

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Applicant:
Jerome Feder
Fair Harbor Beach Erosion
Control District

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New York District Permit Application No. NAN-2025-000137-MBR

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The New York District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1344) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. §403), as amended (33 U.S.C. 1413). The purpose of this public notice is to solicit comments from the public regarding the work described below:

**APPLICANT:** Jerome Feder

Fair Harbor Beach Erosion Control District

789 Knollwood Terrace Westfield, NJ 07090

**AGENT:** Kelly Risotto

Land Use Ecological Service, Inc. 570 Expressway Drive South

Medford, NY 11763

**WATERWAY AND LOCATION:** The project would affect waters of the United States and navigable waters of the United States associated with Great South Bay. The project/review area is located on the shallows and beach areas between Fifth and Cranberry Walks in the Hamlet of Fair Harbor, Town of Islip, Suffolk County, New York.

**EXISTING CONDITIONS:** Shallows and beach areas in a residential area

### PROJECT PURPOSE:

**Overall:** The purpose of the project is to provide erosion and flood protection for the community and the provide a safe bayside swim area for the community.

**PROPOSED WORK:** The applicant requests authorization for ten-year maintenance dredging with beach placement and living shoreline at 40.641694, -73.183111, Hamlet of Fair Harbor, Town of Islip, Suffolk County, New York.

The proposed work would involve ten-year maintenance dredging with mechanical arm over the three following areas:

Area 1 or "Swim area," approximately 970 cubic yards (CY) of sand from an approximately 16,400 square foot (SF) area to a depth of four feet below the plane of Mean Low Water (MLW).

Area 2 or "Town dock," approximately 142 CY of sand from an approximately 3,800 SF area.

Area 3 or "Private dock," approximately 140 CY of sand from an approximately 4,700 SF area.

The applicant has three additional dredge events planned over the life of the permit. Future dredged material will be transported off site for disposal at an approved facility. Dredged material (from the initial dredging event) will be immediately placed on site behind boulders breakwaters with marsh sills and planted with native plant material to create two (2) living shorelines with intertidal marsh.

The first living shoreline, "East of Fifth Walk," will consist of 395 cubic yards (CY) boulders and 400 CY of sand discharged over a 521-foot-long and six-foot-wide area. The second shoreline, "West of Cranberry Walk," will consist of 105 CY of boulders and 220 CY of sand discharged over a 184-foot-long by six-foot-wide area. Intertidal marsh will be planted with *Spartina alterniflora*, high marsh will be planted with *Spartina patens*, and upland buffer will be planted with *Ammophila breviligulata* and *Solidago sempervirens*. The remaining 632 CY of dredged material will be transported off-site and disposed of at an upland facility by a regulated contractor.

**AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION:** The applicant has provided the following information in support of efforts to avoid and/or minimize impacts to the aquatic environment: The applicant has avoided, minimized, and mitigated for impacts by designing the living shoreline as far landward as possible, limiting fill and encroachment into the waterway. The applicant will also be restoring the shoreline with native plantings in the intertidal and immediate upland area. The applicant will use appropriate erosion control features such as a turbidity curtain around the work area.

**COMPENSATORY MITIGATION:** The applicant has provided the following explanation why compensatory mitigation should not be required: there are no permanent impacts to the aquatic environmental proposed as a result of the project.

### **CULTURAL RESOURCES:**

The Corps evaluated the undertaking pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) utilizing its existing program-specific regulations and procedures along with 36 CFR Part 800. The Corps' program-specific procedures include 33 CFR 325, Appendix C, and revised interim guidance issued in 2005 and 2007, respectively. The District Engineer consulted district files and records and the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places and initially determines that: No historic properties (i.e., properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in

the National Register of Historic Places) are present within the Corps' permit area therefore, there will be no historic properties affected.

The District Engineer's final eligibility and effect determination will be based upon coordination with the SHPO and/or THPO, as appropriate and required, and with full consideration given to the proposed undertaking's potential direct and indirect effects on historic properties within the Corps-identified permit area.

**ENDANGERED SPECIES:** The Corps has performed an initial review of the application, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Greater Atlantic Region Section 7 Mapper, and/or the NMFS Critical Habitat Mapper to determine if any threatened, endangered, proposed, or candidate species, as well as the proposed and final designated critical habitat may occur in the vicinity of the proposed project. Based on this initial review, the Corps has made a preliminary determination that the proposed project will not affect any listed species or critical habitat.

