

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY MOBILE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS P.O. BOX 2288 MOBILE, AL 36628-0001

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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2017-00453-DEM

June 21, 2017

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OFFICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

PROPOSED BEACH RENOURISHMENT ALONG NINE (9) LOCATIONS IN HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (33 USC 403). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: Harrison County Sand Beach Authority
Attention: Mr. Chuck Loftis
842 Commerce Street
Gulfport, Mississippi 39507

AGENT: BMI Environmental Services, LLS

Attention: Mr. Larry Lewis 401 Cowan Road, Suite A Gulfport, Mississippi 39507

WATERWAY/LOCATION: Various locations along the Gulf of Mexico shoreline, Harrison County, Mississippi. (See attached vicinity/locations map).

WORK: The applicant proposes to renourish nine (9) sections of beach from Biloxi to Henderson Point. Sand will be obtained from designated borrow areas by hydraulic dredge and placed on the beach segments to restore the beach profile. The sand will be deposited in eroded areas and then graded to restore the beach to its originally permitted design width. Surveys of the nine segments of beach indicate that the quantity of material needed to replenish the beach segments varies from 9,000 cubic yards (20th Avenue, Gulfport) to 52,700 cubic yards (Hewes Avenue/Coffee Creek, Gulfport). An estimated 295,520 cubic yards of sand would be dredged from pre-

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designated borrow areas and deposited within the beach template. Compensatory mitigation for impacts to water bottoms is not proposed as the purpose of the project would be to provide restoration and protection of coastal shorelines.

The applicant has applied for State Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with Section 401(a) (1) of the Clean Water Act, and for Coastal Zone (CZ) Consistency in accordance with the State Coastal Zone Management Program. Upon completion of the required advertising and public comment review, a determination relative to WQC and CZ Consistency will be made by the Mississippi Office of Pollution Control and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources.

This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by USACE can be based. For accuracy and completeness of the record, all data in support of or in opposition to the proposed work should be submitted in writing setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

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 this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by USACE 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.

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

Evaluation of the probable impacts involving deposits of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and Appendix C of 33 CFR 325, the undertaking defined in this notice is being considered for the potential to affect cultural and historic properties within the permit area. In accordance with Appendix C of 33 CFR 325, the USACE has determined the permit area consists of the 9 renourishment locations and accompanying dredge material borrow sites as well as the directly associated staging and work areas. The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and no properties listed in or eligible for the National Register are known to exist which would be affected by the proposed work. The USACE has made a preliminary determination that there will be no effect to cultural and historic resources within the permit area. However, we are seeking comment from the State Historic Preservation Officer, Federally recognized American Indian tribes, local historical societies, museums, universities, the National Park Service, and the general public regarding the existence or the potential for existence of significant cultural and historic properties which may be affected by the work. This action constitutes the full extent of cultural resources investigations unless comment to this notice is received documenting that significant sites or properties exist which may be affected by this work, or that adequately documents that a potential exists for the location of significant sites or properties within the project area.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. This project will impact approximately 55.59 acres of coastal shoreline/water bottoms Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) for managed species in the Gulf of Mexico. Disturbance of this nursery habitat may adversely affect various aquatic species, but the District Commander has made a preliminary determination that this site-specific adverse effect will not be substantial. Our final determination relative to project impacts to EFH and the need for mitigation measures are subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council.

A preliminary review of this application, the U.S. Department of the Interior List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants, and utilization of the Special Effects Determination Key contained in the 2012 SLOPES agreement for the Pascagoula and Coastal Streams Basin of Mississippi indicates the proposed project "May affect, but is not likely to adversely affect" the Florida Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*) (T), Green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) (T), Kemp's Ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*) (E), Loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*) (T), Leatherback sea turtle (Dermochelys coriacea) (E), Hawksbill sea turtle (Eretmochelys imbricata) (E), Gulf sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus desotoi*) (T),

Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*) (T) and Red Knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*) (T) and "May affect, but is not likely to adversely affect" Piping plover Designated Critical Habitat Units MS-02 through MS-06 and Gulf sturgeon Designated Critical Habitat Unit 8. This notice serves as a request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for information on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species may be present in the area which would be affected by the proposed activity. This determination will be further coordinated with the USFWS and the NMFS.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-2017-00453-DEM** and should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Attention: Mr. Donald Mroczko, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, with a copy to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 10385, Jackson, Mississippi 39289, and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Suite 101, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530.

All Comments should be received no later than 30 days from the date of this Public Notice. If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the project manager at (251) 690-3185 or email donald.e.mroczko@usace.army.mil. Please refer to the above Public Notice number.

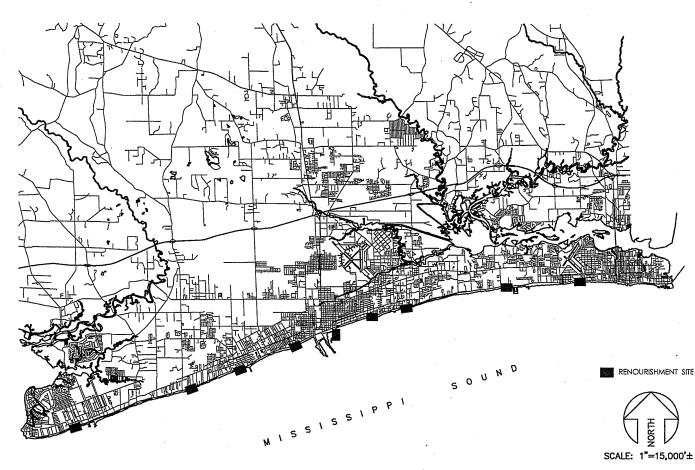
For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our website at www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.

