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COASTAL RESOURCES DIVISION
ONE CONSERVATION WAY · BRUNSWICK, GA 31520 · 912-264-7218

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DOUG HAYMANS
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April 9, 2026

The Ford Field and River Club
Jeff Dekruif
48 Ford Way
Richmond Hill, GA 31324

Re: Letter of Permission (LOP) and Revocable License (RL), Maintenance of an Existing Dike, 1 Club House Drive, The Ford Field and River Club, Ogeechee River, Bryan County, Georgia, (GPS 31.94306°N/ -81.28861°W) SAS-2025-00587

Dear Mr. Dekruif:

This Letter of Permission (LOP) is in response to your request dated March 16, 2026 for maintenance to approximately 2,700 linear feet of an 10,100 linear feet existing dike. An LOP and RL was issued on October 3, 2025 for the activities proposed in the request dated July 14, 2025. As of the date of this letter, no maintenance work related to this request has been completed. The project will begin no sooner than fifteen (15) days from the date of this letter and be completed within six (6) months.

The project will consist of replenishing the existing riprap on the dike with approximately 1,987.5 cubic yards (35,775sq.ft.) of new riprap within the existing footprint. The repairs will occur at thirteen (13) locations along the dike including three existing outfall structures and adjacent to one abandoned outfall structure. All work will occur above the Mean Low Water (MLW) line.

The Department authorizes the dike maintenance in its existing footprint as depicted in the attached description and drawings. No unauthorized equipment, materials, or debris may be placed in, disposed of, or stored in jurisdictional areas. All material removed must be disposed of at an appropriate upland disposal area. 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 may require restoration by a method acceptable to the Department.

Please find enclosed a fully executed Revocable License (RL) for the project described above. This license serves as an authorization to utilize state owned tidal water bottoms for your project. Any change in the use, location, dimensions, or configuration of the approved project, without prior notification and approval from this office could result in revocation of this permission and in the required removal of the related structures.

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, please contact Cheyenne Osborne at 912-264-7218.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jill Andrews".

Jill Andrews
Chief, Coastal Management Section

Enclosures: Executed Revocable License, Federal Consistency Certification Statement,
Re-Issue Project Request, Initial Project Request, Drawings, Historical Pictures,
Existing Pictures

Cc: Hayden.C.Casey@usace.army.mil

File: LOP20260030

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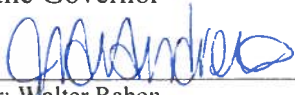
REVOCABLE LICENSE FOR THE USE OF TIDAL WATERBOTTOMS

APPLICANT NAME(S): The Ford Field and River Club
MAILING ADDRESS: 48 Ford Way, Richmond Hill, GA 31324
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)
PROJECT ADDRESS/LOCATION: Along the dike between Lake Clara and the Ogeechee River
COUNTY: Bryan WATERWAY: Ogeechee River
LOT, BLOCK & SUBDIVISION NAME FROM DEED: _____

The State of Georgia hereby grants you a revocable license not coupled with an interest¹. This area may now or in the future be utilized by boats employing power drawn nets under the provisions for commercial or sport bait shrimping. In its occupancy and use of the premises, licensee shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, gender, color, national origin, religion, age, or disability. This covenant by licensee may be enforced by termination of this license, by injunction, and/or by any other remedy available at law to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Attached hereto as Attachments A and B and made a part of this license are the project description, drawing(s), and terms and conditions that are the subject of this license. The project approved for this license must be constructed and completed within the specified timeframe noted in the terms and conditions and must be maintained in serviceable condition. Otherwise, action will be initiated to revoke this license and all structures must be removed immediately at the licensee's expense.

STATE OF GEORGIA
Office of the Governor

By: 
For: Walter Rabon
Commissioner-DNR

Date: OCT 03 2025

Enclosures:

LOP20250058

¹ Tidal water bottoms and marshlands of coastal Georgia are public trust lands owned by the State, except where ownership of such lands is demonstrated through an unbroken chain of title to a valid Crown or State Grant, which explicitly conveys the beds of such tidewaters. The Revocable License authorizes use of lands presumed to be owned by the State of Georgia, and which are under control of the State. This Revocable License is issued with the understanding and condition that it could be rendered invalid should another person demonstrate ownership to such lands pursuant to a valid Crown Grant or State Grant. This Revocable License is issued with the understanding that such lands are subject to the public trust doctrine.

FEDERAL CONSISTENCY CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

Printed Name of Applicant(s): The Ford Field & River Club - Jeff Dekruif-General Manager

Applicant Email: jdekruif@fordfieldandrivierclub.com Phone: 912-756-5710

Agent Name (if applicable): Resource & Land Consultant - Matthew Willis Phone: 912-443-5896

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that I have made application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for authorization to impact Waters of the United States and that such proposed work is, to the best of my knowledge, consistent with Georgia's Coastal Management Program.

I understand I must provide this Consistency Certification Statement, along with a copy of my permit application submitted to USACE, to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Coastal Resources Division (CRD) before they can begin evaluating my proposed project for consistency with Georgia's enforceable policies. I understand additional information may be required to facilitate review.

Once any required authorizations or permits from CRD have been issued, and CRD has concurred with my findings by signing this Consistency Certification Statement, CRD must submit it to USACE in order for them to issue any required federal permits or authorizations, or to validate any provisional authorizations they have already issued. A USACE provisional authorization or permit will not be valid until they receive this Certification Statement signed by CRD.

Attached is a copy of my application to USACE (required)

Signature of Applicant:  Date: 7/2/25

FOR AGENCY INTERNAL USE ONLY:	Date Received (Commencement Date): <u>7/28/25</u>
USACE Authorization/Permit Number (assigned by USACE):	<u>SAS-2025-00587</u>
USACE Authorization Type (select one): <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Permit <input type="checkbox"/> General Permit # <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NWP # <u>3a</u>	
USACE Project Manager:	<u>Hayden Casey</u>
CRD Authorization/Permit Number (assigned by CRD):	<u>LOP20250058</u>
CRD Project Manager:	<u>Cheyenne Osborne</u>

CRD HAS REVIEWED AND CONCURS WITH THIS CONSISTENCY CERTIFICATION STATEMENT TO THE EXTENT THE USACE AUTHORIZED PROJECT DESCRIPTION IS CONSISTENT WITH THE AUTHORIZED PROJECT DESCRIPTION FOR ANY CRD PERMIT ISSUED FOR THIS PROJECT

CRD Signature:  Date: OCT 03 2025
Printed Name: Jill Andrews Title: Chief

For questions regarding consistency with the Georgia Coastal Management Program, please contact the Federal Consistency Coordinator at (912) 264-7218 or visit www.CoastalGADNR.org.

From: [Matthew Willis](#)
To: [Osborne, Cheyenne](#)
Cc: [Alton Brown Jr.](#); [Ray Pittman](#); [Jeff Dekruif](#)
Subject: RE: Ford Field & River Club Outfall Structure Bank Stabilization
Date: Monday, March 16, 2026 8:42:02 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Cheyenne: Could you please give us a 6-month extension on this LOP? Let us know if you need anything.



1 July 2025

US Army Corps of Engineers
Savannah District / Regulatory Division
Attention: CESAS-RD (William M. Rutlin, Coastal Branch Chief)
100 West Oglethorpe Avenue
Savannah, Georgia 31401-3640

Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Coastal Resources Division
Attn: Mr. Josh Noble
One Conservation Way
Brunswick, Georgia 31520-8687

**Subject: Request For PCN (NWP #3a) & LOP
Ford Field & River Club Dike Maintenance
Bryan County, Georgia**

RLC# 10-065.7

Dear Mr. Rutlin & Mr. Noble:

As discussed during our site visit and conference call, The Ford Field & River Club, is requesting a Nationwide Permit #3(a) Pre-Construction Notification and a Letter of Permission for activities associated with maintenance of the existing dike between Lake Clara and the Ogeechee River in Bryan County, Georgia (31.941614°, -81.275617°). The bank of the existing serviceable dike consists of a variety rip-rap, bricks and clean broken concrete associated with many years of bank stabilization. In 2024, the existing dike was damaged by river flood events associated with Hurricane Debbie in August 2024 and Hurricane Helene in September 2024. The permittee is proposing to perform routine maintenance along the bank of the dike. The maintenance activity will include repair of along 9 locations the existing dike, adjacent to three existing outfall structures and adjacent to one abandoned outfall structure. The maintenance area totals 2,700 linear feet and 0.82 acre. Maintenance activities will include the placement of approximately 1,987.5 cubic yards of additional rip-rap or clean broken concrete on top of existing brick, concrete and rock. No impact to vegetated wetlands will occur as part of the maintenance activities. All work will occur above mean low water line.