Pursuant to Section 7 ESA, any required consultation with the Service(s) will be conducted in accordance with 50 CFR part 402.

This notice serves as request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any additional information on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species or critical habitat may be present in the area which would be affected by the proposed activity.

**ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT:** Pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act 1996, the Corps reviewed the project area, examined information provided by the applicant, and consulted available species information.

The Corps intends to initiate Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation separately from this public notice. A separate EFH consultation package will be sent to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The Corps will not make a permit decision until the consultation process is complete.

Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

**NAVIGATION:** The proposed structure or activity is not located in the vicinity of a federal navigation channel.

**SECTION 408:** The applicant will not require permission under Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 408) because the activity, in whole or in part, would not alter, occupy, or use a Corps Civil Works project.

**WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:** 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.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT: 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.

**NOTE:** This public notice is being issued based on information furnished by the applicant. This information has not been verified or evaluated to ensure compliance with laws and regulation governing the regulatory program. The geographic extent of aquatic resources within the proposed project area that either are, or are presumed to be, within the Corps jurisdiction has not been verified by Corps personnel.

**EVALUATION:** 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 benefits, 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 cumulative impacts thereof; among these are conservation, economics, esthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historical 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. Evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, EPA, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act or the criteria established under authority of Section 102(a) of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

**OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS:** 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

**COMMENTS:** The Corps 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 to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this determination, comments are used to assess impacts to 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 (EA) and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The New York District will receive written comments on the proposed work, as outlined above, until the expiration date of this public notice. Comments should be submitted electronically via the Regulatory Request System (RRS) at <a href="https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs">https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs</a> or to Jeffrey Branham at Jeffrey.J.Branham@usace.army.mil. Please refer to the permit application number in your comments.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. Requests for a public hearing will be granted, unless the District Engineer determines that the issues raised are insubstantial or there is otherwise no valid interest to be served by a hearing.

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.

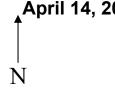
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FOR AND IN BEHALF OF Stephan A. Ryba Chief, Regulatory Branch