MOBILE DISTRICT U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Enclosures

Harrison County Sand Beach Authority SAM-2017-0453-DEM

Beach Segment Location	Volume (CY)	Area (ac)
Henderson Avenue, Pass Christian	31,430	6.1
Pitcher Point, Long Beach	30,110	5.4
Jeff Davis Avenue, Long Beach	28,000	5.1
Broad Avenue, Gulfport	49,300	9.6
20th Avenue South, Gulfport	9,000	0.89
Hewes Avenue/ Coffee Creek, Gulfport	52,700	10.1
Tegarden Road, Gulfport	44,610	8.8
Beauvoir Home / Oyster Bayou, Biloxi	33,470	6.3
Chalmers Drive, Biloxi	16,900	3.3
Totals	295,520	55.59

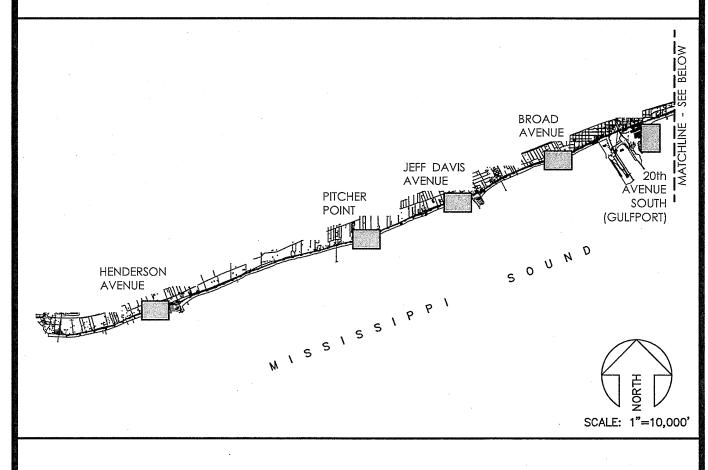


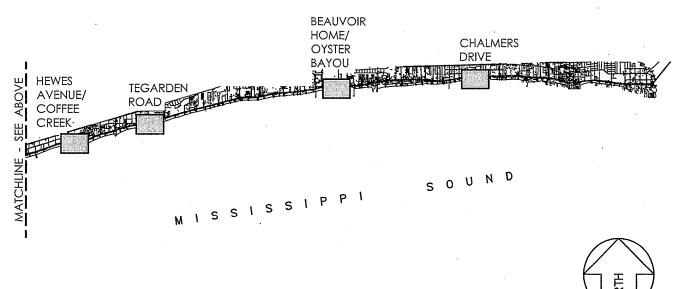
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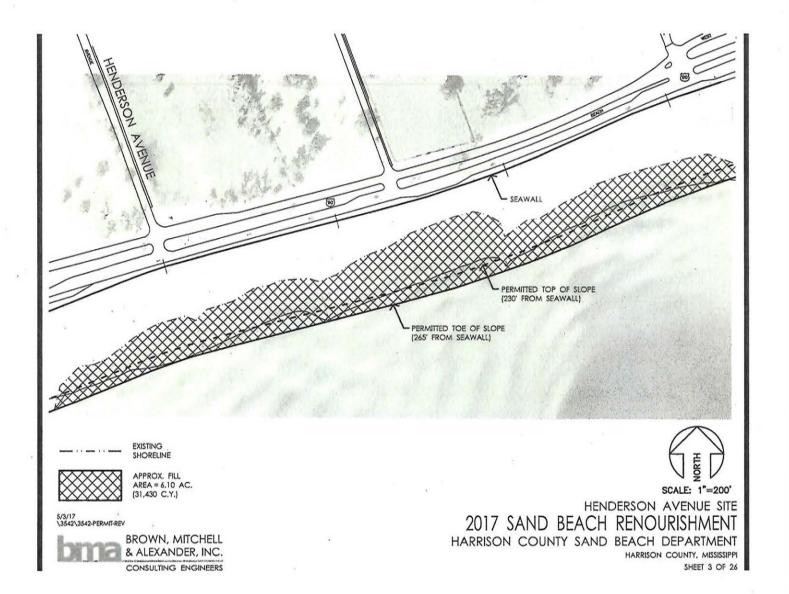
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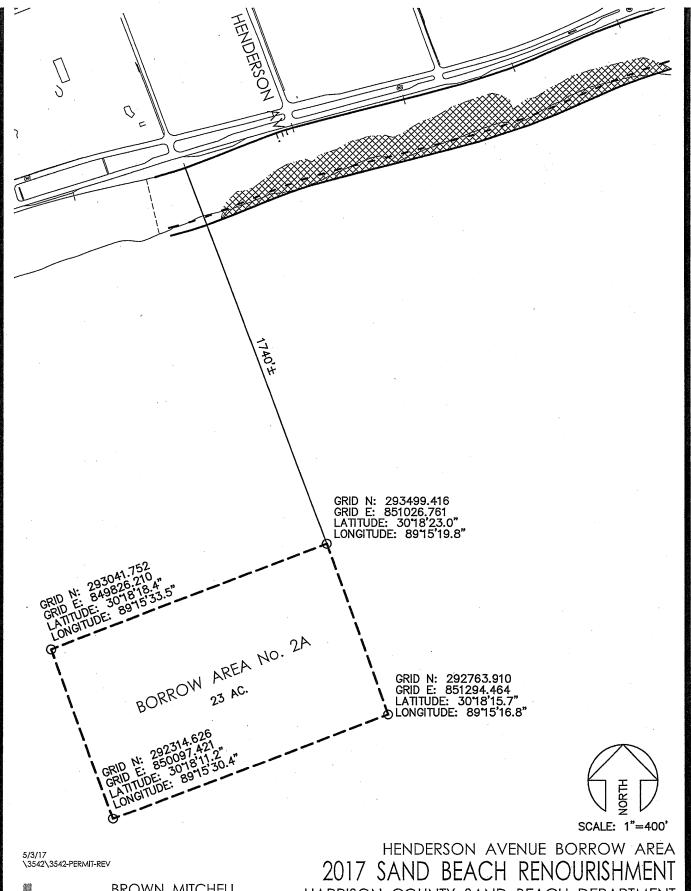
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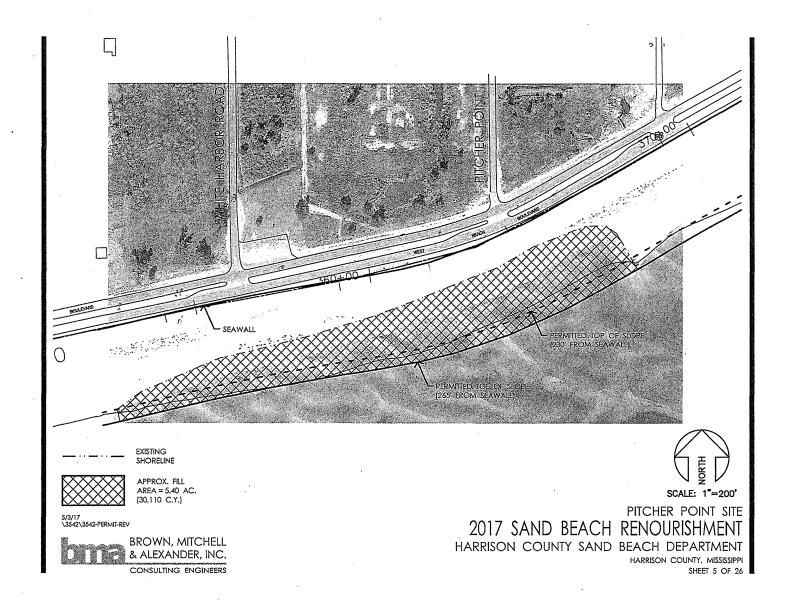


