



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
SAVANNAH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
100 W. OGLETHORPE AVENUE
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31401-3604

May 10, 2018

Regulatory Branch
SAS-2016-00695

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE
Savannah District/State of Georgia

The Savannah 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) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1344), as follows:

Application Number: SAS-2016-00695

Applicant: William Manzer
Rayonier Performance Fibers
4470 Savannah Highway
Jesup, Georgia 31545

Agent: Mary Elizabeth Manning
Terracon Consultants, Inc.
1450 Fifth Street West
North Charleston, South Carolina 29405

Location of Proposed Work: The project site is located at the Rayonier Jesup Plant, 4470 Savannah Highway, in the City of Jesup, Wayne County, Georgia (Latitude 31.6546, Longitude -81.8284).

Description of Work Subject to the Jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:
The applicant proposes to fill 0.088 acres of wetlands to extend an existing metal bulkhead and impact 0.008 acres of open water to remove an inactive outfall structure. Both proposed project sites are adjacent to the Rayonier Plant on the Altamaha River. The applicant did not propose compensatory mitigation because the project is under 1/10th of an acre.

BACKGROUND

A Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination (PJD) was verified for this site by letter dated September 13, 2016. This Joint Public Notice announces a request for authorizations from both the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the State of Georgia. The applicant's proposed work may also require local governmental approval.

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Water Quality Certification: The Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, intends to certify this project at the end of 30 days in accordance with the provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, which is required for a Federal Permit to conduct activity in, on, or adjacent to the waters of the State of Georgia. Copies of the application and supporting documents relative to a specific application will be available for review and copying at the office of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, Watershed Protection Branch, 2 MLK Jr. Drive, Suite 418, Atlanta, Georgia 30334, during regular office hours. A copier machine is available for public use at a charge of 10 cents per page. All coastal projects are filed at our Brunswick office and will need to be requested from Mr. Bradley Smith at Bradley.Smith@dnr.ga.gov. Any person who desires to comment, object, or request a public hearing relative to State Water Quality Certification must do so within 30 days of the State's receipt of application in writing and state the reasons or basis of objections or request for a hearing. The application can be reviewed in the Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division, 100 W. Oglethorpe Avenue Savannah, Georgia 31401-3604.

State-owned Property and Resources: The applicant may also require assent from the State of Georgia, which may be in the form of a license, easement, lease, permit or other appropriate instrument.

Georgia Coastal Management Program: Prior to the Savannah District Corps of Engineers making a final permit decision on this application, the project must be certified by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division, to be consistent with applicable provisions of the State of Georgia Coastal Management Program (15 C.F.R. § 930). Anyone wishing to comment on Coastal Management Program certification of this project should submit comments in writing within 30 days of the date of this notice to the Federal Consistency Coordinator, Ecological Services Section, Coastal Resources Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, One Conservation Way, Brunswick, Georgia 31523-8600 (Telephone 912-264-7218).

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The Savannah District must consider the purpose and the impacts of the applicant's proposed work, prior to a decision on issuance of a Department of the Army Permit.

Cultural Resources Assessment: Review of the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places indicates that no registered properties or properties listed as eligible for inclusion are located at the site or in the area affected by the proposed work. Presently unknown archaeological, scientific, prehistorical or historical data may be located at the site and could be affected by the proposed work.

Essential Fish Habitat (EFH): This notice initiates the EFH consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal may result in the destruction or alteration of approximately 0.008 acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of species comprising the red drum, shrimp, bluefish or snapper grouper management complexes. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have an individual or cumulatively substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Atlantic Ocean. Our final determination relative to project impacts to EFH and the need for mitigation measures are subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS and the South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council.

Endangered Species: Pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq.), we request information from the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service; or, any other interested party, on whether any species listed or proposed for listing may be present in the area.

Public Interest Review: 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, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

Consideration of Public Comments: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Native American 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 U.S. Army 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.

Application of Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines: The proposed activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into the waters of the United States. The Savannah District's evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under the authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act.