### Fair Harbor Bayside Stabilization Project

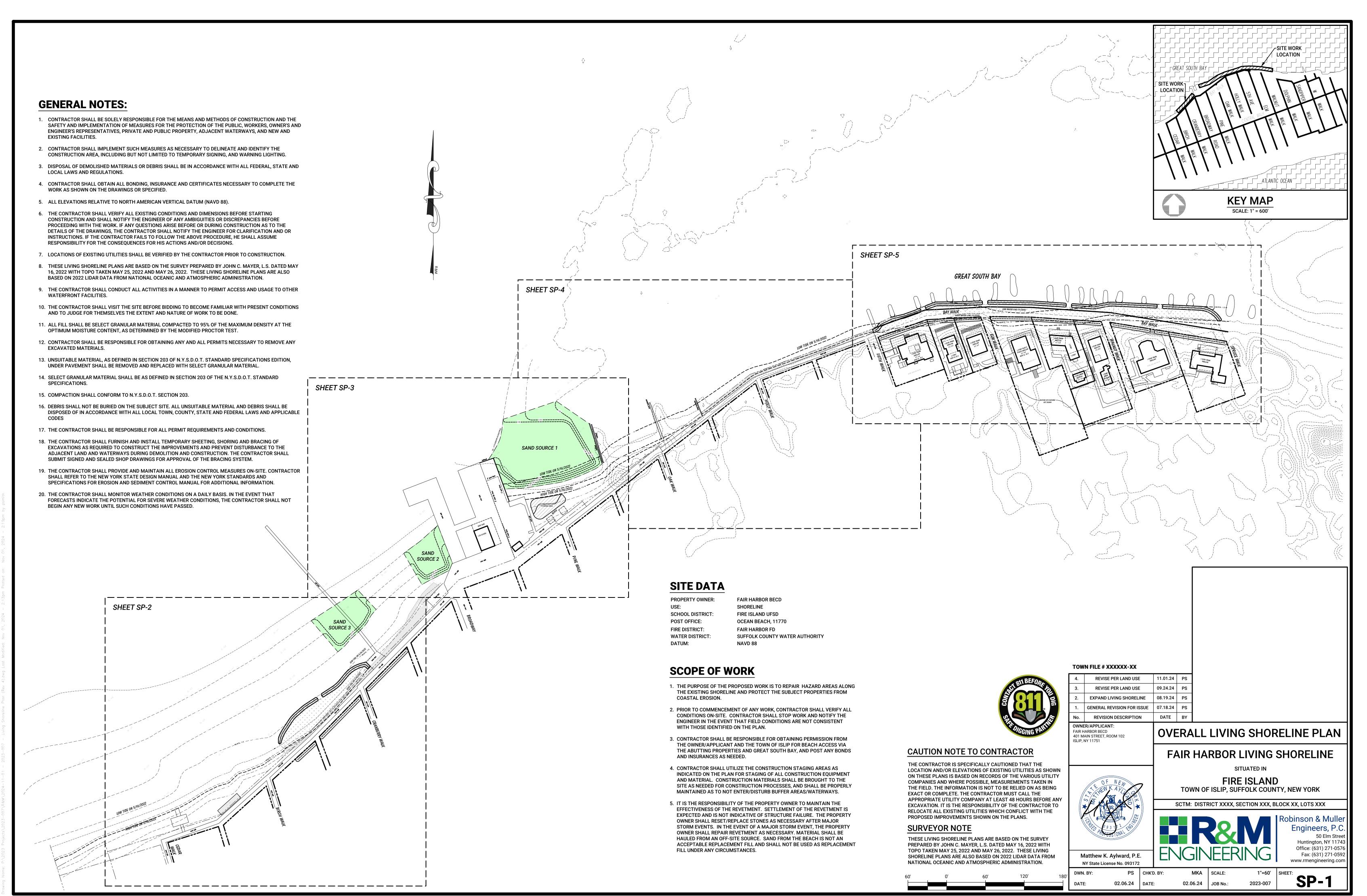