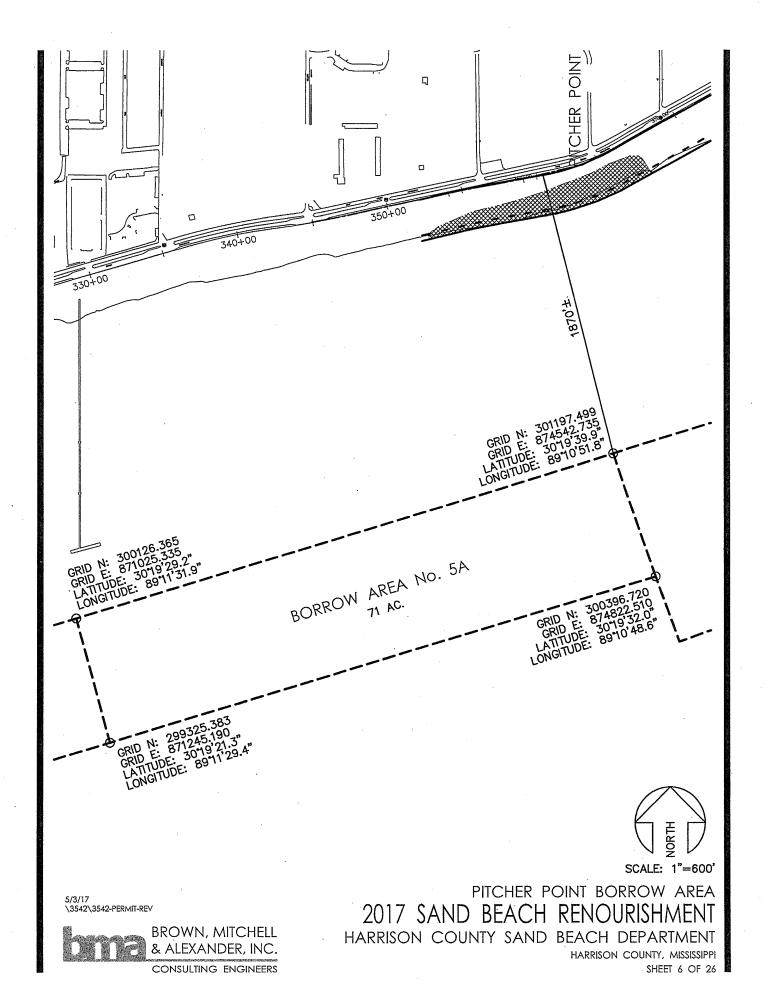


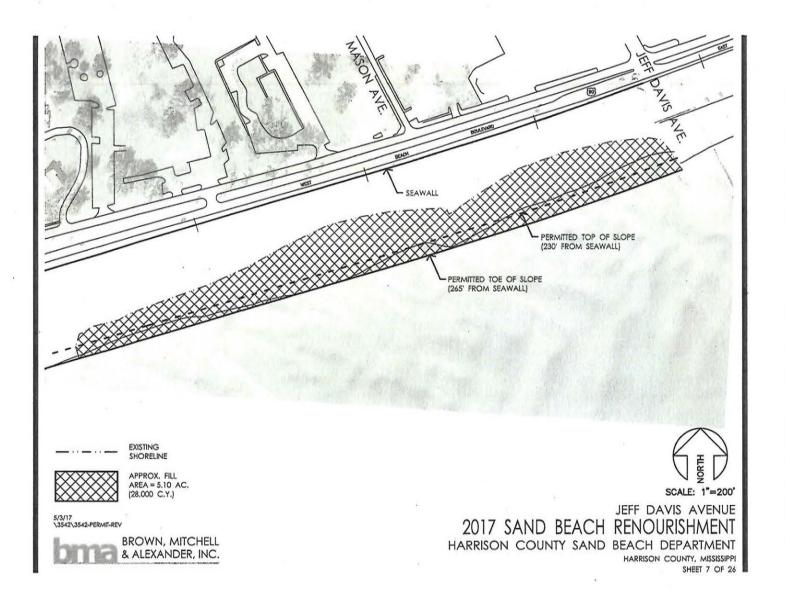


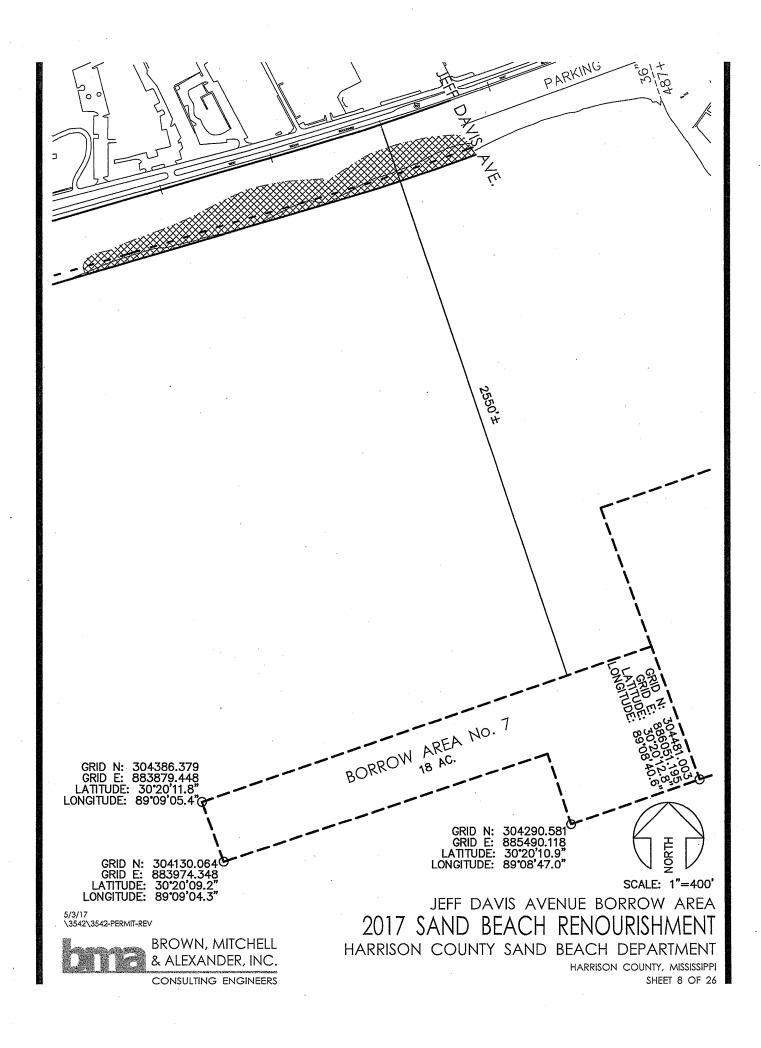
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