Public Hearing: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application for a Department of the Army permit. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for requesting a public hearing. The decision whether to hold a public hearing is at the discretion of the District Engineer, or his designated appointee, based on the need for additional substantial information necessary in evaluating the proposed project.

Comment Period: Anyone wishing to comment on this application for a Department of the Army Permit should submit comments in writing to the Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, Attention: Skye H. Stockel, 100 W. Oglethorpe Avenue Savannah, Georgia 31401-3604, no later than 30 days from the date of this notice. Please refer to the applicant's name and the application number in your comments.

If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please contact Skye H. Stockel, Regulatory Specialist, Savannah District at (912) 652-5690.

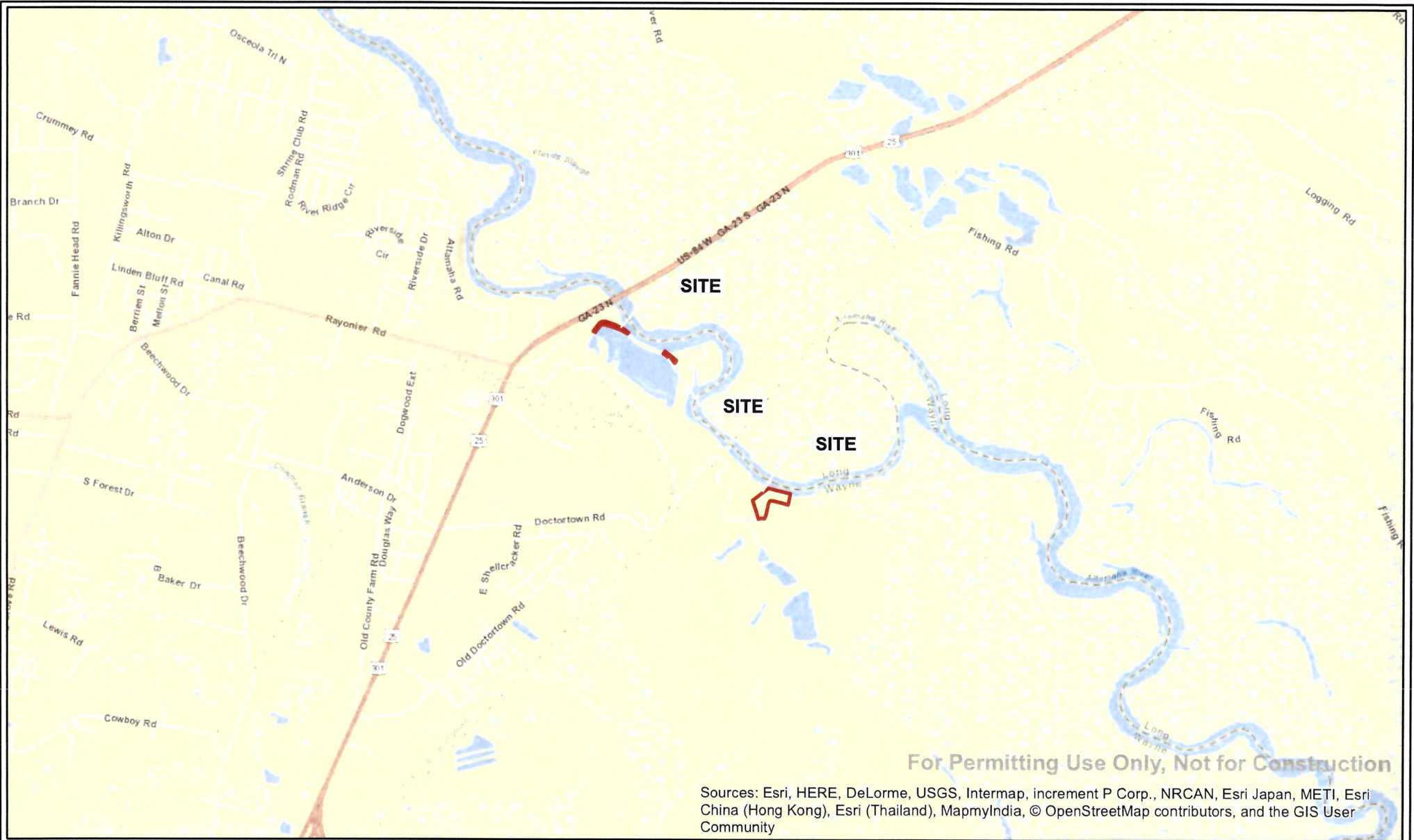
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1. Location Map
2. Permit Drawings

