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May 1, 2023

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL (MDEQ)

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES (DMR23-000110)

PROPOSED NAVIGATIONAL ACCESS DREDGING, COMMUNITY OF DIAMONDHEAD
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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 USC 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: City of Diamondhead – Jon McCraw
5000 Diamondhead Circle
Diamondhead MS, 395257

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Jordan River, Section 9, Township 8 South, Range 14 West, Community of Diamondhead, Jackson County, Mississippi. The project dredge path will start at Latitude 30.366461, Longitude -89.403261, and end at Latitude: 30.369044.°North, and Longitude: -89.398197°West.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicant proposes to maintenance dredge an existing channel 1900-foot long by 100-foot wide from a current depth of -2.0 MLW to a depth of -6 MLW. Approximately 4000 cubic yards of material would be excavated by hydraulic and mechanical dredge and transported to the Wolf River Marsh Restoration Site.

The applicant has applied for coastal zone (CZ) consistency in accordance with the State Coastal Zone Management Program. A determination relative to CZ consistency will be made by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources. (DMR23-000110).

The Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Certification Rule (Certification Rule, 40 CFR 121) requires certification for any license or permit that authorizes an activity that may result in a discharge. The applicant is responsible for requesting certification and providing required information to the certifying agency. As of the date of this public notice, the applicant has not submitted a certification request to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (certifying authority).

This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 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 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.

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 historic properties within the permit area. In accordance with Appendix C of 33 CFR 325, the Corps has determined the permit area consists of the entire undertaking in waters of the United States, which includes the footprint of the proposed fill areas and area to be dredged. The National Register of Historic Places will be consulted for properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register, which are known to exist and would be affected by the proposed work. The Mobile District is seeking comment from the State Historic Preservation Officer regarding the existence, or the potential for existence, of significant cultural and historic properties within the permit area.

Preliminary review of this application, the U.S. Department of the Interior's List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants and the National Marine Fisheries Service list of Mississippi's Threatened and Endangered Species indicate the following federally-listed species are known or expected to occur within the project area: West Indian Manatee (T), Eastern Black Raid (T), Wood Stork (T), Gopher Tortoise (T), Black Pine Snake (T), Dusky Gopher Frog (E), Louisiana Quill Wort (E), and Gulf Sturgeon (T). There is no designated critical habitat within the project action area. At this time, the USACE, Mobile District has made no determination with regard to potential effects of the

project on the above-listed species. Further coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and NMFS will be performed as determined to be appropriate.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. No Submerged aquatic Information is present in the project area. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not adversely impact EFH, or associated fisheries managed by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council or the National Marine Fisheries Service. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-2023-00176-RCV** and should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, Attention: South Mississippi Branch, with a copy to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 2261, Jackson, Mississippi 39225, and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530.

If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the project manager for this application, **(Rudolph.c.villarreal@usace.army.mil)**, **phone (251) 690-3246**. 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 and please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey while you're there. Your responses are appreciated and will allow us to improve our services.