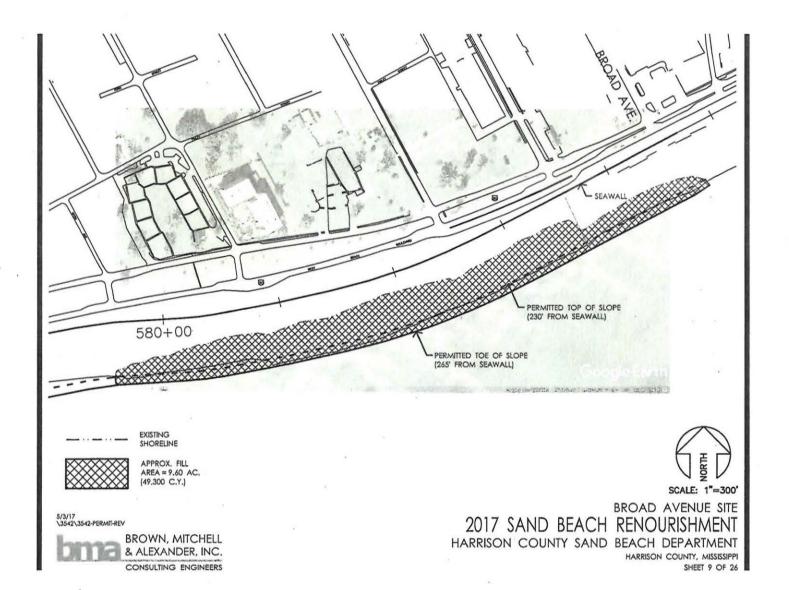
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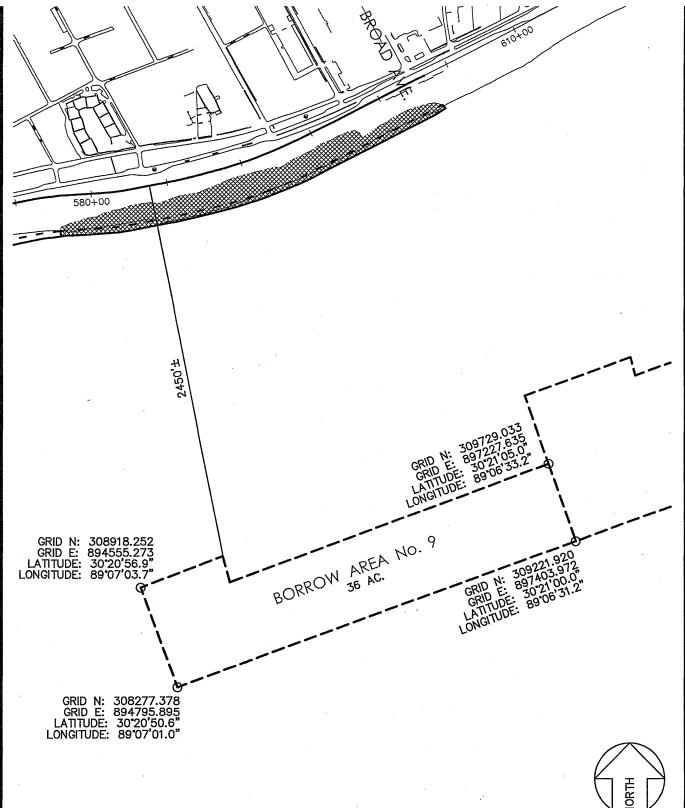