Appendix B

Outfall Removal Plans

- Sheet 1 – Site Location**
- Sheet 2 – Outfall Removal Plan**
- Sheet 3 – Outfall Removal Plan - Zoomed**
- Sheet 4 - Outfall Removal Plan – Profile View**
- Sheet 5 – Outfall Removal Plan – Cross Section View**



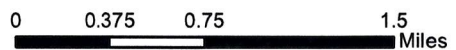
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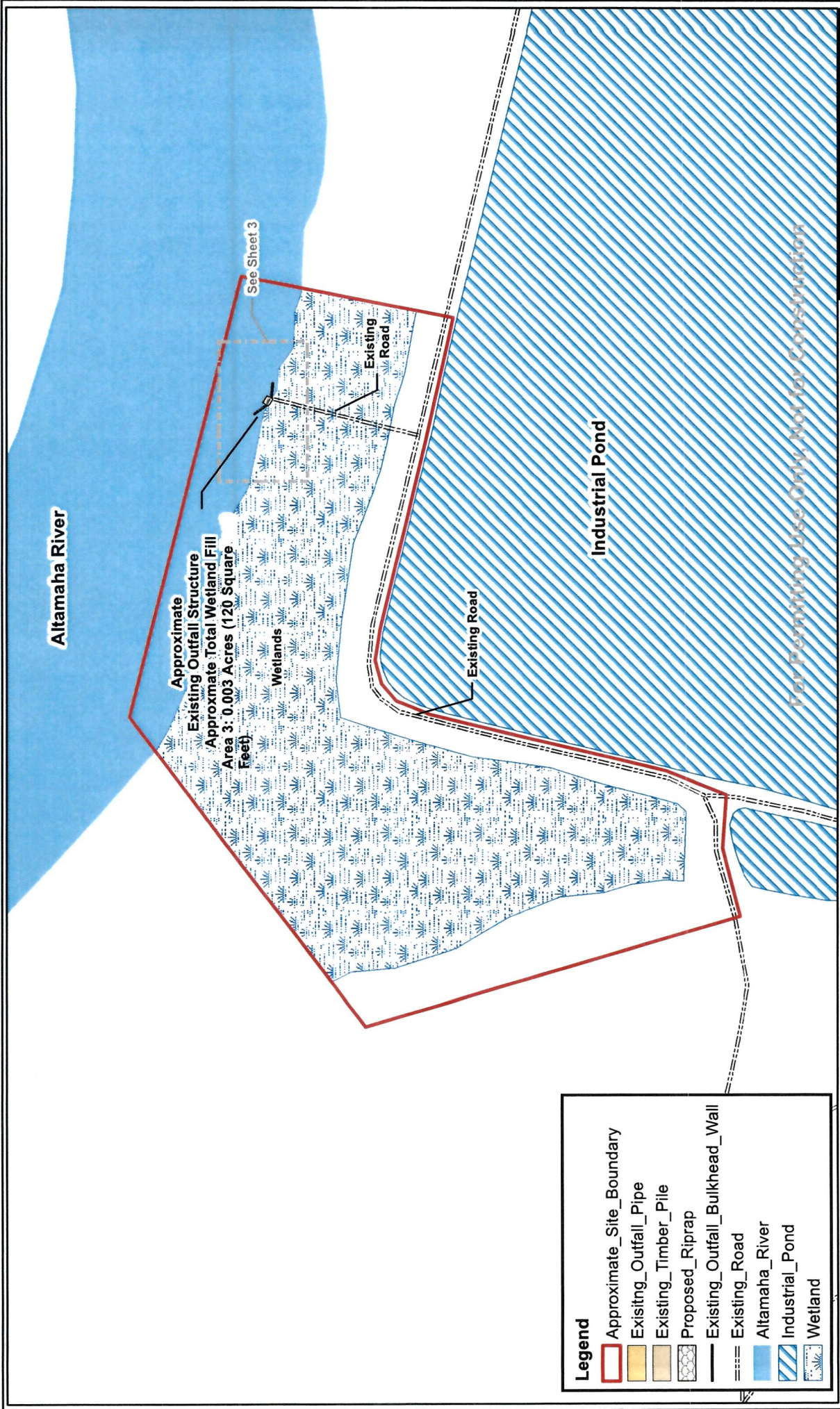
Site Location