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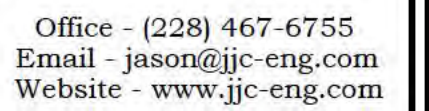
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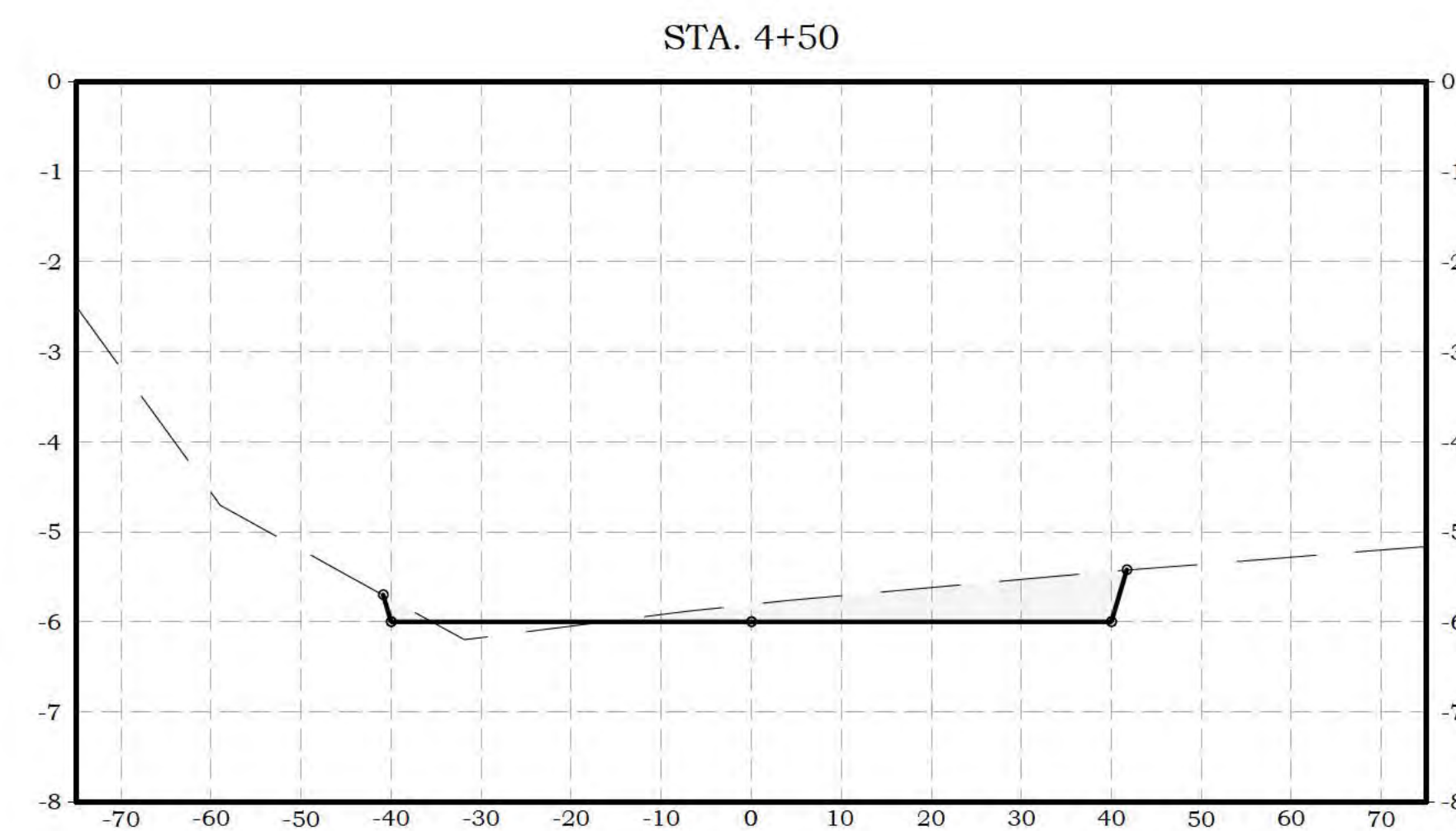
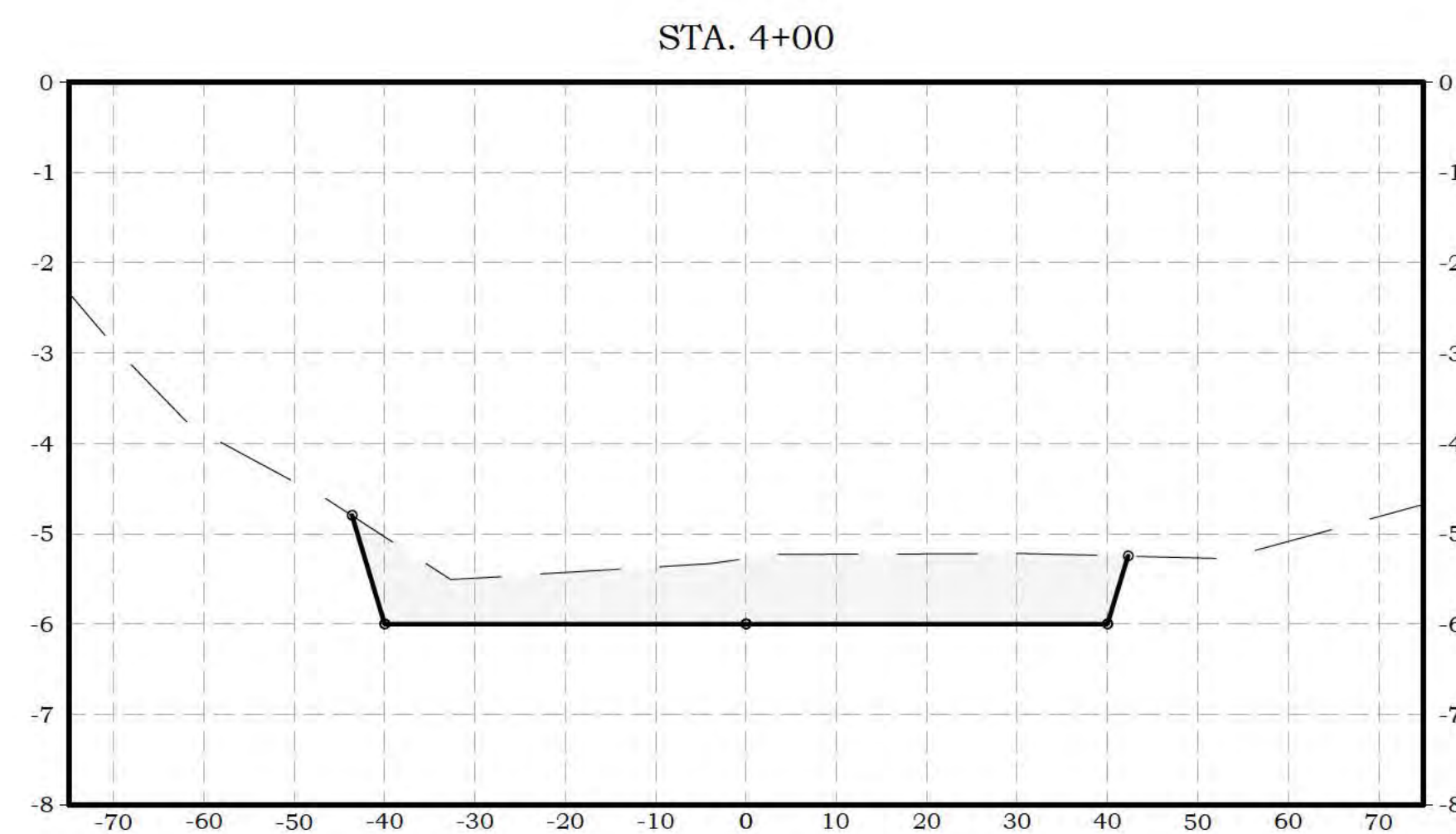
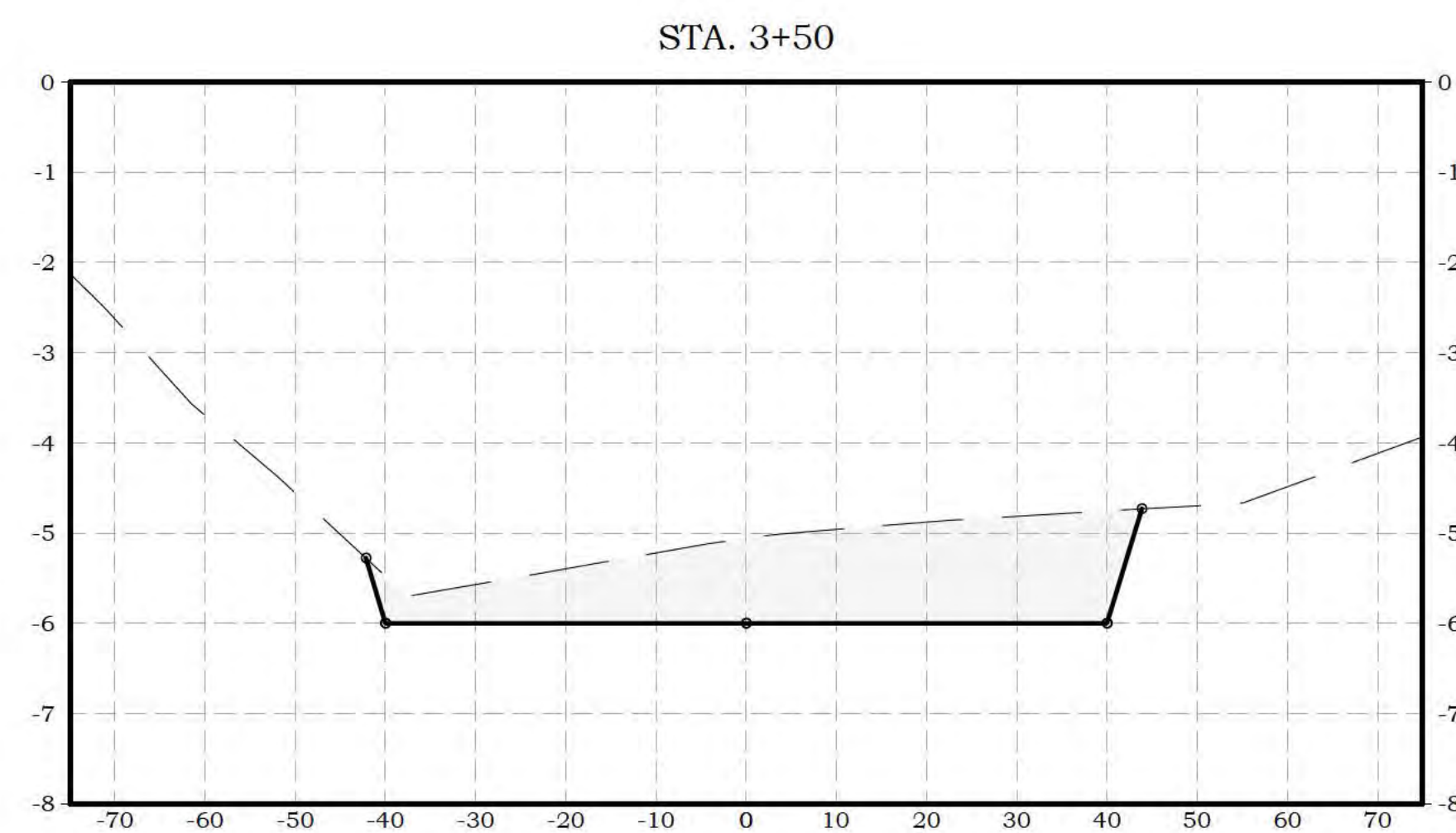
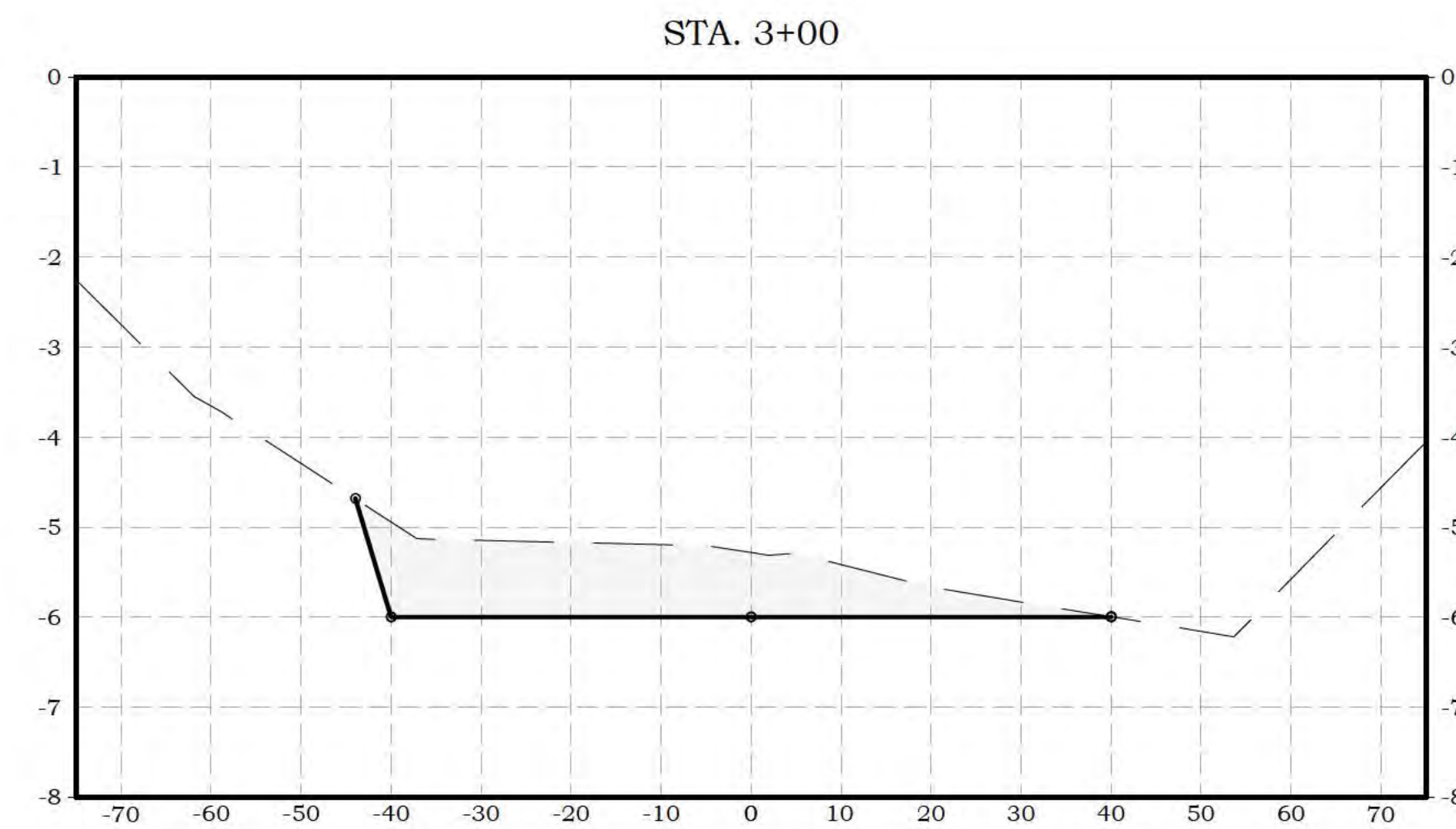
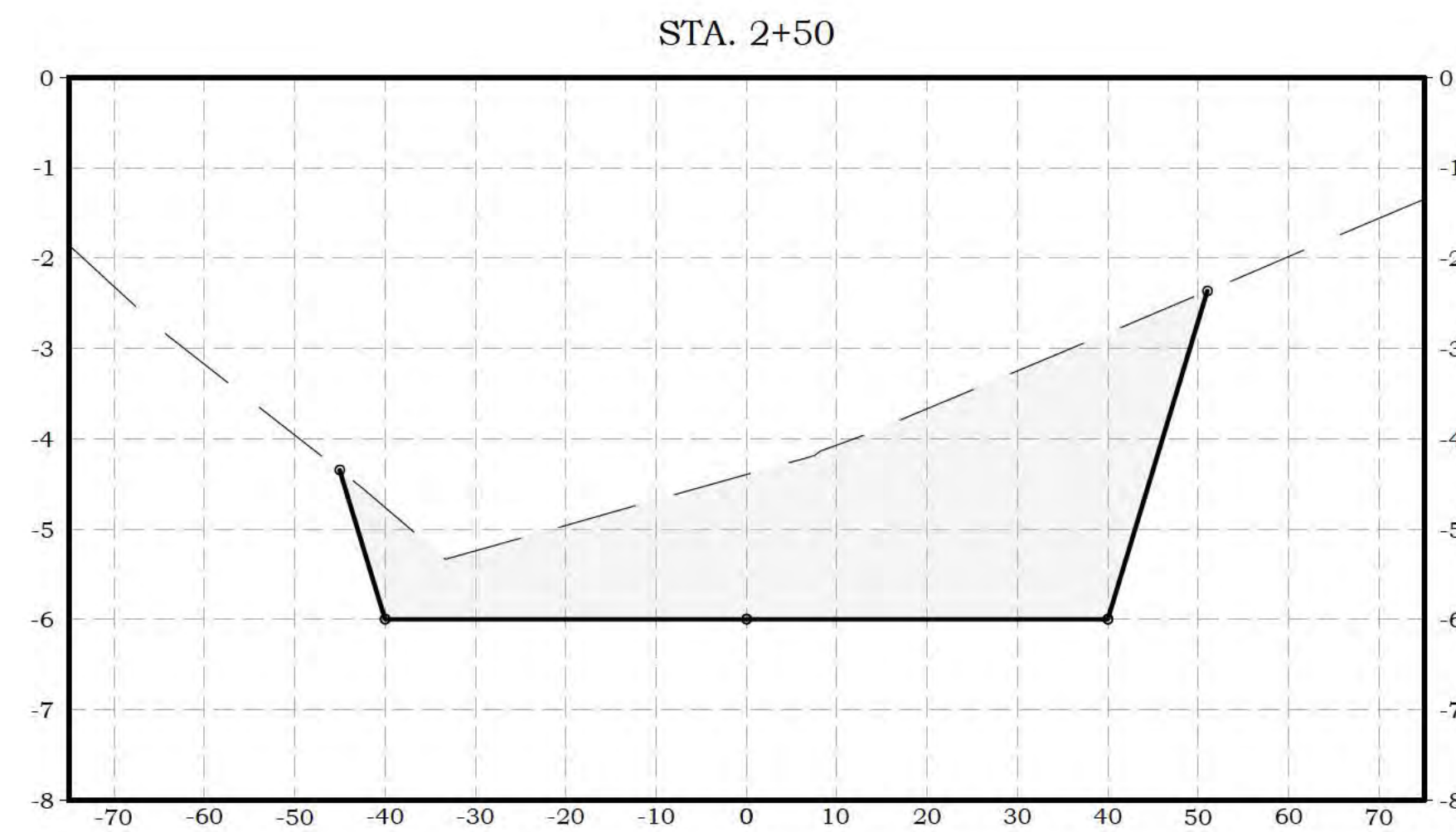