The attached information includes the following:

- Right of Entry Form and Agent Authorization Form
- Pre-Construction Notification Form
- Federal Consistency Certification Statement
- Revocable License Request
- Property Ownership Documents
- Exhibits and Impact Plans Produced by Pittman Engineering Co., LLC
- Ford Field & River Club, Lake Clara Dike Visual Reconnaissance Performed by Pittman Engineering Co., LLC
- DFIRM Map
- Threatened and Endangered Species Information, IPaC Database & EDGES Information
- GNAHRGIS Cultural & Archaeological Resources Documentation

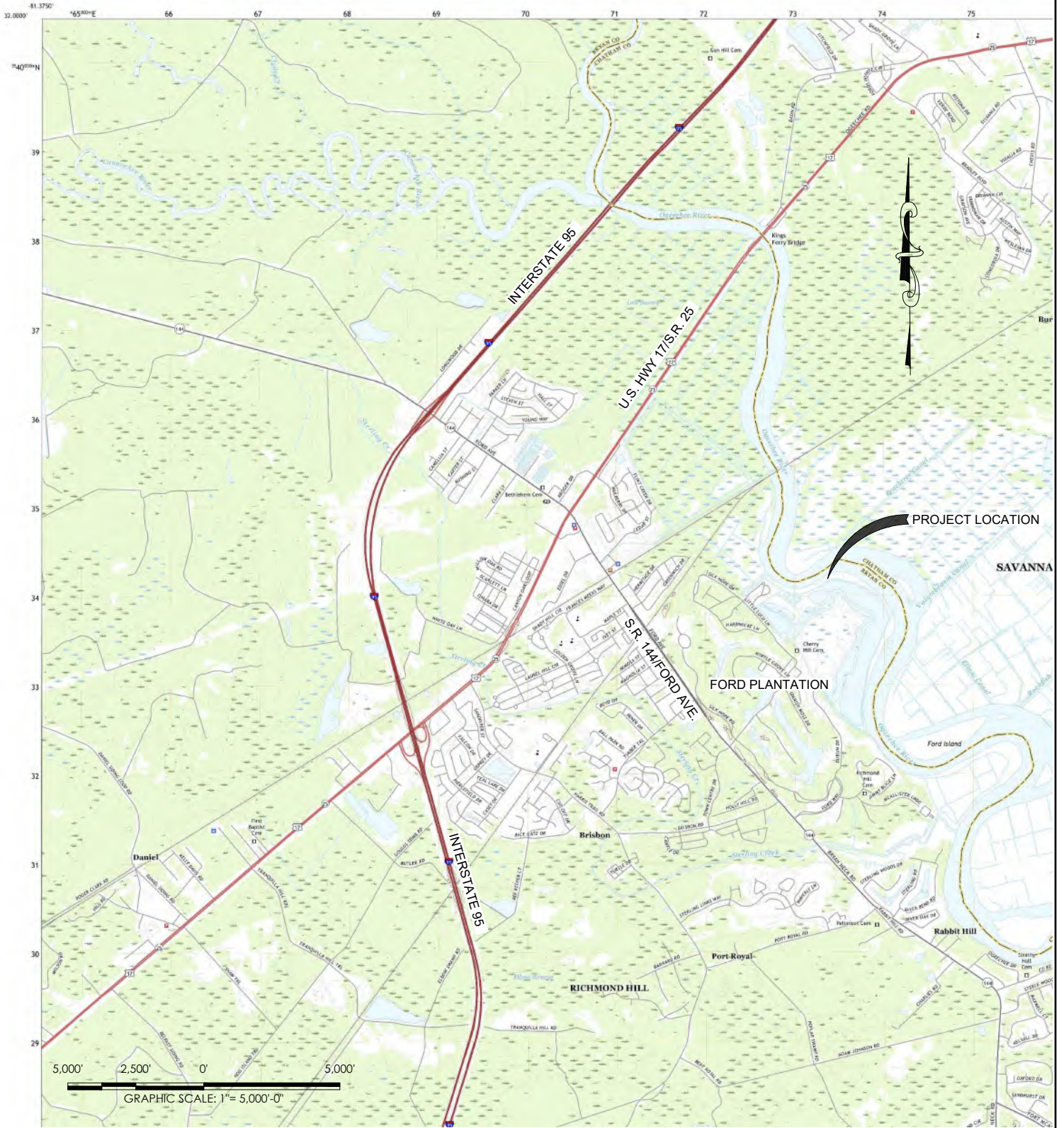
We greatly appreciate your assistance with this project. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact us at (912) 443-5896.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Willis". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Matthew Willis
Project Manager
Resource & Land Consultants

cc: Mr. Jeff Dekruif – The Ford Field & River Club
Mr. Ray Pittman – Pittman Engineering



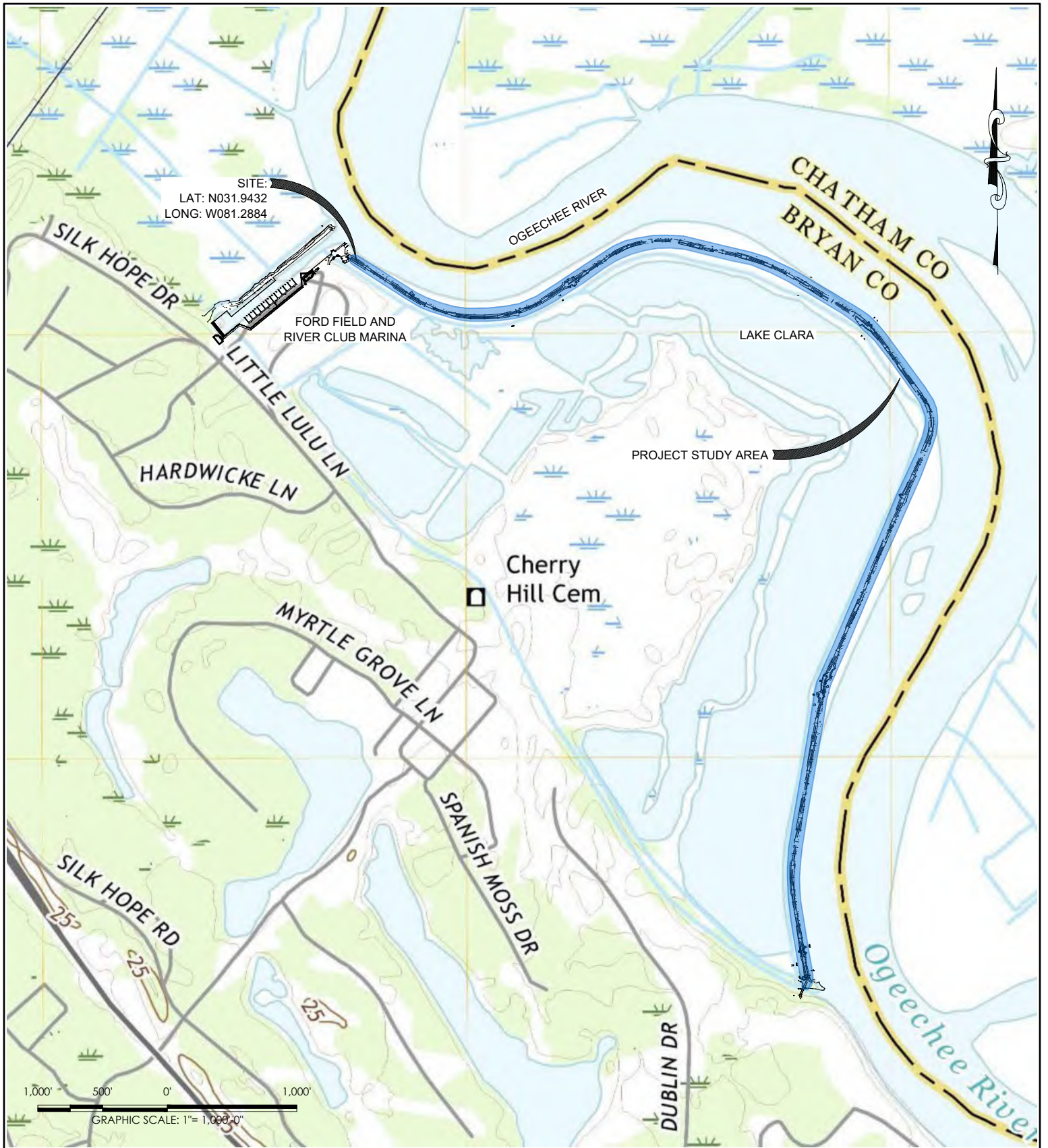
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LAKE CLARA DIKE RESTORATION SITE MAP