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Approximate_Site_Boundary



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Legend	
	Approximate_Site_Boundary
	Existing_Outfall_Pipe
	Existing_Timber_Pile
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	Existing_Outfall_Bulkhead_Wall
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	Altamaha_River
	Industrial_Pond
	Wetland

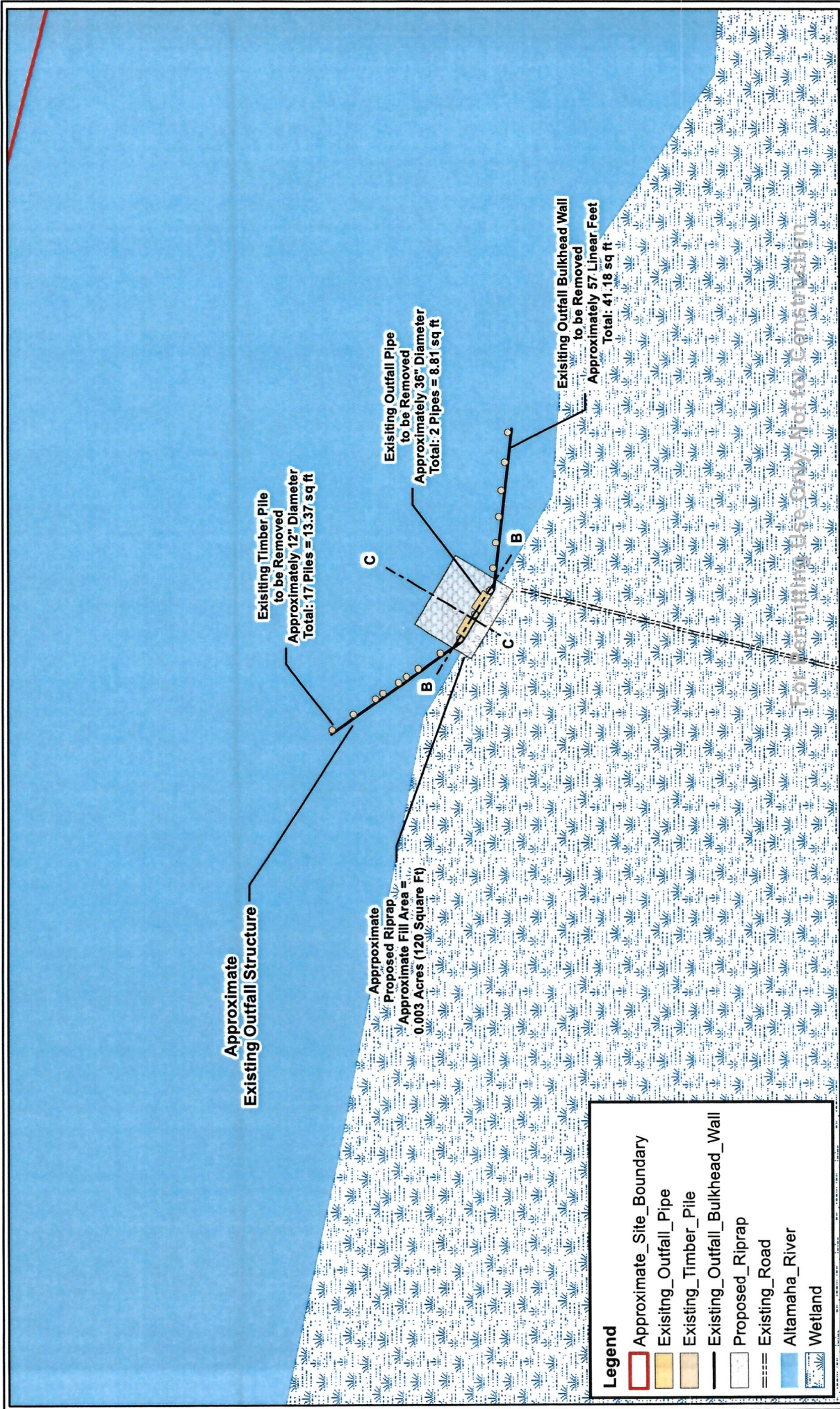
Outfall Removal Plan Site 1

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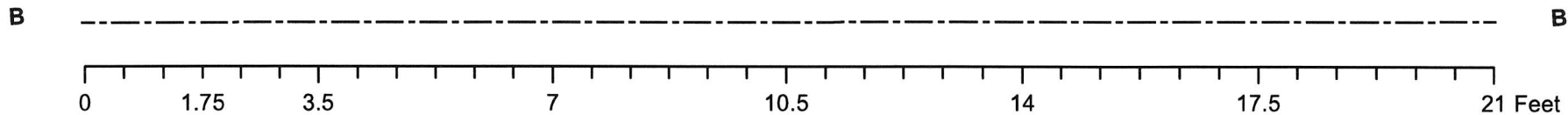
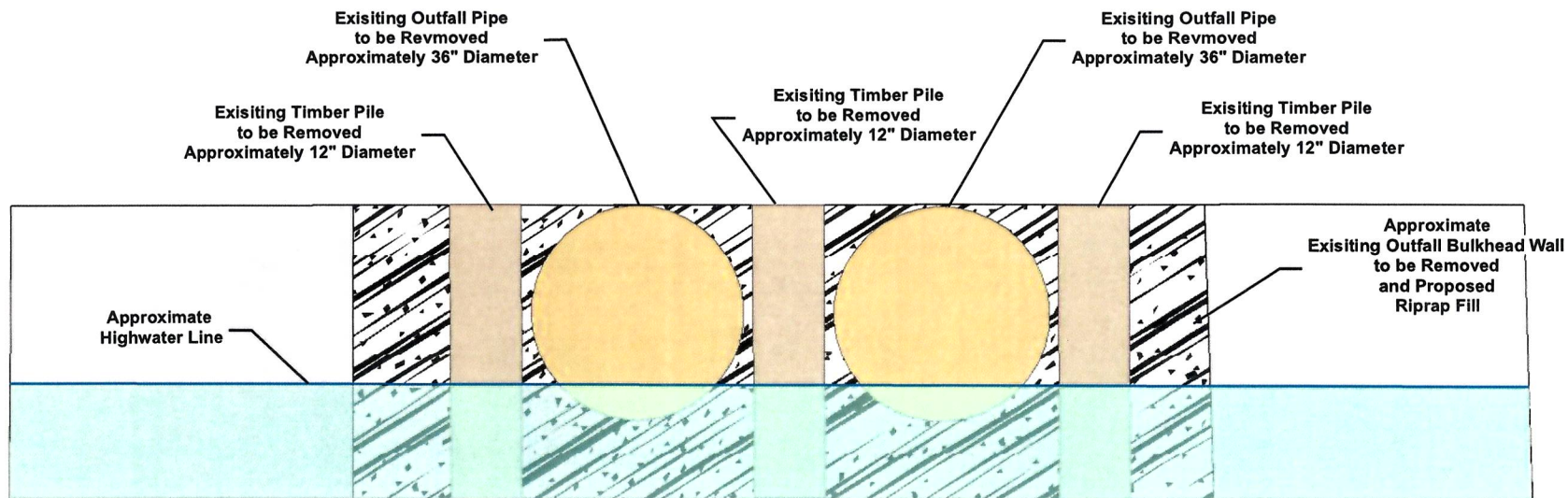
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Outfall Removal Plan - Zoomed Site 1