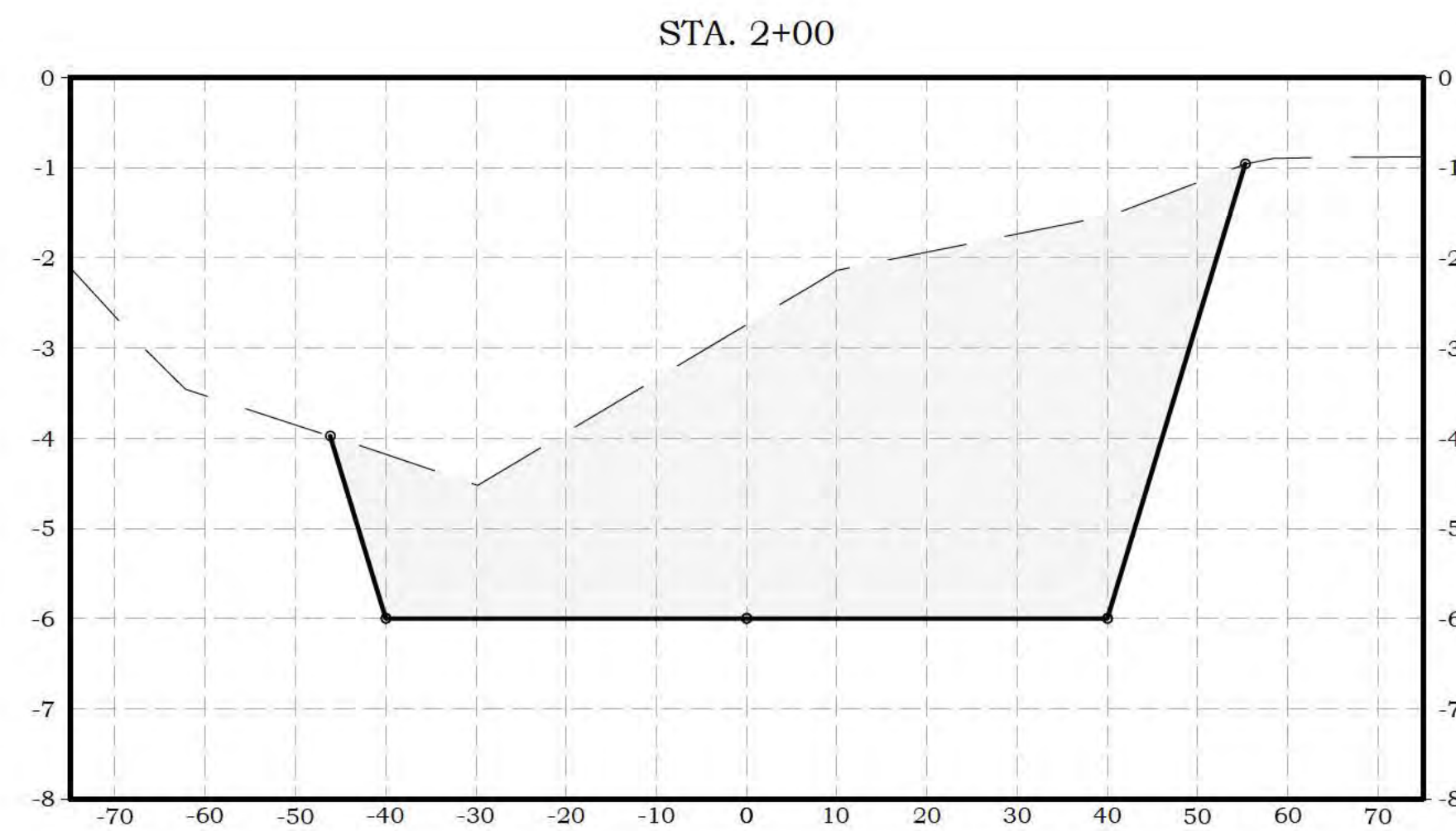
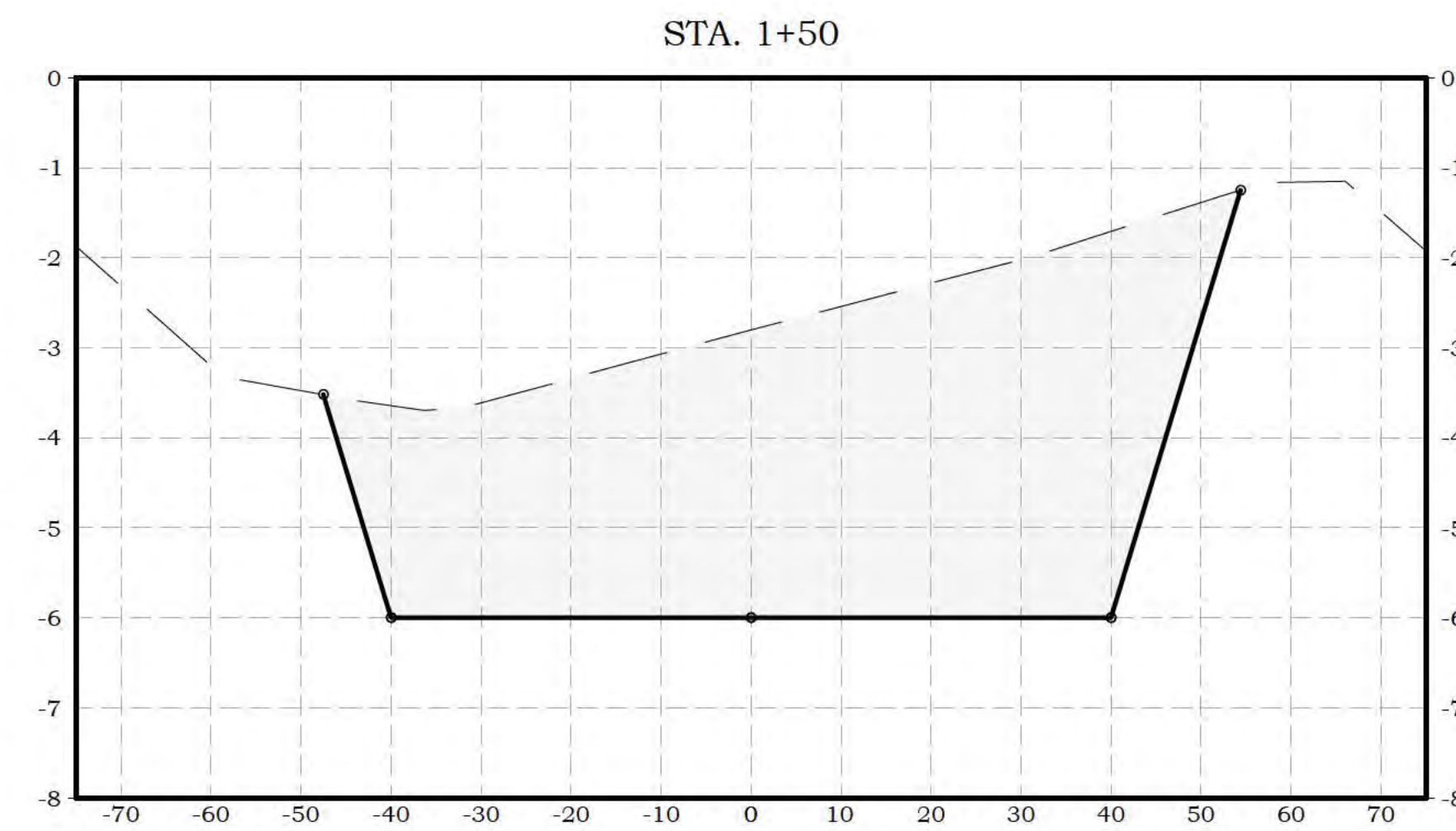
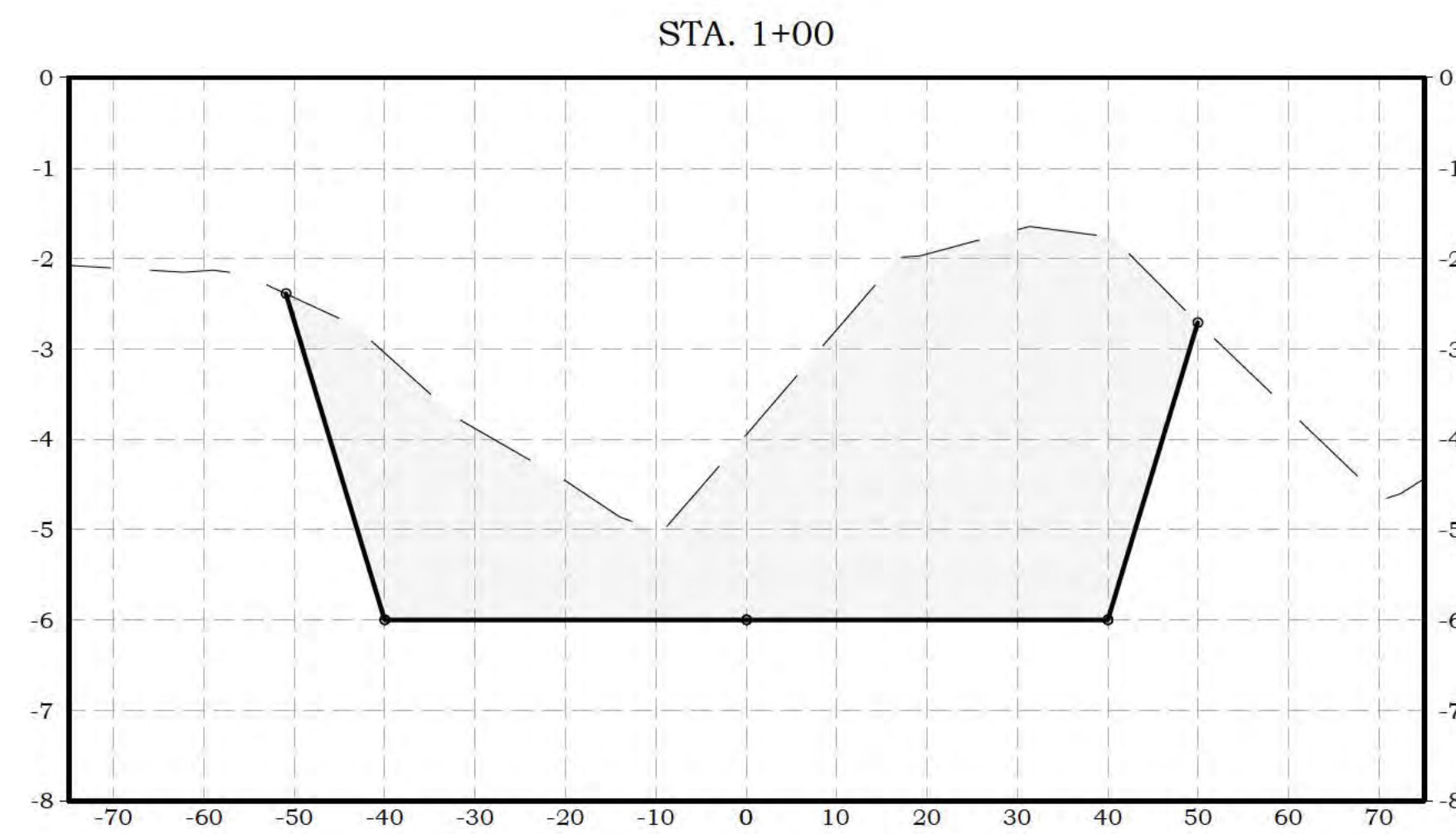
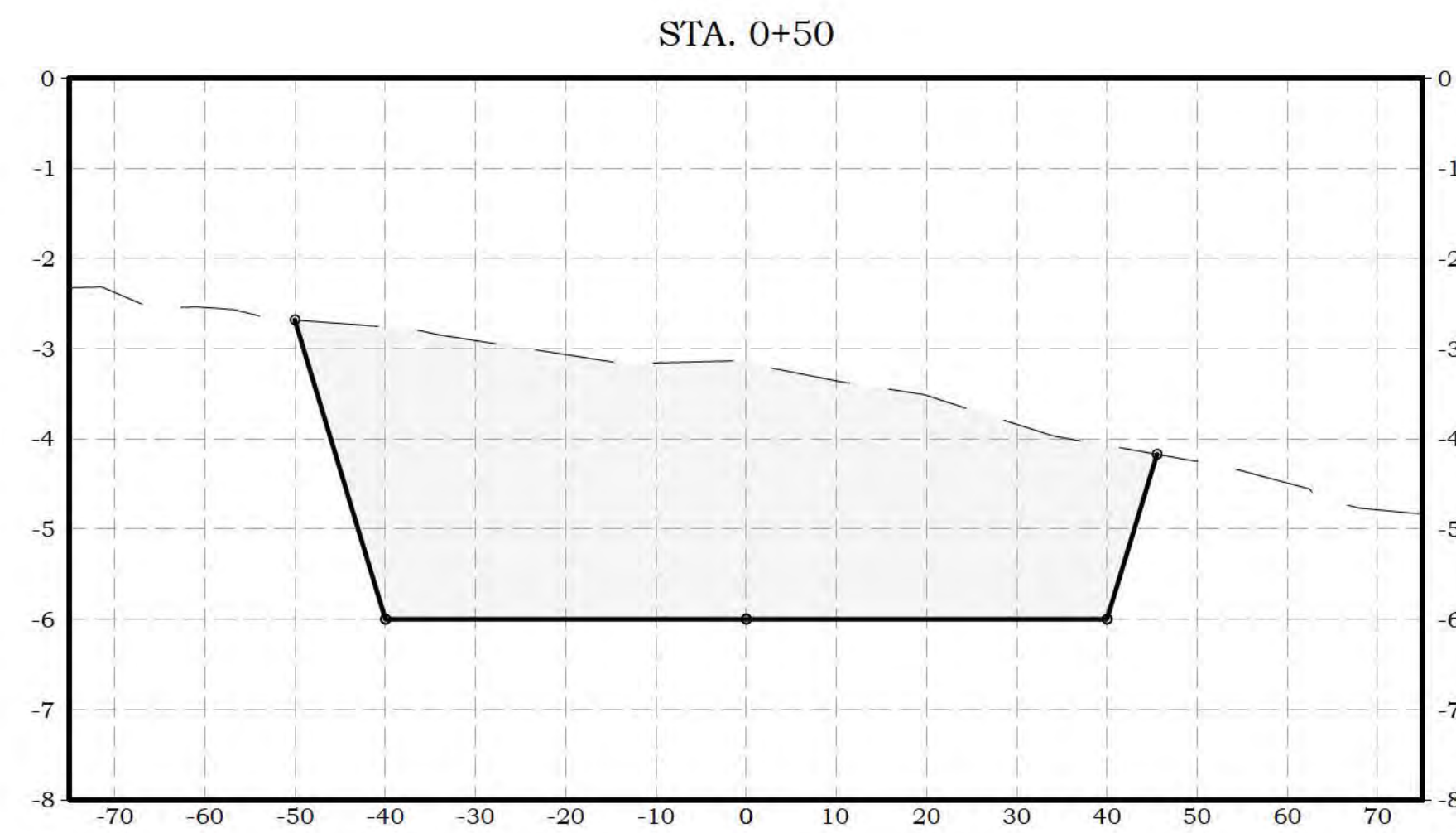
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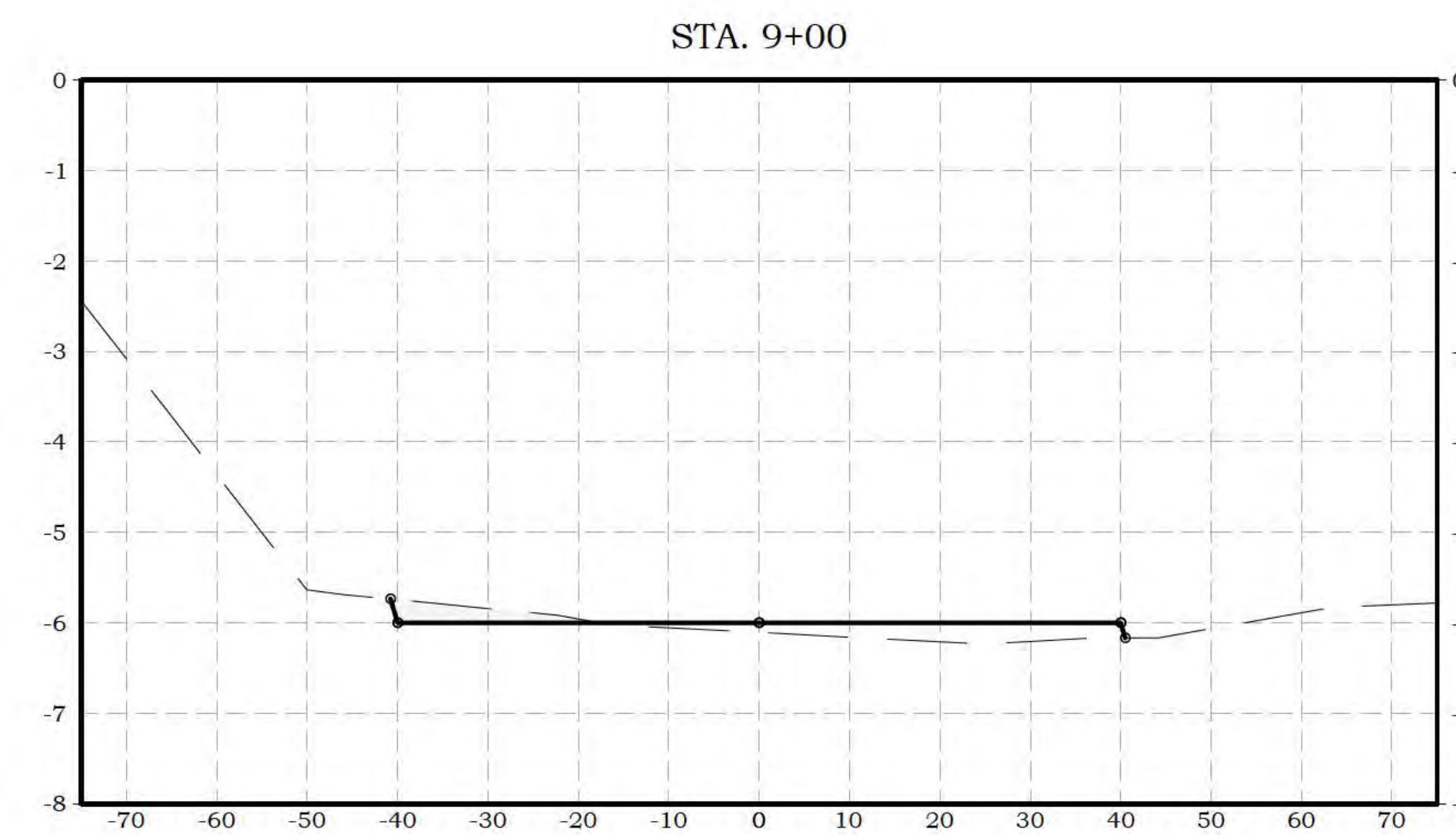
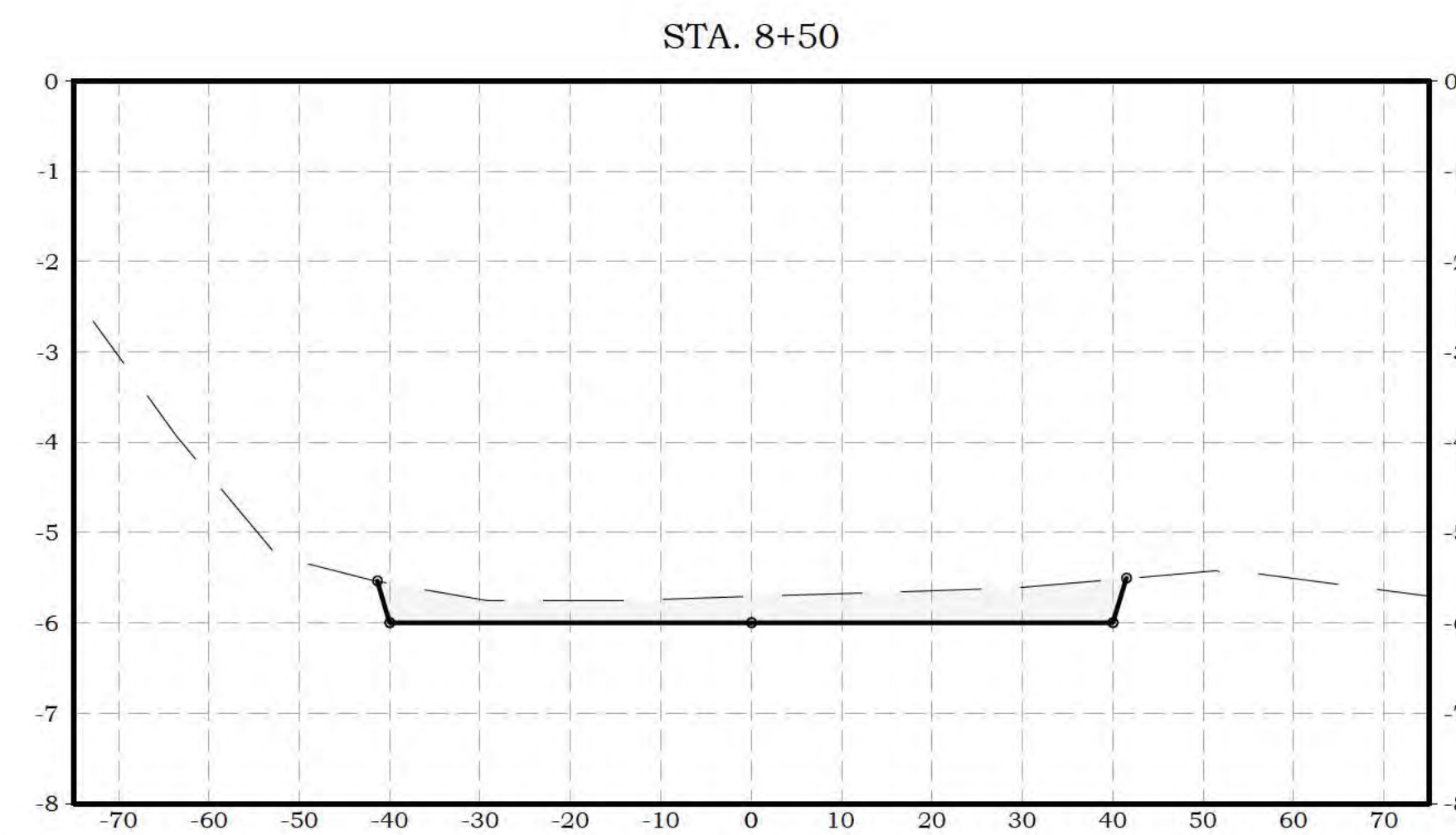
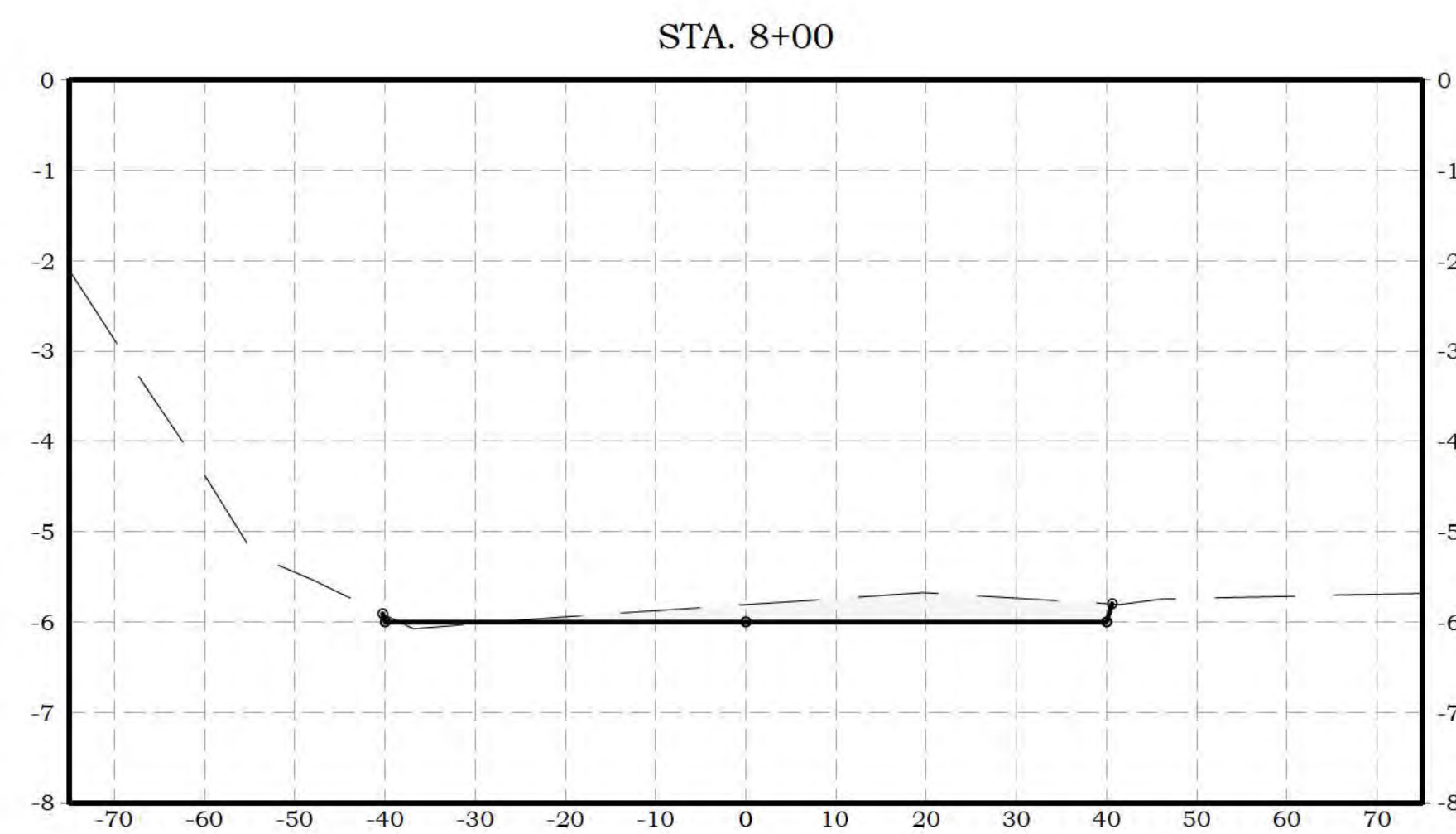
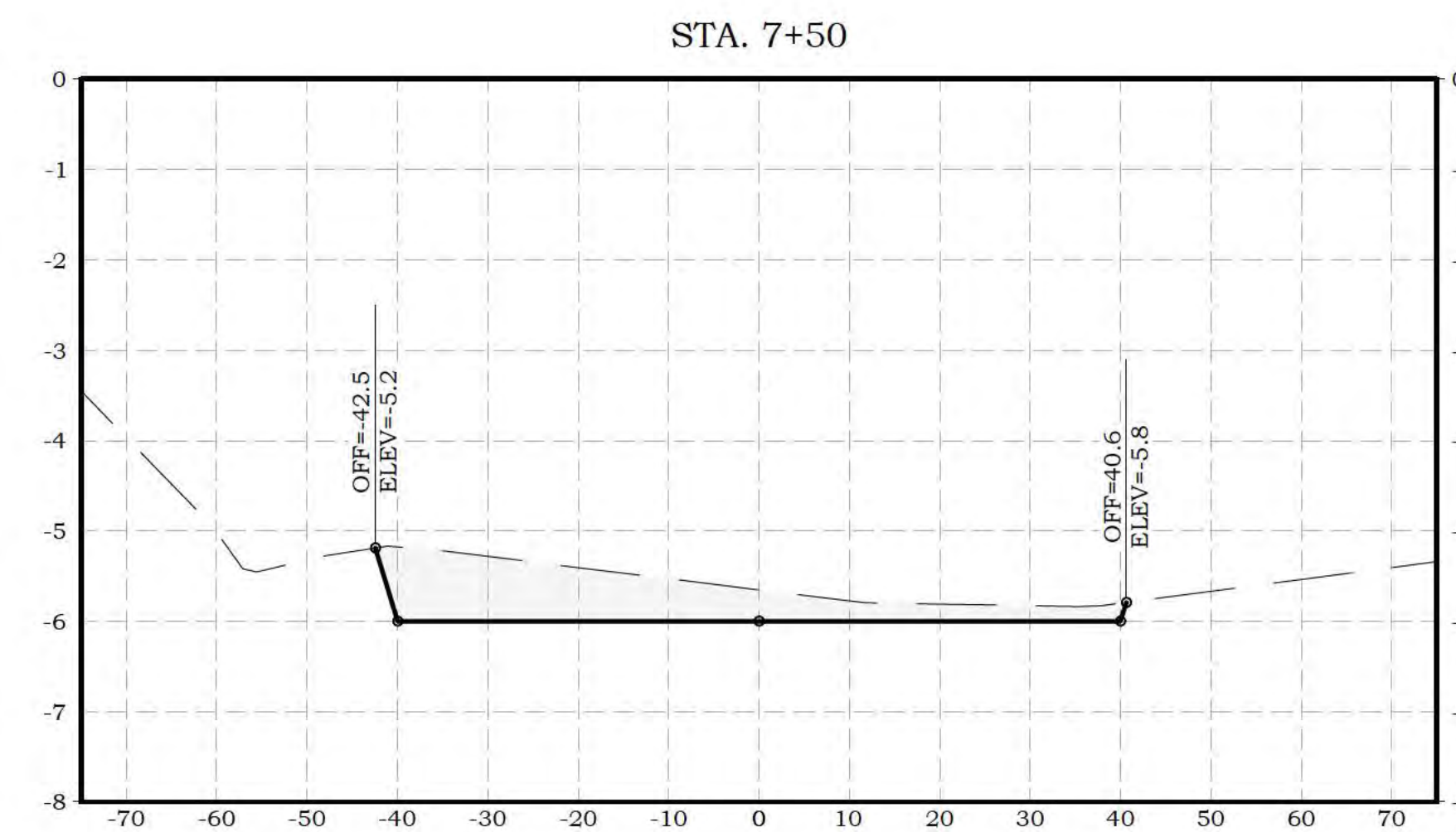