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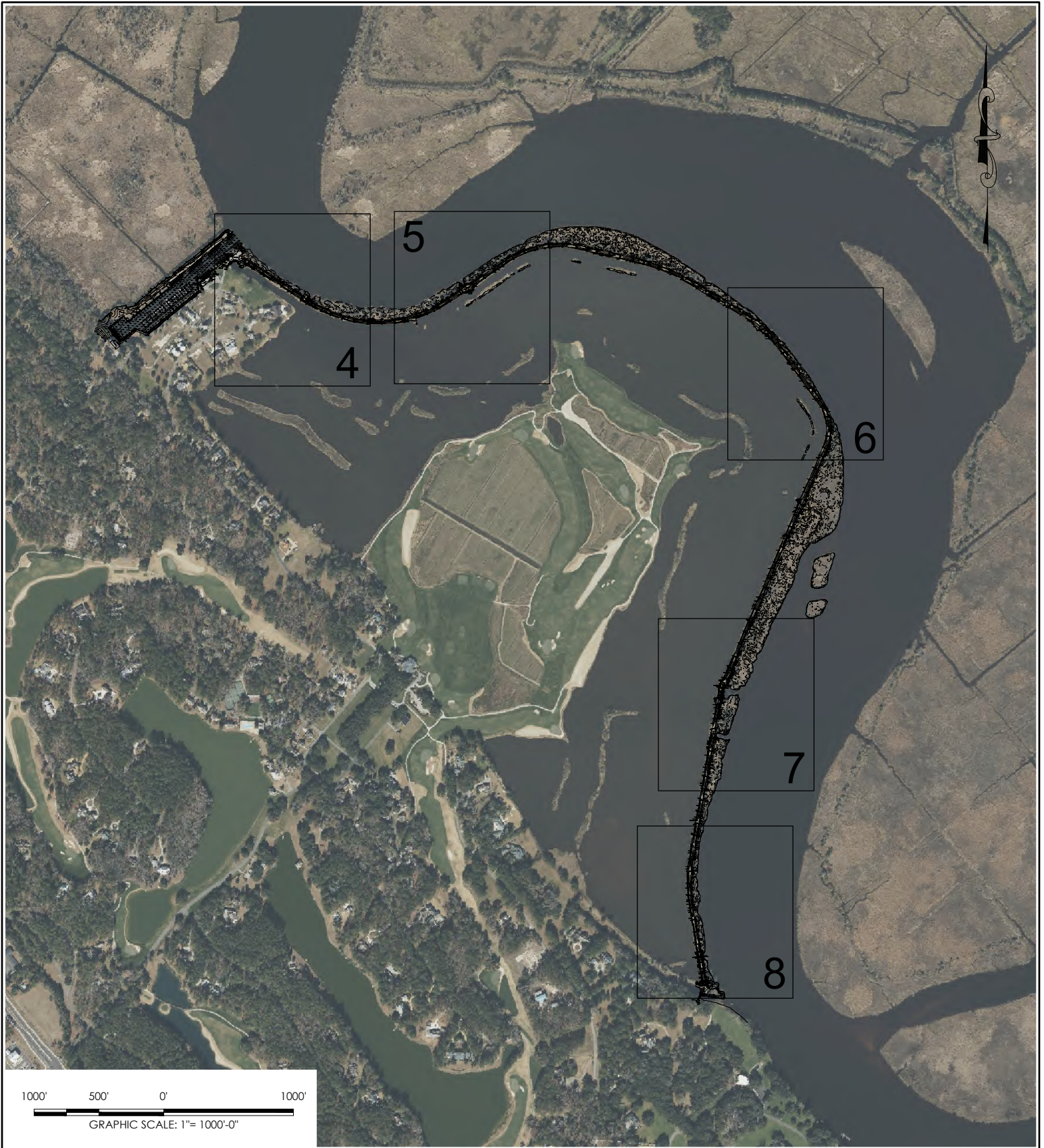
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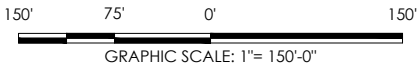
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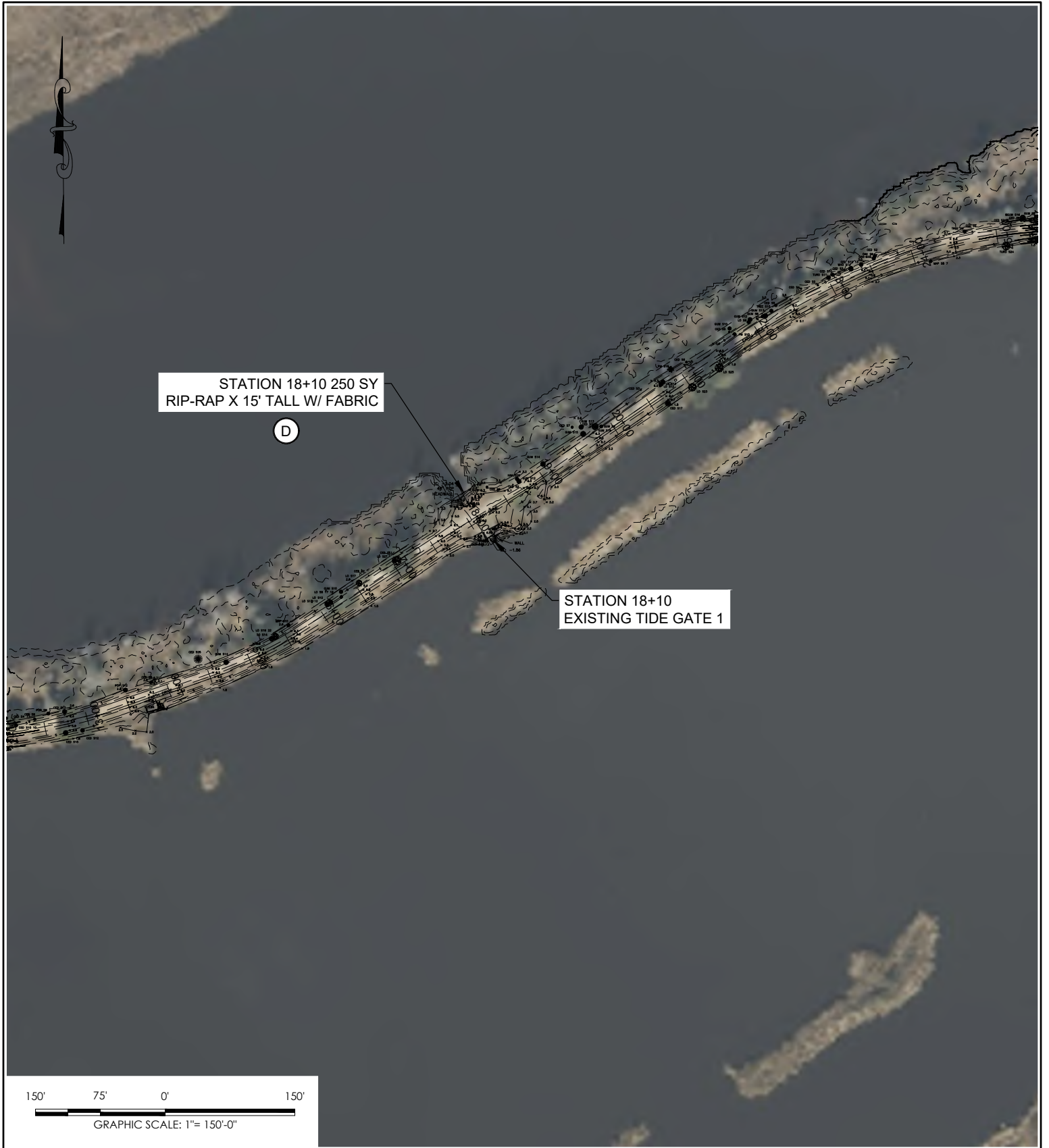
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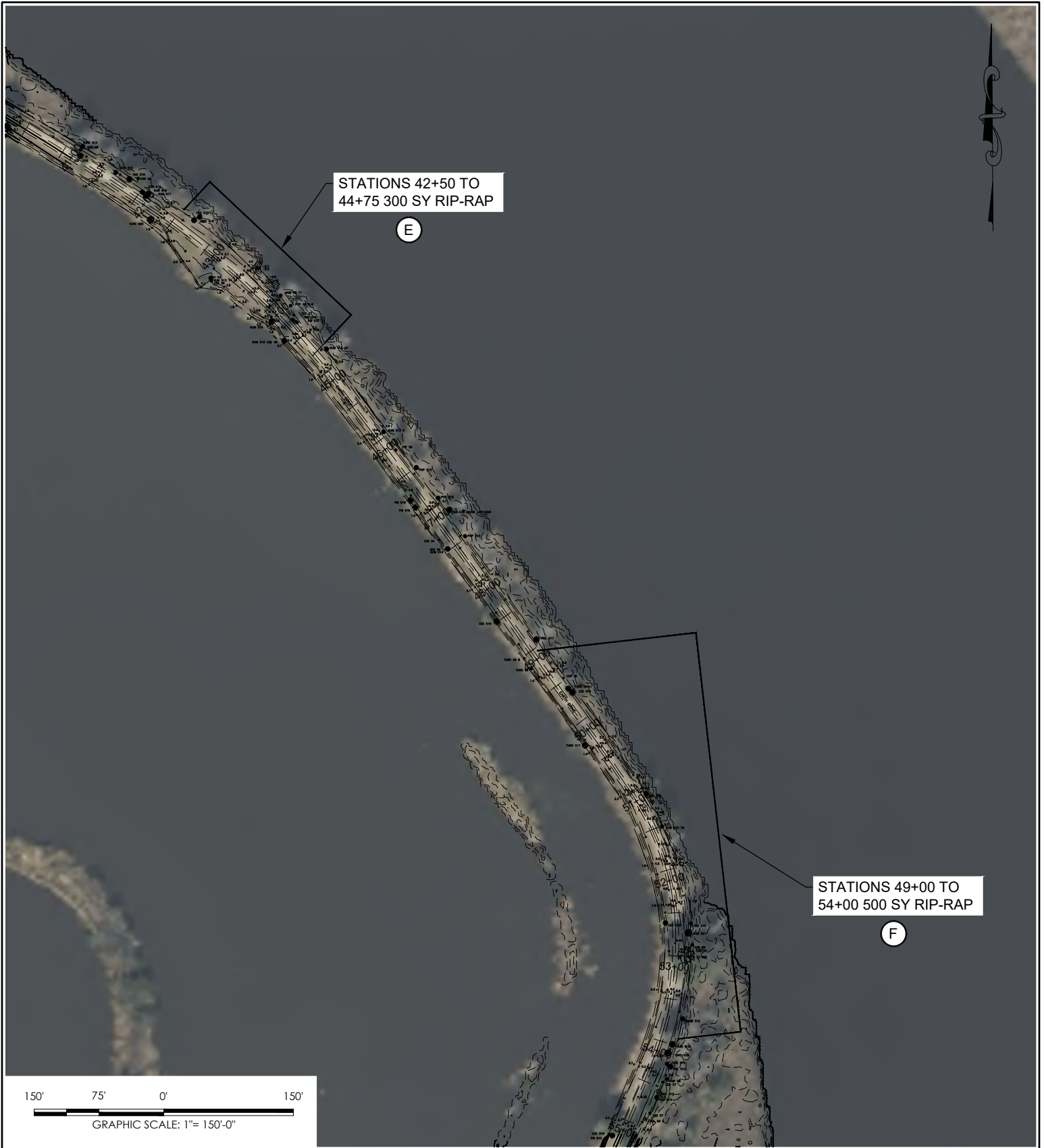
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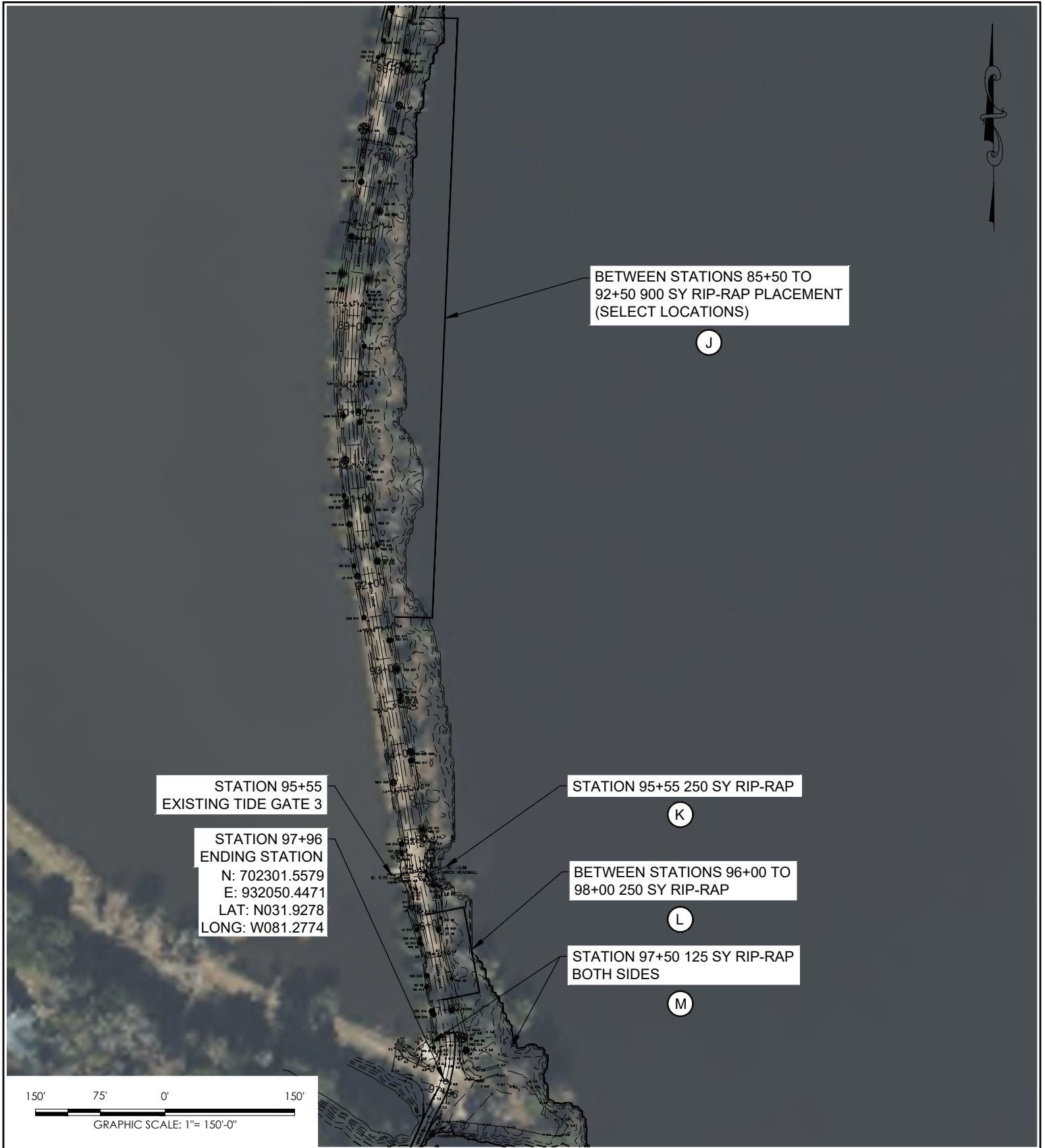


