

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO ALTER A U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROJECT UNDER SECTION 408

TITLE: Ocean City – Proposed Construction of Upland Dune System Utilizing Geotubes sited within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ New Jersey Shore Protection, Great Egg Harbor and Peck Beach, Ocean City Coastal Storm Risk Management Federal Civil Works Project, Cape May County, New Jersey.

PUBLIC NOTICE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: NAP-2021-408-0001

PUBLIC NOTICE COMMENT PERIOD:

Begins: **08 January 2021**

Expires: **08 February 2021**

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army Section 408 permission for certain work at or near a federal project of the United States, as described below and shown on attached figures. Written comments are being solicited from anyone having an interest in the requested alteration. Comments will become part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ (USACE’s) administrative record and will be considered in determining whether to approve the request. Comments supporting, opposing, or identifying concerns that should be considered by the USACE in its decision process are all welcome.

This public notice is not a paid advertisement and is for public information only. Issuance of this notice does not imply USACE endorsement of the project as described.

- 1. REQUESTER:** In compliance with 33 USC 408 (Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899; hereinafter Section 408), the City of Ocean City, New Jersey has requested permission to construct an upland dune system within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ New Jersey Shore Protection, Great Egg Harbor and Peck Beach, Ocean City Coastal Storm Risk Management Federal Civil Works Project in Cape May County, New Jersey.
- 2. LOCATION:** The proposed project is located on the Ocean City, New Jersey beachfront, landward of the spring high tide line (uplands), between 4th and 6th Streets; approximate center coordinates: Latitude: 39.277523°N, Longitude: -74.563633°W.
- 3. LOCATION MAP(S)/DRAWING(S):** See attached Drawings: Sheets 1 through 5.
- 4. REQUESTER’S PROPOSED ACTION:** Construction of an upland dune system comprised of stacked sand-filled geotubes in pyramid configuration, as per the enclosed drawings.

5. REGULATORY AUTHORITY: This request will be reviewed according to the provisions of Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 408). A requestor has the responsibility to acquire all other permissions or authorizations required by federal, state, and local laws or regulations, including any required permits from the USACE Regulatory Program under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403), Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC Section 1344) and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 USC 1413). Any Section 10/404/103 permit decision associated with the proposed alteration is separate from and will not be included in the Section 408 permission decision. An approval under Section 408 does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges nor does it authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE: A decision on a Section 408 request is a federal action, and therefore subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other environmental compliance requirements. While ensuring compliance is the responsibility of USACE, the requester is providing all information that the Philadelphia District identifies as necessary to satisfy all applicable federal laws, executive orders, regulations, policies, and ordinances. Based on information provided by the applicant to date, current Corps regulations governing NEPA implementation, and/or the contents of existing NEPA documentation if available, it is likely that the proposed action will be determined to be categorically excluded from the need to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This determination will be finalized following completion of agency coordination and prior to issuance of the Section 408 Permission Decision.

7. EVALUATION: As part of its evaluation, USACE will first make a determination that the submittal from the requestor is complete. The Philadelphia District is working closely with the requestor to ensure that all required technical plans, maps, drawings, and specifications are provided and are complete. Once the package is complete, a District-led review will be conducted to determine, in accordance with Engineering Circular (EC) 1165-2-216, whether the proposed alteration will impair the usefulness of the USACE Project or be injurious to the public interest, as follows:

- A. *Impair the Usefulness of the Project Determination.* The Philadelphia District's Section 408 review team will determine if the proposed alteration will limit the ability of the federally authorized project to function as authorized, or will compromise or change any authorized project conditions, purposes or outputs.
- B. *Injurious to the Public Interest Determination.* Proposed alterations will be reviewed to determine the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, on the public interest. Evaluation of the probable impacts that the proposed alteration to the USACE project may have on the public interest requires a careful weighing of all those factors that are relevant in each particular case. Factors that may be relevant to the public interest depend upon the type of USACE project being altered and may include, but are not limited to, such things as conservation, economic development, historic properties, cultural resources, environmental impacts, water supply, water quality, flood hazards, floodplains, residual risk, induced damages,

navigation, shore erosion or accretion, and recreation. The decision whether to approve an alteration will be determined by the consideration of whether benefits are commensurate with risks. If the potential detriments are found to outweigh the potential benefits, then it may be determined that the proposed alteration is injurious to the public interest.

8. SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: The USACE 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 the proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by USACE to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permission for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are considered in making a final determination whether the proposed action will be categorically excluded from the need to prepare further NEPA documentation. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

- A. It should be noted that materials submitted as part of the Section 408 request become part of the public record and are thus available to the general public under the procedures of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Individuals may submit a written request to the Philadelphia District Corps of Engineers, Office of Counsel to obtain copies of said materials under the FOIA.
- B. It is presumed that all parties viewing this notice will wish to respond to this public notice; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the project as described.

9. COMMENT SUBMISSION AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Written comments on the described work should reference the USACE Public Notice Identification Number found on the first page of this notice. Comments must reach this office no later than the stated expiration date of the Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments or requests for additional information should be emailed or mailed to the following address:

Email: JuanCarlos.Corona@usace.army.mil

Mailing Address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

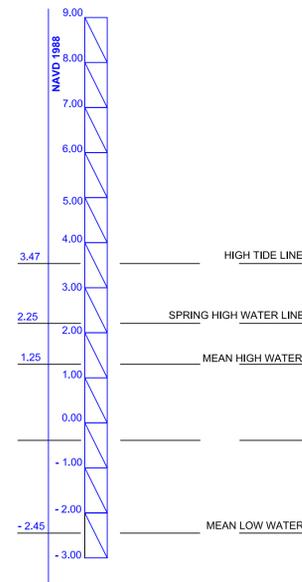
Philadelphia District

ATTN: Juan Carlos Corona

7th Floor

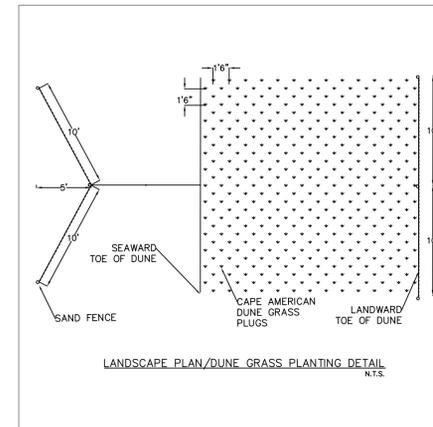
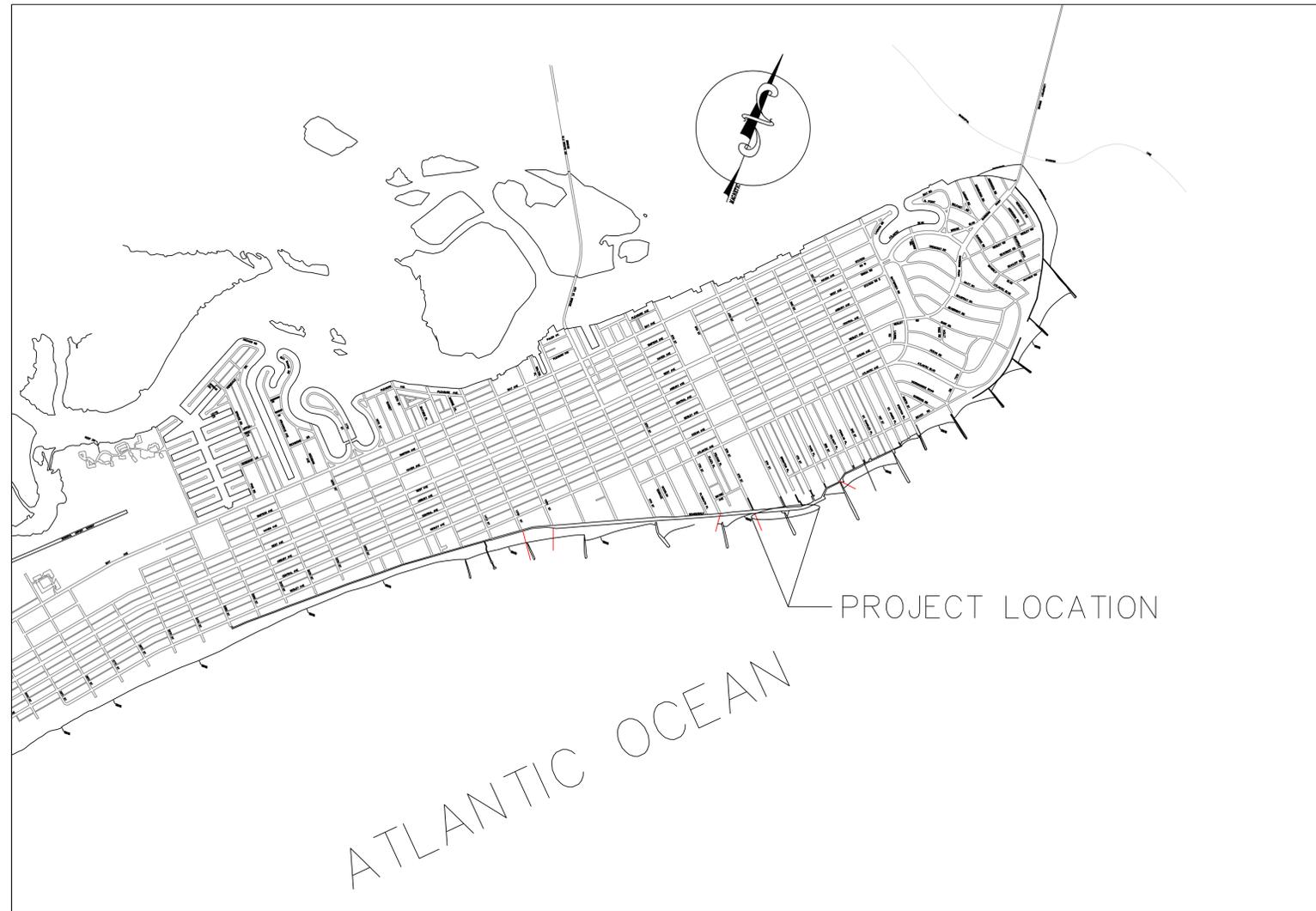
100 Penn Square East

