

US Army Corps of Engineers. Philadelphia District

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

Public Notice

Public Notice No.	Date
CENAP-OP-R-2015-707	
Application No.	File No.

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: Paradise Cove, LLC

400 West Spruce Avenue North Wildwood, NJ 08260

AGENT: Water's Edge Environmental, LLC

PO Box 118

1259A Asbury Avenue Ocean City, NJ 08226

WATERWAY: Beach Creek

LOCATION: 400 West Spruce Avenue

North Wildwood, NJ 08260 (39.01247, -74.79771)

ACTIVITY: The applicant proposes to demolish the existing building (former Coconut Cove Restaurant) and water structures that are no longer in operation on the property. The proposed site is to be developed with a 10 duplex dwelling (20 total dwelling units) requiring the authorization of 2,173 square feet of fill below the high tide line, and 286 square feet of rip rap within the water area that was placed by the previous owners. There is also proposed 23,904 square feet of dredging to occur in a portion of Beach Creek and the construction of new docking structures to accommodate 20 boat slips in connection with the proposed subdivision. There will also be a 110 linear feet and 10 inches of a new vinyl bulkhead being placed along the docking area. The dredge volume is estimated to be around 23,904 square feet and will be disposed at an approved facility for beneficial reuse. The docking area will consist of structures with dimensions of 5' x 98.5', 37' x 4' and 5' x 142.7' and associated one foot wide finger piers. The applicant proposes to place an additional 2,220 square feet of rip rap along the existing bulkhead. In addition to the rip rap and living shore line will be implemented with approximately 12,305 square feet of Spartina restoration, including Spartina alterniflora and patens.

PURPOSE: The applicant's stated purpose is to authorize all fill done by previous owners to allow for the placement of additional rip rap along the length of the waterway for the purpose of stabilizing the upland area. The authorization of rip rap is necessary because coastal wetlands vegetation has established in that area, and the rip rap serves to diffuse wave action. The purpose of the dredging is to create adequate water depths for the proposed boat slips, and the purpose of the docking structures is for the use of the residents of the subdivision.

A preliminary review of this application indicates that the proposed work may adversely affect listed species or their critical habitat pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as amended. However, with best management practices implemented in the project this determination could be modified. This determination will be coordinated with The National Marine Fisheries Service.

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 30 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.

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

<u>in the Northeastern United States, Volume IV: New Jersey and Delaware</u>", dated March 1999, specifically page

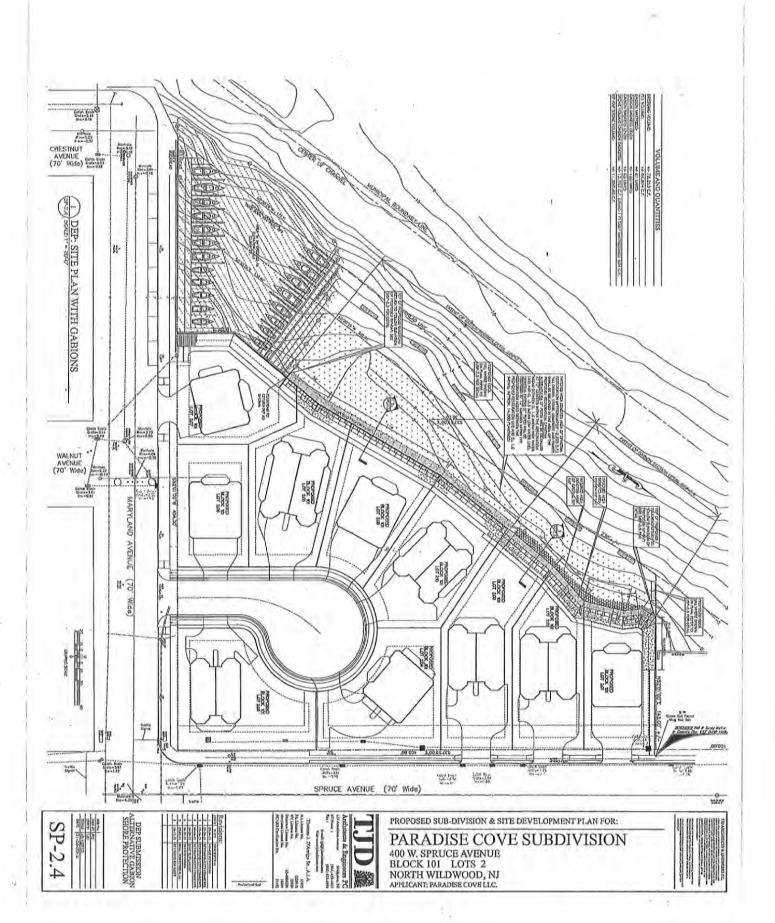
In accordance with Section 307(c) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, applicants for Federal Licenses or Permits to conduct an activity affecting land or water uses in a State's coastal zone must provide certification that the activity complies with the State's Coastal Zone Management Program. 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.

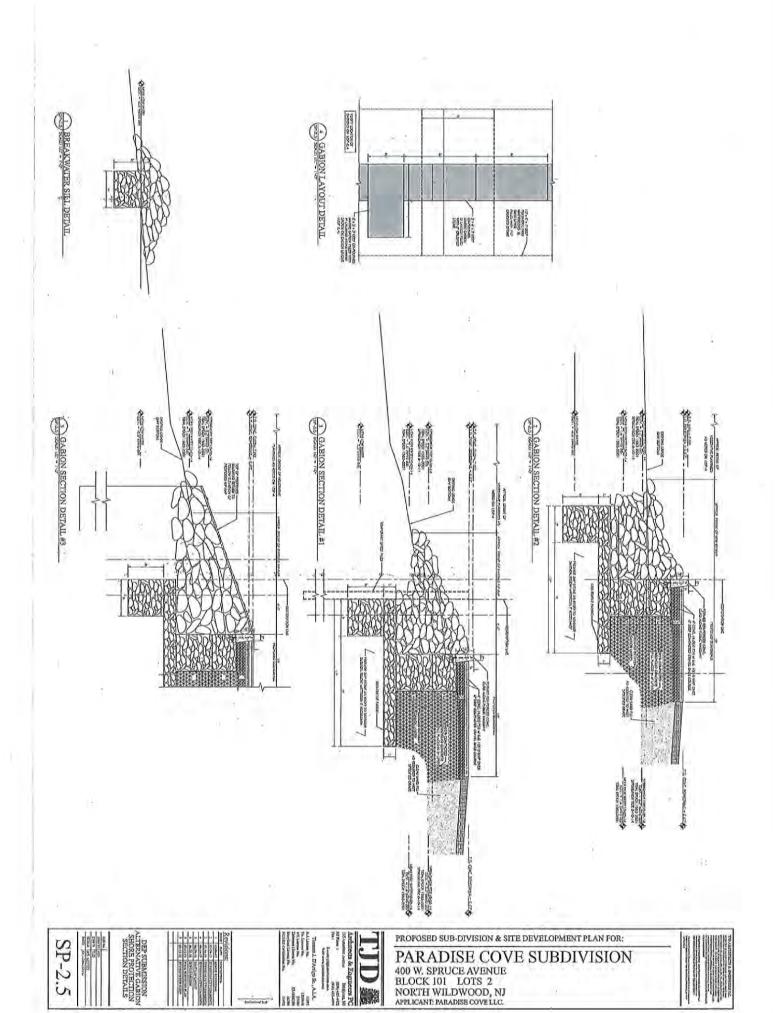
Compensatory Mitigation: There is no proposed placement of dredged or fill material in waters or wetlands. As such, compensatory mitigation has not been proposed and is not anticipated.

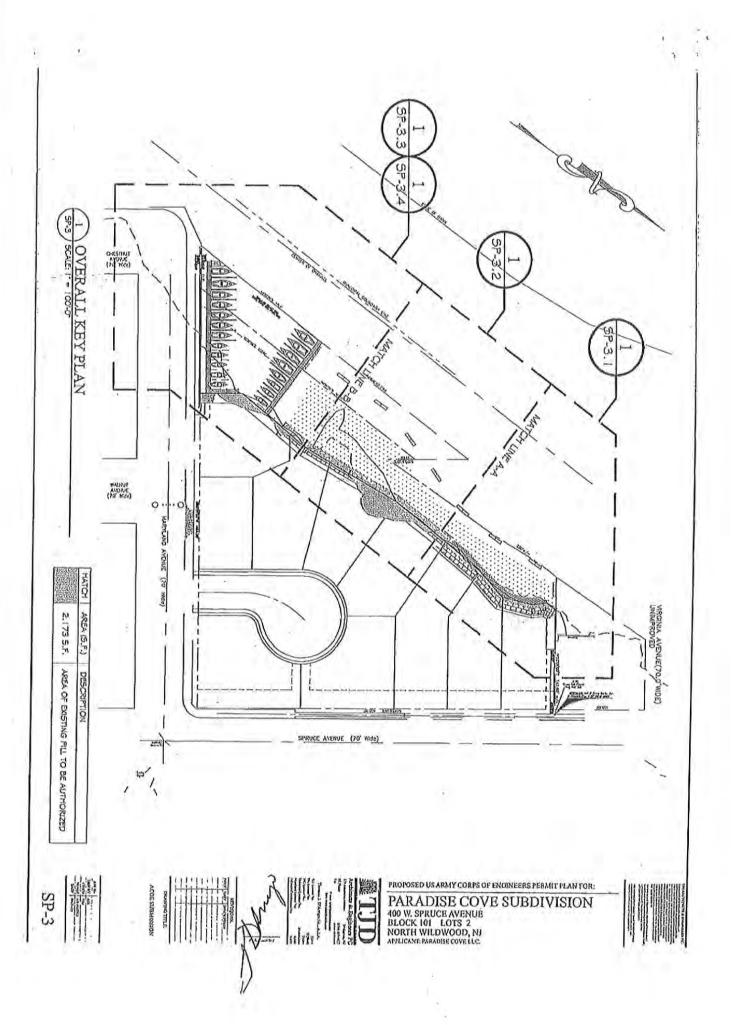
Any person may request, in writing, to the District Engineer, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state in writing, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

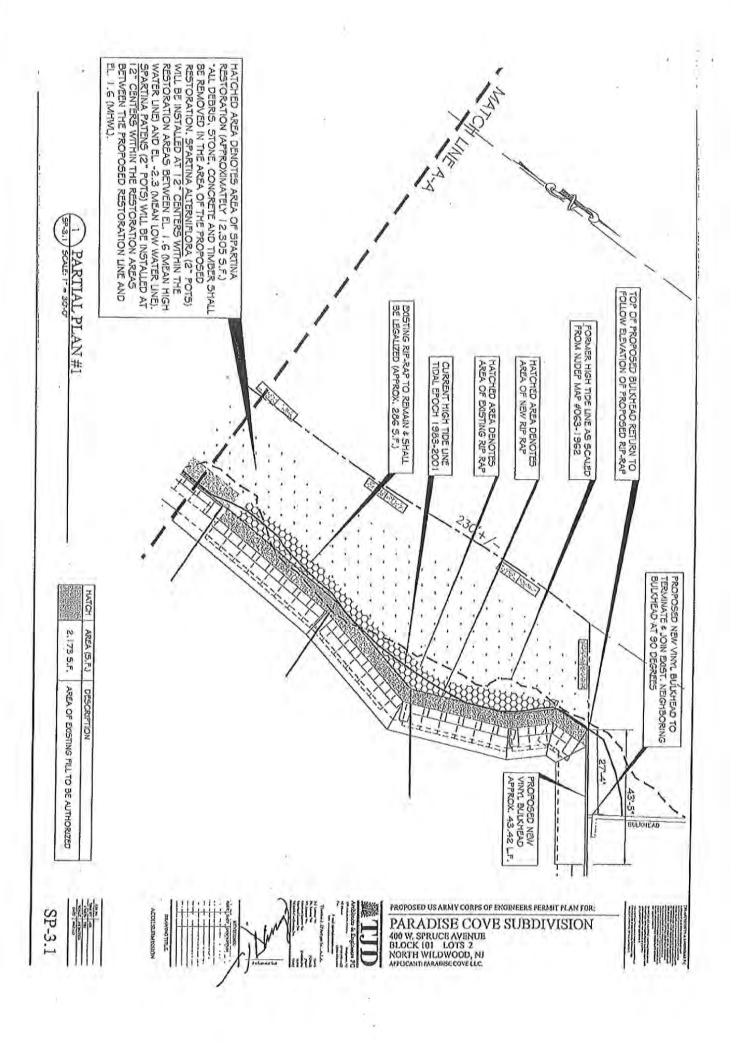
Additional information concerning this permit application may be obtained by calling at (215) 656-8597, via email at Genevieve.T.Rybicki@usace.army.mil, or writing this office at the above address.

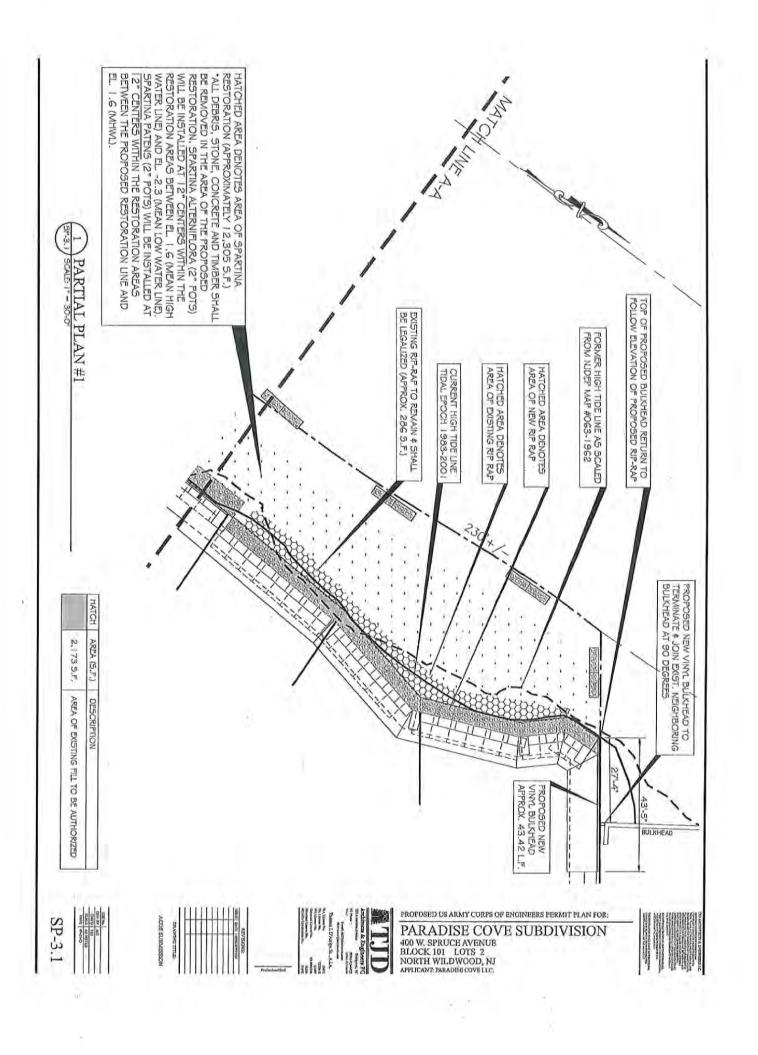
Edward Bonner Chief, Regulatory Branch

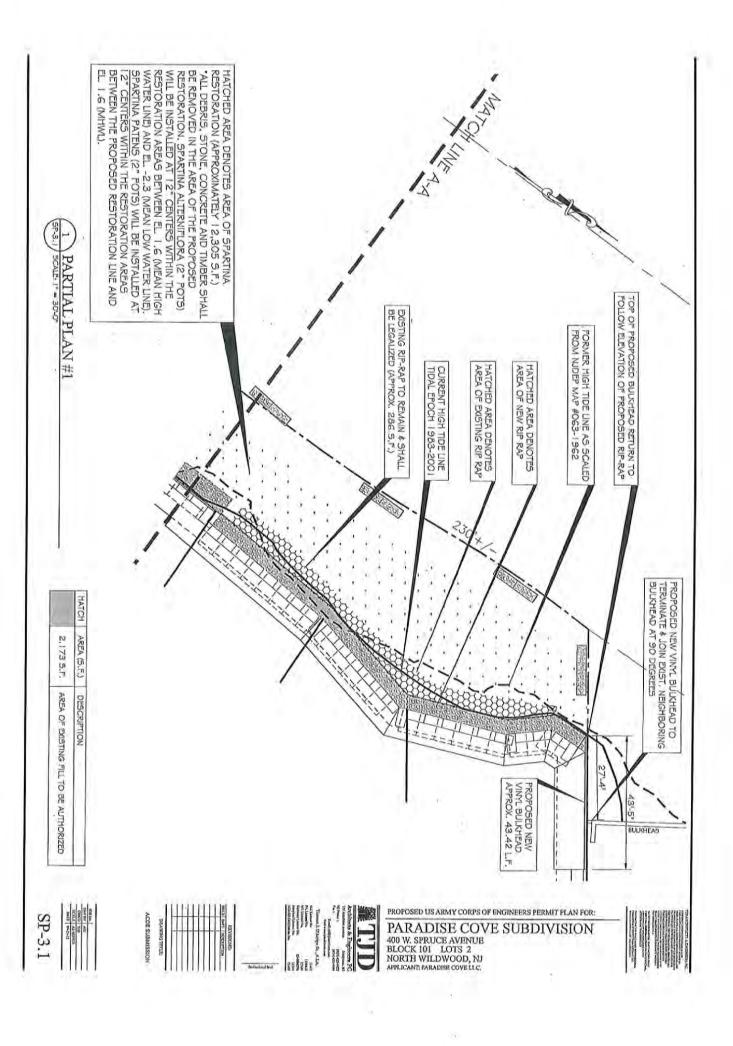


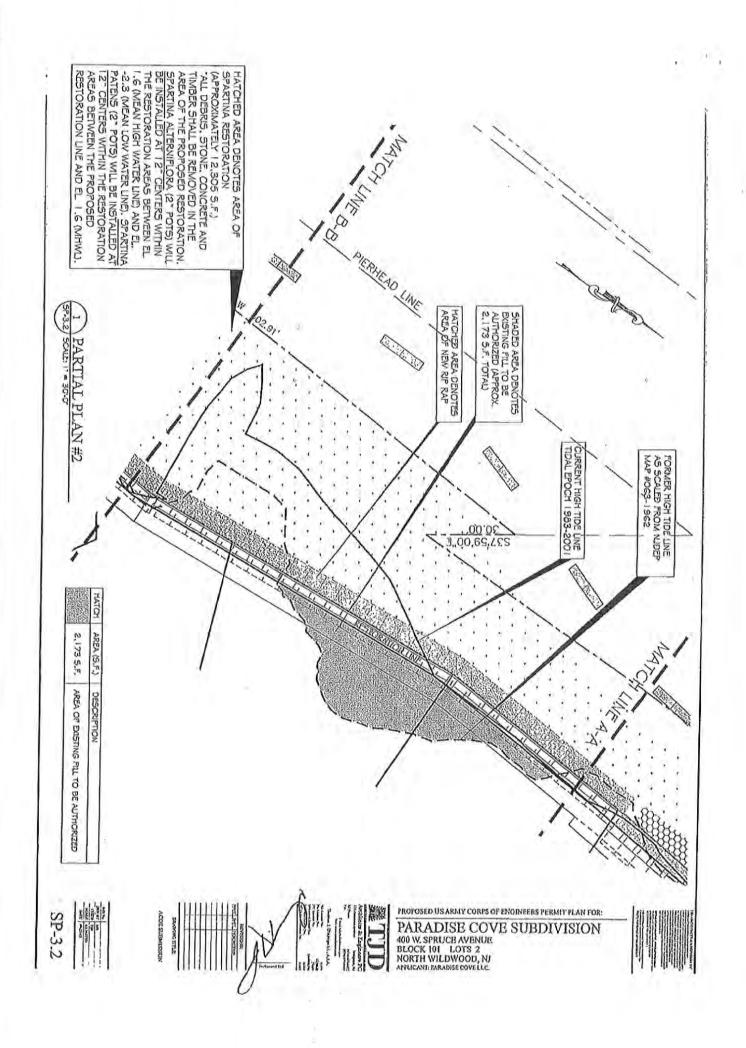


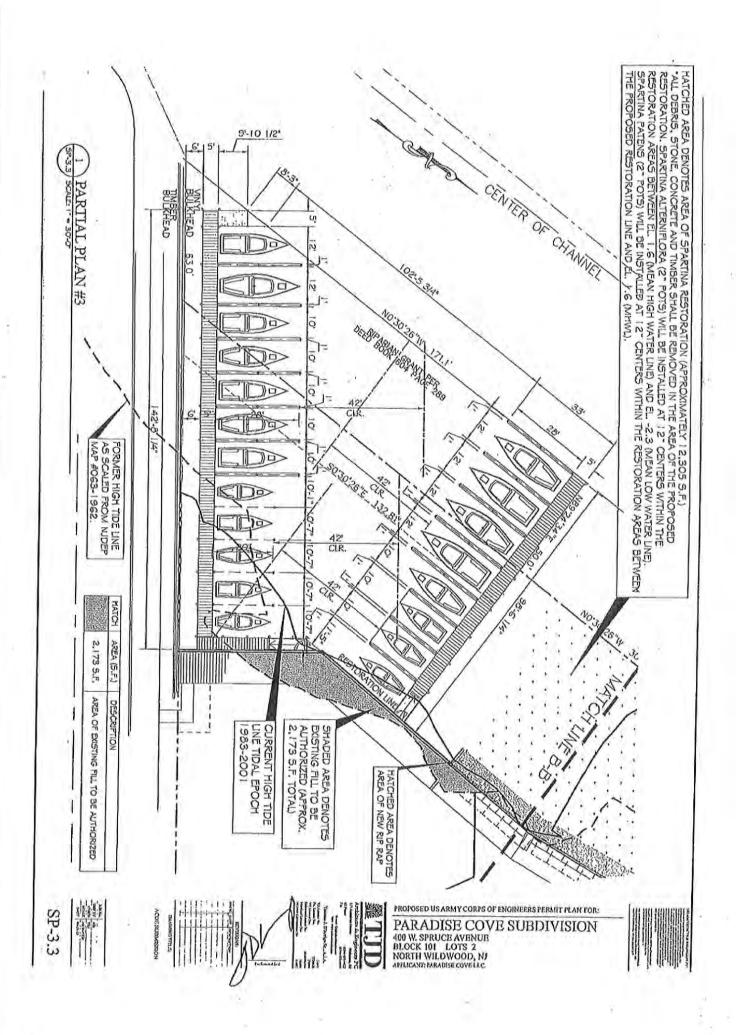


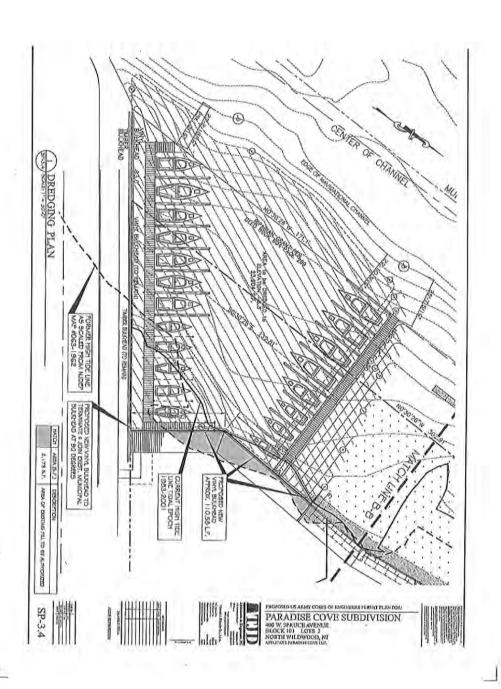


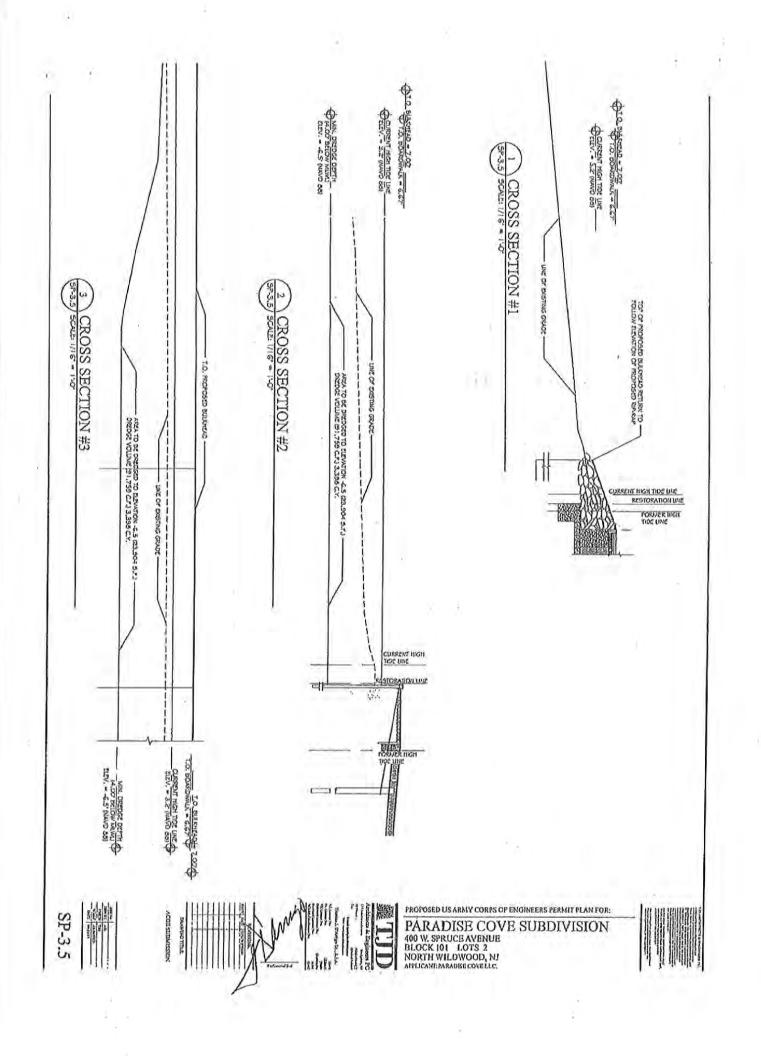


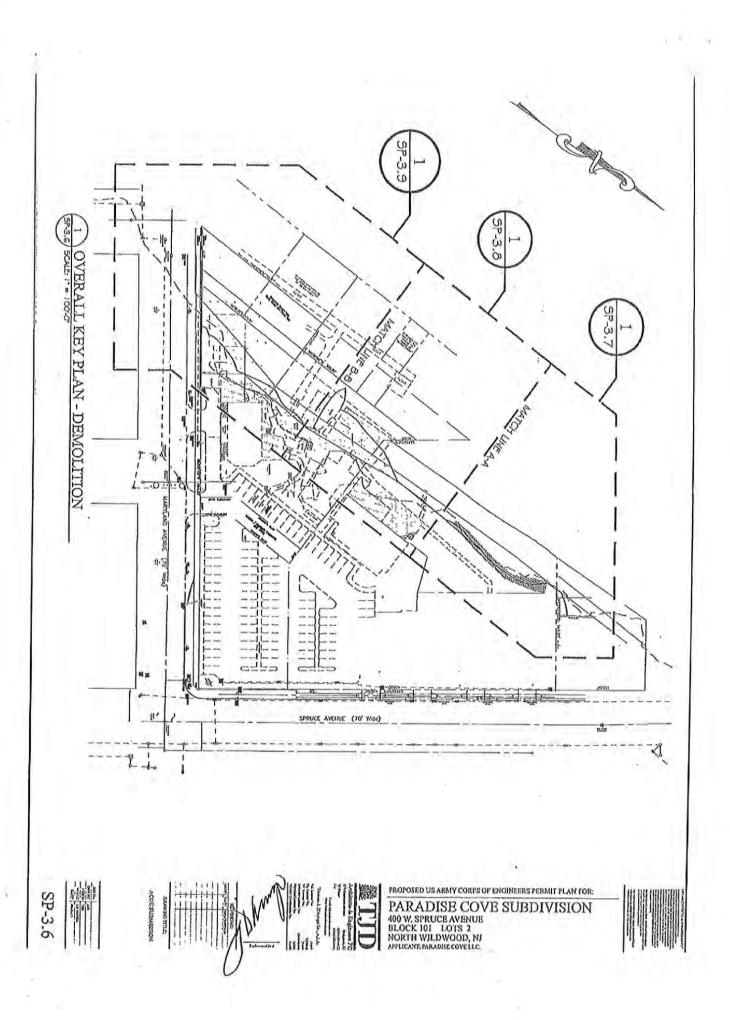












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