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LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	UNITS	QUANTITY
A	BROKEN CONCRETE	SY	375
B	BROKEN CONCRETE	SY	150
C	BROKEN CONCRETE	SY	125
D	BROKEN CONCRETE	SY	250
E	BROKEN CONCRETE	SY	300
F	BROKEN CONCRETE	SY	500
G	BROKEN CONCRETE	SY	200
H	BROKEN CONCRETE	SY	175
I	BROKEN CONCRETE	SY	250
J	BROKEN CONCRETE	SY	900
K	BROKEN CONCRETE	SY	250
L	BROKEN CONCRETE	SY	250
M	BROKEN CONCRETE	SY	250

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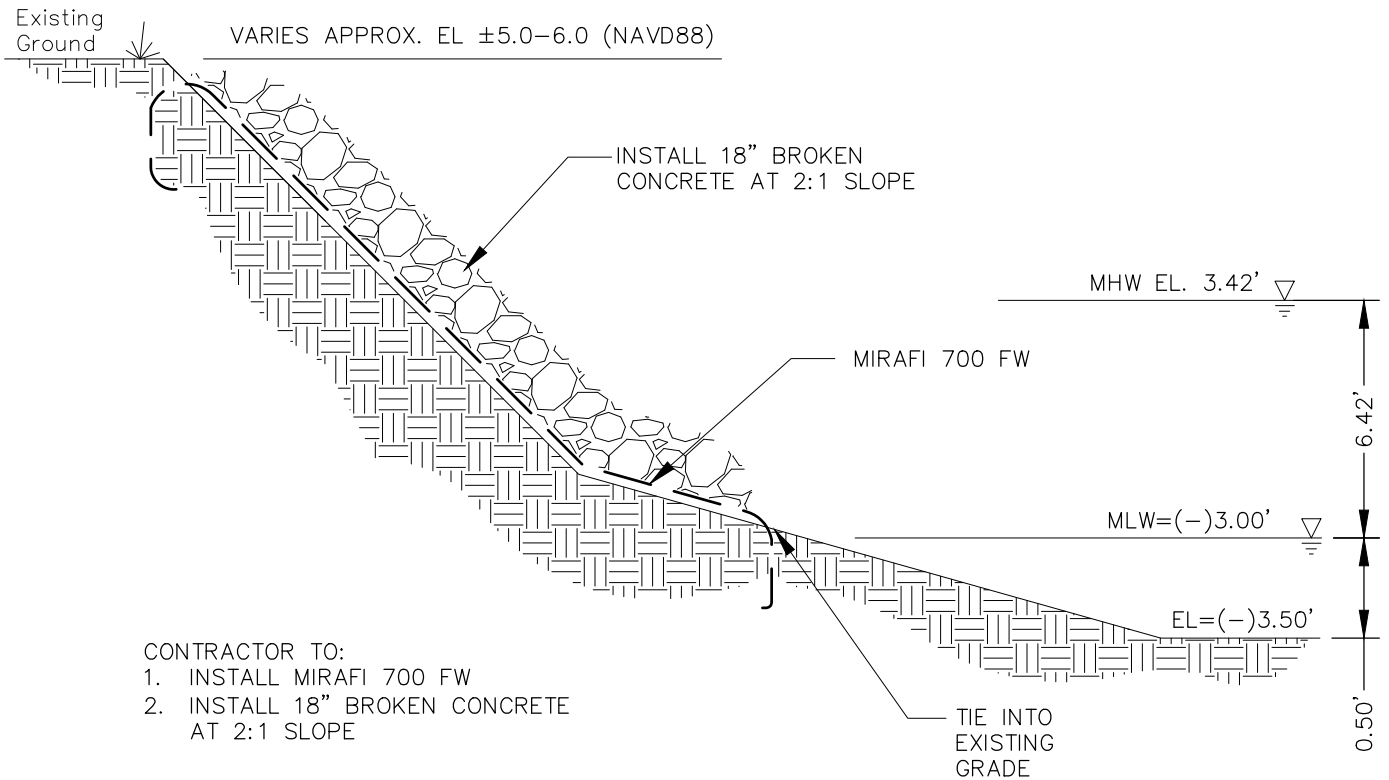


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- CONTRACTOR TO:
1. INSTALL MIRAFI 700 FW
 2. INSTALL 18" BROKEN CONCRETE AT 2:1 SLOPE

RIP-RAP INSTALLATION DETAIL

SCALE: N.T.S.

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Location	Material	SY	SF	AC	CY	Linear Footage
A	RIP RAP/BROKEN CONCRETE	375	3375	0.08	187.5	260
B	RIP RAP/BROKEN CONCRETE	150	1350	0.03	75	70
C	RIP RAP/BROKEN CONCRETE	125	1125	0.03	62.5	50
D	RIP RAP/BROKEN CONCRETE	250	2250	0.05	125	170
E	RIP RAP/BROKEN CONCRETE	300	2700	0.06	150	225
F	RIP RAP/BROKEN CONCRETE	500	4500	0.1	250	500
G	RIP RAP/BROKEN CONCRETE	200	1800	0.04	100	80
H	RIP RAP/BROKEN CONCRETE	175	1575	0.04	87.5	100
I	RIP RAP/BROKEN CONCRETE	250	2250	0.05	125	70
J	RIP RAP/BROKEN CONCRETE	900	8100	0.19	450	700
K	RIP RAP/BROKEN CONCRETE	250	2250	0.05	125	150
L	RIP RAP/BROKEN CONCRETE	250	2250	0.05	125	200
M	RIP RAP/BROKEN CONCRETE	250	2250	0.05	125	125
	Total	3975	35775	0.82	1987.5	2700

Background

According to Historical American Building Survey "HABS No. GA-2348-A" the Sterling Marsh/Cherry Hill Rice Fields and the Lake Clara Dike/Levee system is associated with the antebellum Richmond Plantation and appears to have been installed between 1760 and 1803. Rice production continued in Lake Clara until 1890 and was also used in the 1930s during Henry Ford's tenure for lettuce production. Today, the dike/levee continues to separate the Ogeechee River from Lake Clara. The photos from Survey "HABS No. GA-2348-A" also show that maintenance of the dike has been recurring throughout the years. Below are photos from the Historic Document.

