



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers**  
Philadelphia District

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100 Penn Square East  
Philadelphia, PA 19107-3390  
ATTN: CENAP-OP-R

# Public Notice

Public Notice No. <b>CENAP-OP-R-2008-507-26 (IP)</b>	Date <b>MAY 30 2008</b>
Application No. <b>2008-507 (IP)</b>	File No. <b>CENAP-OP-R-2008-507-26</b>
In Reply Refer to: <b>REGULATORY BRANCH</b>	

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: SIMS, W.M., LLC

AGENT: COASTAL & ESTUARINE RESEARCH, INC., LEWES, DELAWARE

WATERWAY: LEWES AND REHOBOTH CANAL

LOCATION: 57 Anchor Road, North Shores, Rehoboth Beach, Sussex County, Delaware.

ACTIVITY: As depicted on Figures 1-9 dated March 2008, the applicant proposes to construct a 20' x 4' pier and 5' x 25' dock adjacent to the Lewes and Rehoboth Canal, Tax Parcel No. 3-34-8.17-78.00, located at 57 Anchor Road, North Shores, Rehoboth Beach, Sussex County, Delaware. No dredging or filling of wetlands is proposed with the project.

PURPOSE: To provide a mooring facility for one 18' Alumacraft.

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.

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.

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). A preliminary assessment of the species listed in the "Guide to Essential Fish Habitat Designations in the Northeastern United States, Volume IV: New Jersey and Delaware", dated March 1999, page 81. No listed threatened or endangered fish species or essential fish habitat (EFH) are known to exist in the Lewes and Rehoboth (L&R) Canal. The proposed work is temporary in nature and will consist of installing piles to support the pier and dock. The L& R Canal is in a naturally turbid erosional state, exposed to high seasonal wave energy due to heavy boat traffic. Consequently, concentrations of the sessile life stages (eggs and larvae) of the listed species are not expected to be within the work area. The pelagic adults and juveniles of the listed species are highly mobile and capable of avoiding impacts associated with the work. As such, this office has determined that there will be no effect on EFH resources or the listed fish species in this 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.

In accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, a Water Quality Certificate is necessary from the State government in which the work is located. Any comments concerning the work described above which relate to Water Quality considerations should be sent to this office with a copy to the State.

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.

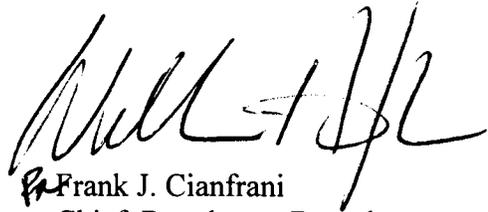
Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

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.

The evaluation of the impact of the work described above on the public interest 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.

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 E. Faust at 302 736-9763 between the hours of 1:00 and 3:30 p.m. or writing this office at the above address.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank J. Cianfrani', written in a cursive style.

