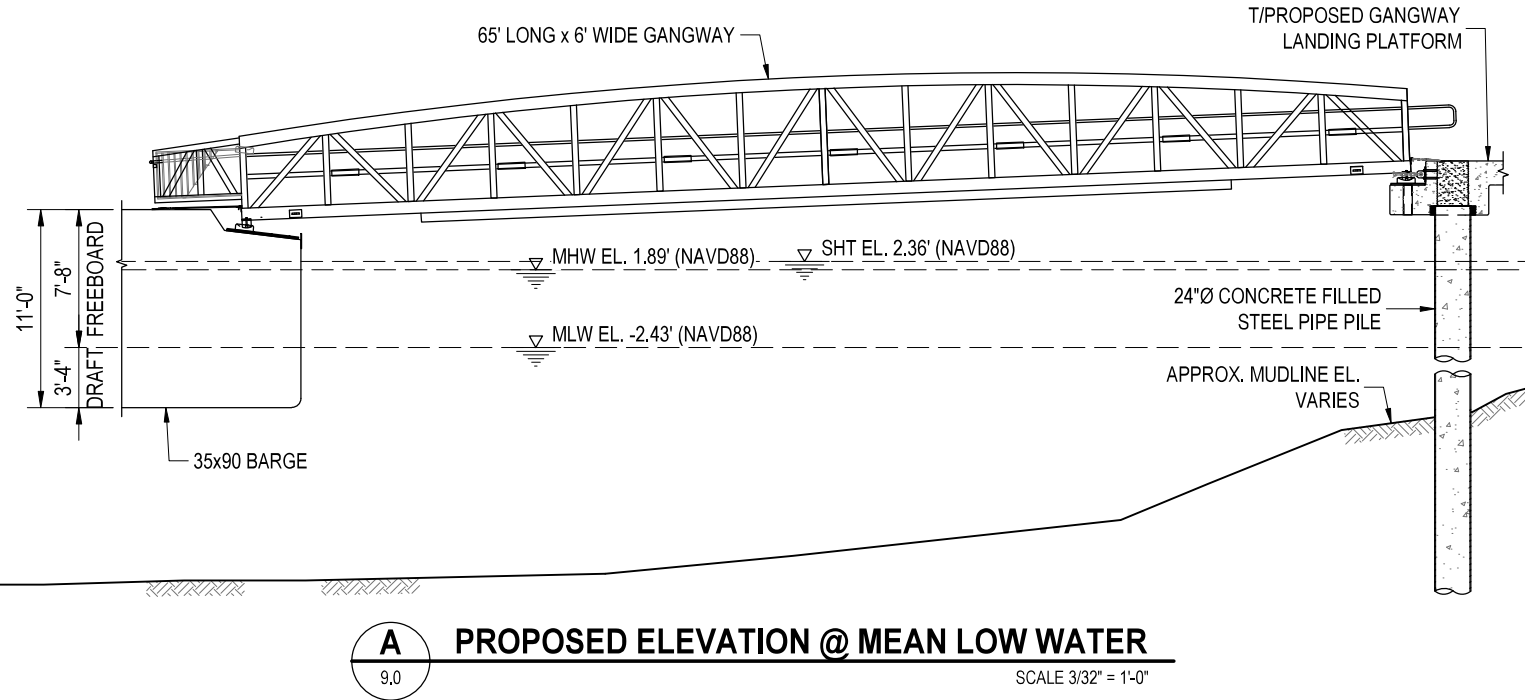
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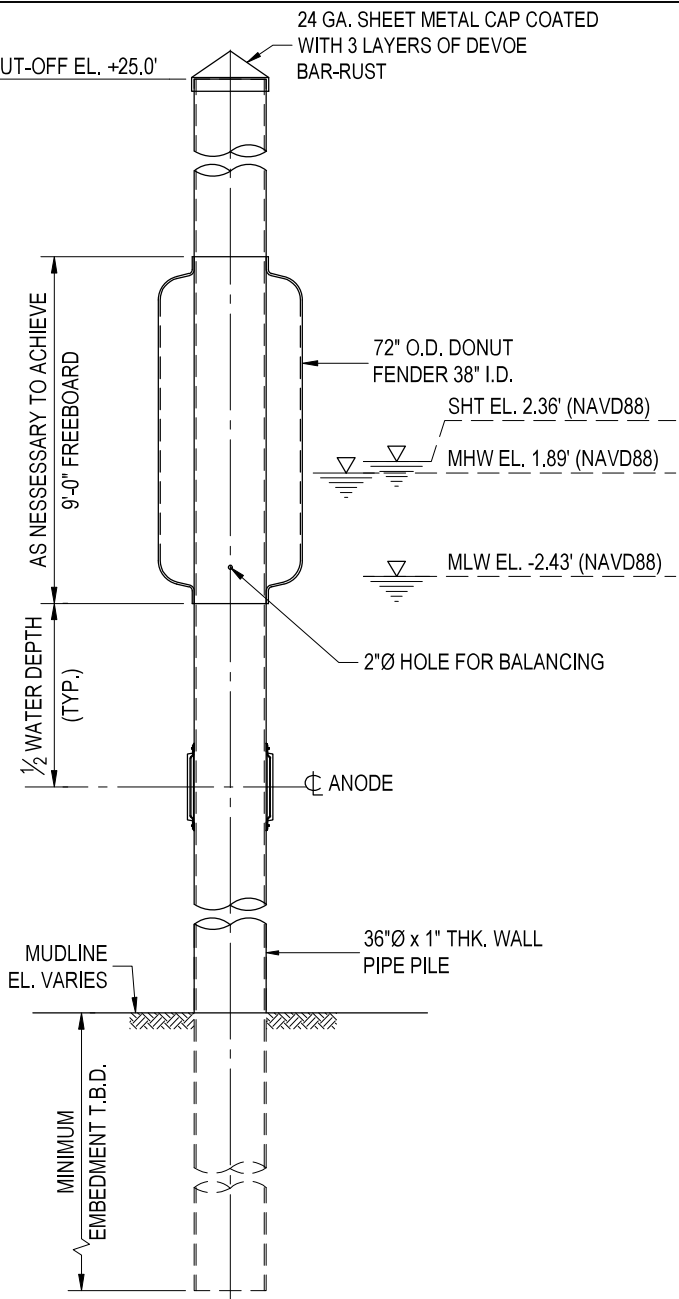
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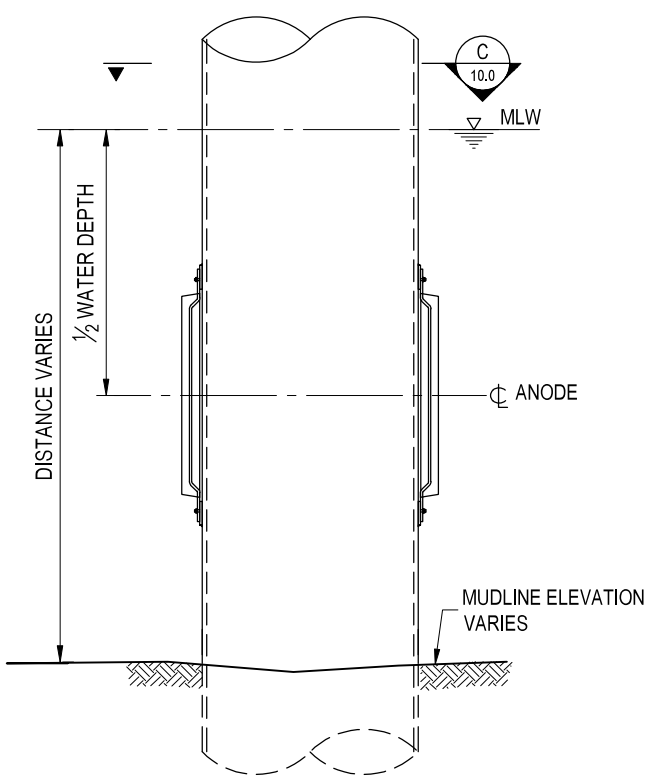


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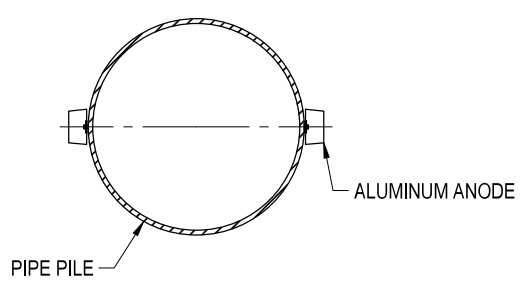
**A** **MONOPILE ELEVATION**  
10.0 Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"

NOTE:  
1. MONOPILES TO BE COATED AS PER SPEC 02361 TO MIN. 10' BELOW MUDLINE.



**B** **PILE ANODE LOCATION**  
10.0 Scale: 3/8" = 1'-0"

NOTE: ALL ANCHOR PILES, MONOPILES AND PIER/PLATFORM PILES SHALL RECEIVE ANODES.



**C** **SECTION**  
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