Figure 4: Note Broken Riprap used as Bank Stabilization



Figure 5: Piles in Ogeechee River which appear to be original/replacements for a past seawall



Figure 6: Lake Clara Dike/Levee



Figure 9. Control Structure #1.



Figure 10. Section of Dike requiring Riprap

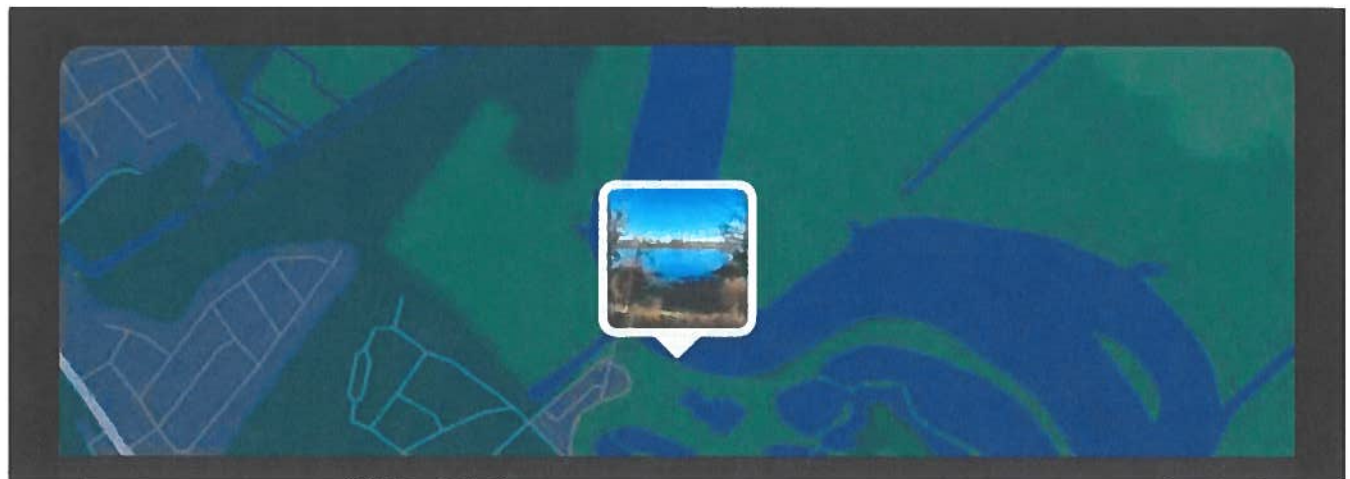


Figure 11. Outfall Structure #1 requires riprap protection

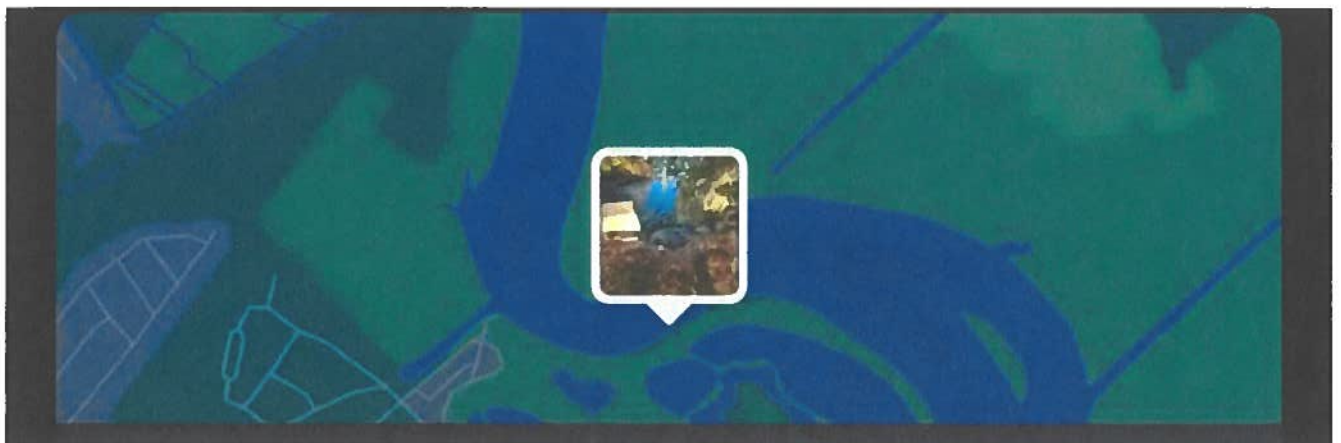


Figure 12. Control Structure #1 needing supplemental riprap and fabric

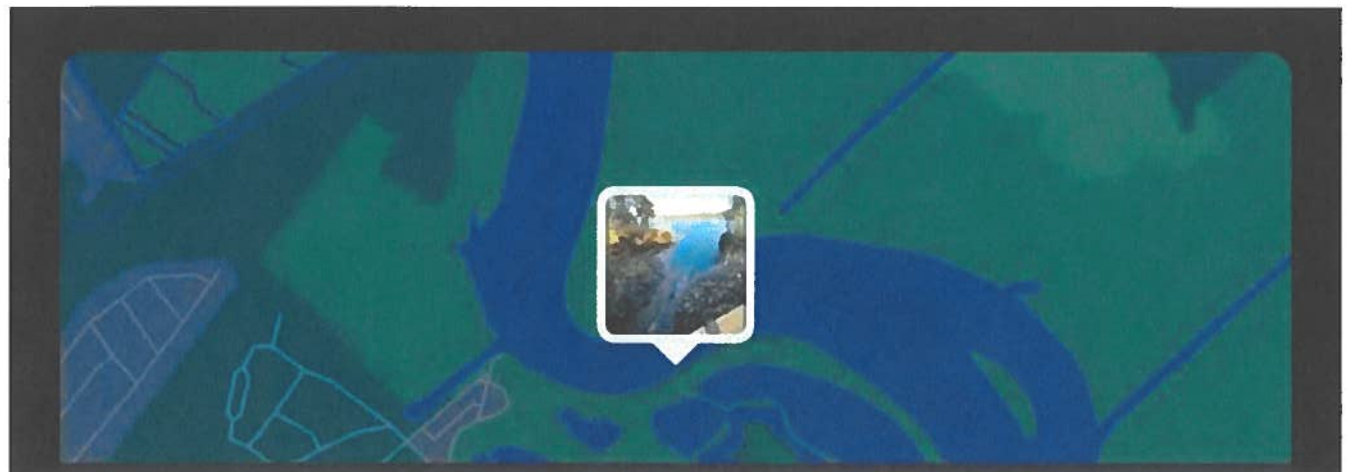