Frank J. Cianfrani  
Chief, Regulatory Branch

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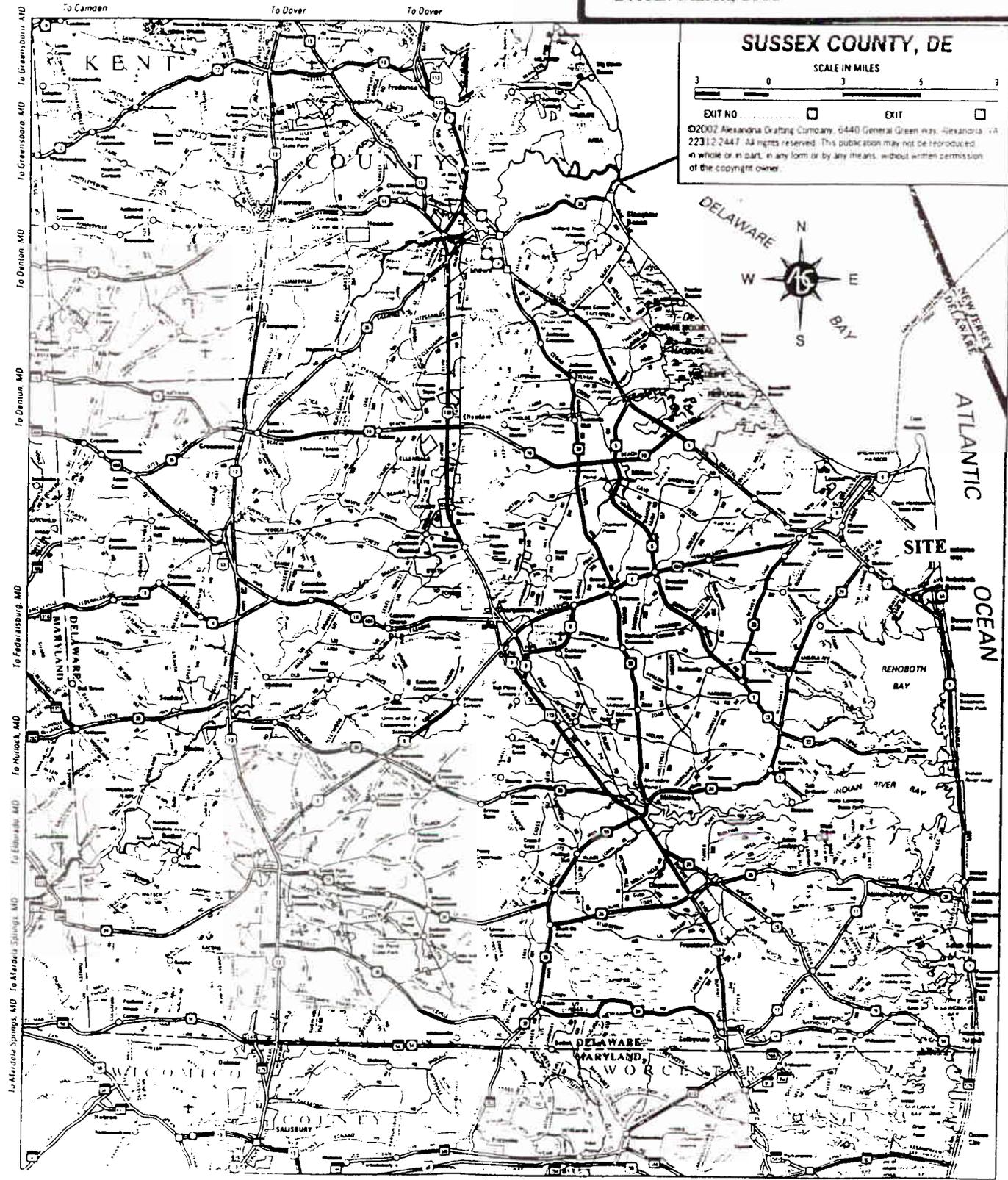


Figure 1. Map of Sussex County, Delaware, showing site location, North Shores (Rehoboth Beach vicinity). Scale as shown.