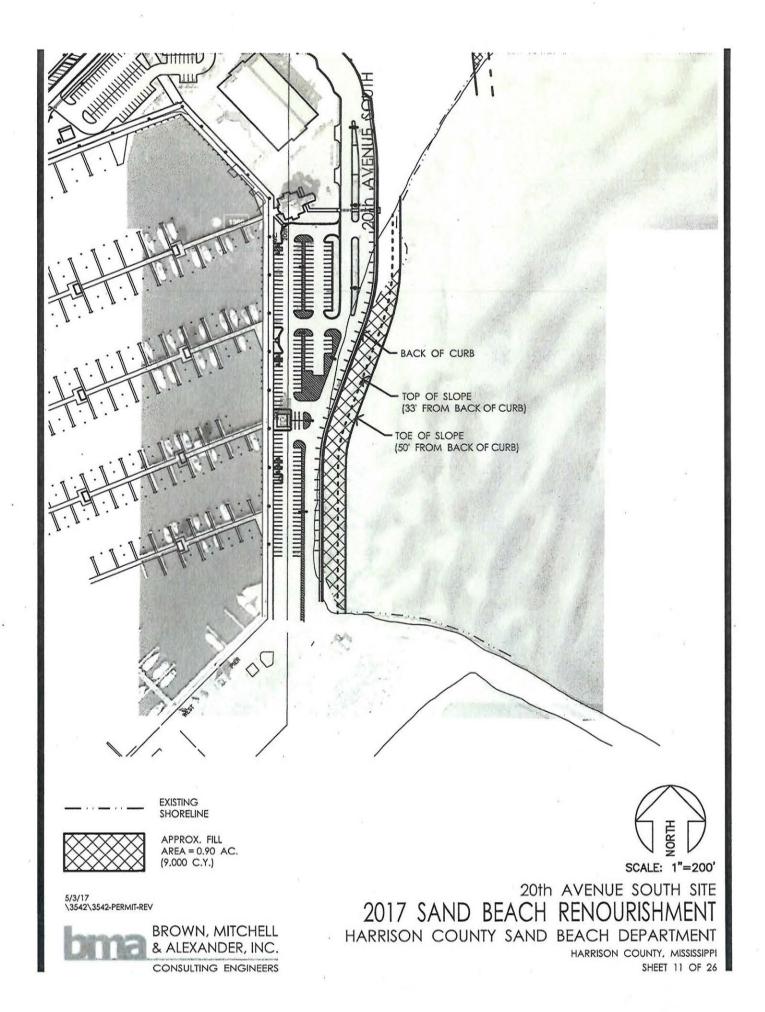
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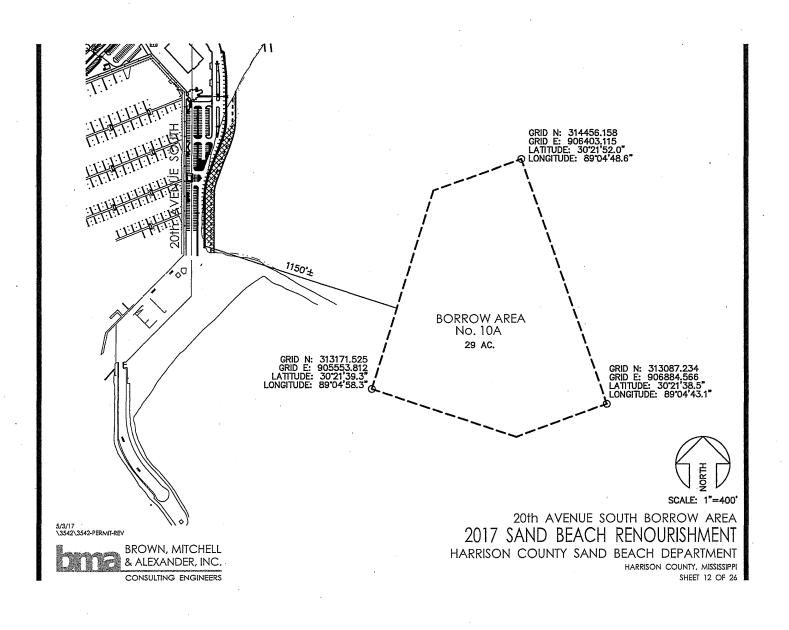
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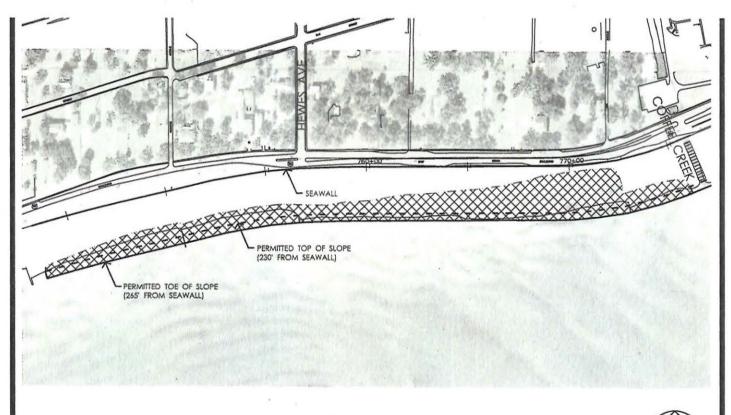