Figure 13. Narrow Section of Levee recommended for riprap

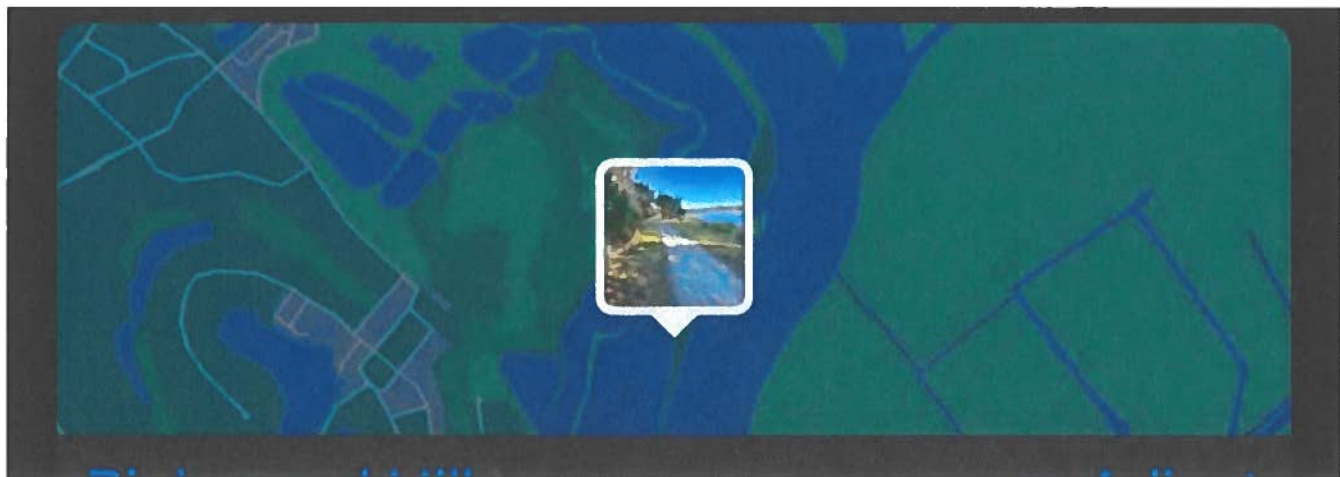


Figure 14. Section of Dike with existing Concrete Bags used as riprap

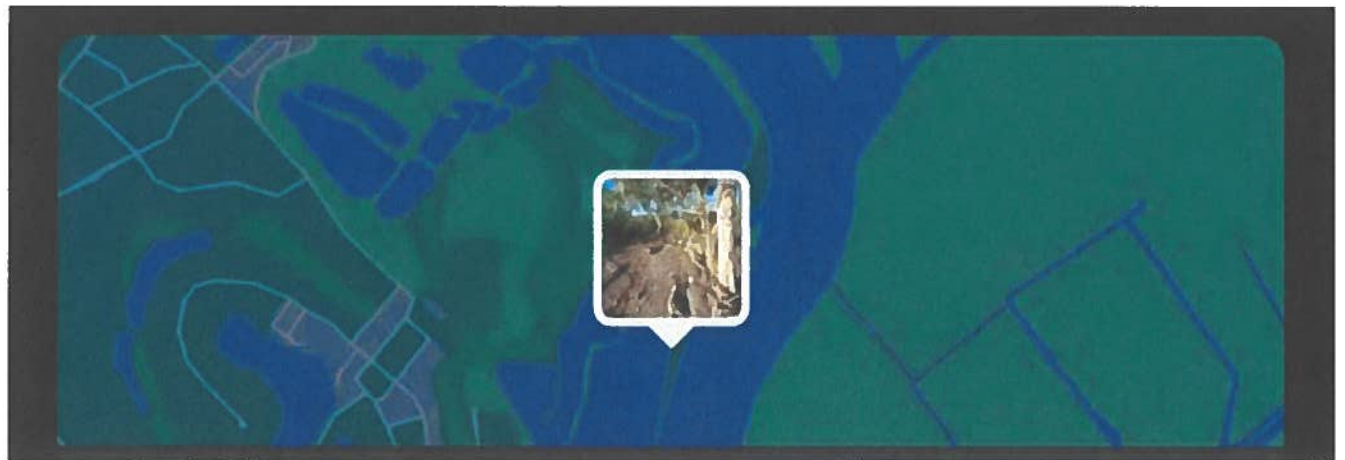


Figure 15. Typical Section of Levee

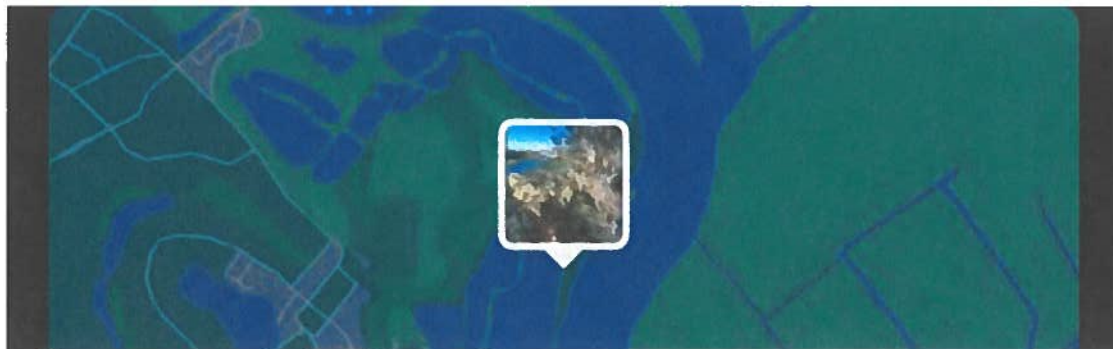


Figure 16. Control Structure #2 with sink hole that needs IMMEDIATE repair

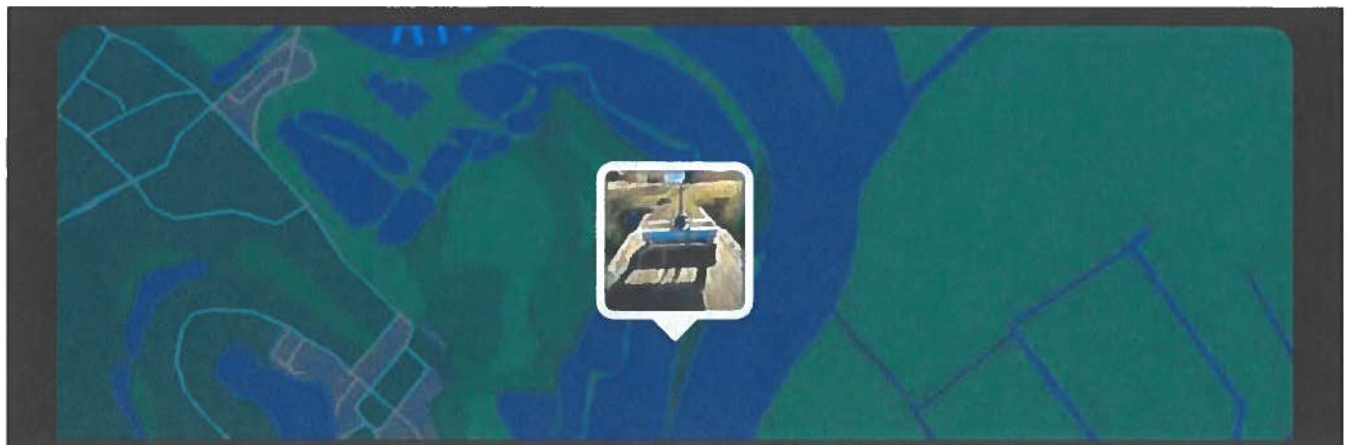
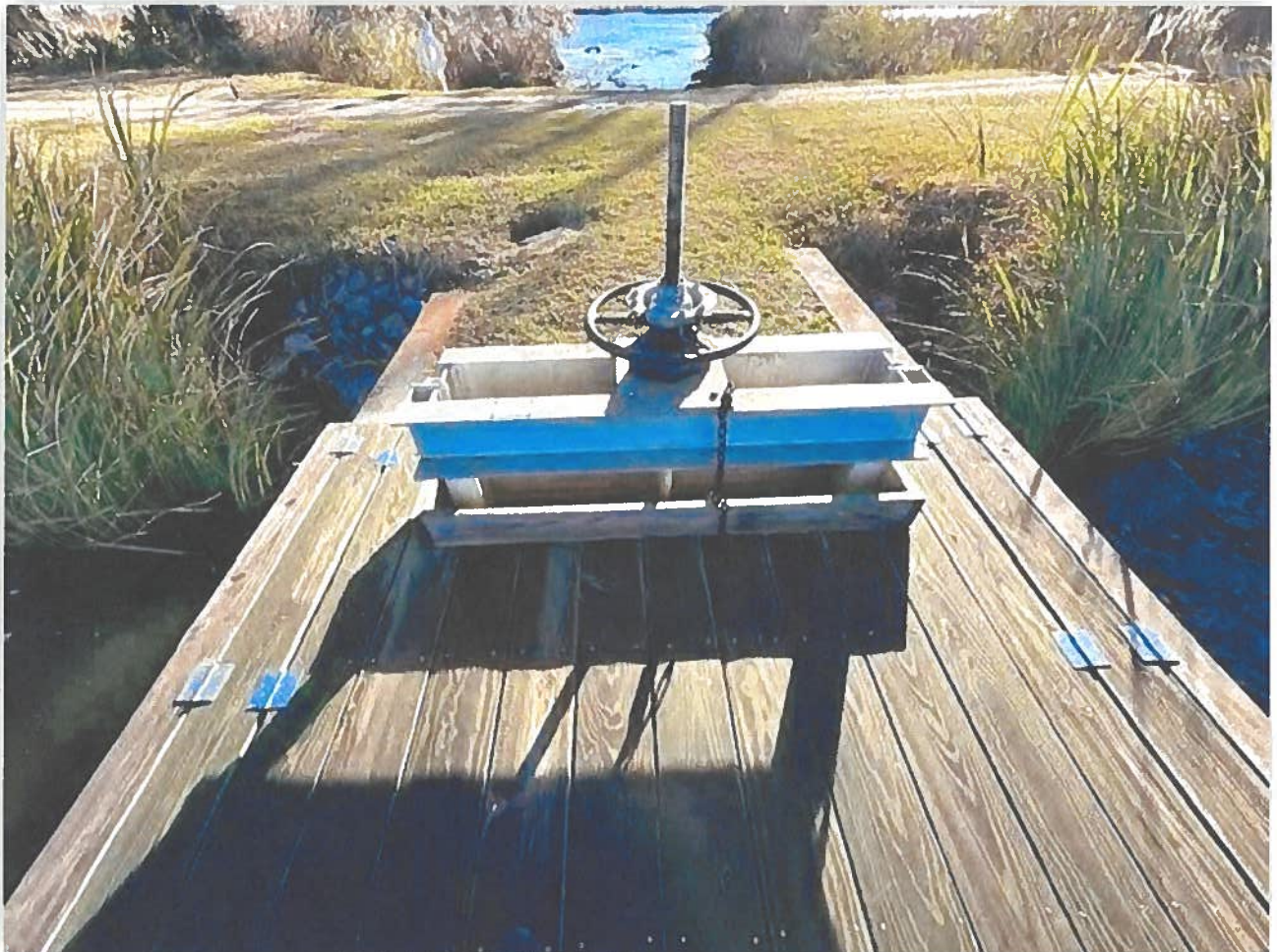


Figure 17. Sink hole at Structure #2. Recommend to "REPAIR IMMEDIATELY"



Figure 18. Structure 2 Outfall to be riprapped.