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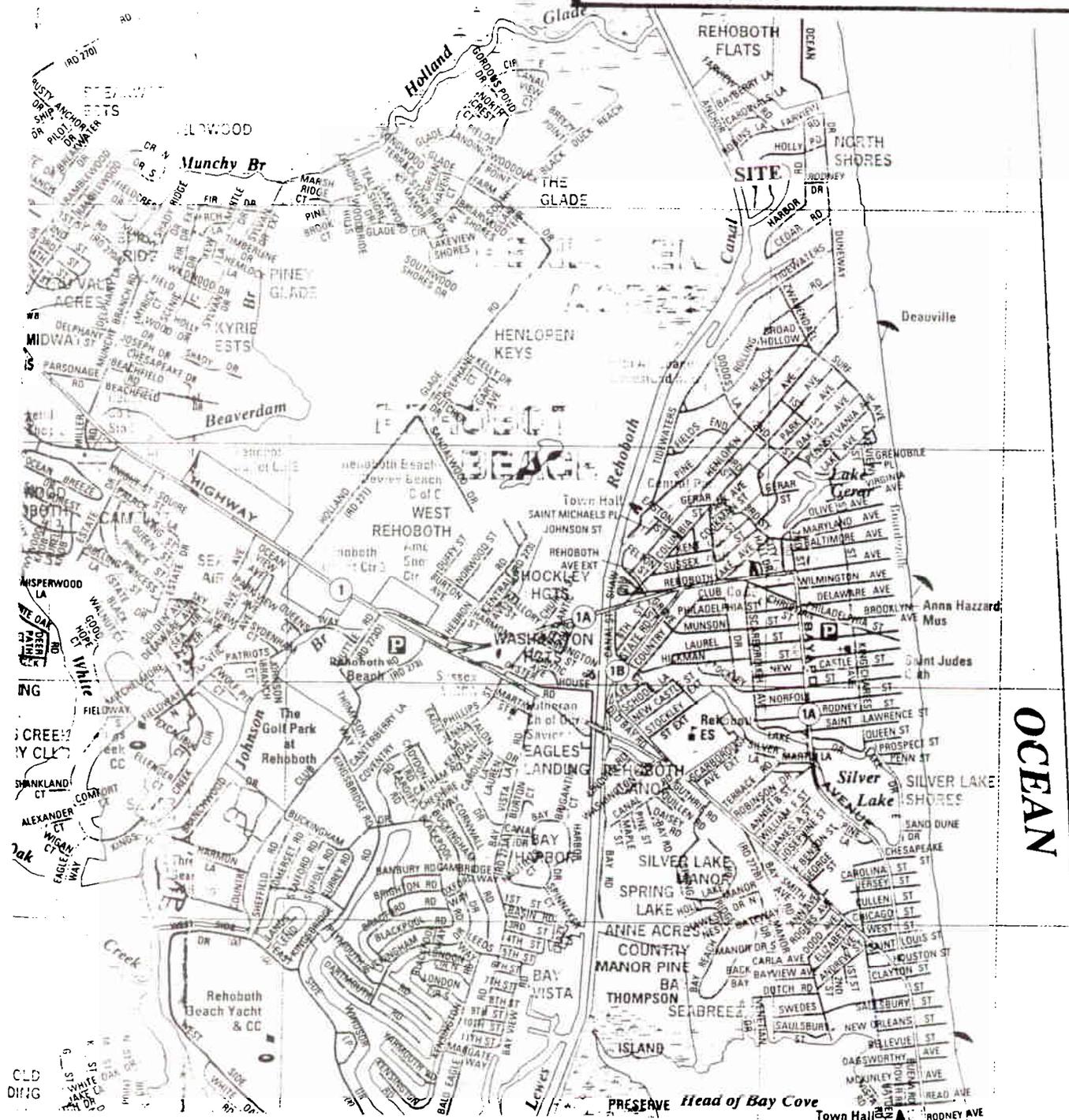


Figure 2. Map of North Shores (Rehoboth Beach vicinity), Sussex County, Delaware, showing site location, 57 Anchor Road. Directions to site (from Dover, DE): Route 113 southbound to Milford; Route 1 southbound to Rehoboth Beach; left onto Route 1A (Rehoboth Avenue) into Rehoboth Beach; cross Lewes & Rehoboth Canal bridge, go 270° around traffic circle and onto Columbia Avenue; continue on Columbia Avenue to end at to end at Surf Avenue; left onto Surf Avenue; right at stop sign onto Duneway (Ocean Drive); left onto Farview Road; left onto Robins Lane; left onto Anchor Road. House is on right, 57 Anchor Road. Also see Figures 3 and 4