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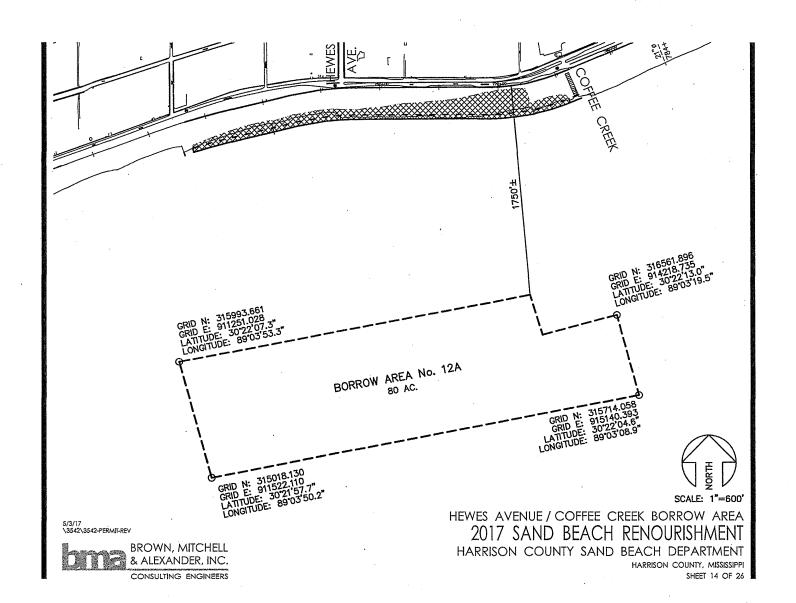