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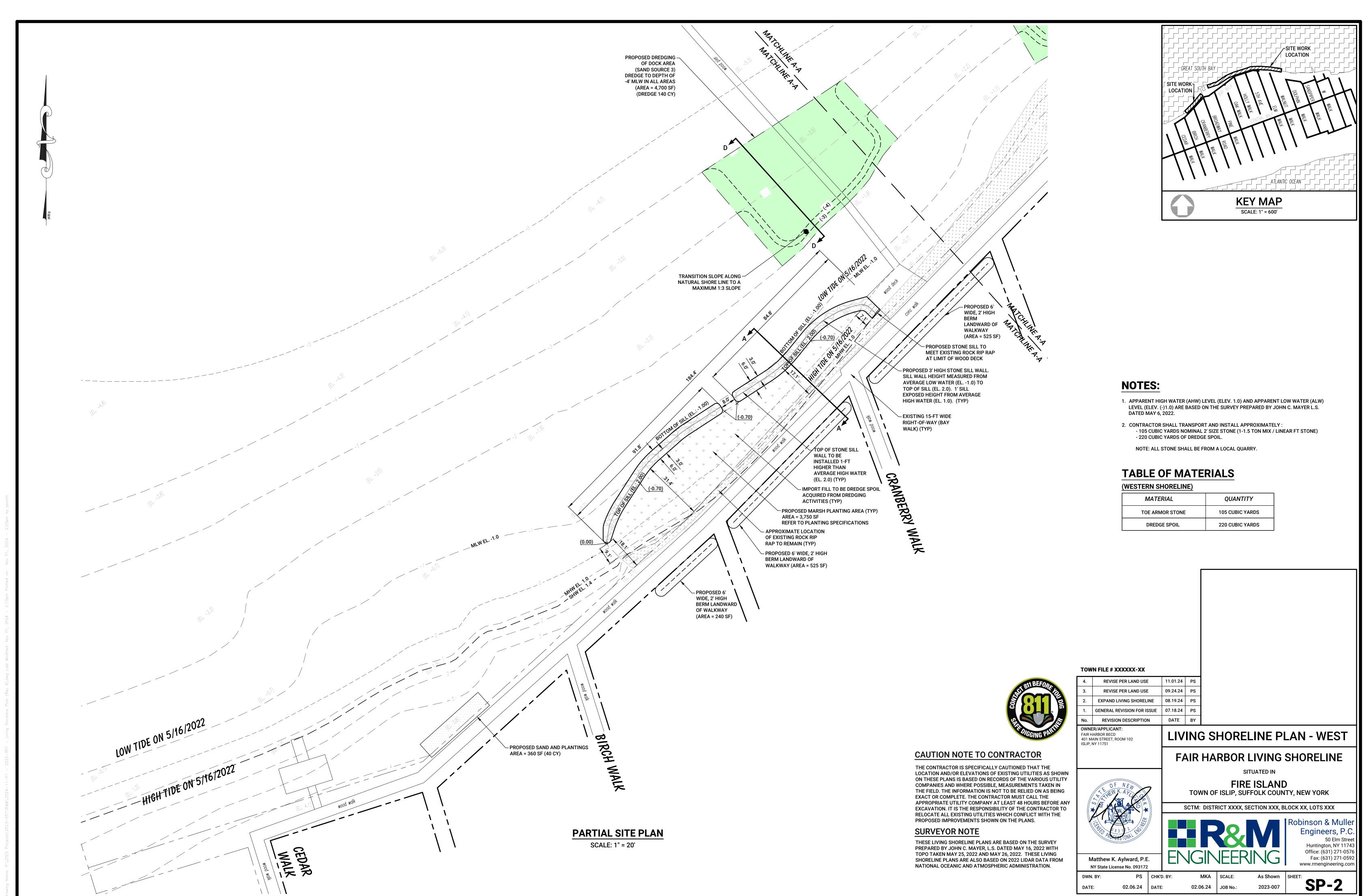


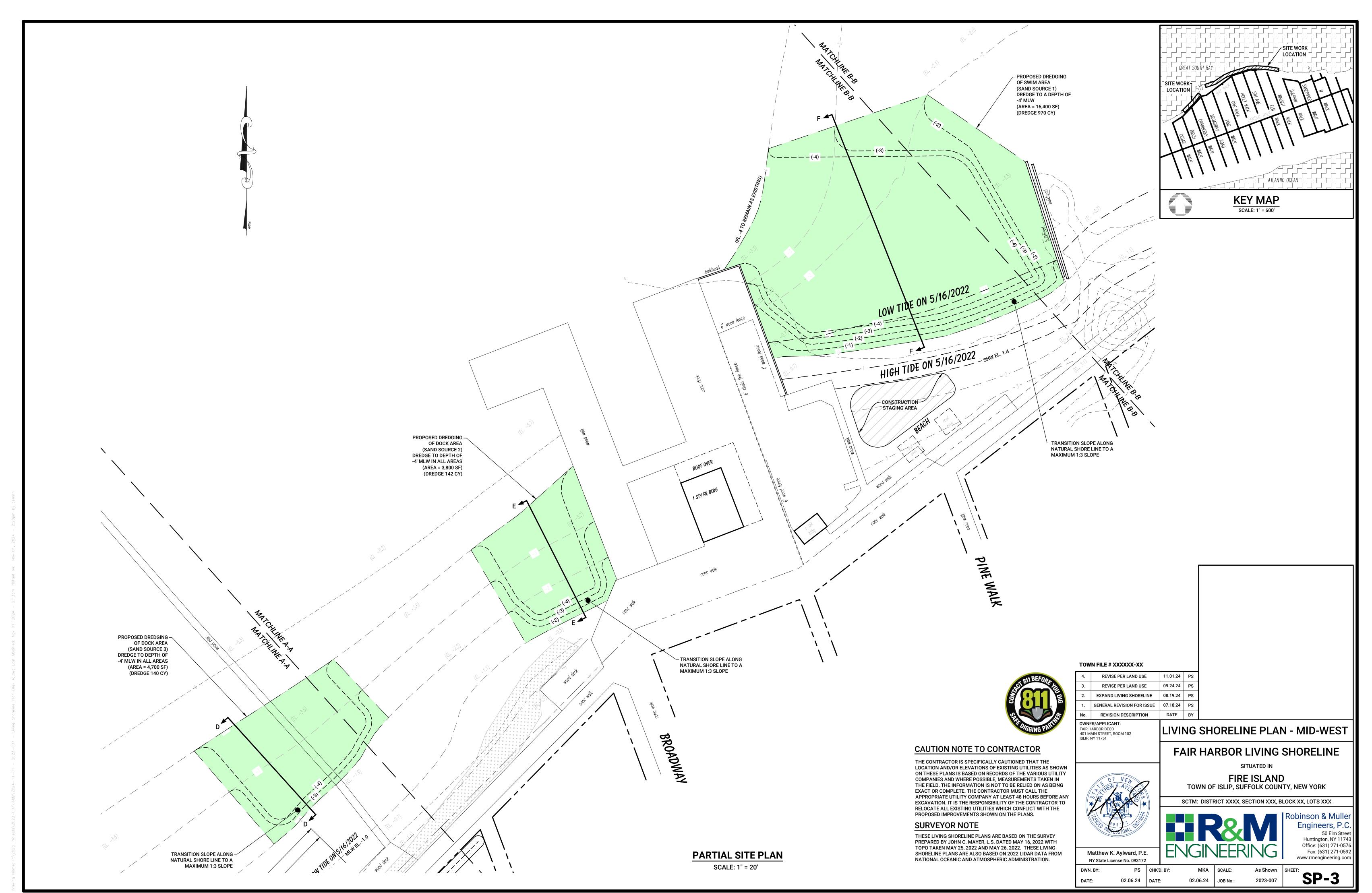


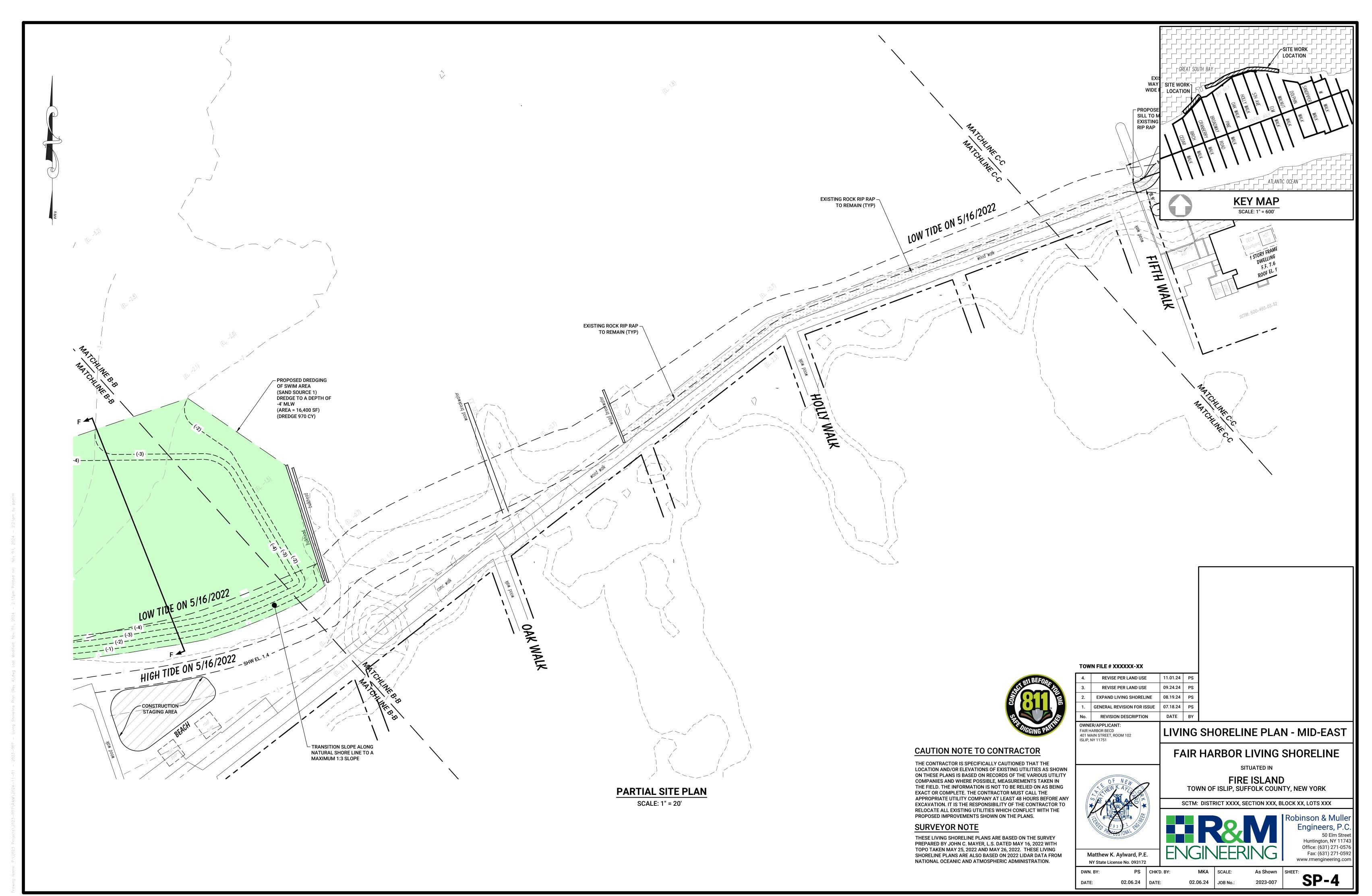