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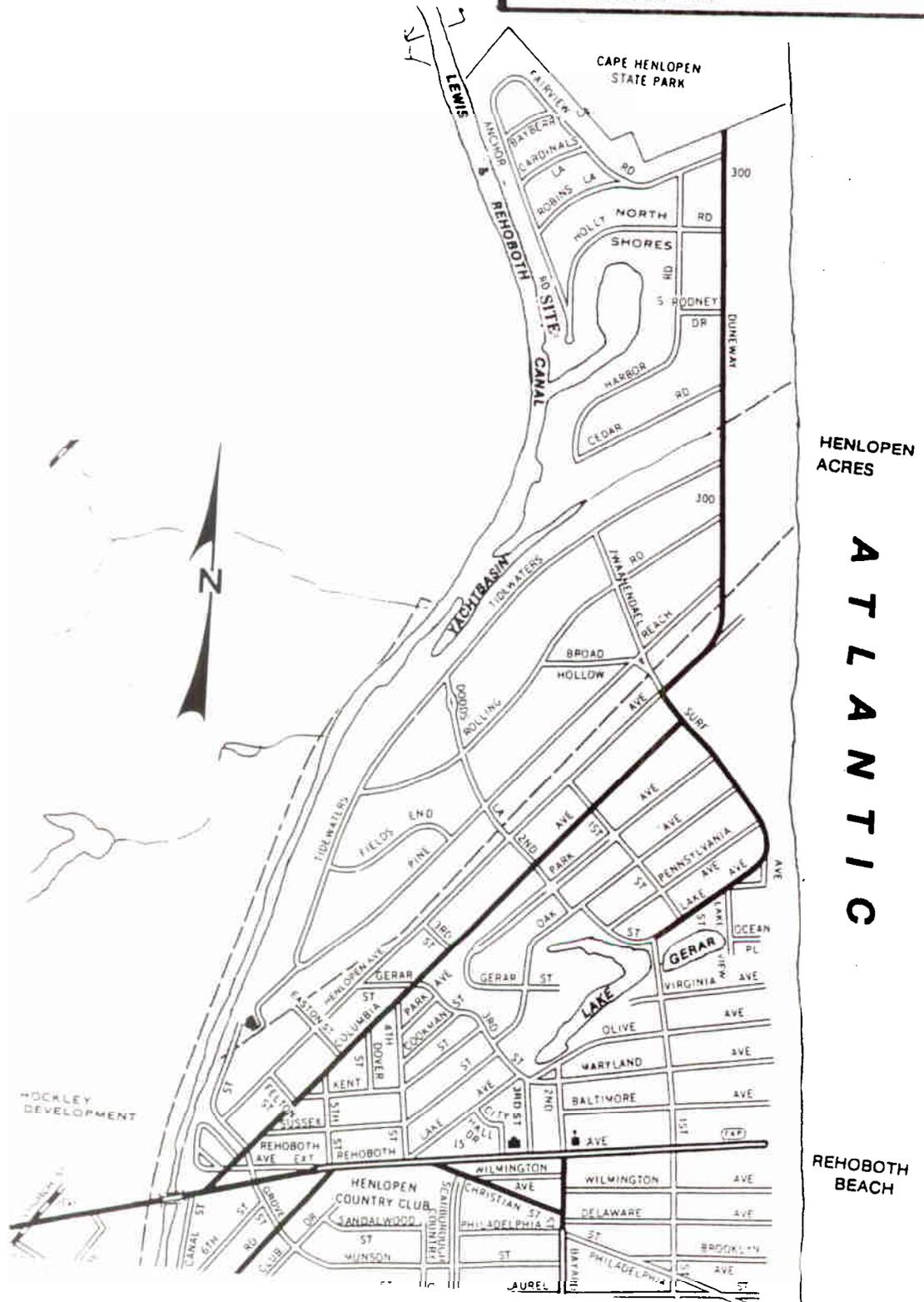