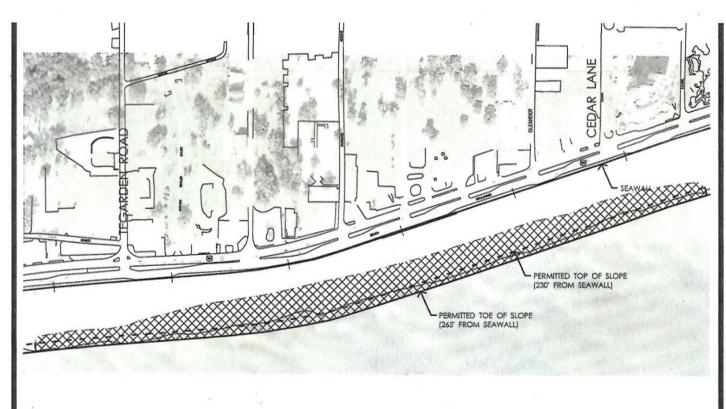


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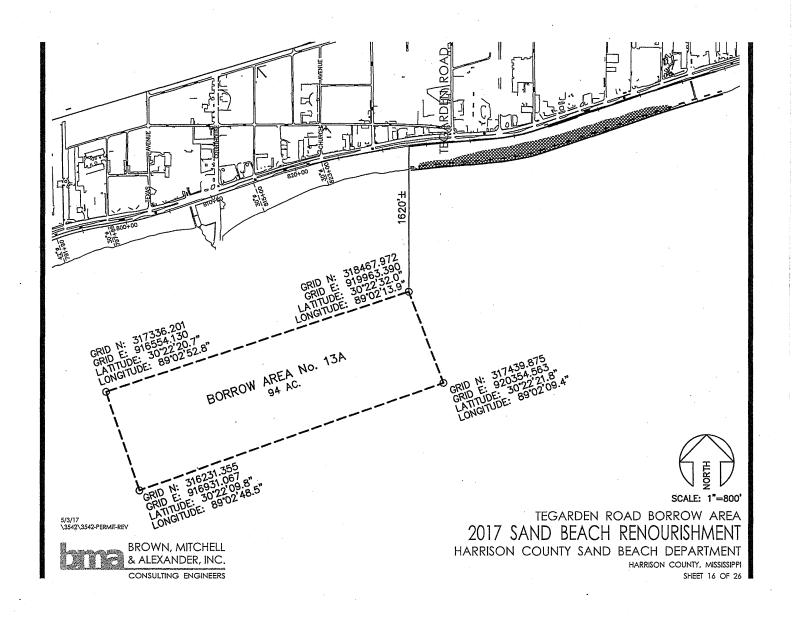
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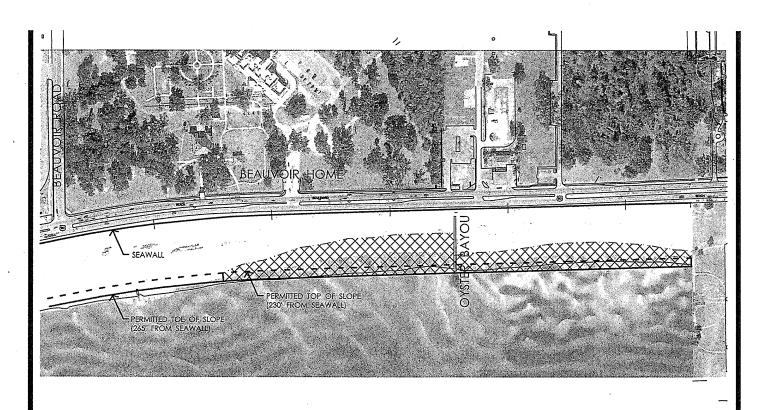
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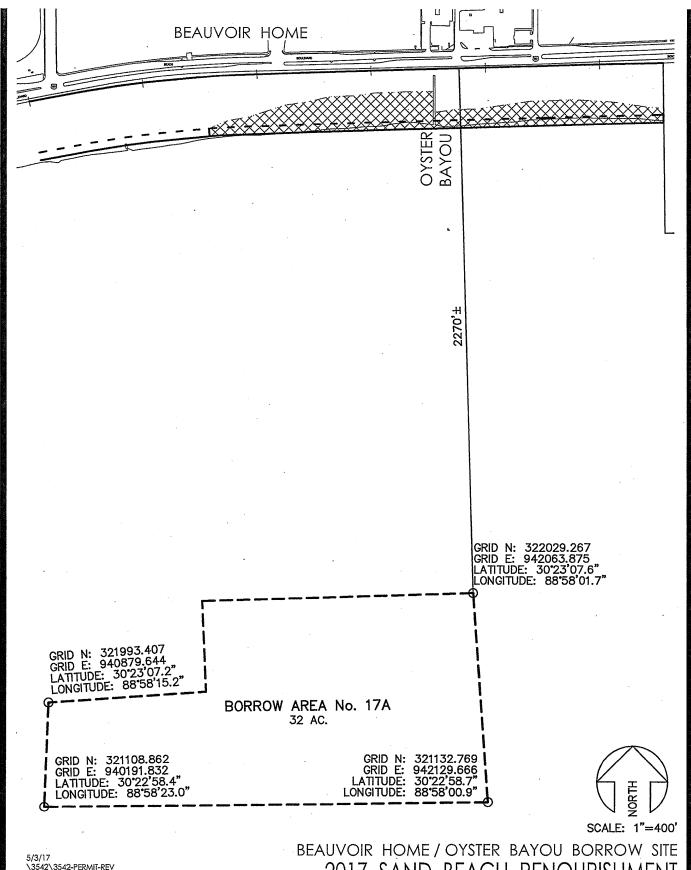
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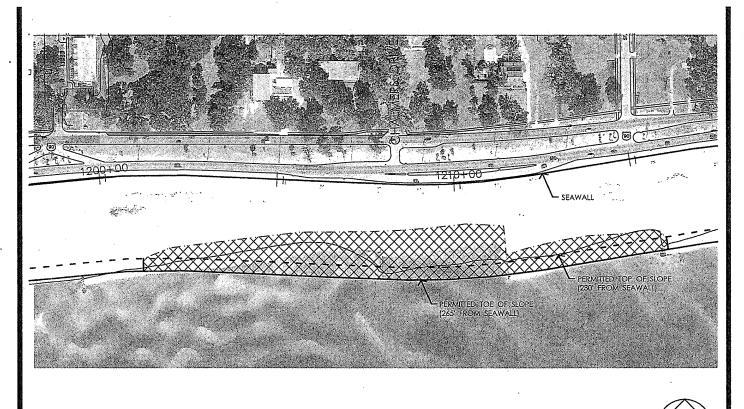
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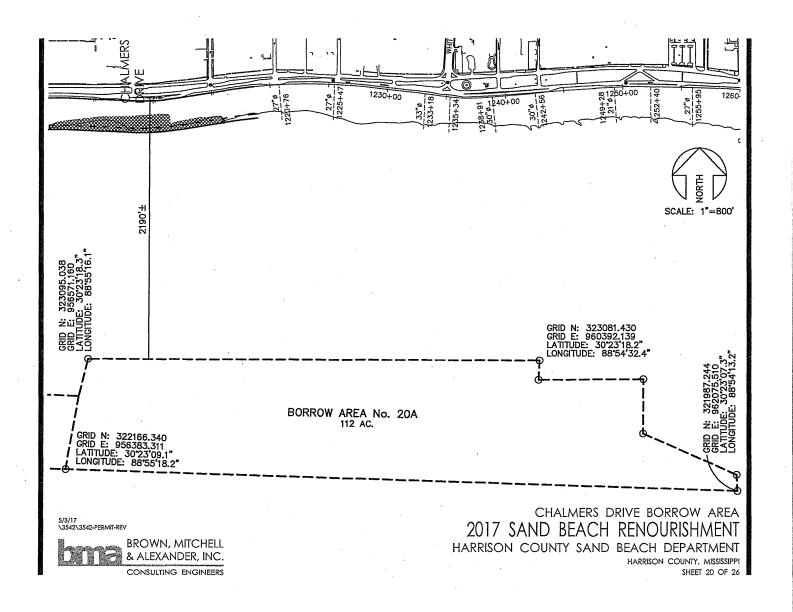