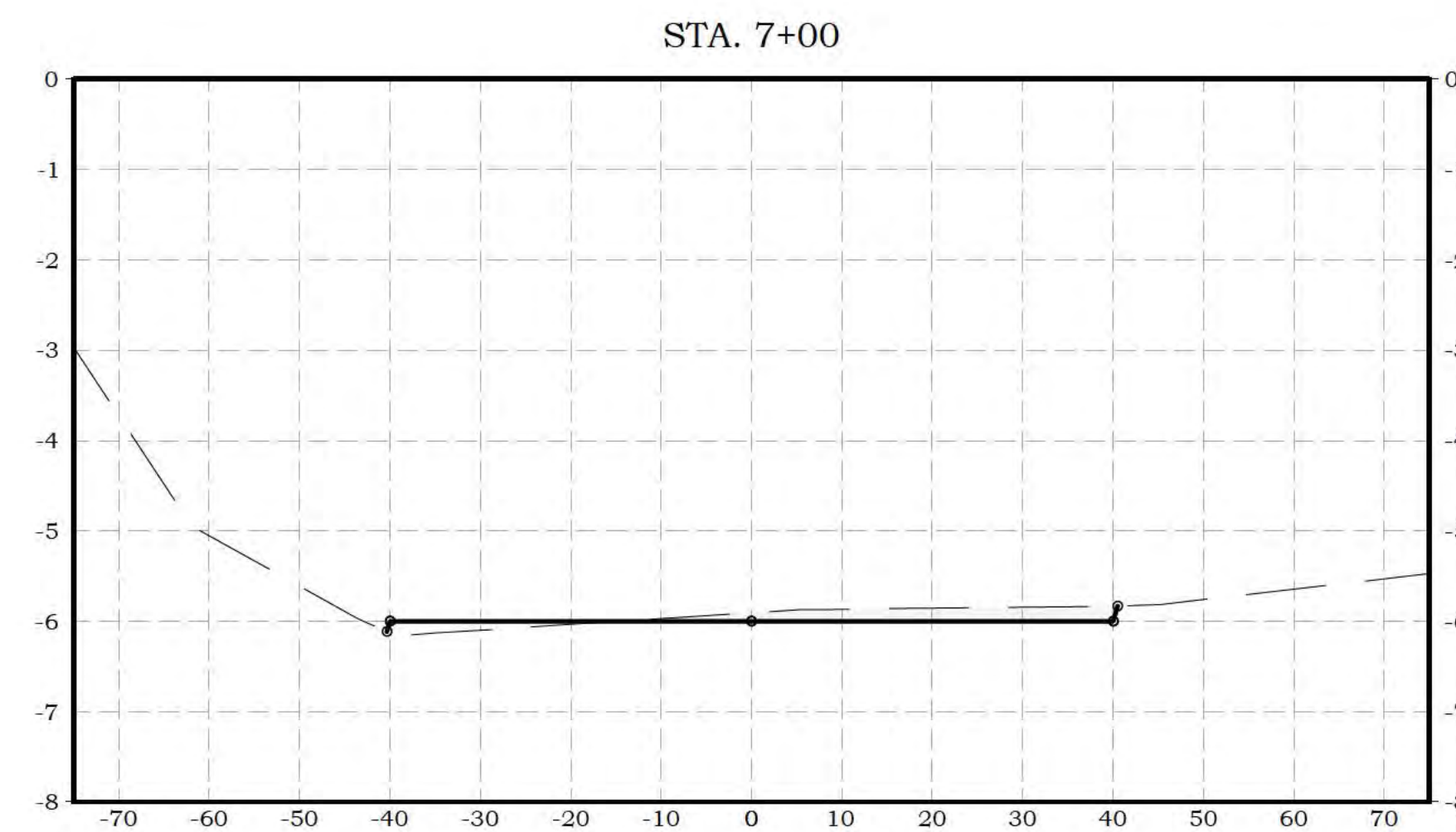
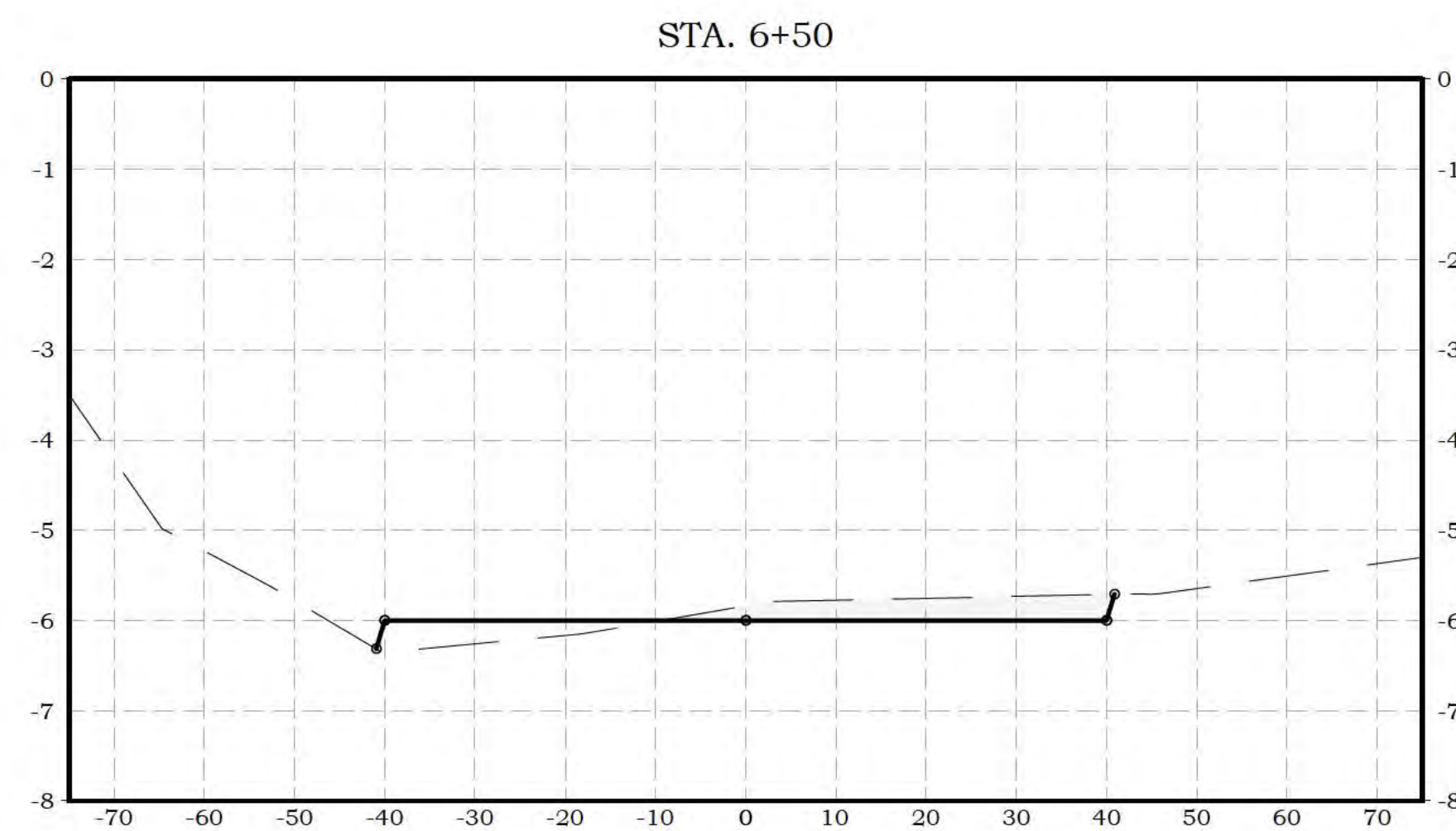
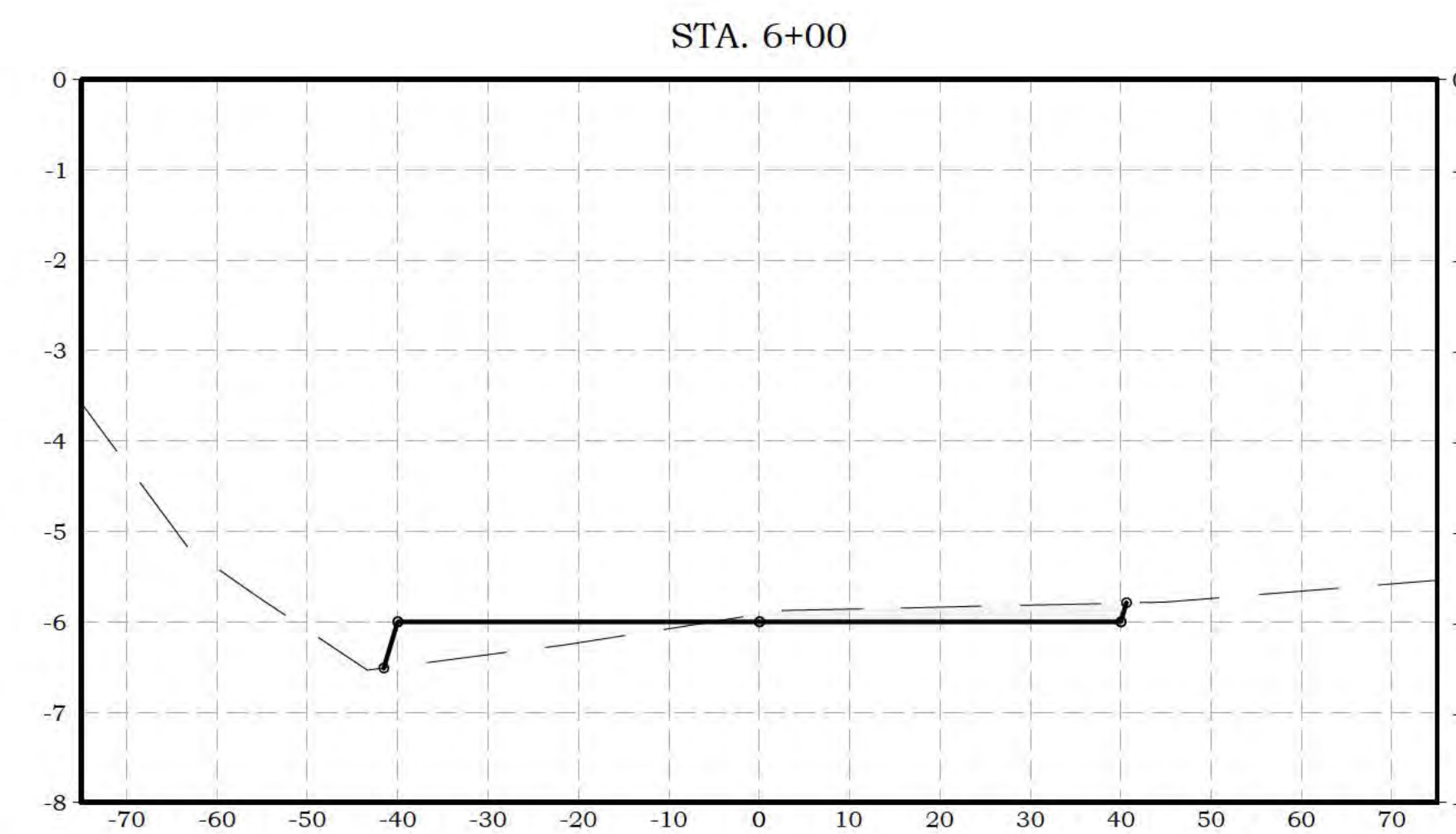
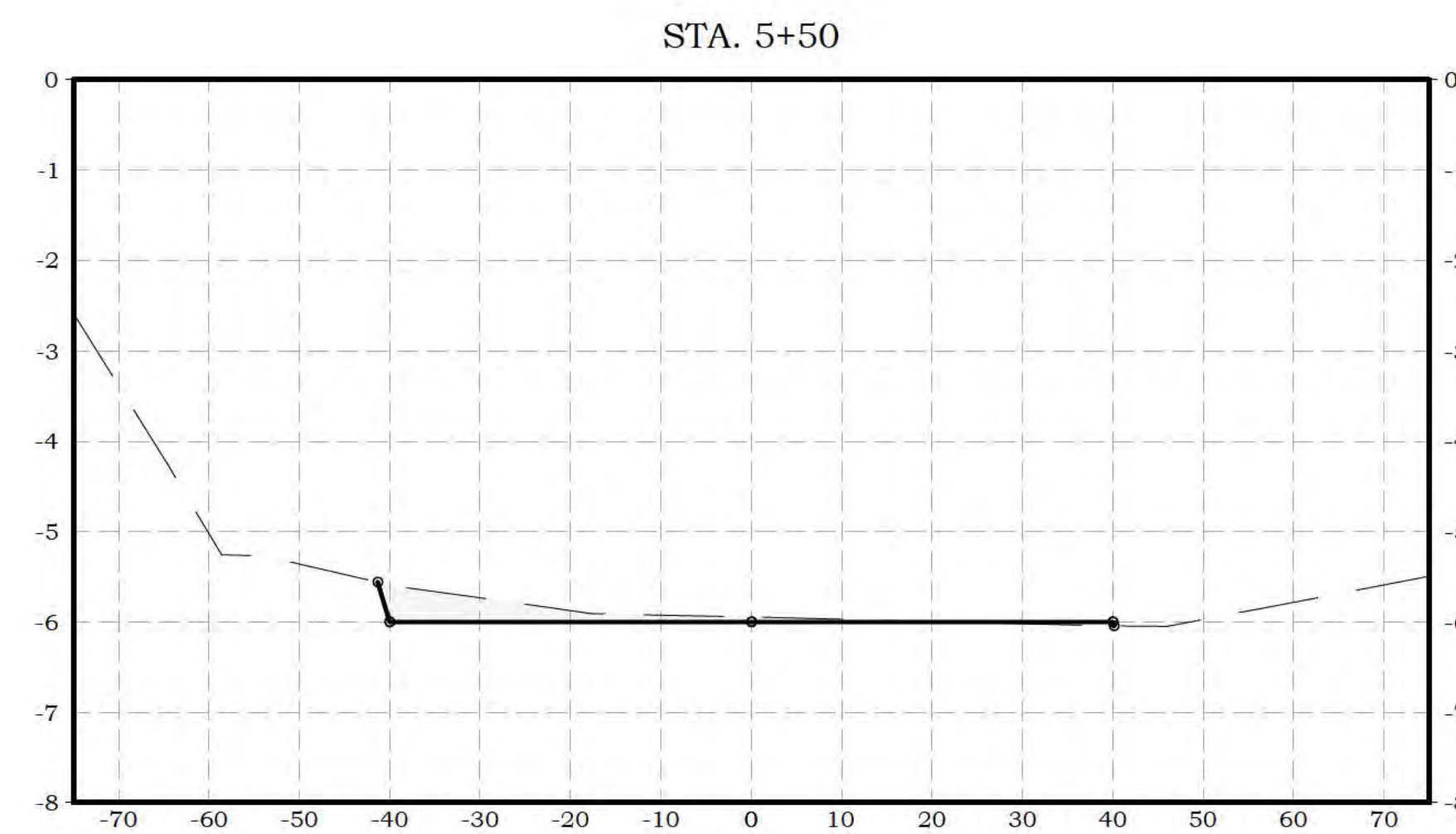
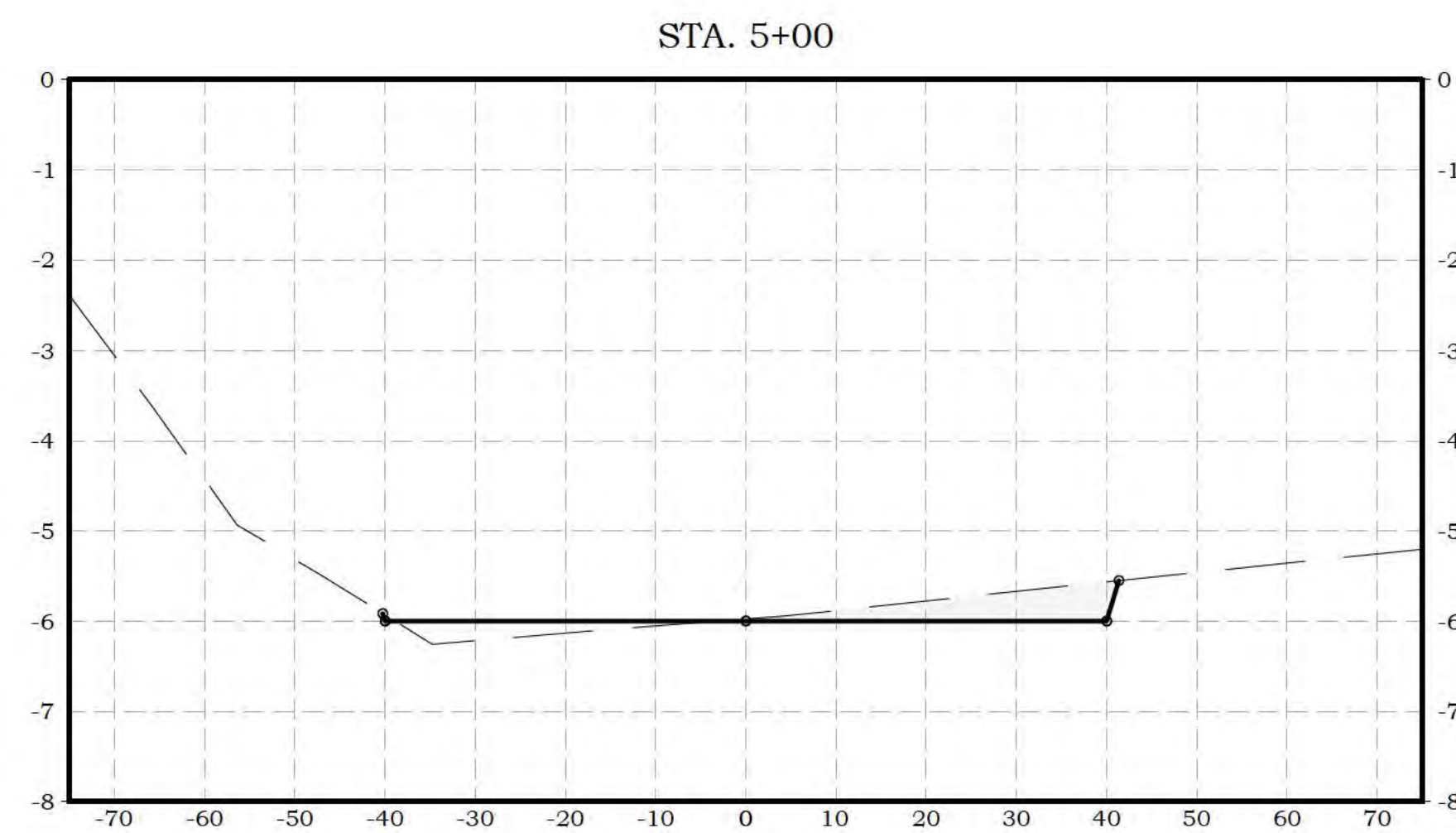
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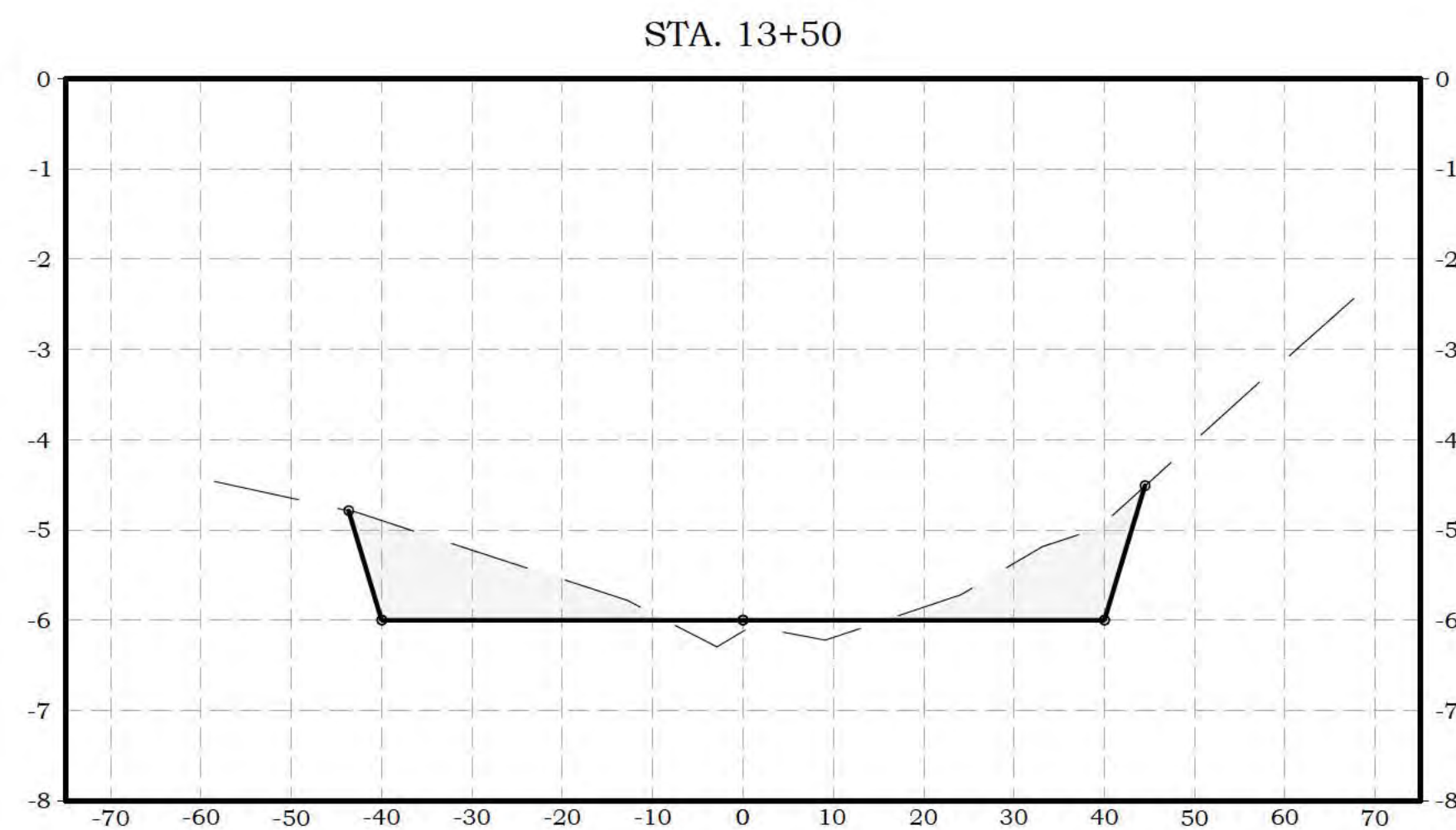
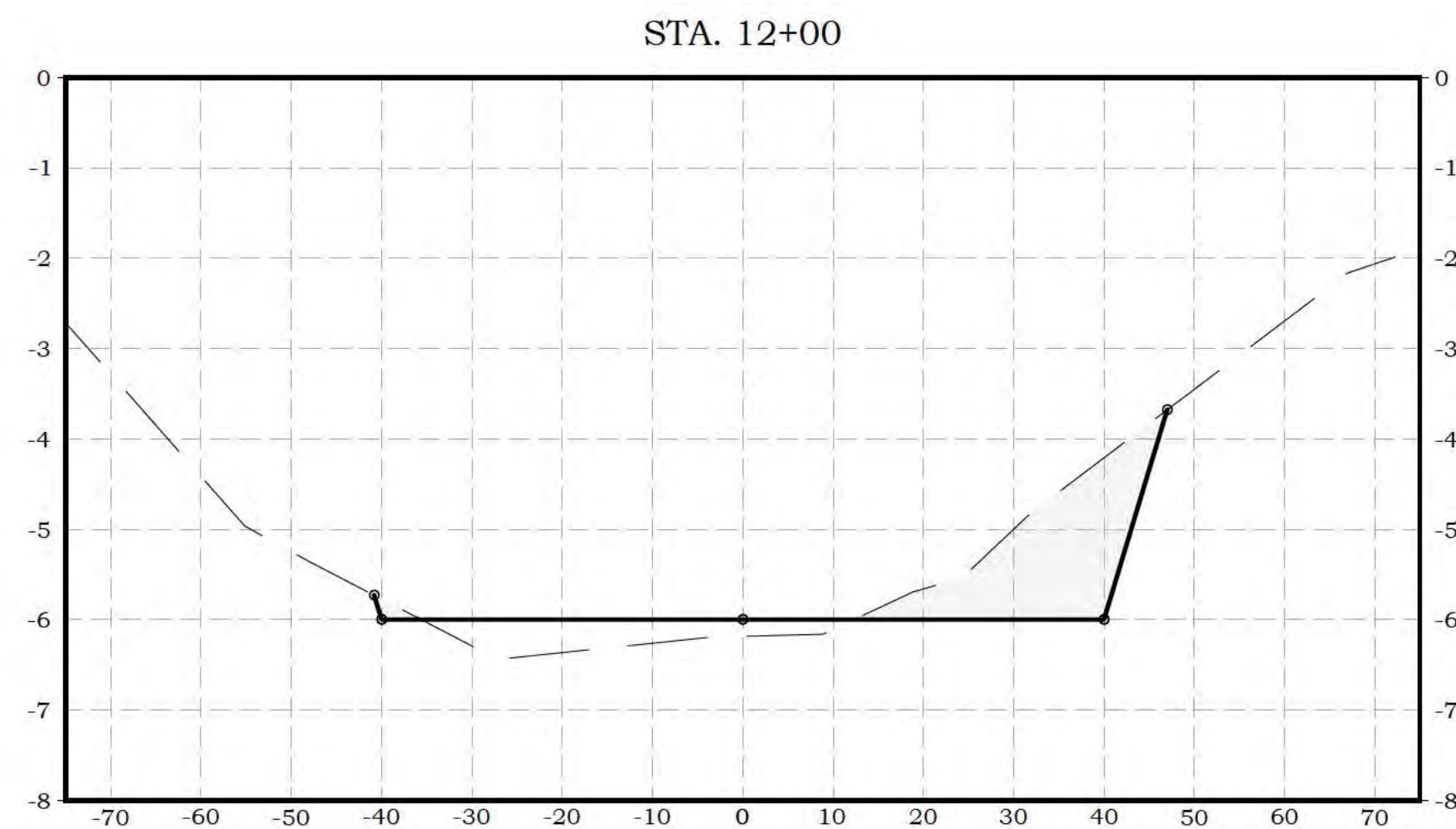
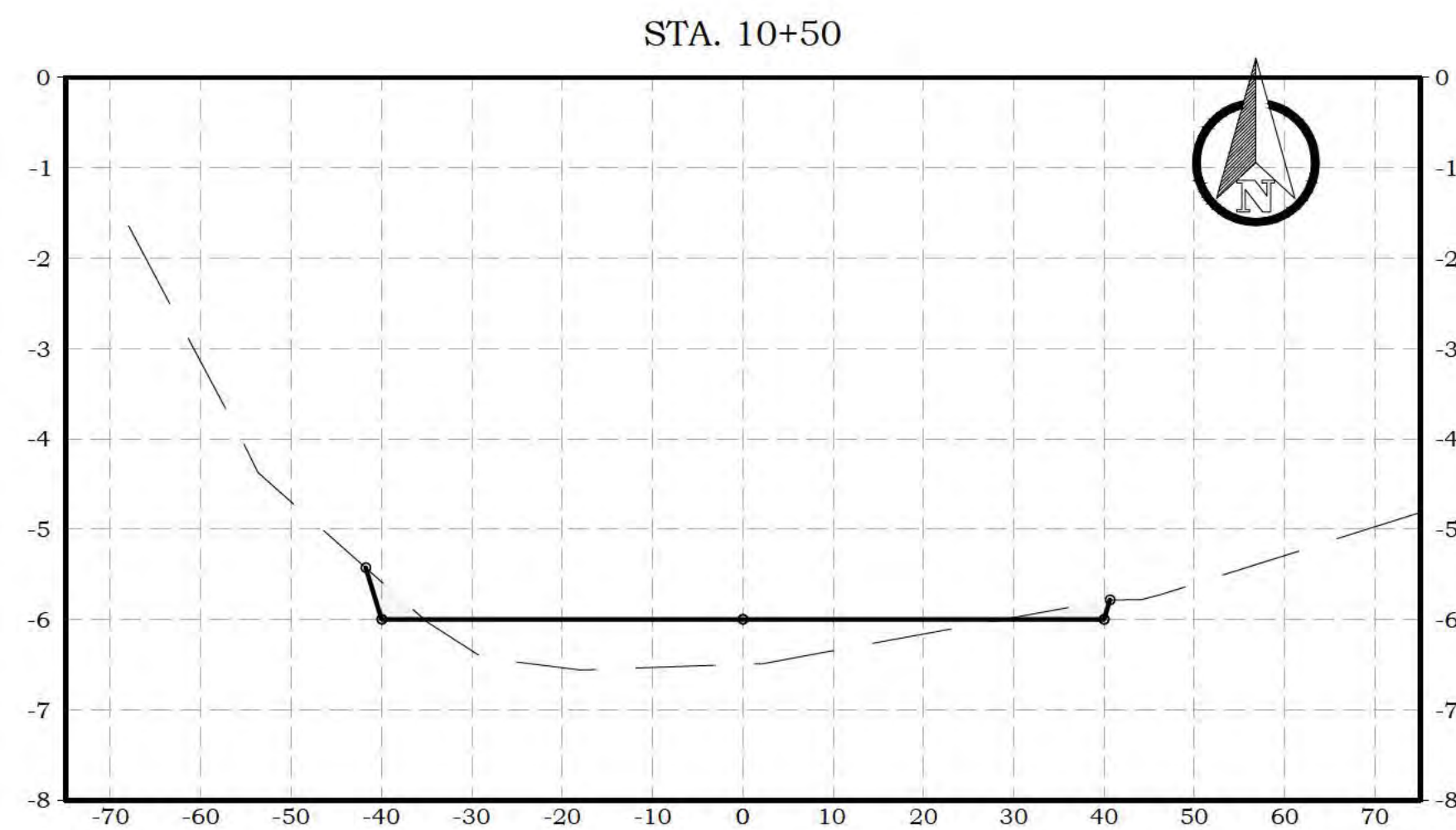