Figure 3. Map of North Shores showing site location, 57 Anchor Road

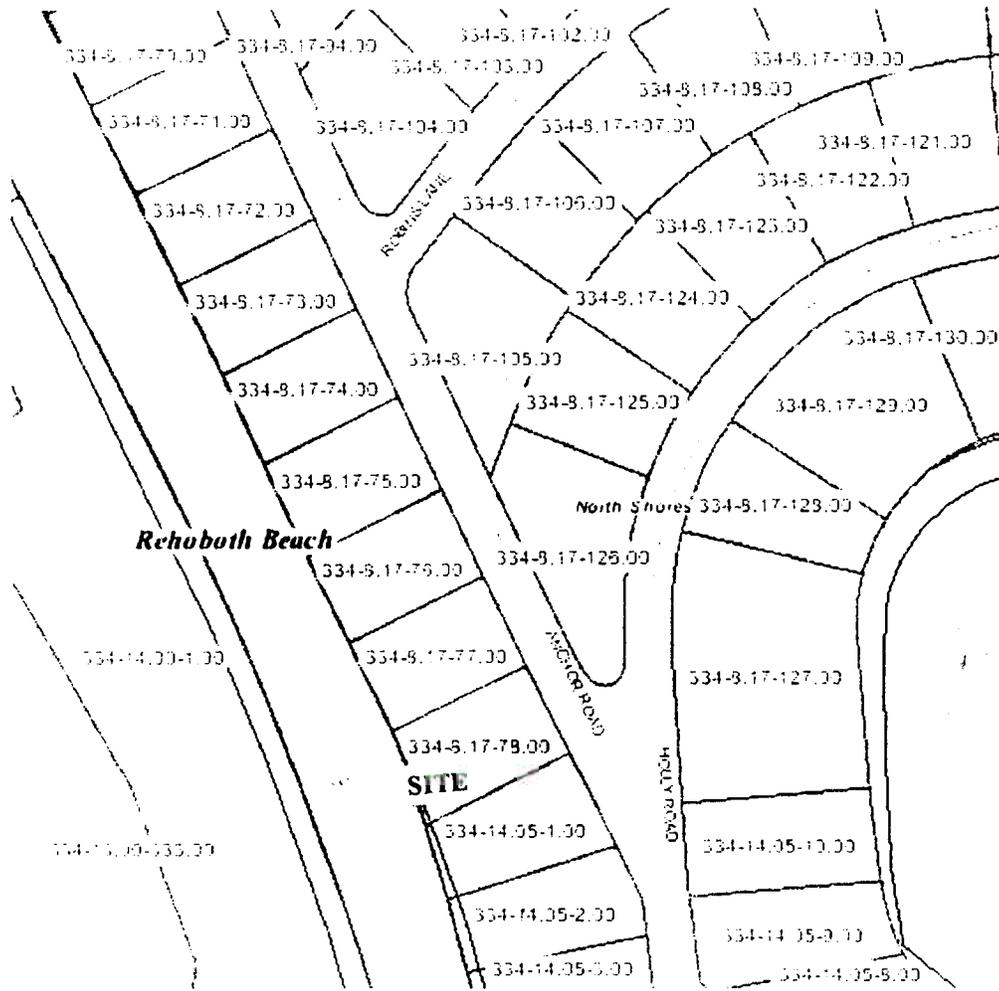
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