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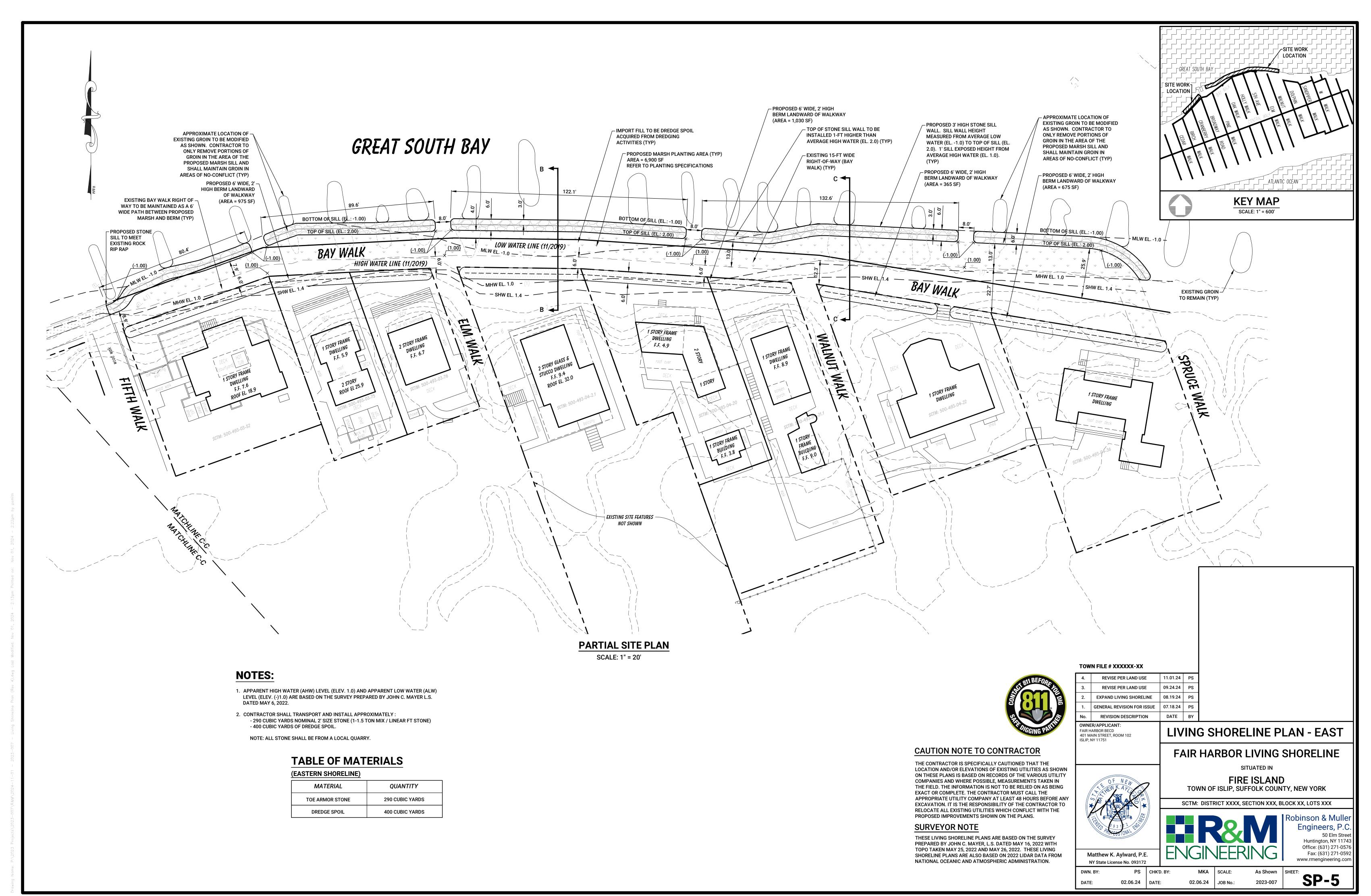