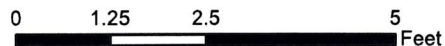
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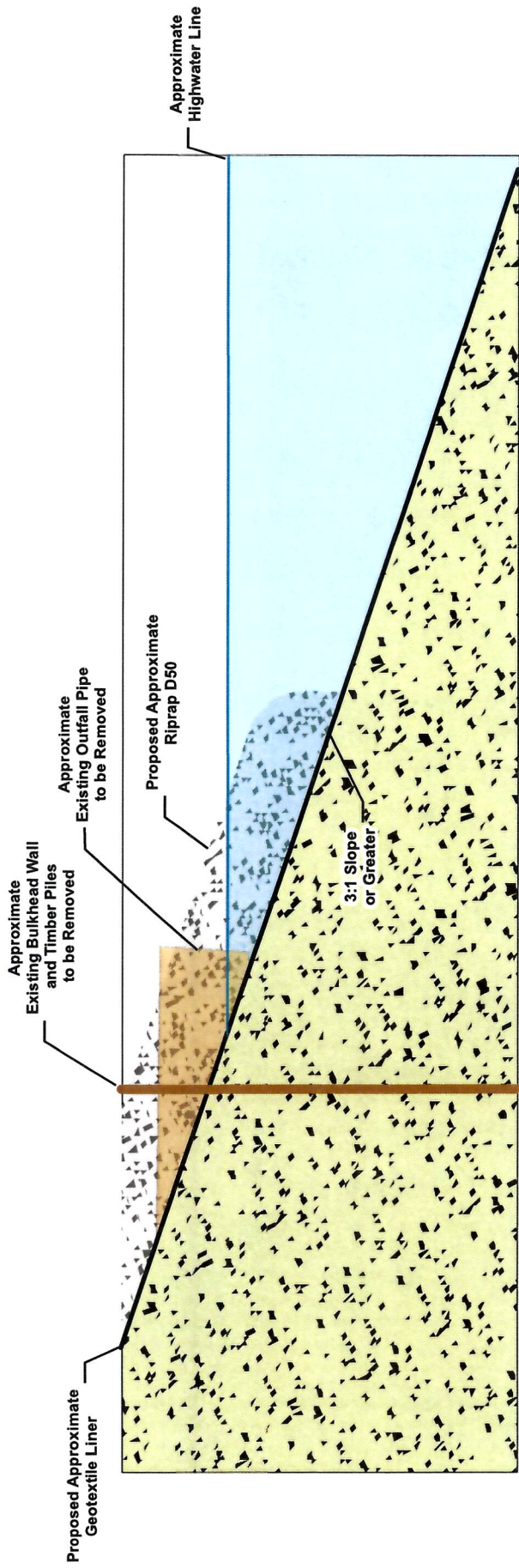


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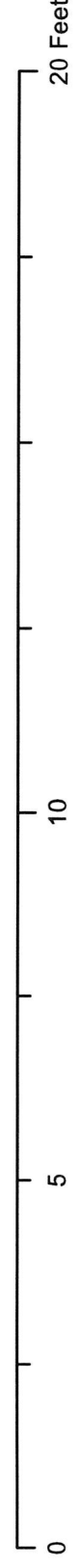
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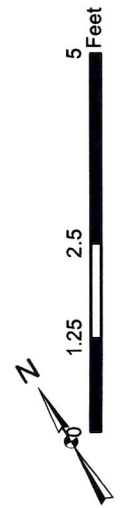
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	Geotextile_Liner
	Existing_Outfall_Pipe
	Proposed_Riprap_D50

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Outfall Removal Plan - Cross Section View Site 1