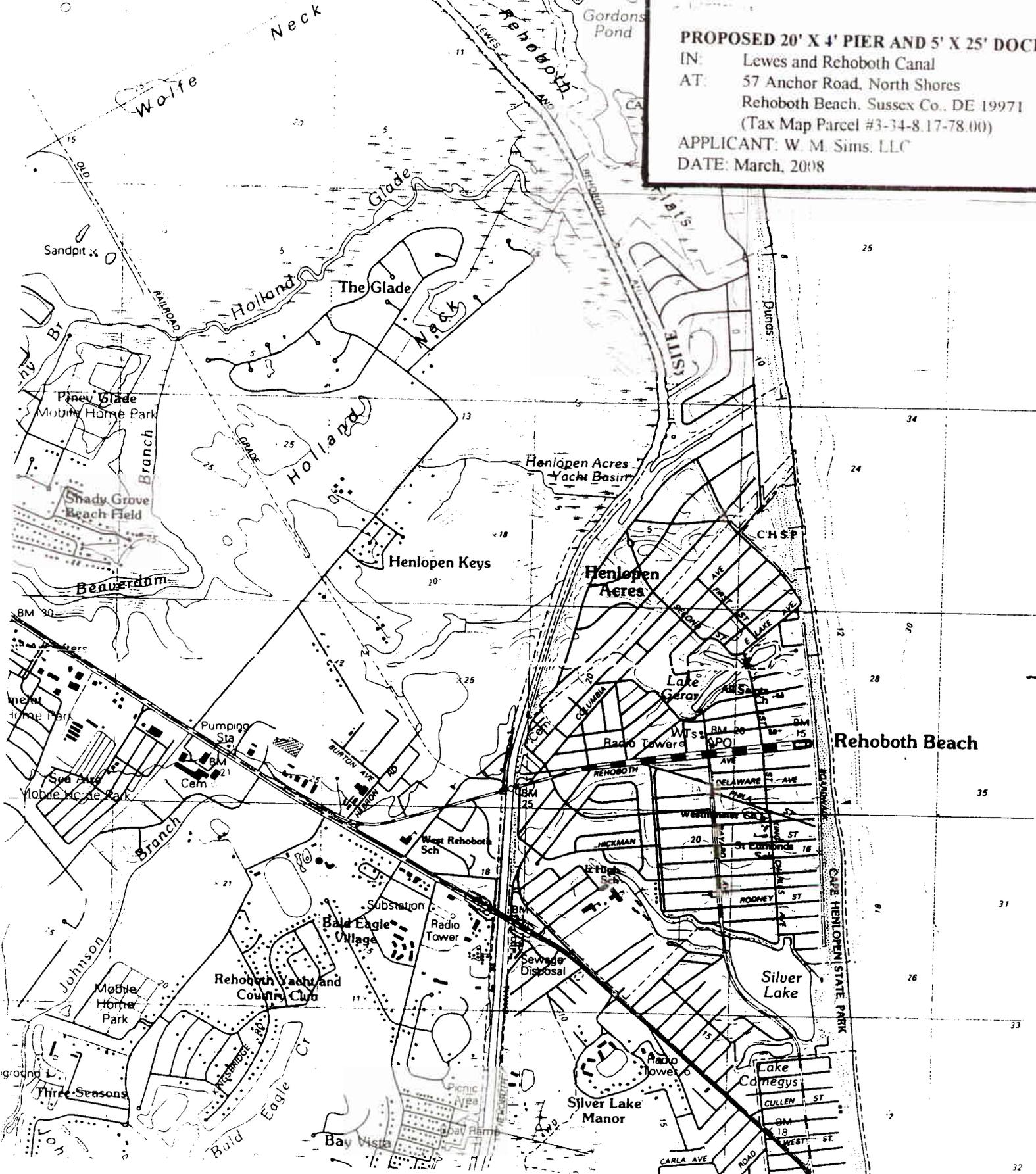
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Figure 4. Site location, Tax Map Parcel #3-34-8.17-78.00.