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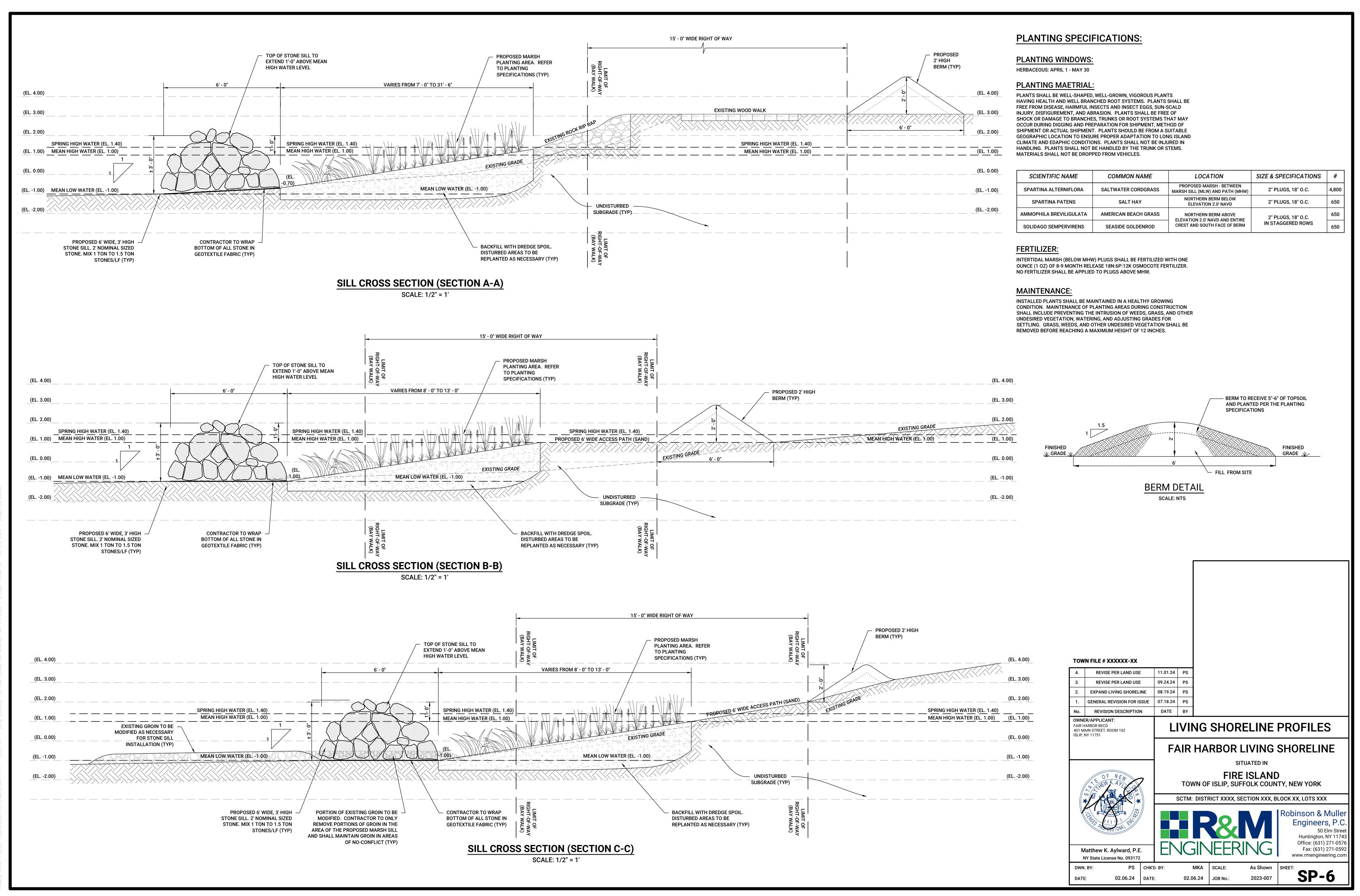