Philadelphia, PA 19107-3390



TIDE HEIGHTS
RELATIVE TO NORTH AMERICAN VERTICAL DATUM OF 1988
(NAVD 88)
OCEAN CITY, NJ
OCEANFRONT ELEVATIONS

NOTE:
MEAN LOW WATER ELEVATION IS -2.45 NAVD88 FOR THE PROJECT SITE.



NOTE:
DUE TO THE DYNAMIC NATURE OF THE PROJECT AREA,
ALL POTENTIAL BIDDERS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
TO VISIT THE SITE TO FAMILIARIZE ONESELF WITH THE
INHERENT RISKS AND POTENTIAL LIABILITIES OF THE
PROJECT.

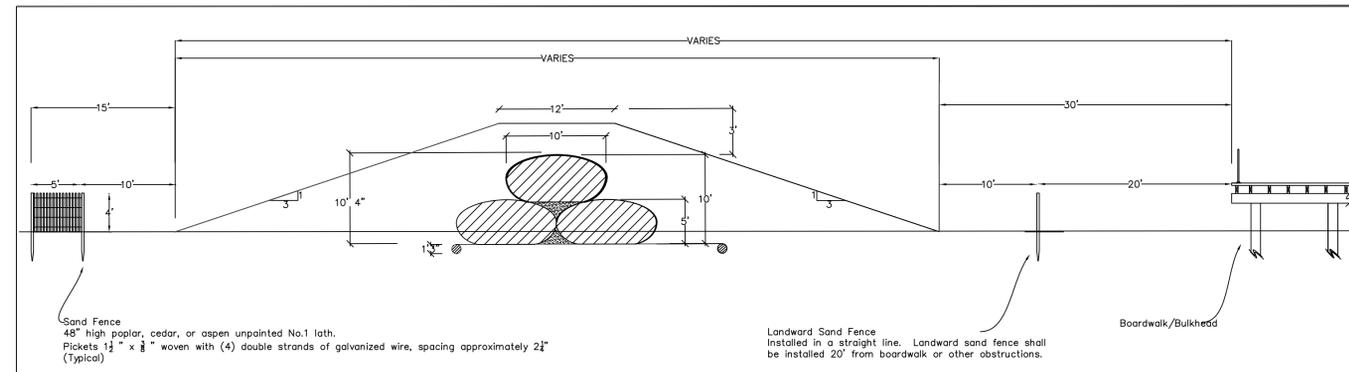
THERE IS THE POTENTIAL OF THE BEACH PROFILE TO
DRASTICALLY CHANGE DUE TO THE VARIOUS FORCES OF
NATURE WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE
PRICE OF THE BID.