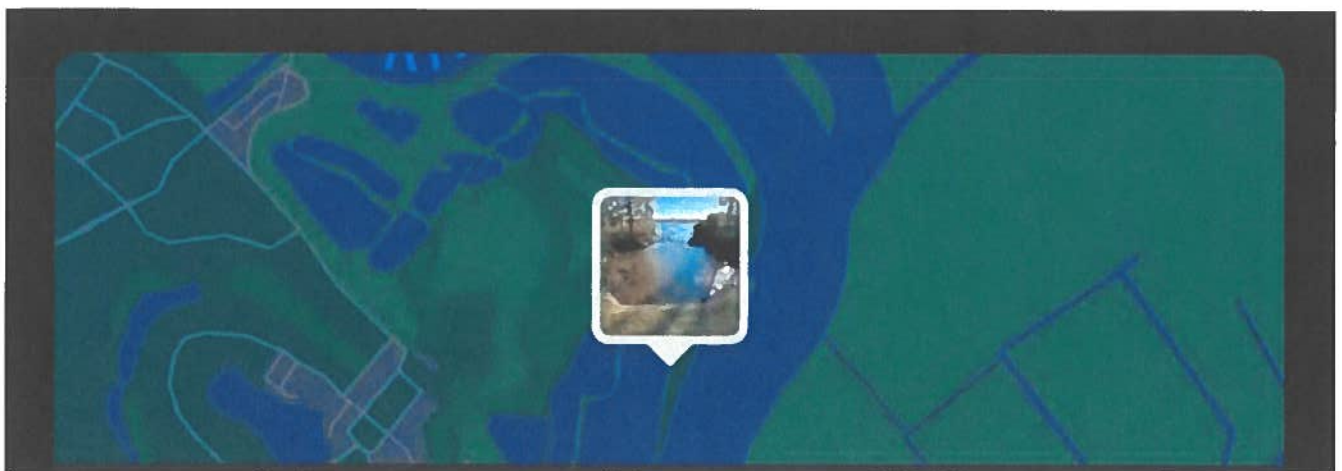


Figure 19. Structure #2 Outfall to be riprapped along with slough.



Figure 20. Remains of Section of Levee Timber Wall



Figure 21. Narrow Section of Levee recommended to be riprapped.



Figure 22. Typical Section of Levee which appears currently stabilized

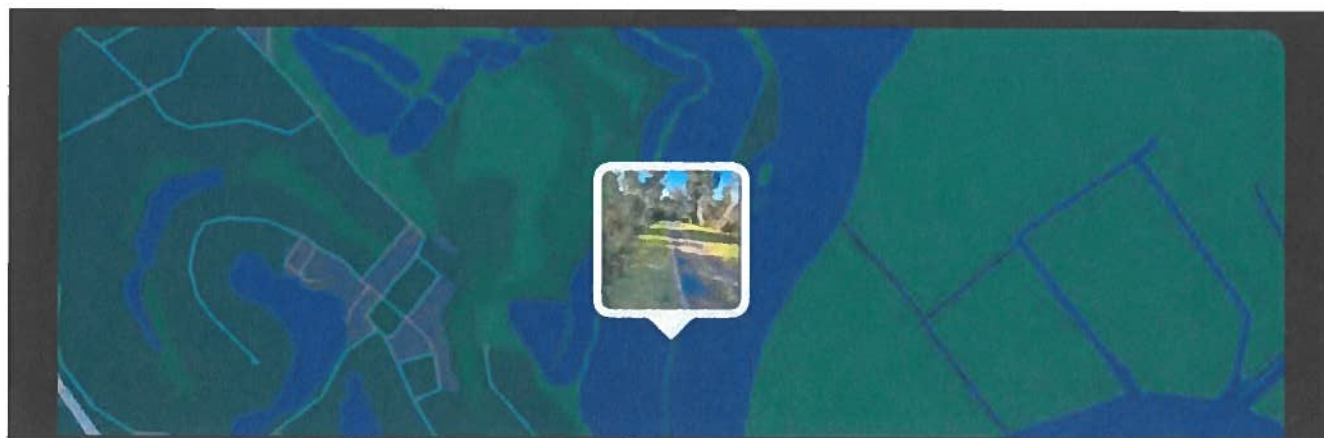
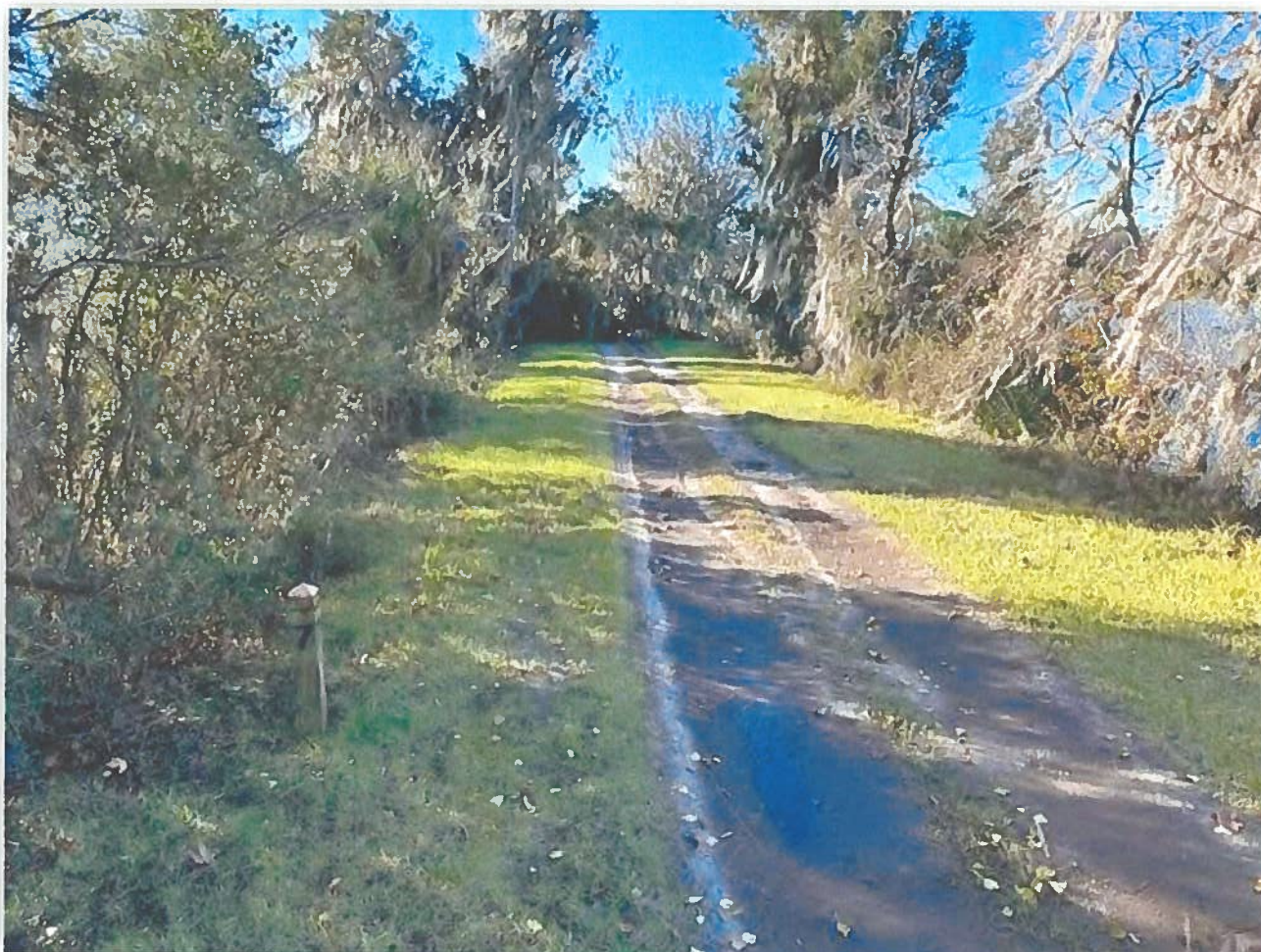


Figure 23. Trees are prone to be topped due to high winds.

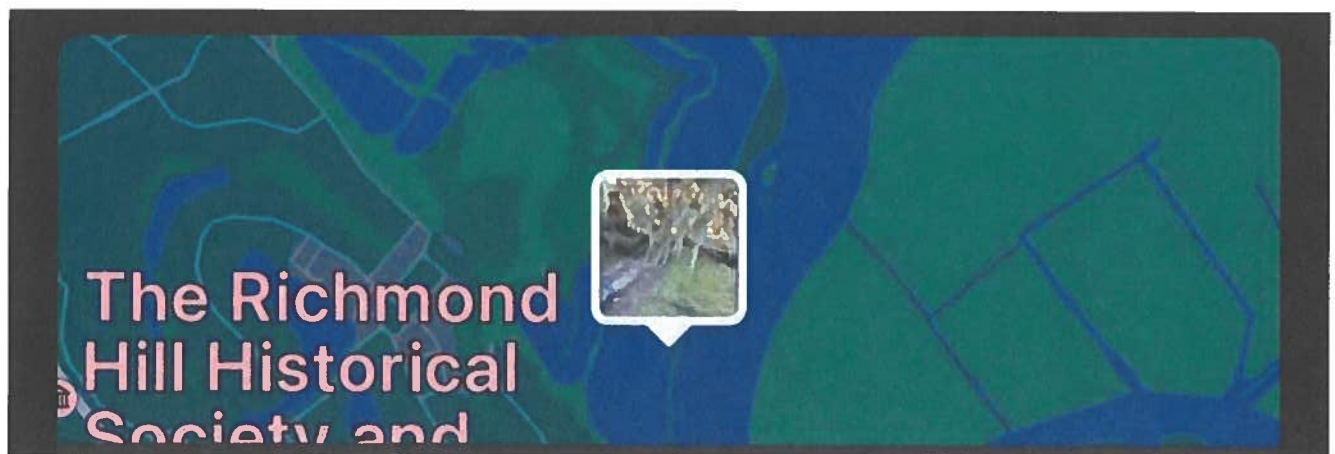


Figure 24. Narrow Section of Levee recommended for riprapping.

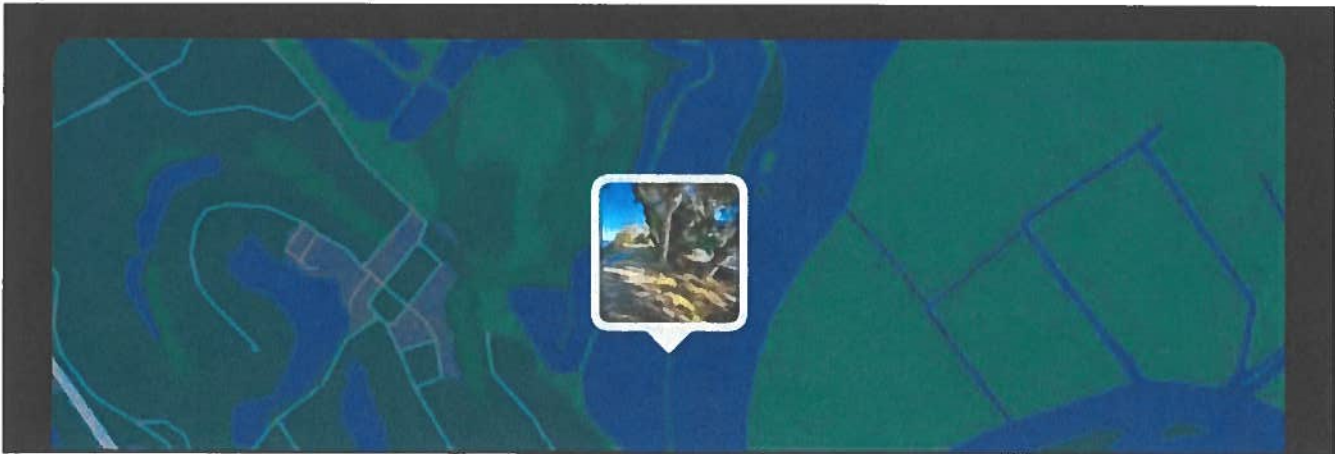


Figure 25. Narrow Section of Levee recommended to be riprapped.

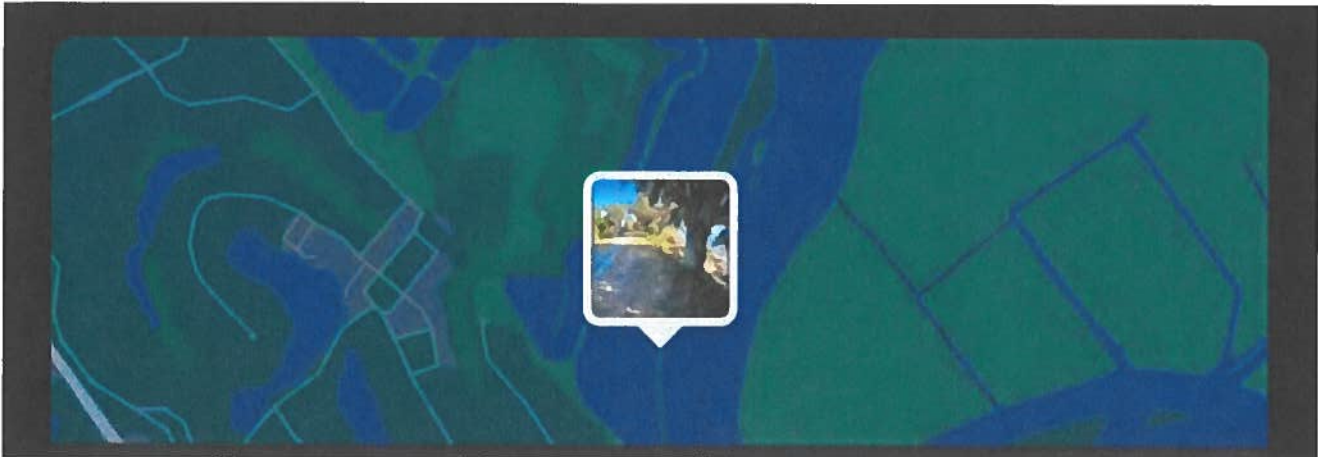


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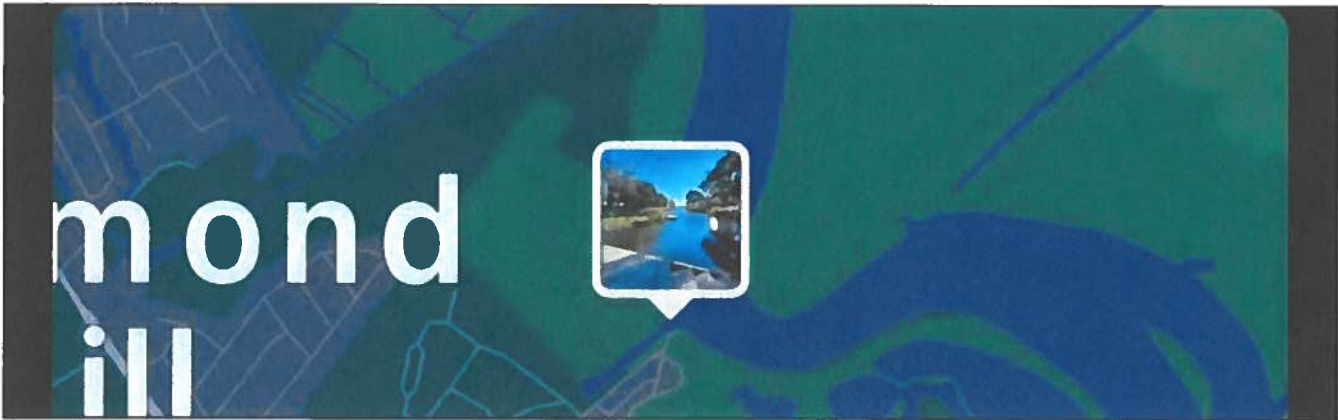
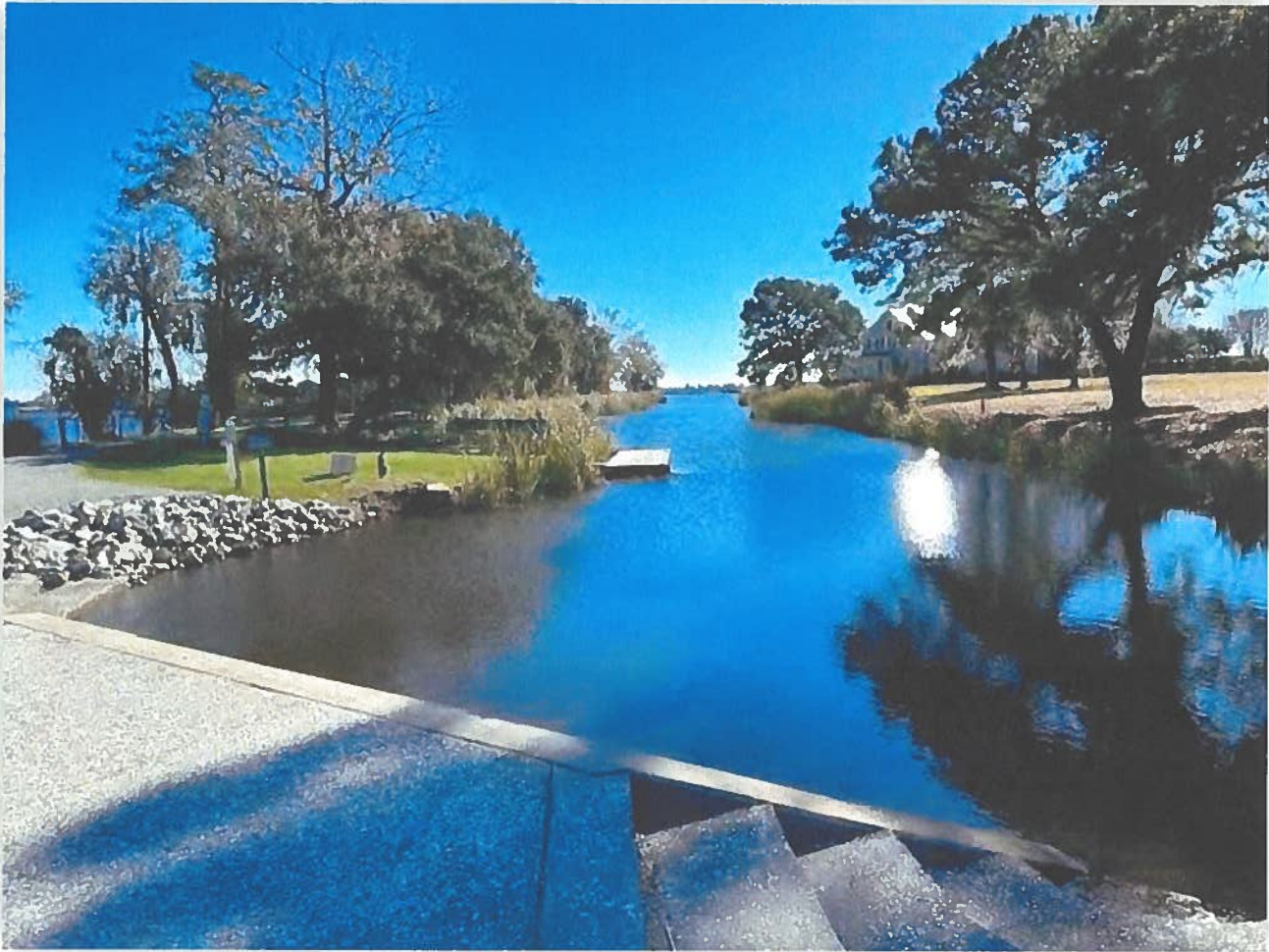


Figure 27. Lake Clara



Figure 28. Control Structure #3-This structure has by far the largest outfall of all three structures.



Figure 29. Control Structure #3



Figure 35. Remnants of Timber Retaining Wall



Figure 36. Recommended riprapping location



Figure 38. Levee Section Previously Riprapped

