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Philadelphia District

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Public Notice

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In Reply Refer to:
REGULATORY BRANCH

This District 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).

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments and recommendations from the public concerning issuance of a Department of the Army permit for the work described below.

APPLICANT: GANT Associates

AGENT: Clancy and Associates, Incorporated
601 Asbury Avenue
National Park, NJ 08063-1229

WATERWAY: Big Timber Creek

LOCATION: Block 14, Lots 1 and 2.01, Borough of Westville, Gloucester County, New Jersey. The work is situated along the southern side of Big Timber Creek approximately 80 feet west of the downstream side of Route 47 (Broadway) bridge over Big Timber Creek.

ACTIVITY: To construct a 9 foot by 16 foot pile supported fixed deck with a 52 foot by 6 foot aluminum ramp attached to a 100 foot by 6 foot floating wooden dock with five, 4-inch diameter steel anchor piles and to remove or cut to the water line approximately 40 existing deteriorated wooden piles. The floating portion of the structure will be removed during the winter. The proposed structure will impact approximately 0.022 acre of waters of the United States. All work will be done in waters of Big Timber Creek in accordance with the attached drawings E-1 through E-6.

PURPOSE: To provide temporary mooring for private pleasure vessels operated by mariners patronizing the adjacent Gateway Diner.

A preliminary review of this application indicates that the proposed work would not affect listed species or their critical habitat pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as

amended. As the evaluation of this application continues, additional information may become available which could modify this preliminary determination.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the activity's probable impact including its cumulative impacts on the public interest. The 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 work must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the work will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs and welfare of the people. A Department of the Army permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

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 the 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.

Comments on the proposed work should be submitted, in writing, within 15 days to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District, Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-3390.

Review of the National Register of Historic Places indicates that no registered properties or properties listed as eligible for inclusion therein are located within the permit area of the work. This office finds that the proposed work within the permit area will have no effect upon known structures or sites listed on, or eligible for listing on, the National Register of Historic Places.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act 1996 (Public Law 104-267), requires all Federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency that may adversely effect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The proposed work is located above the salinity mixing zone of the Delaware River Estuary, therefore, there are no species protected by the above Acts and there is no Essential Fish Habitat located within the permit area.

In accordance with Section 307(c) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, applicants for Federal Licenses or Permits to conduct an activity affecting land or water uses in a State's coastal zone must provide certification that the activity complies with the State's Coastal Zone Management Program. The applicant has stated that the proposed activity complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the approved State Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program. No permit will be issued until the State has concurred with the applicant's certification or has waived its right to do so. Comments concerning the impact of the proposed and/or existing activity on the State's coastal zone should be sent to this office, with a copy to the State's Office of Coastal Zone Management.

The State of New Jersey authorized the proposed work by a Waterfront Development Permit (0821-05-0001.1WFD050001) issued on May 9, 2005. Issuance of this authorization confirms that the proposed work complies with the New Jersey State Coastal Zone Management Program.

Any person may request, in writing, to the District Engineer, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state in writing, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Additional information concerning this permit application may be obtained by calling Kevin W. Dougherty at (215) 656-5733 or by writing this office at the above address.