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TYPICAL DUNE REPAIR WITH GEOSYNTHETIC CORE, ELEVATION VIEW

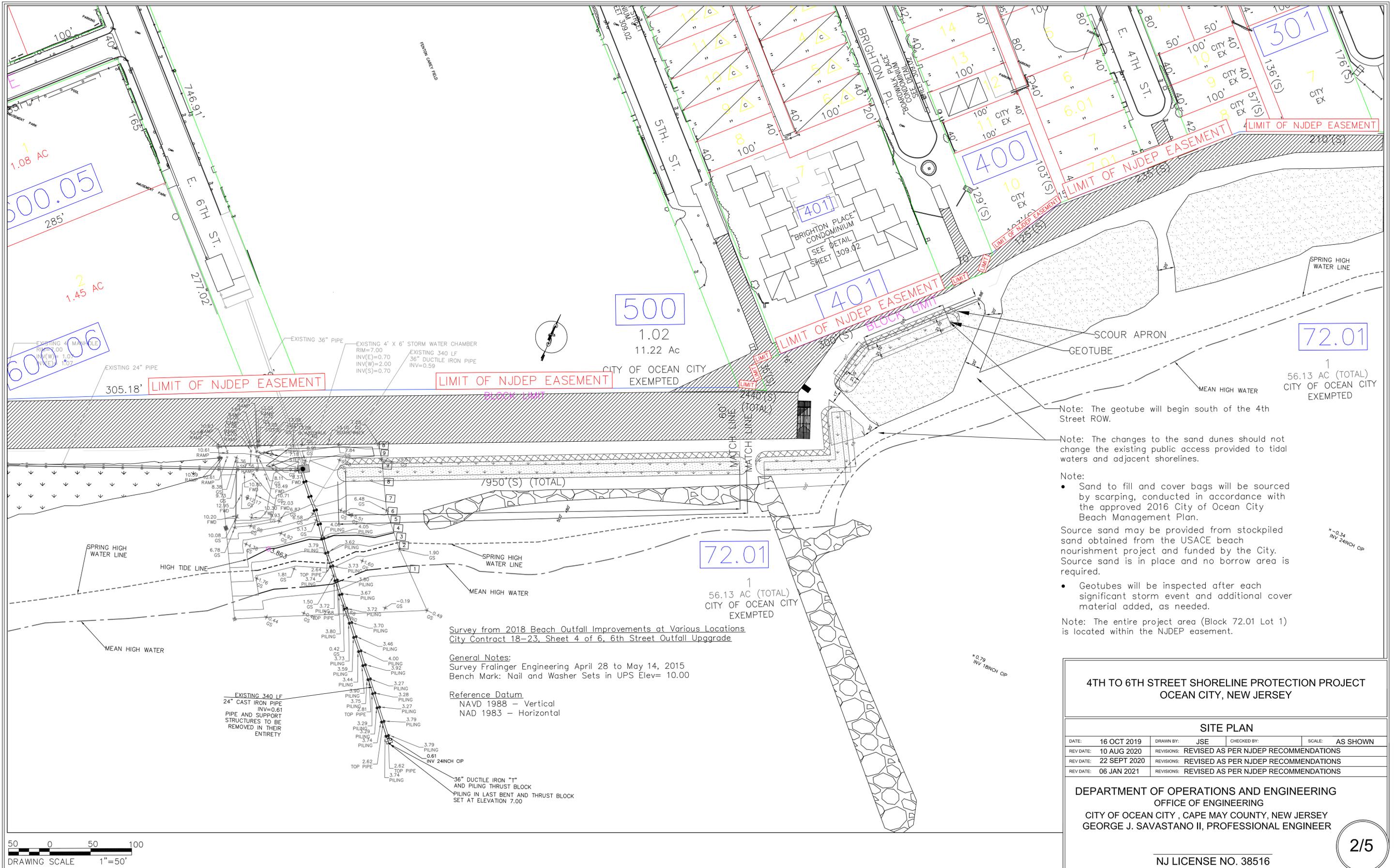
**4TH TO 6TH STREET SHORELINE PROTECTION PROJECT
OCEAN CITY, NEW JERSEY**

COVER

DATE: 16 OCT 2019	DRAWN BY: JSE	CHECKED BY:	SCALE: N.T.S.
REV DATE: 10 AUG 2020	REVISIONS: REVISED AS PER NJDEP RECOMMENDATIONS		
REV DATE: 22 SEPT 2020	REVISIONS: SHEET NUMBER REVISED TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL SHEET		
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CITY OF OCEAN CITY, CAPE MAY COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
GEORGE J. SAVASTANO II, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

NJ LICENSE NO. 38516



Note: The geotube will begin south of the 4th Street ROW.

Note: The changes to the sand dunes should not change the existing public access provided to tidal waters and adjacent shorelines.

Note:
 • Sand to fill and cover bags will be sourced by scarping, conducted in accordance with the approved 2016 City of Ocean City Beach Management Plan.

Source sand may be provided from stockpiled sand obtained from the USACE beach nourishment project and funded by the City. Source sand is in place and no borrow area is required.

• Geotubes will be inspected after each significant storm event and additional cover material added, as needed.

Note: The entire project area (Block 72.01 Lot 1) is located within the NJDEP easement.

Survey from 2018 Beach Outfall Improvements at Various Locations
 City Contract 18-23, Sheet 4 of 6, 6th Street Outfall Upgrade

General Notes:
 Survey Fralinger Engineering April 28 to May 14, 2015
 Bench Mark: Nail and Washer Sets in UPS Elev= 10.00