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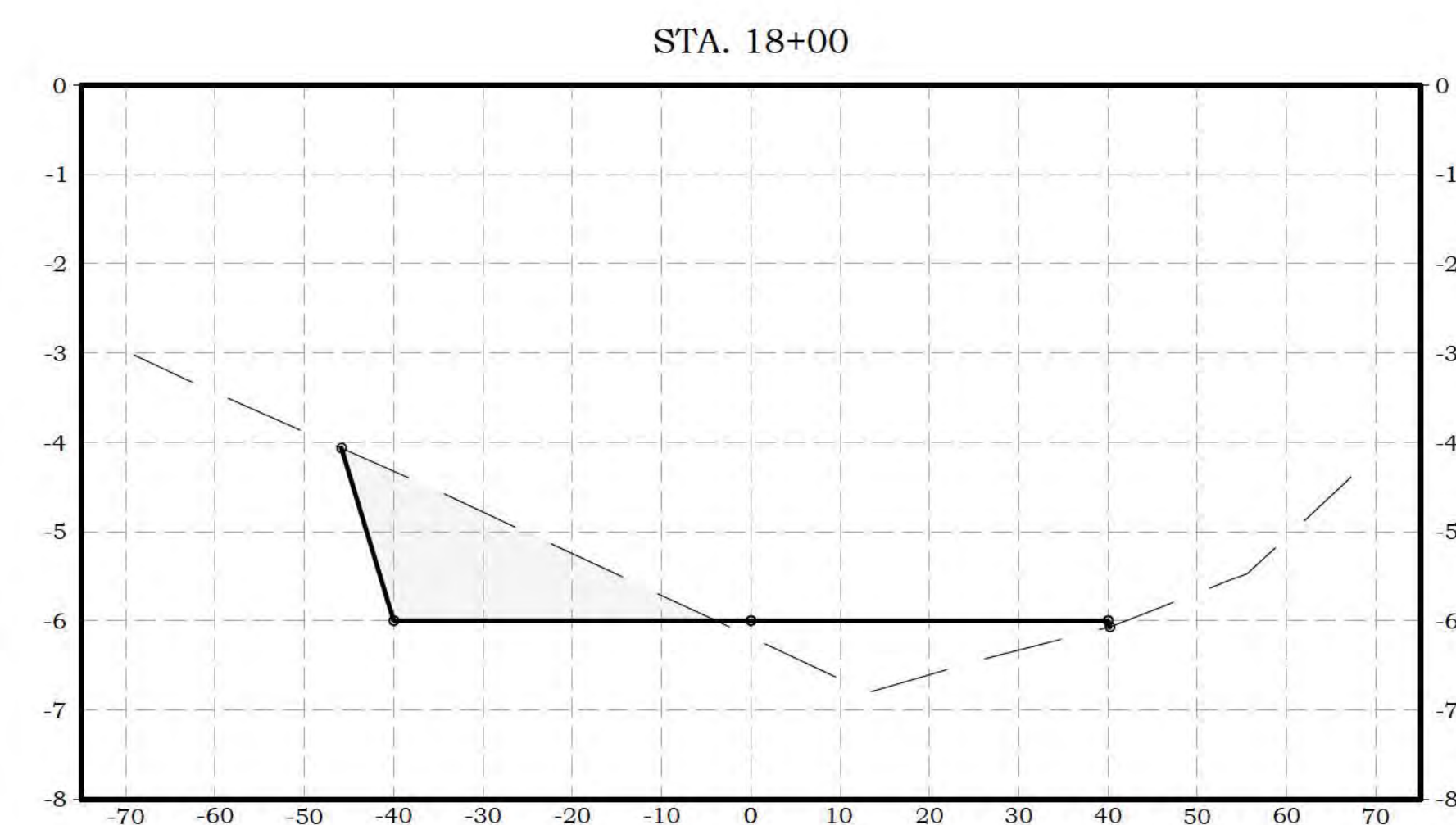
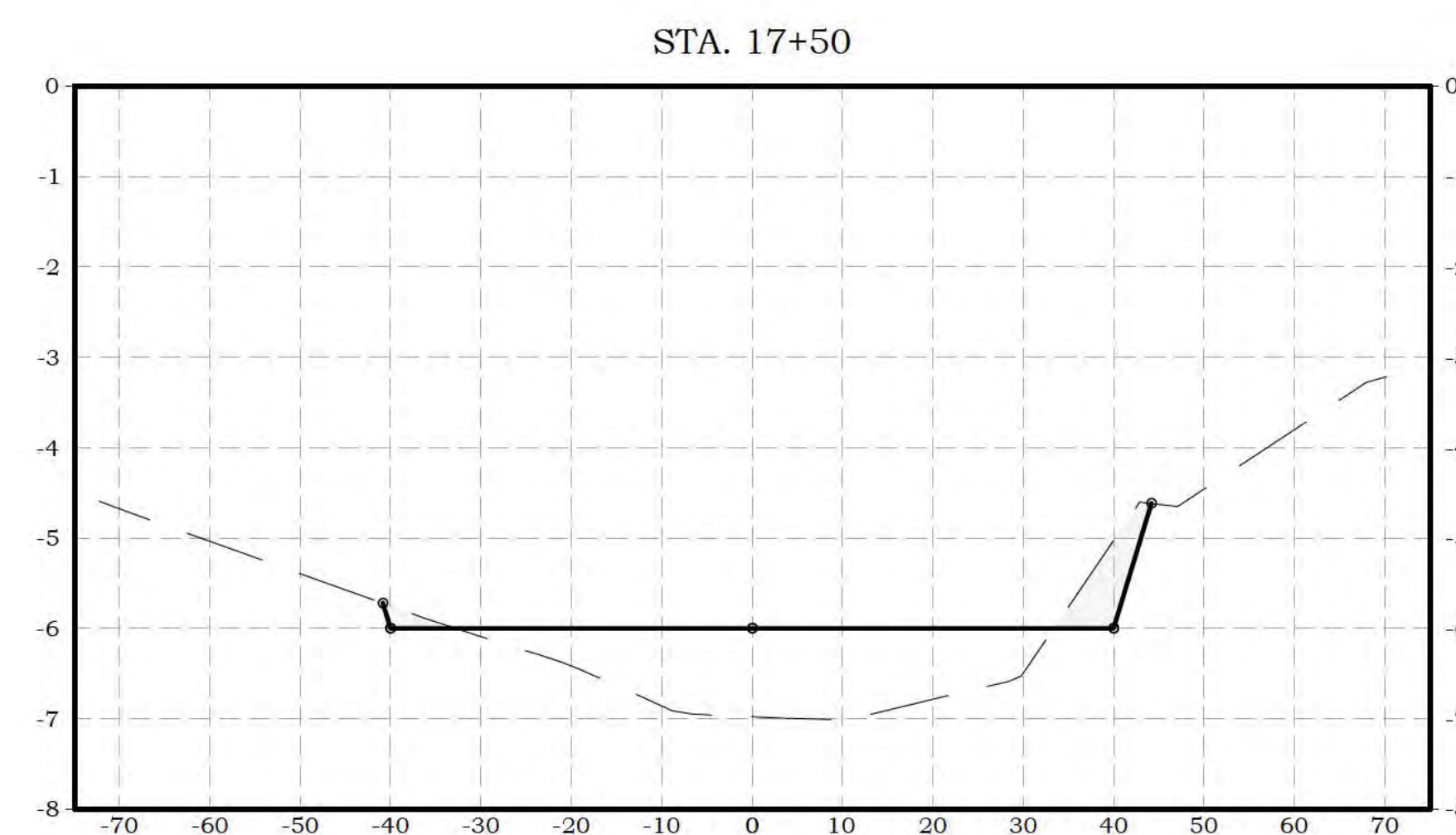
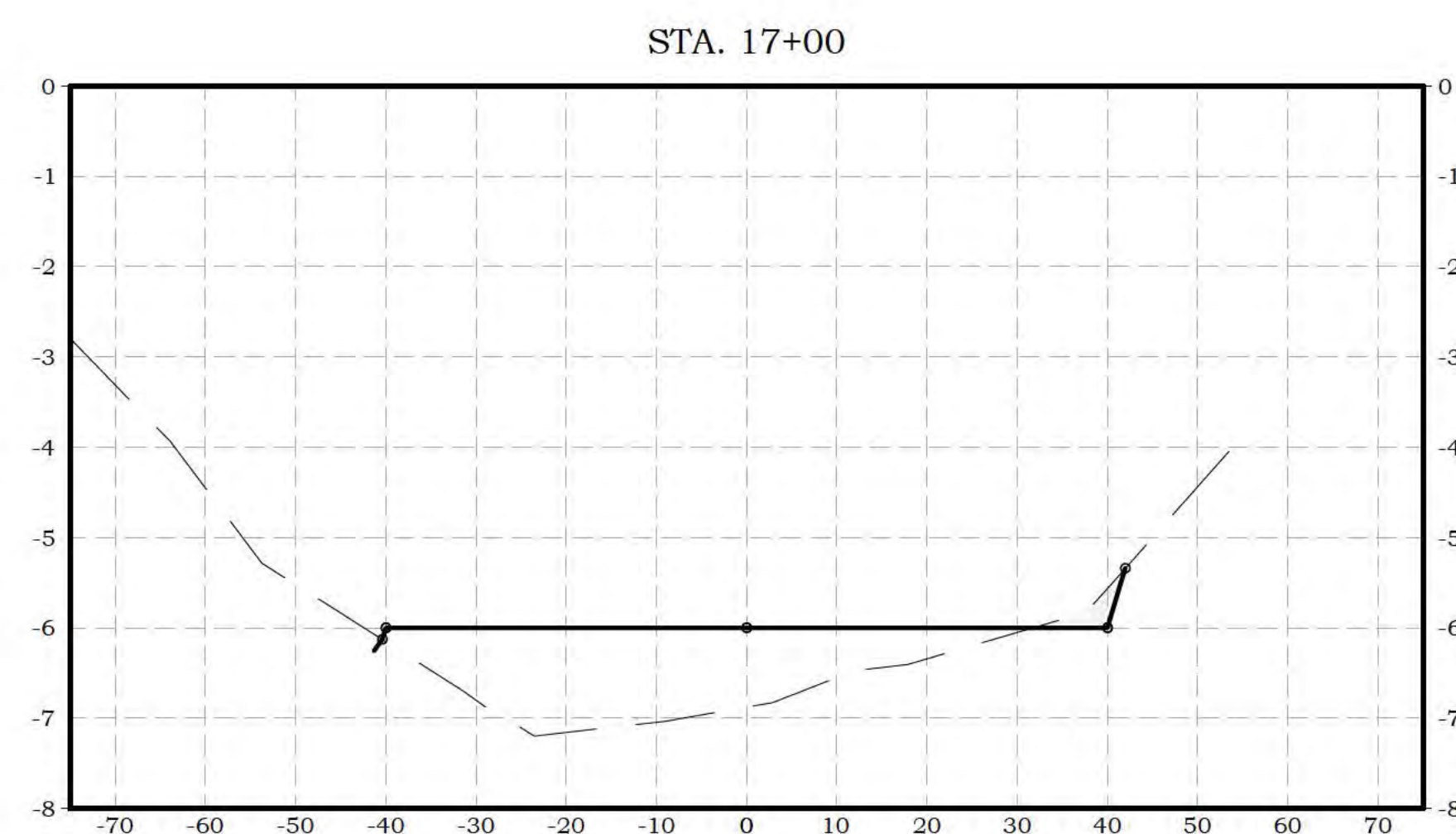
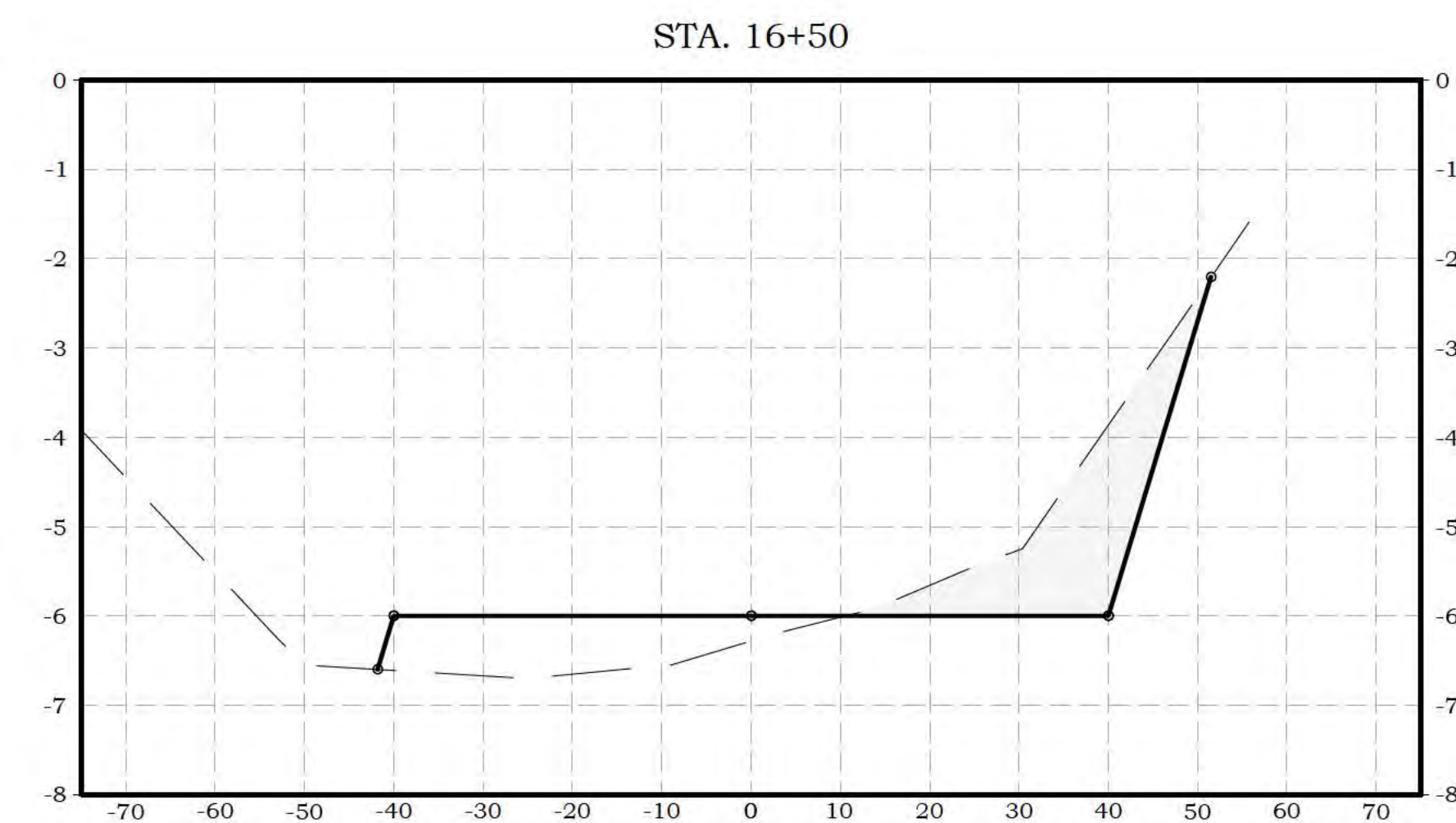
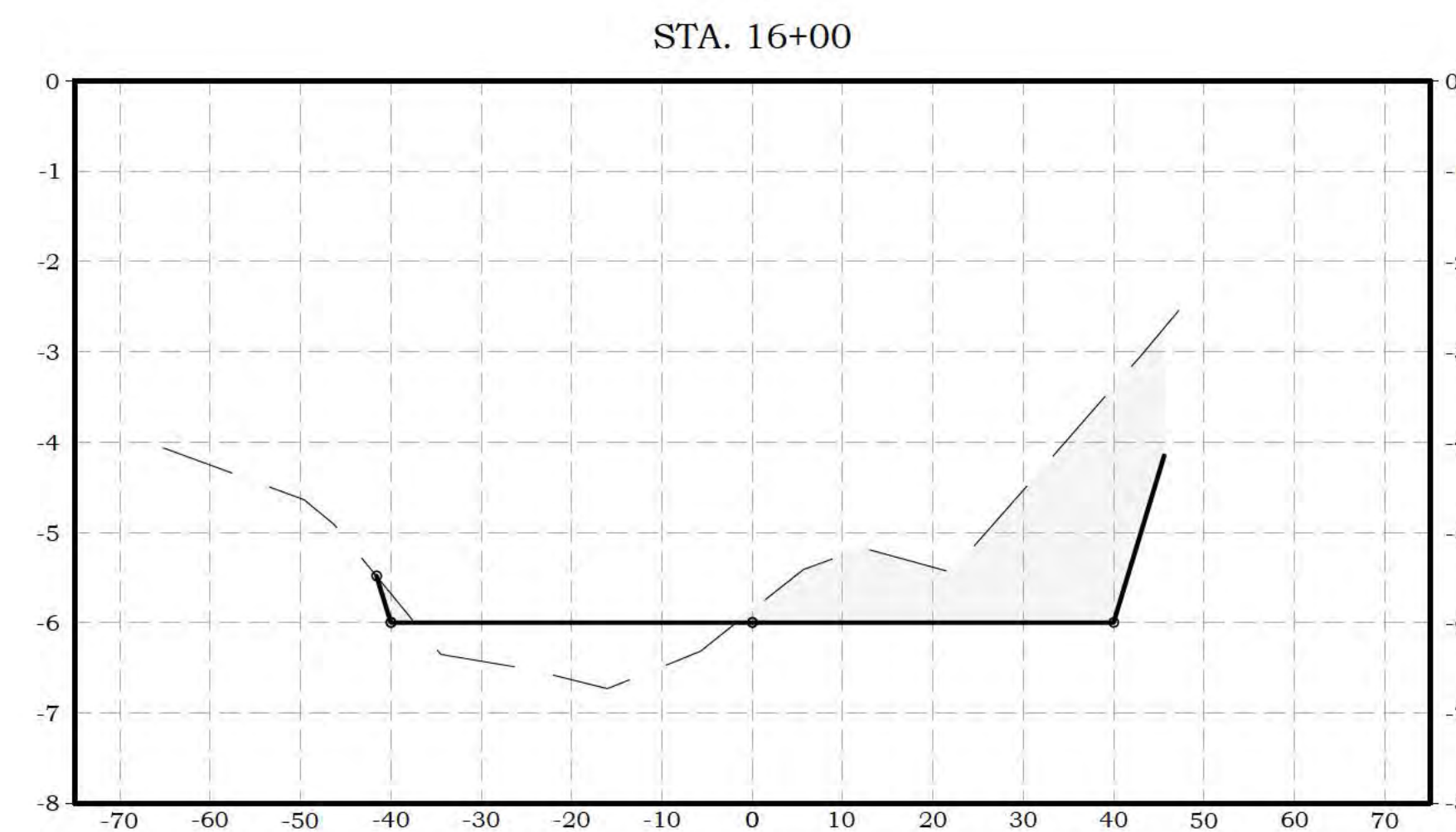
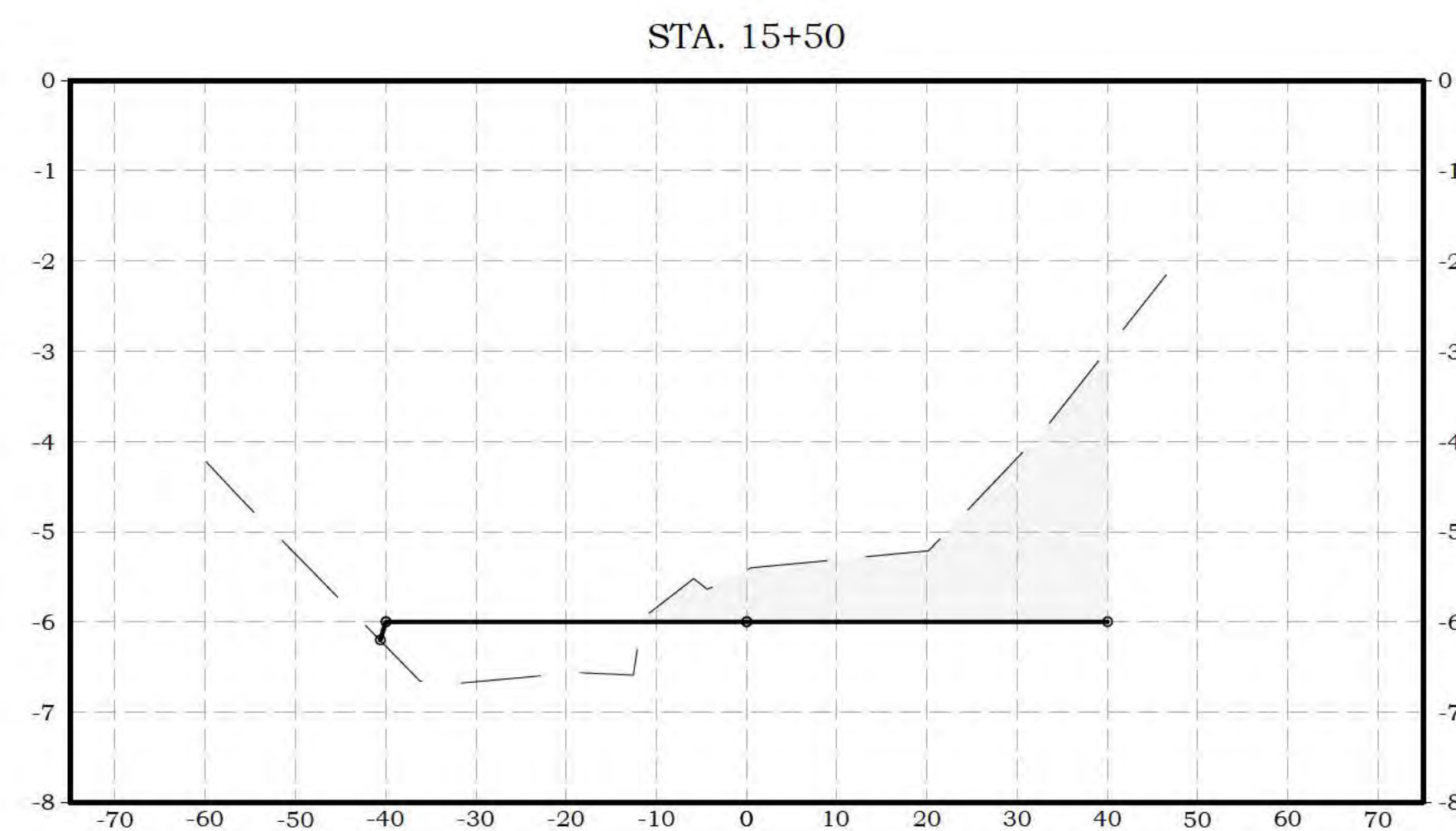
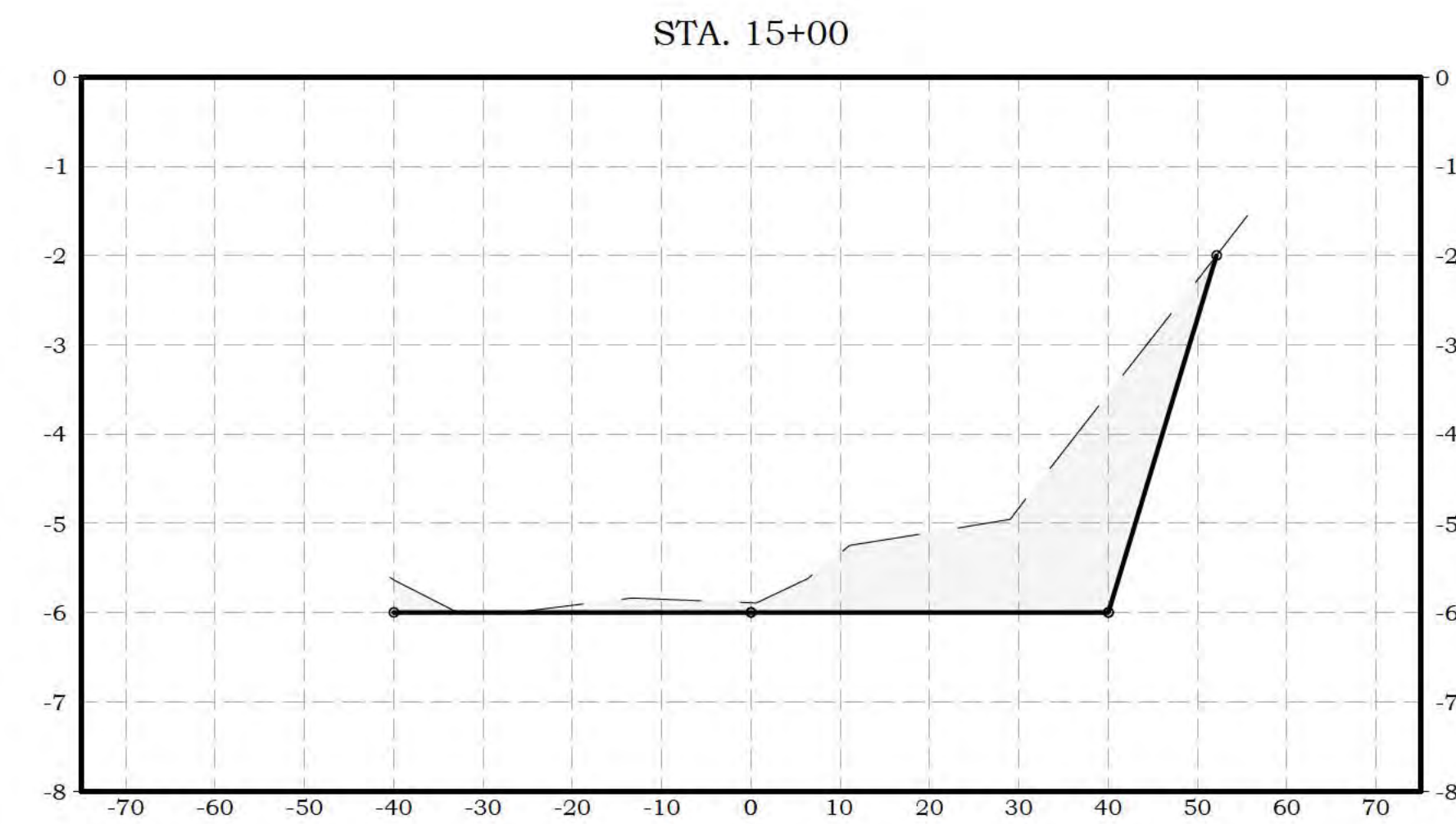