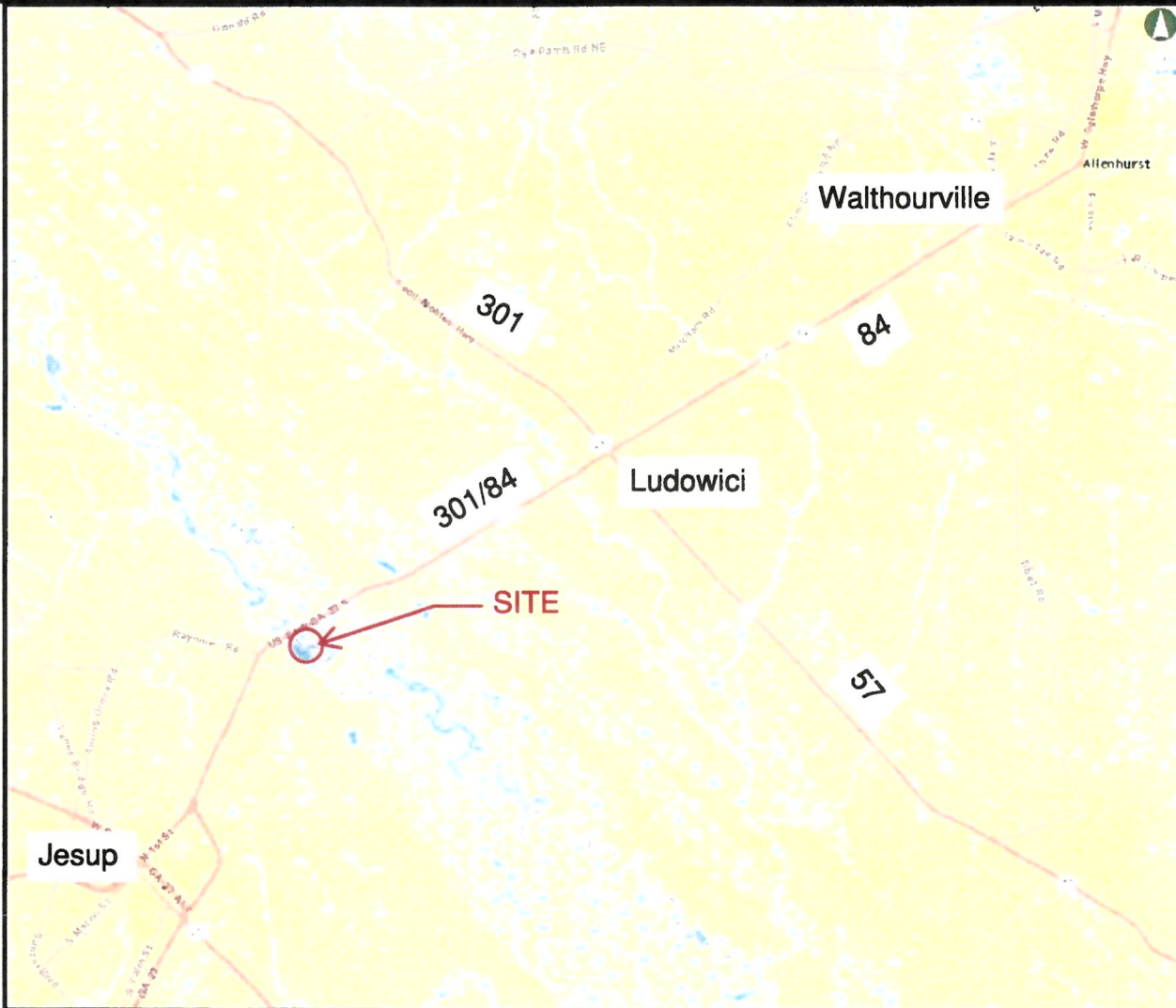
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Appendix C

Bulkhead Extension Plans

- Sheet 1 – Vicinity Map**
- Sheet 2 – Location Map**
- Sheet 3 – Site Layout**
- Sheet 4 – Bulkhead Extension West End**
- Sheet 5 - Bulkhead Extension East End**
- