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Brandon W. Wall
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**Re: Letter of Permission (LOP) for Wheeler Street Boat Ramp Demolition, End of Wheeler Street, St. Marys River, Camden County, Georgia.
(GPS 30.72008N/-81.55024W)**

Dear Mr. Wall:

This Letter of Permission (LOP) is in response to your request dated March 1, 2018 for demolition to a boat ramp that was severely damaged during Hurricane Matthew and Irma. This project involves demolition of a 65ft. x 125ft. boat ramp of which approximately 6,151 square feet is in the State's Jurisdiction. According to the request, the project will involve the use of mechanized equipment to break apart the paved ramp as well as removal of scattered rubble and sediments that accumulated adjacent to the ramp as a result of Hurricane Irma. The broken up material will be hauled off site and disposed of in an appropriate upland site. The project will begin no sooner than 15-days after the date of this letter and be completed no later than 6 months after that date.

The Department authorizes the demolition as depicted in the attached description provided all Best Management Practices (BMPs) should be used to prevent any erosion and sedimentation at the site and to protect coastal marshlands. During demolition, no unauthorized equipment, materials, or debris may be placed in, disposed of, or stored in marsh jurisdictional areas. Any visible alterations in marsh topography will be restored immediately using low-impact hand tools. Any damage to the marsh vegetation that has not recovered naturally during the next growing season will be repaired by a method acceptable to the Department.

This authorization does not relieve you from obtaining any other required federal, state, or local permits. Tidal water bottoms and marshlands of coastal Georgia are public trust lands controlled by the State, except for such lands where a validated Crown Grant or State Grant exists. If you have any questions you may contact Paul Tobler at 912.264.7218

Sincerely,

Jill Andrews
Chief
Coastal Management Section

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Wheeler Street Boat Ramp Demolition

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Enclosures: Description and Location Map

**cc: USACOE
Camden County Building Inspector
Mr. Jason Wall – Ball Maritime Group, LLC**

March 1, 2018

Mr. Karl Burgess
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Coastal Resources Division
One Conservation Way, Suite 300
Brunswick, Georgia 31520-8687

**Subject: Request for Letter of Permission
Wheeler Street Boat Ramp Demolition
St. Marys, Camden County, Georgia**

Dear Mr. Burgess:

As per our conversation on February 21, 2018, Sligh Environmental Consultants, Inc. respectfully requests a Letter of Permission on behalf of the City of St. Marys to remove the existing Wheeler Street Boat Ramp in preparation for future re-construction. The ramp is over 50 years old and was damaged during Hurricane Mathew and Hurricane Irma. Significant repairs would be needed to return the ramp to safe working order, but due to the amount of damage, and because the ramp's design and alignment are old, outdated, and unsafe, the City has decided a complete re-build is unavoidable. As we discussed, the City needs to re-build the ramp as soon as possible to minimize the economic and public impacts associated with not having the ramp operational during the busy summer boating season. To that end, we are requesting that the demolition of the ramp be authorized under a Letter of Permission so this part of the project could commence while the CMPA Permit for re-construction is being processed.

The existing ramp consists of two paved lanes (65' x 125' total), raised curbs, and scattered rubble and rip-rap (+/- 6,151 square feet) on both sides. A launch dock previously existed down the middle of the ramp but was severely damaged by Hurricane Irma and has since been removed. The applicant will use mechanized equipment to break apart the paved travel surface and haul it off-site. Additionally, the project will require the removal of the scattered rubble as well as accumulated sediments that deposited adjacent to the ramp during Hurricane Irma.

Attached for your use is an exhibit depicting the proposed activities. Upon your review, if you have any questions or need any additional information, please don't hesitate to call me at (912) 232-0451.

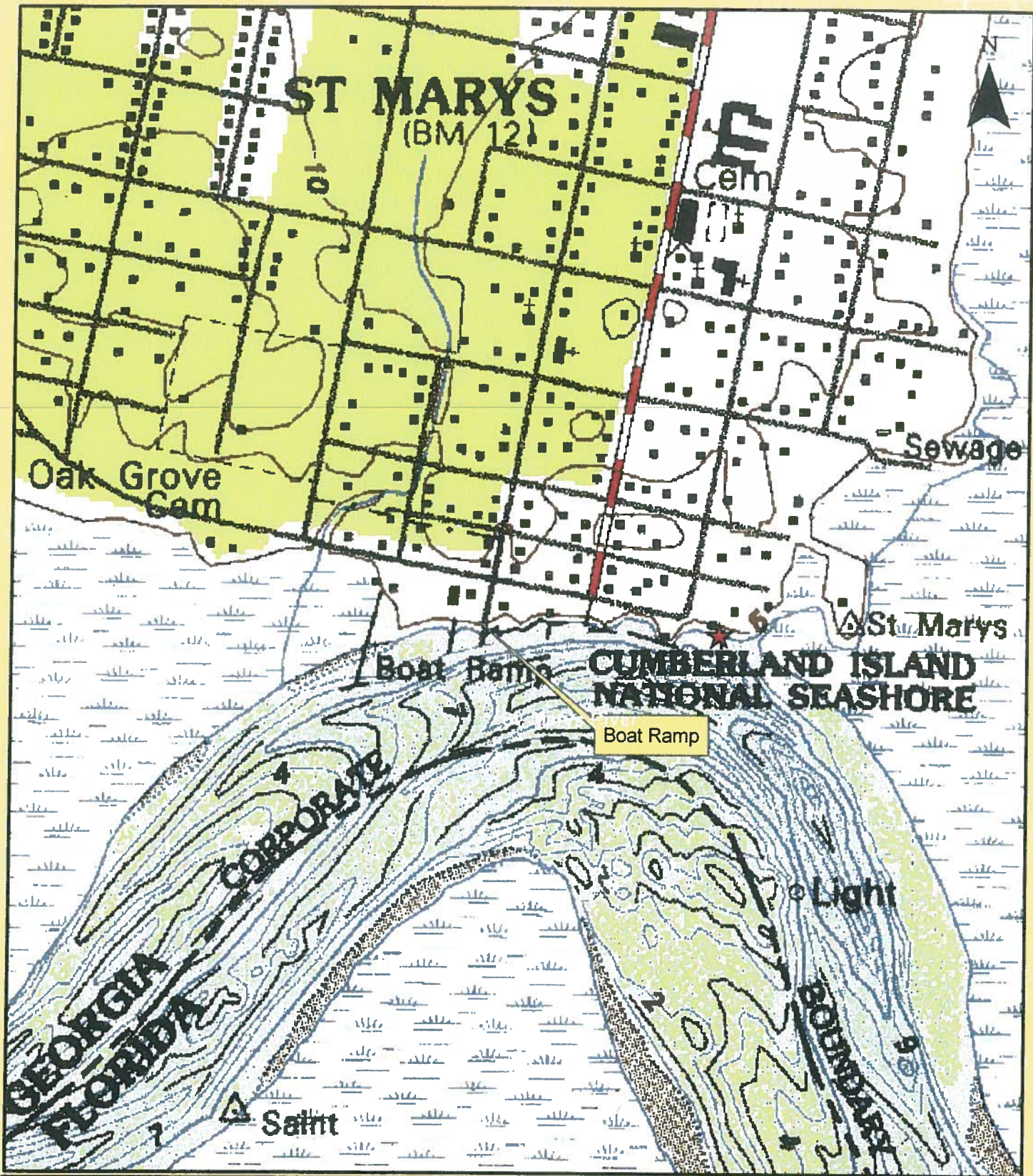
Sincerely,



Brandon W. Wall
Project Biologist
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cc: Mr. Jason Ball – Ball Maritime Group, LLC



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USGS - St. Marys Quadrangle
Wheeler Street Boat Ramp Demolition
Camden County, Georgia

700

Feet

Exhibit Date: February 26, 2018

Drawn By: BWW

Reviewed By: JPW

Job Number : 01-17-027.1



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Aerial Photograph
Wheeler Street Boat Ramp Demolition
Camden County, Georgia

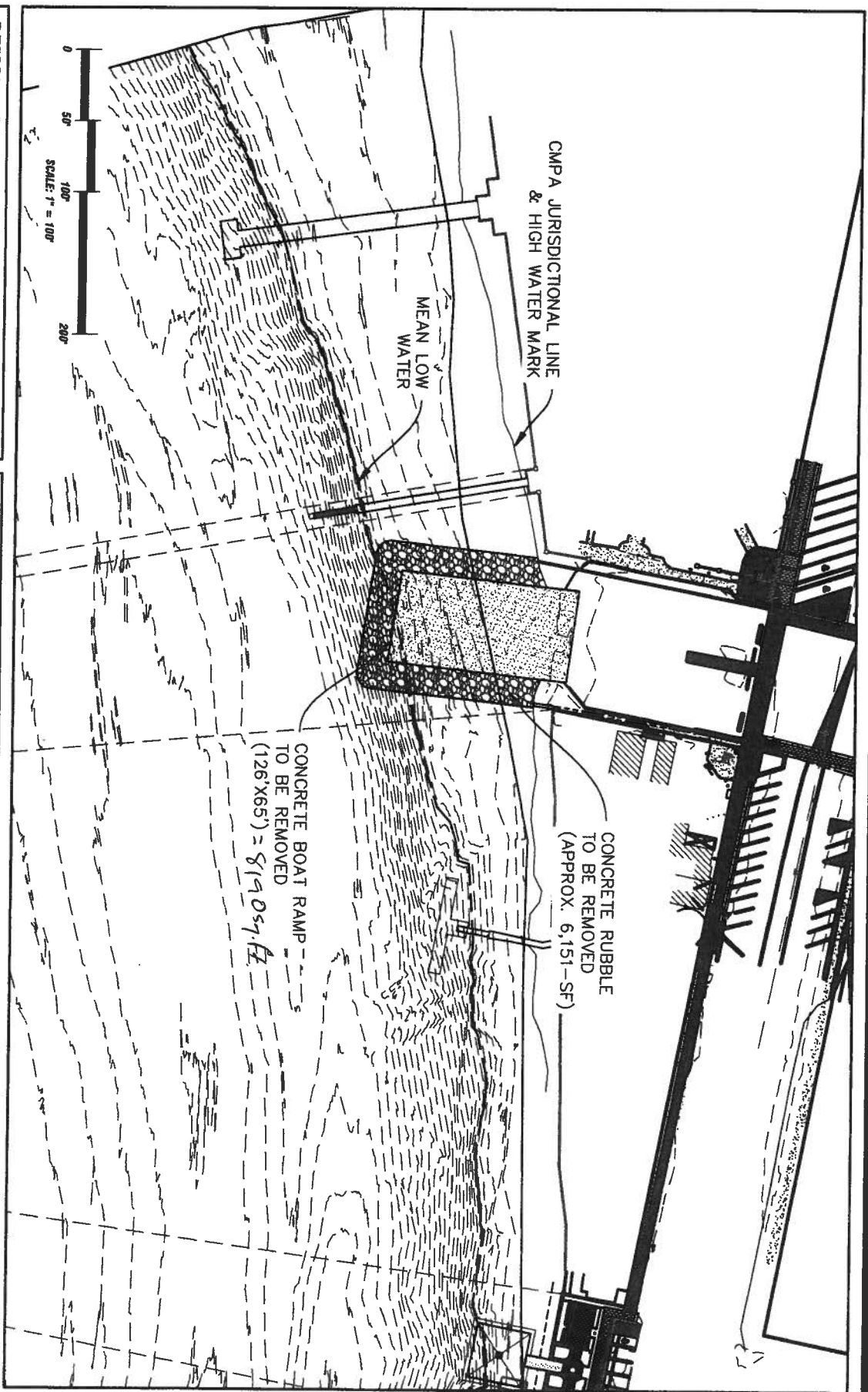
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Feet

Exhibit Date: February 26, 2018

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DEMOLITION PLAN **Boat Ramp Replacement**

St. Marys, Georgia **PROPOSED ACTIVITY: Dock Improvements**

Applicant: City of St. Marys


Date: 03/01/18

County: Camden

JOB#: 17-1028 **DATUM: NAVD88**

SCALE: 1" = 100' **SHEET: 1 of 1**

GENERAL NOTES:



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Burgess, Karl

From: Jason Ball <jason@ballmaritime.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 09, 2018 4:16 PM
To: Burgess, Karl
Subject: St. Marys Boat Ramp
Attachments: Permit Drawing-002 Boat Ramp 01-09-18.pdf

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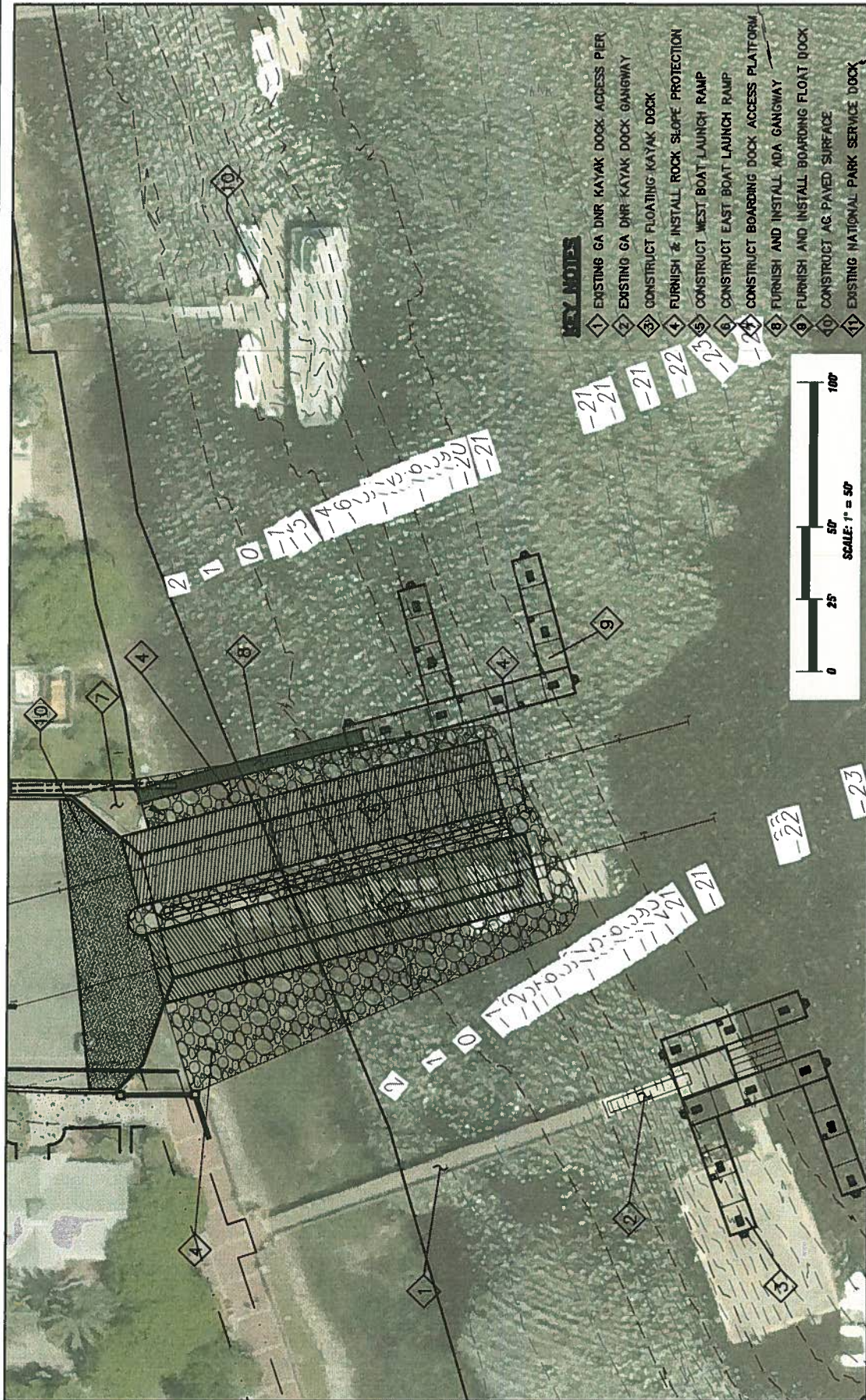
Karl,

We are getting close on the design for the replacement boat ramp, launch dock, and kayak dock to address the damaged facilities on the waterfront in St. Marys, Georgia. Attached is the figure reflecting what we would like to construct as a replacement facility that meets a betterment use of the waterfront while addressing the losses from the Hurricane. Can you please review this figure and let me know if what we need to move forward with permitting actions? Let me know if you have any questions, concerns, or desire additional information.

Regards,

Jason

Jason P. Ball, PE, DPE, DNE
President
Ball Maritime Group
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KEY NOTES

- 1 EXISTING GA DNR KAYAK DOCK ACCESS PIER
- 2 EXISTING GA DNR KAYAK DOCK GANGWAY
- 3 CONSTRUCT FLOATING KAYAK DOCK
- 4 FURNISH & INSTALL ROCK SLOPE PROTECTION
- 5 CONSTRUCT WEST BOAT LAUNCH RAMP
- 6 CONSTRUCT EAST BOAT LAUNCH RAMP
- 7 CONSTRUCT BOARDING DOCK ACCESS PLATFORM
- 8 FURNISH AND INSTALL ADA GANGWAY
- 9 FURNISH AND INSTALL BOARDING FLOAT DOCK
- 10 CONSTRUCT AG PAVED SURFACE
- 11 EXISTING NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DOCK



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GENERAL NOTES:

**Boat Ramp & Launch Facility
 St. Marys River
 Emergency Replacement
 Hurricane Irma Disaster Recovery**

Nationwide 22 Submittal Figure

St. Marys, Georgia
Applicant: City of St. Marys
Date: 01/05/18
County: Camden
JOB#: 17-1028
SCALE: 1"=50'
PROPOSED ACTIVITY: Replacement
DATUM: MLW
SHEET: 1 of 1