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**Figure 5** Site location on U.S.G.S. topographic map, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware quadrangle. Site is adjacent to Lewes & Rehoboth Canal. Scale: 1" = 2,000'.

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Figure 6 Site location on State of Delaware DNREC Wetland Map #016. No DNREC-regulated wetlands mapped on site. Scale: 1" = 300'.

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Figure 7. Aerial photograph of site, 57 Anchor Road, North Shores, Rehoboth Beach, Sussex County, Delaware (Tax Map Parcel #3-34-8.17-78.00), adjacent to Lewes and Rehoboth Canal. Scale bar = 100'.

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Figure 8. Photograph of project site, 57 Anchor Road, North Shores, Rehoboth Beach, Sussex County, Delaware (Tax Map Parcel #3-34-8.17-78.00), adjacent to Lewes and Rehoboth Canal. Applicant proposes to construct a 20' x 4' pier and 5' x 25' dock. See Figure 9 for plan view and cross-section.

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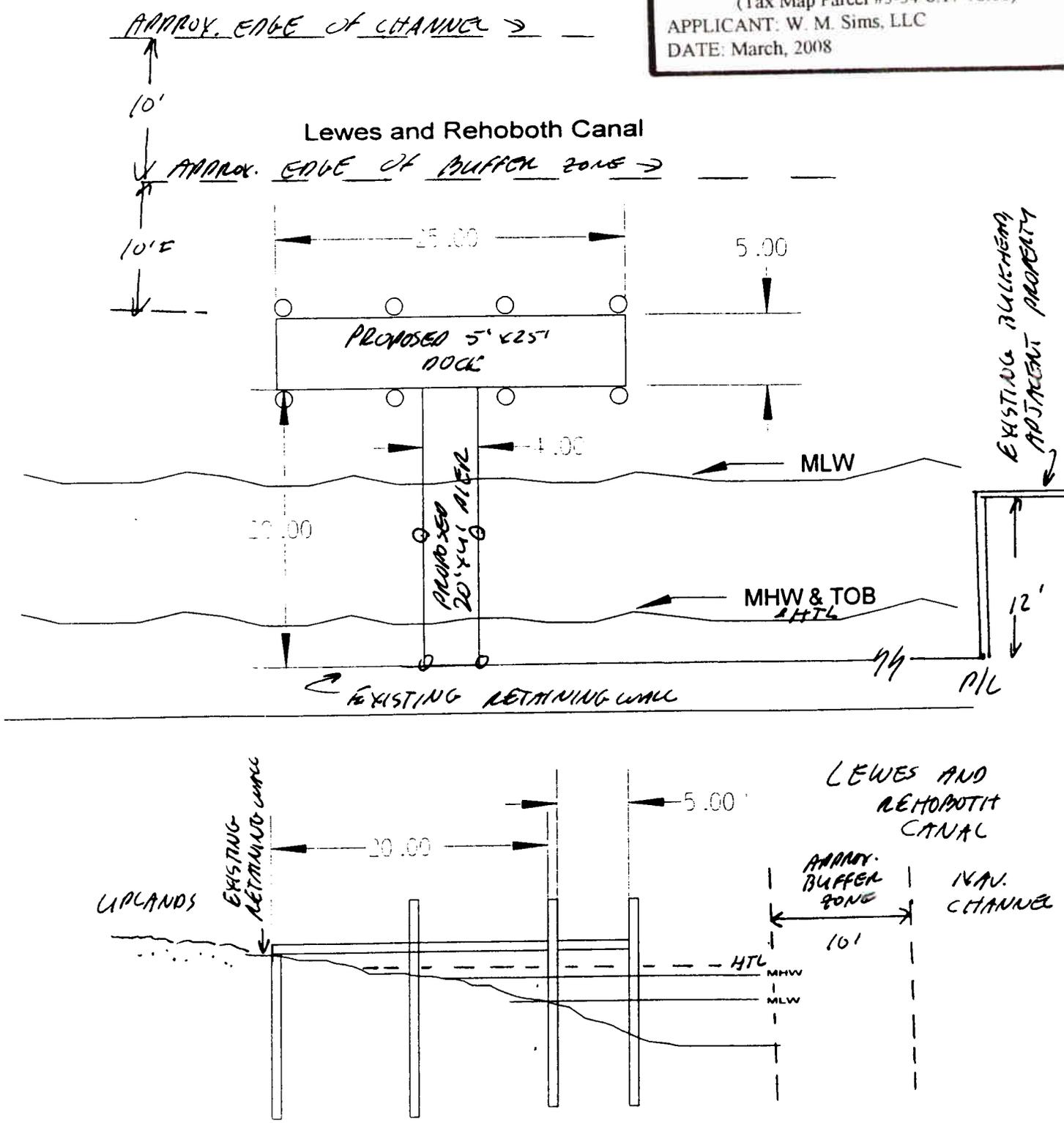


Figure 9. Plan view and cross-section of proposed project, prepared by Precision Marine Construction, Inc. Sketches for permit application purposes only.

PRECISION MARINE CONSTRUCTION INC.  
 2 Woodbridge Hills  
 Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971  
 Scale: 1" = 10' Date: 03-18-08