Reference Datum
 NAVD 1988 - Vertical
 NAD 1983 - Horizontal

EXISTING 340 LF 24" CAST IRON PIPE INV=0.61
 PIPE AND SUPPORT STRUCTURES TO BE REMOVED IN THEIR ENTIRETY

36" DUCTILE IRON "T" AND PILING THRUST BLOCK
 PILING IN LAST BENT AND THRUST BLOCK SET AT ELEVATION 7.00

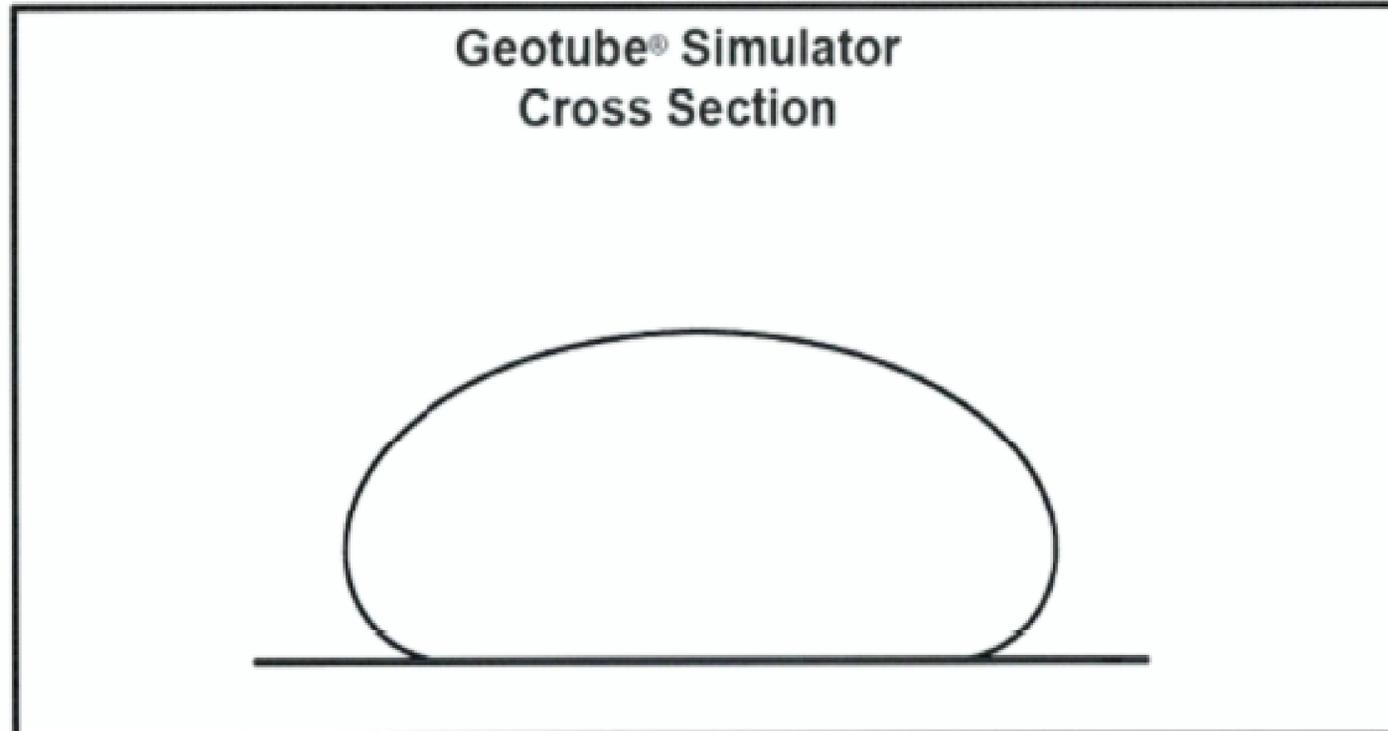
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SITE PLAN

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10/16/19 Project: Ocean City 4th to 6th Street Shoreline Protection

Units:	English	Circumferential Tensile Force (T) =	80.47	lb/in.
Water Level:	Fully Emerged	Geotube [®] Base Contact Width (B) =	7.29	ft
Geotube [®] Height (H) =	5	ft	Geotube [®] Filled Width (W) =	10.41
Geotube [®] Circumference (C) =	26	ft	Geotube [®] Cross Section Area (A) =	43.76
Relative Density of Fill Material =	1.8	sg	Geotube [®] Volume Per Unit of Length (V) =	1.62
Geotube [®] Fabric Type:	GT1000MOLAP		FS of Circumferential Failure =	14.2
Geotube [®] Fabric Type:	Rigid Mechanical		Axial Direction FS (AFS) =	15.4
			FS of Fill Port Failure =	13.2

The equations used in the Geotube[®] Simulator are based on the paper "Two-dimensional analysis of geosynthetic tubes" by R. H. Plaut and S. Schemman, Acta Mechanica, Volume 129, 1998, pages 207-218, and on further research by Professor Raymond H. Plaut. The software was developed by Benjamin Z. Dymond. The work was performed at Virginia Tech.

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NOTE: GEOTUBES ARE DESIGNED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS AT N.J.A.C. 7:13-12.4:

- Resist impact from water and debris during the flood hazard area design flood;
- Resist uplift, flotation, collapse, and displacement due to hydrostatic and hydrodynamic forces resulting from flood hazard area design flood;
- Resist overturning and sliding pressure, as well as pressure from freeze/thaw cycle of the soil; and
- If the structure is located in or adjacent to a channel, resist undermining caused by channel erosion.

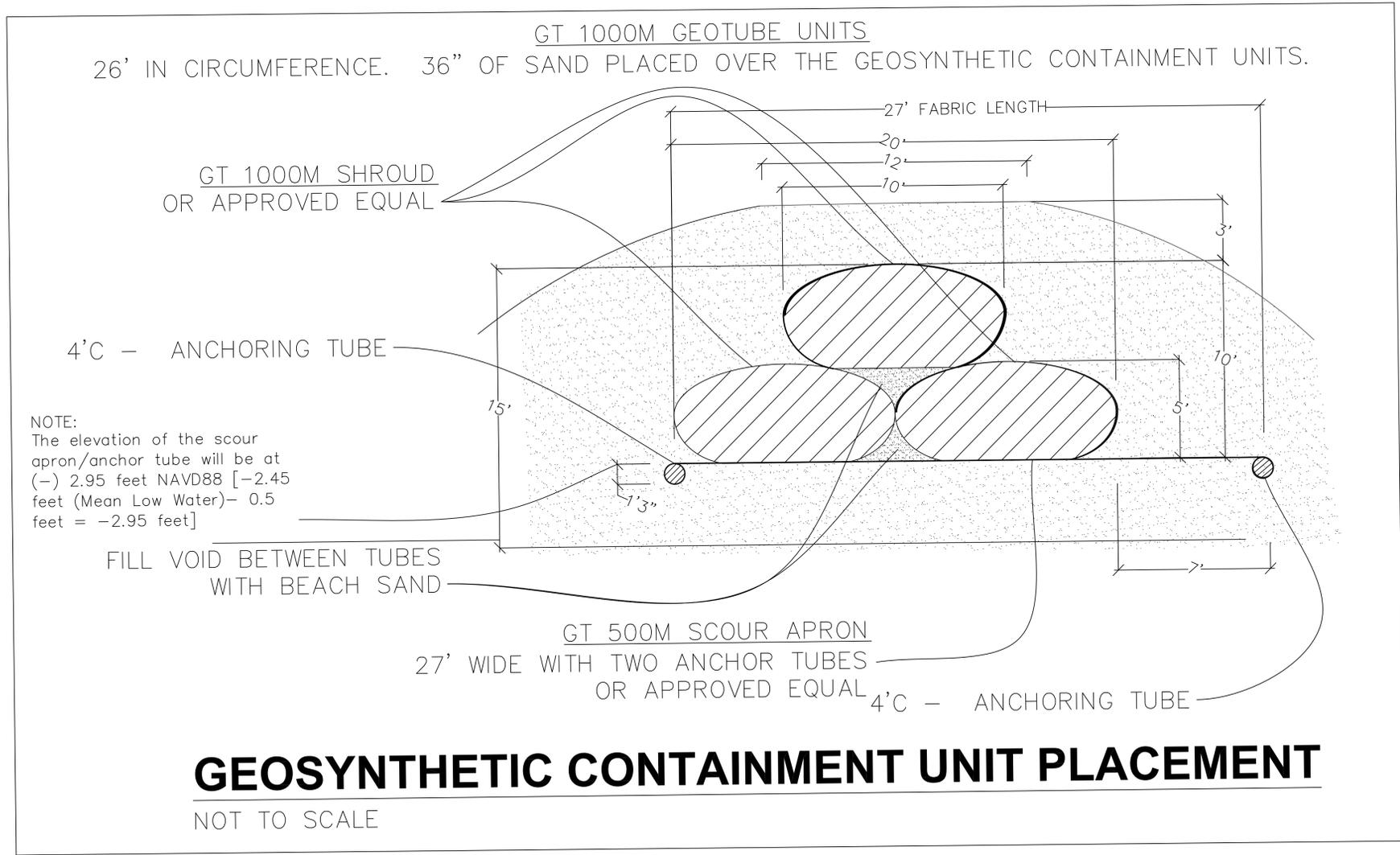
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GEOTUBE SIMULATOR CROSS SECTION

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NOTE:

- Prior to any beach nourishment activities, the City will ensure the containment tubes are covered with at least 3-feet of sand unless the dunes are fully vegetated with dune grass.
- As-built plans to be provide to NJDEP, Division of Coastal engineering after construction is completed.

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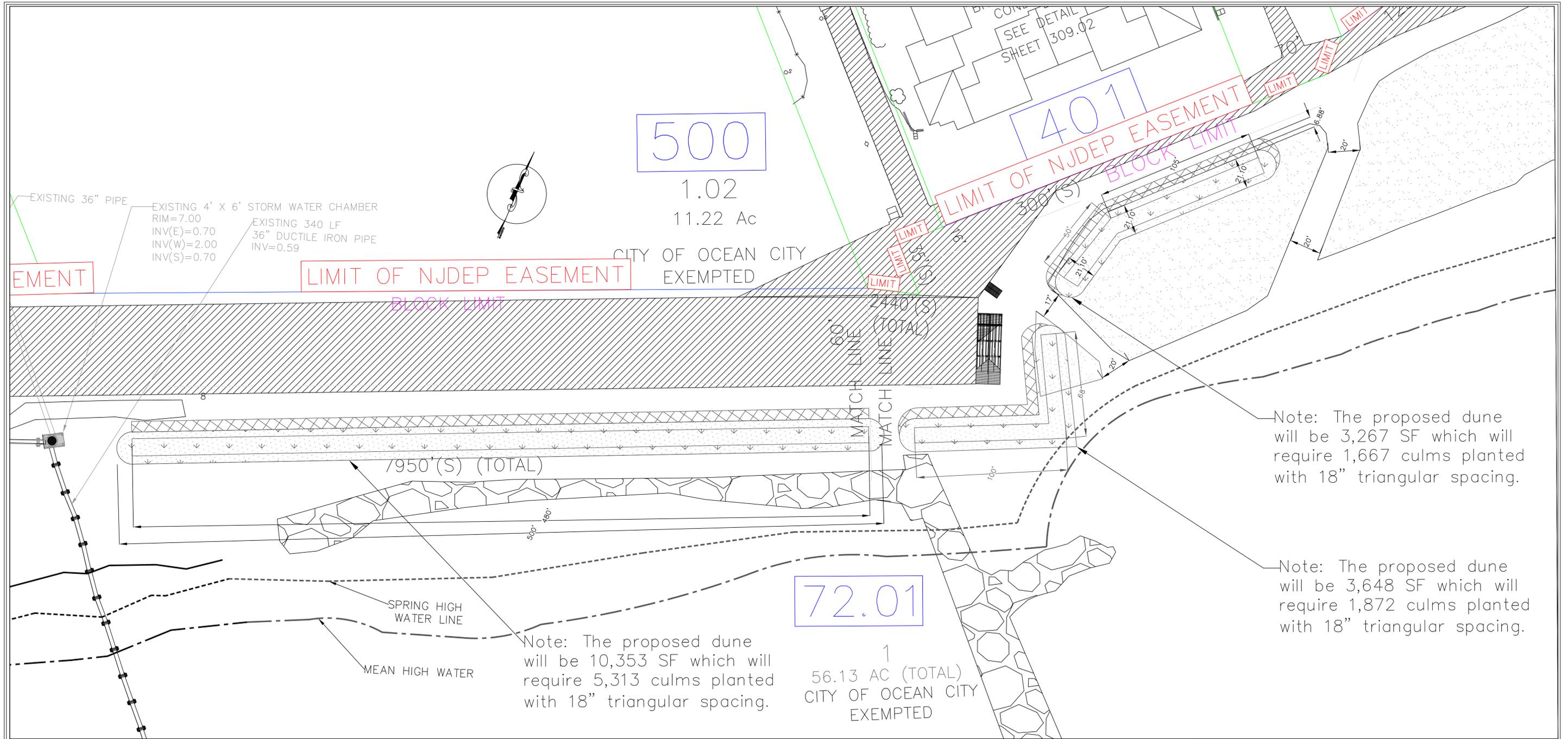
GEOSYNTHETIC CONTAINMENT UNIT PLACEMENT

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Note: The proposed dune will be 3,267 SF which will require 1,667 culms planted with 18" triangular spacing.

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Note: The proposed dune will be 10,353 SF which will require 5,313 culms planted with 18" triangular spacing.

ITEM NO.	SYMBOL	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	ROOT	SIZE	QUANTITY
9	CAB	CAPE AMERICAN BEACH GRASS	AMMOPHILA BREVILIGULATA	BARE ROOT CULMS	12" - 18" HIGH	8,900



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LANDSCAPING PLAN

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