Frank J. Cianfrani
Chief, Regulatory Branch

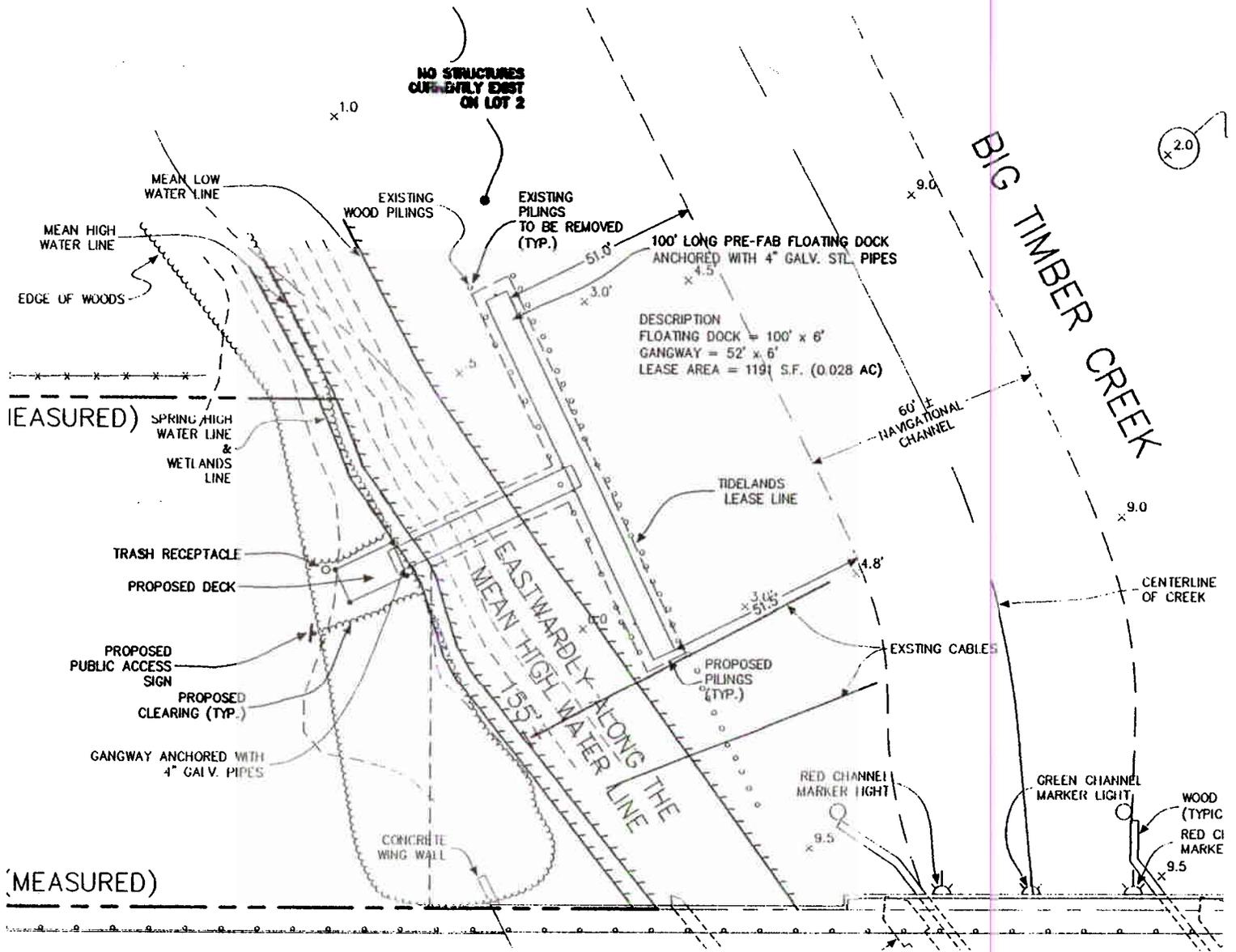
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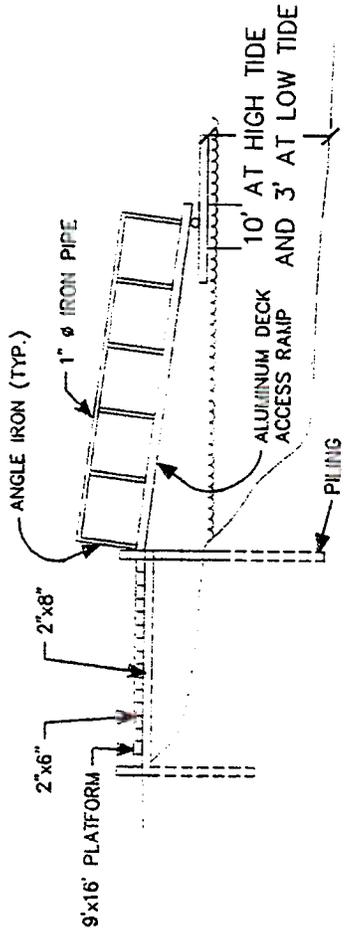
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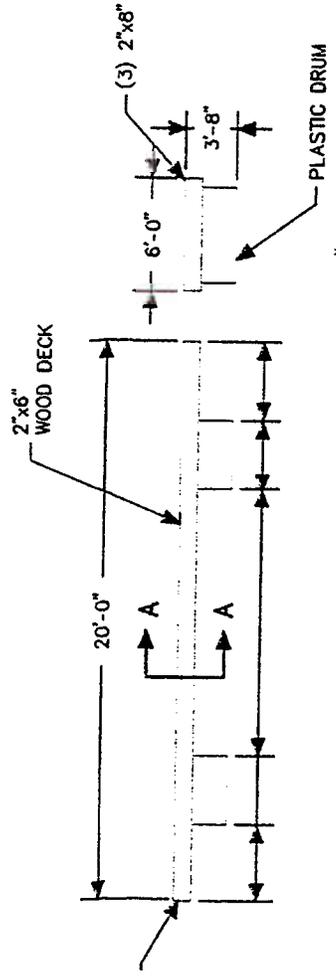
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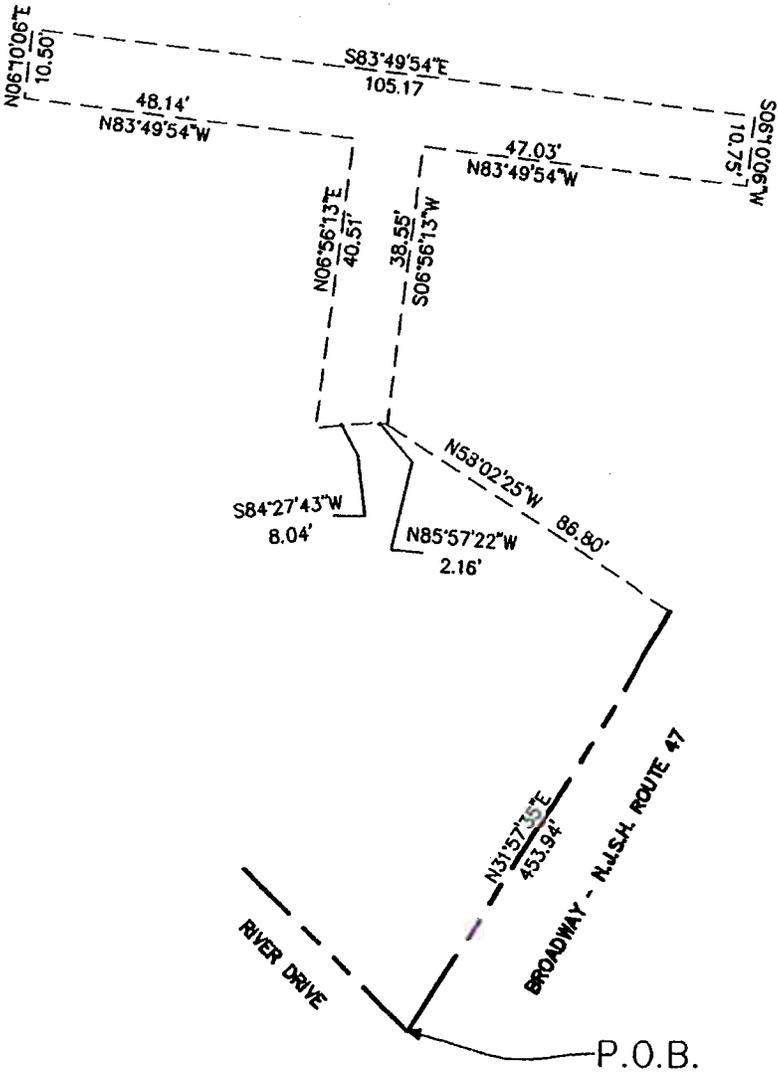
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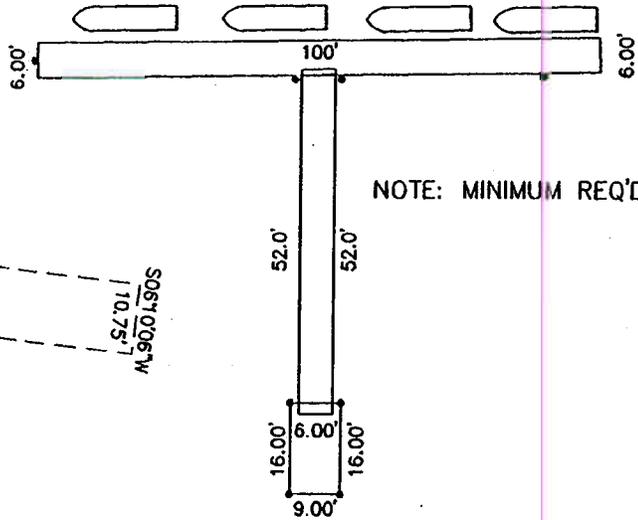
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DETAIL OF FLOATING
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N.T.S.

E-4



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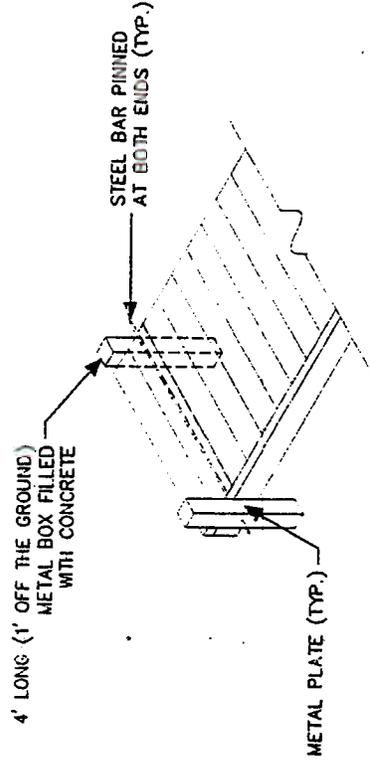
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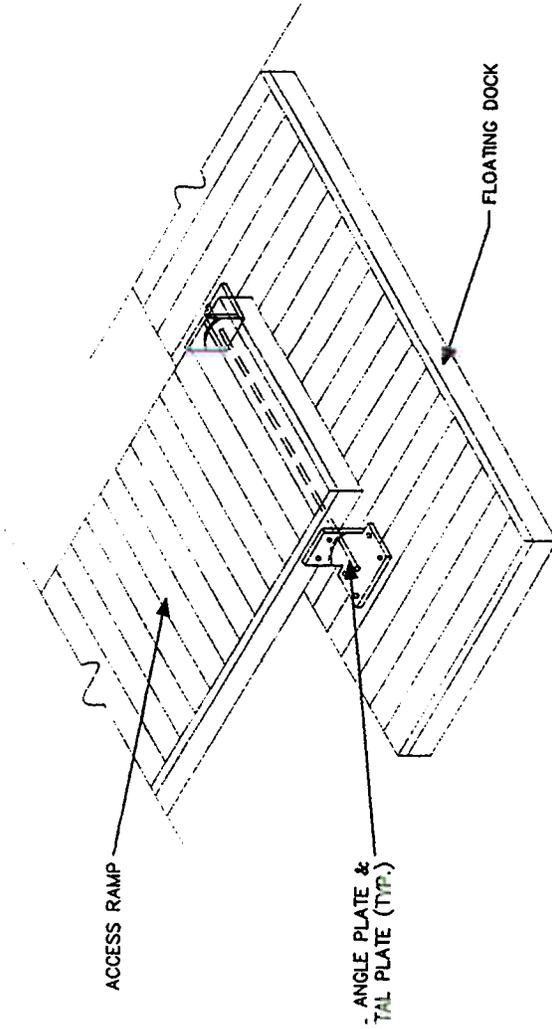
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CONNECTION DETAIL
N.T.S.



RAMP TO FLOATING DOCK
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