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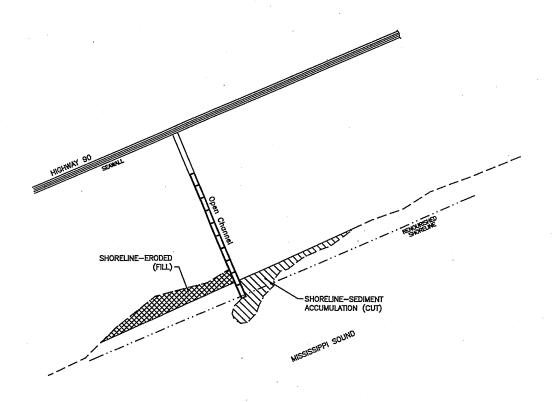
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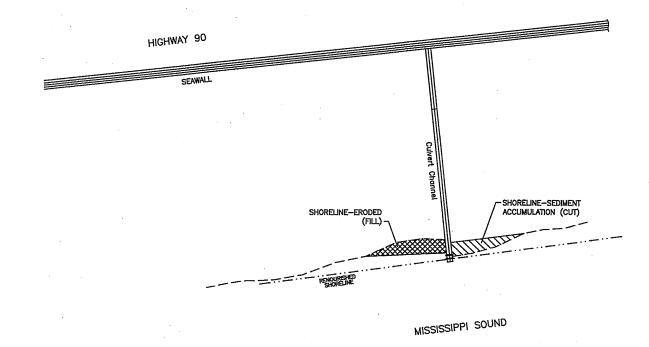
Plan View-Outfall Maintenance Open Channel

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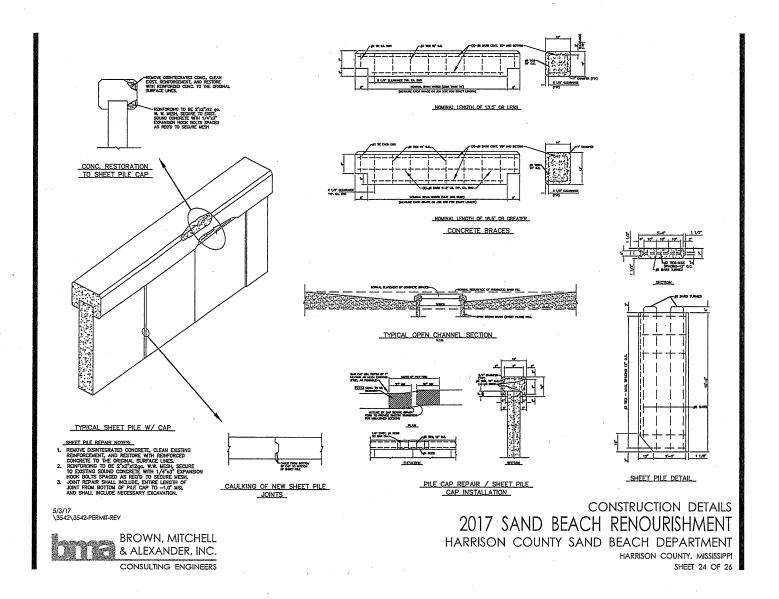
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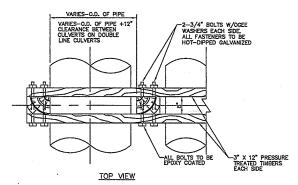
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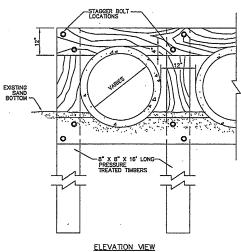


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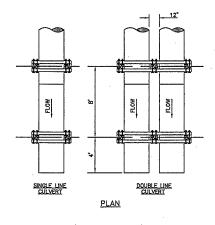




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