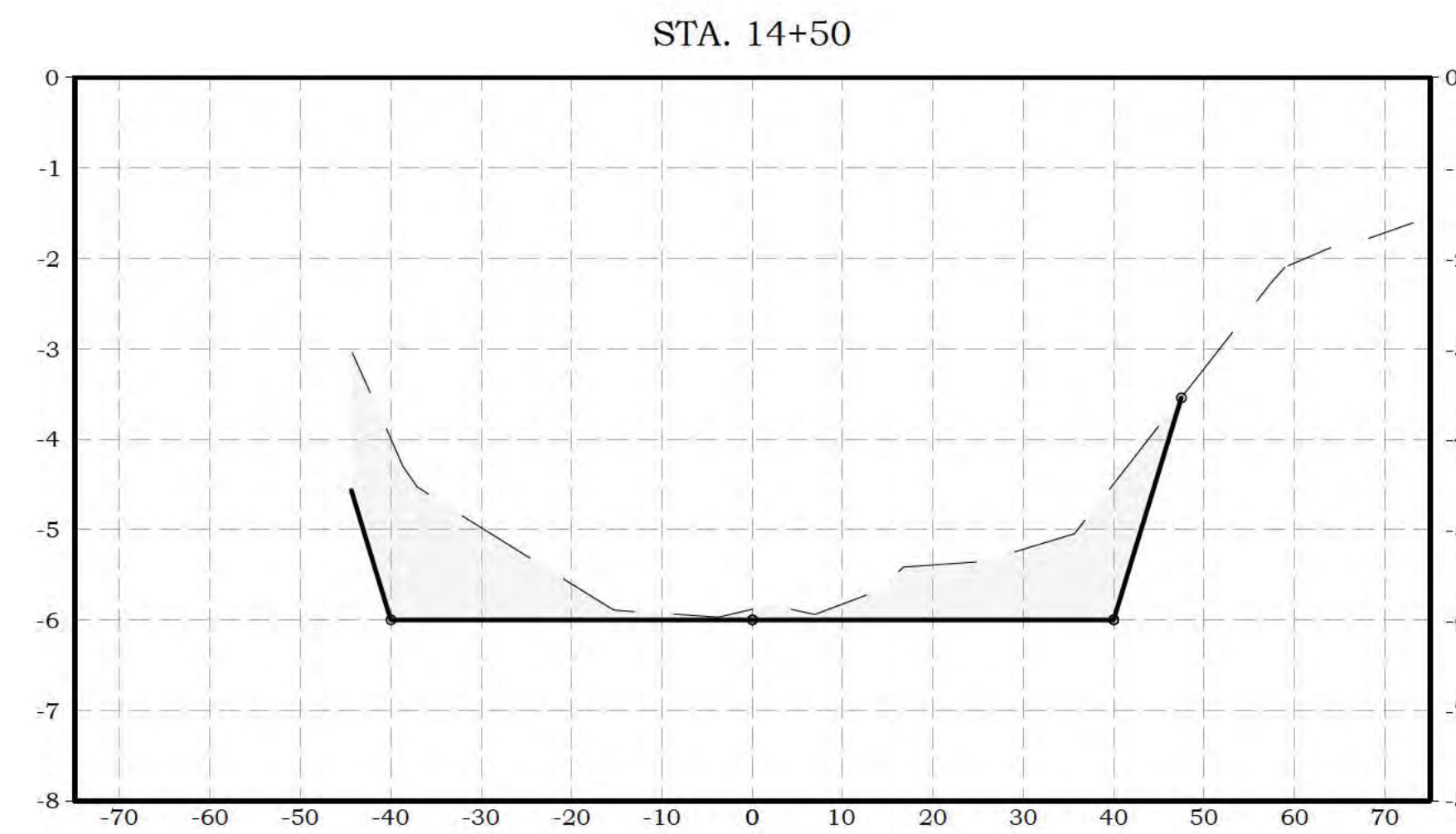
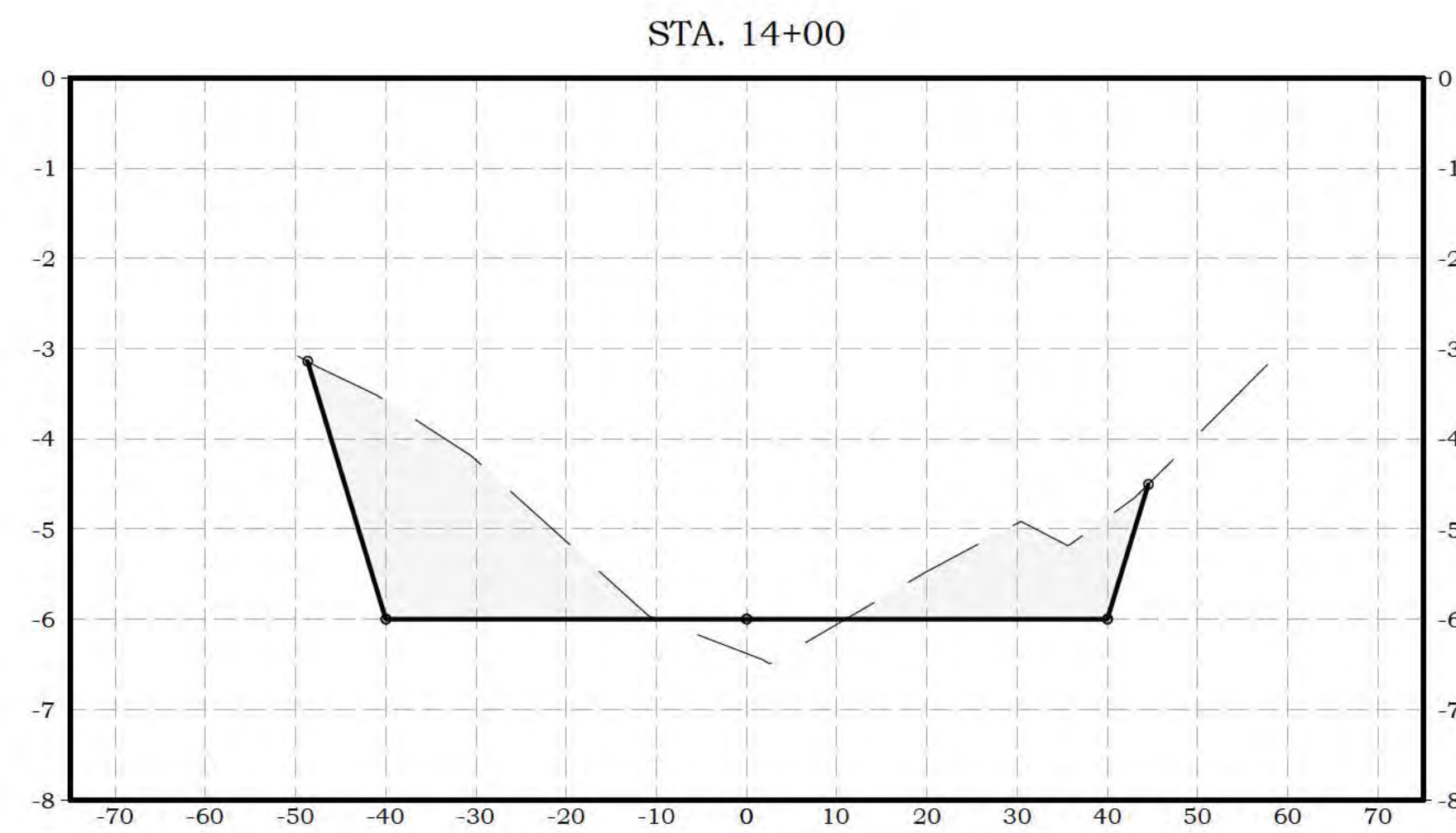
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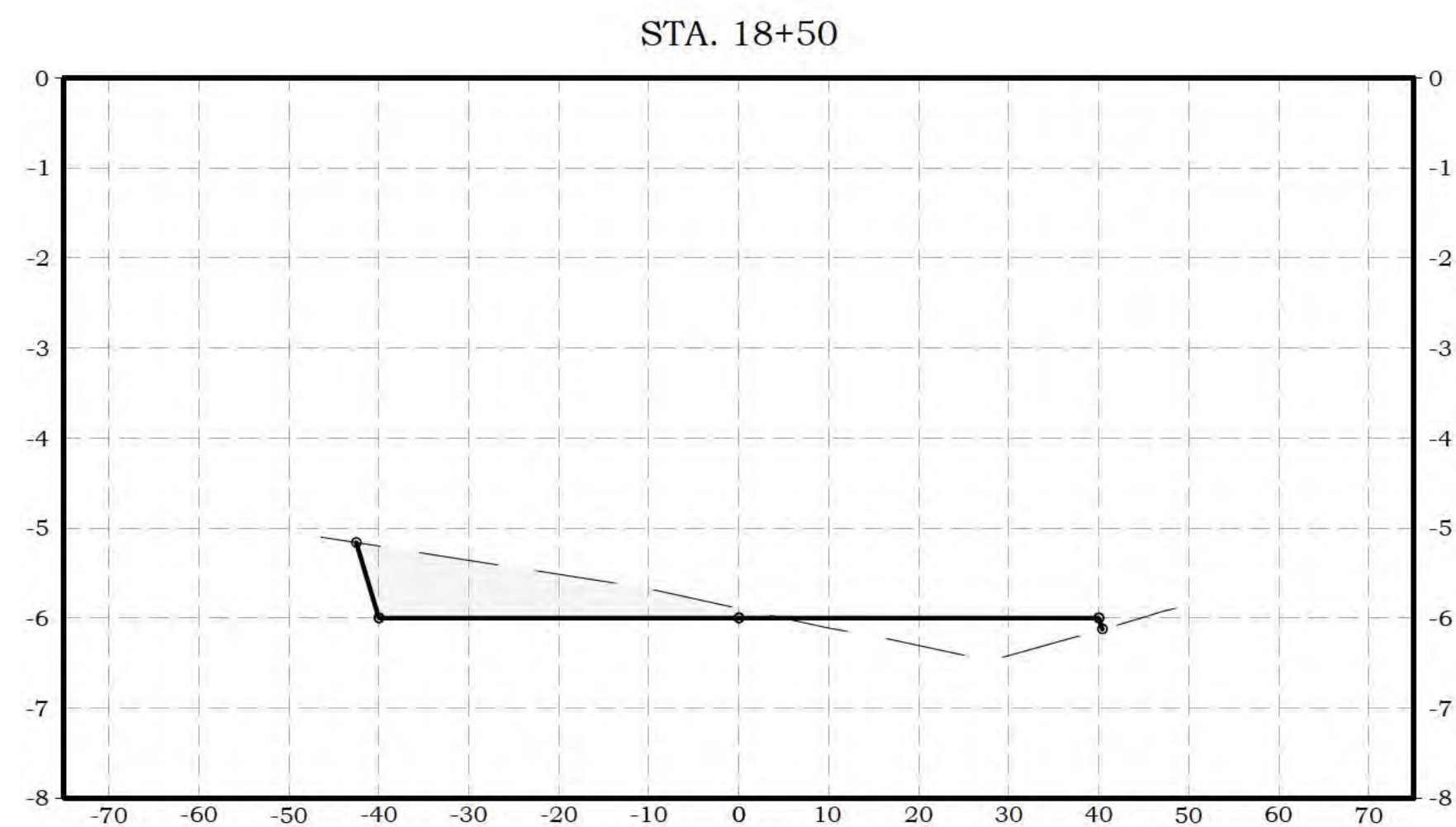
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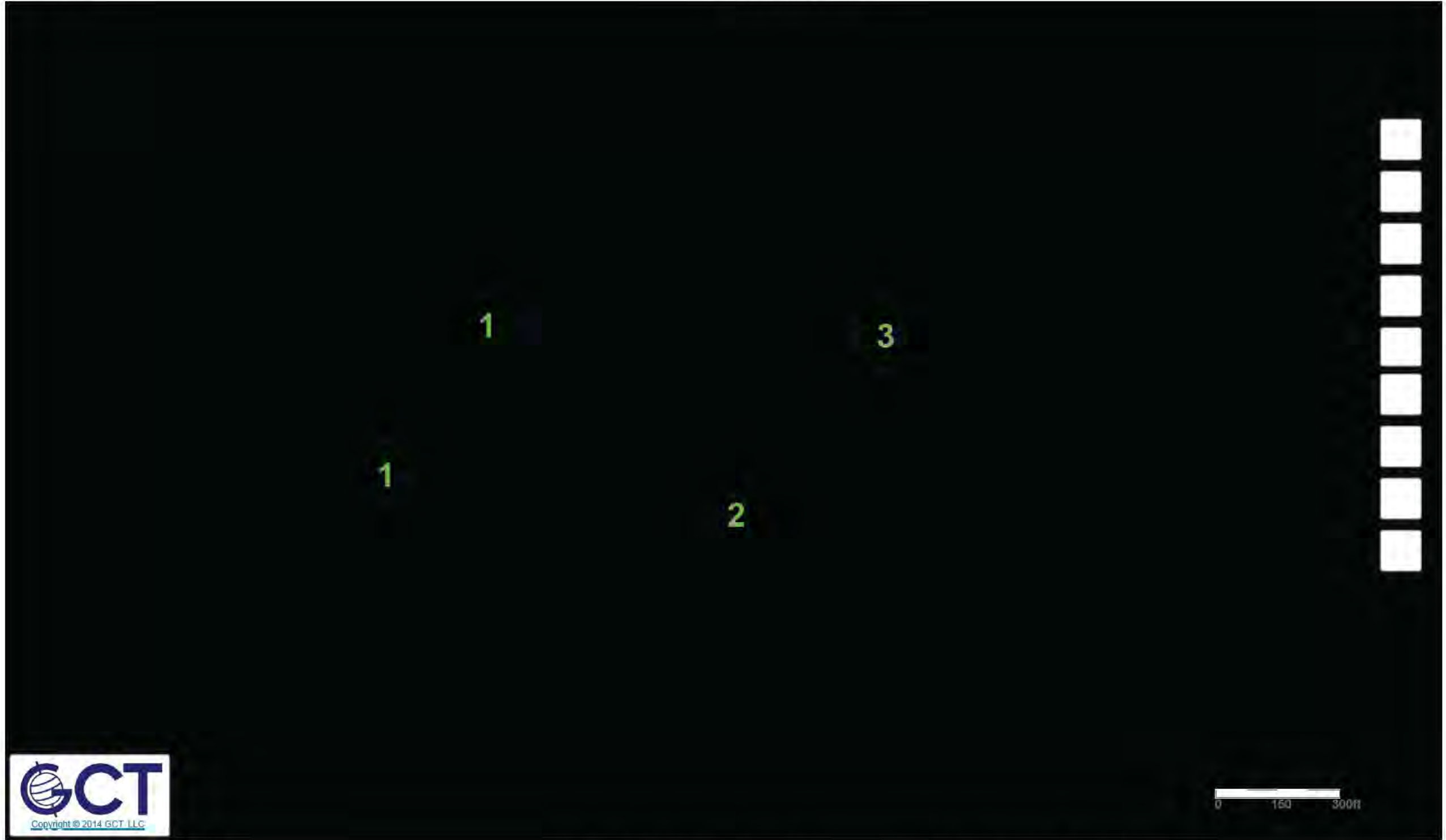
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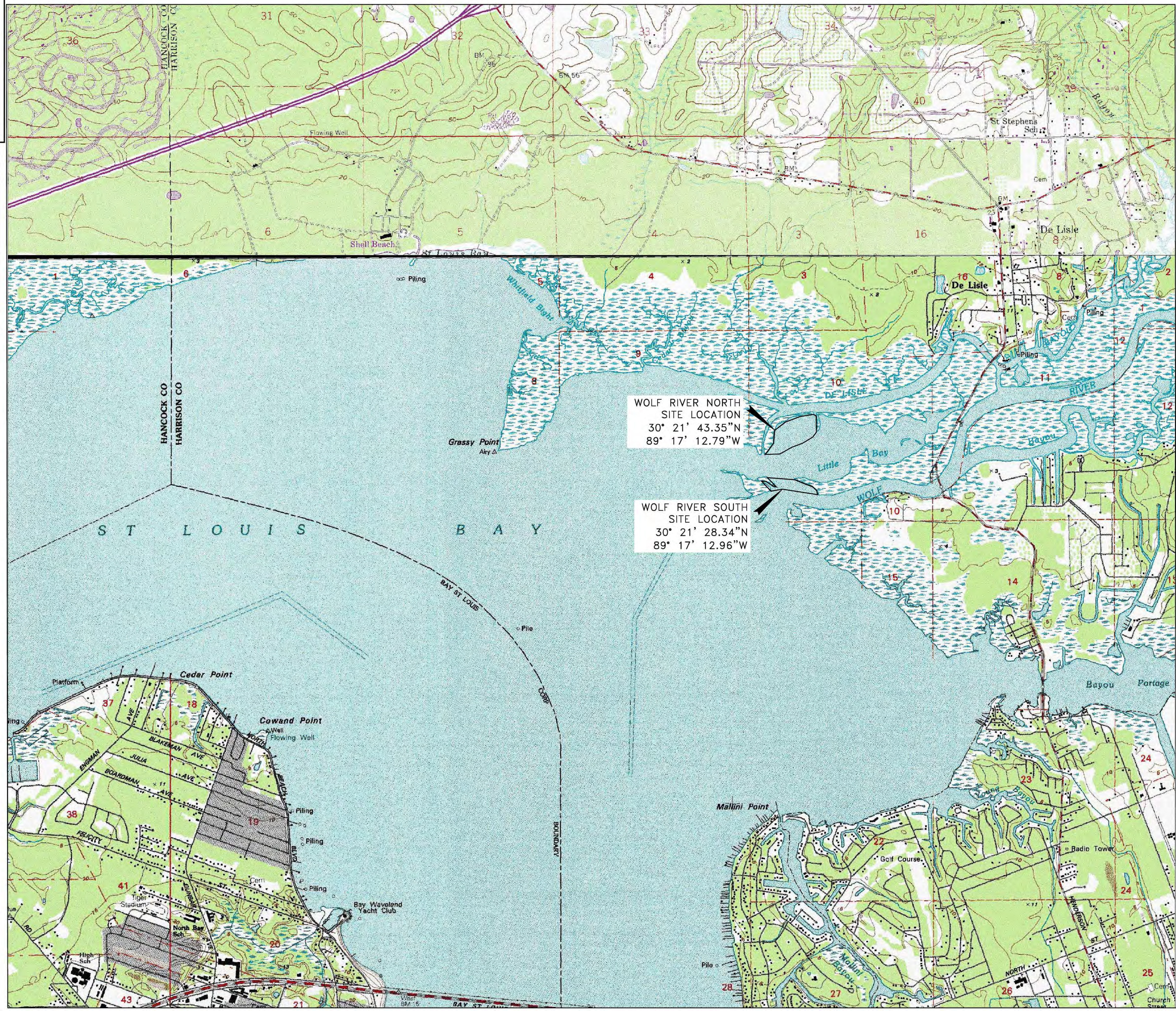
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LEGEND

— APPROXIMATE WOLF RIVER SITE LIMITS OF DREDGED MATERIAL

- DATUMS:**
1. THE COORDINATE DATUM USED IN THE DIGITAL VERSION OF THIS DRAWING IS MISSISSIPPI STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM, EAST ZONE, NAD 83 US SURVEY
- PROJECT LOCATION NOTES:**
1. NORTH AND SOUTH PROJECT SITES ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE WOLF RIVER OF PASS CHRISTIAN, MS.
 2. SITES CAN ONLY BE ACCESSED VIA BOAT OR BARGE.
 3. CONTRACTOR CAN UTILIZE THE MERLIN NECAISE PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCH OFF OF W. WITTMAN ROAD, PASS CHRISTIAN, MS 39571 OR BY OTHER APPROVED MEANS BY ENGINEER AND OWNER.



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