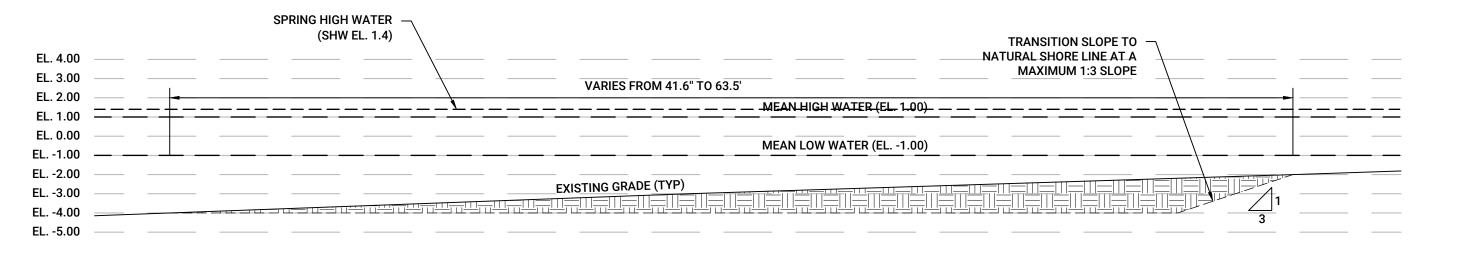






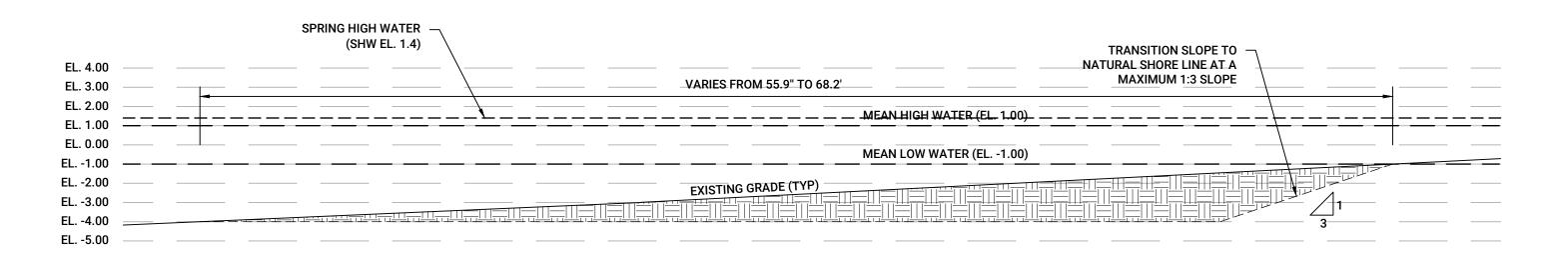


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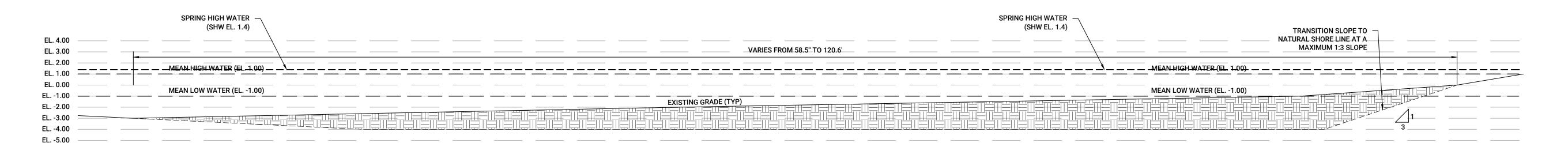


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SCALE: 1" = 5'



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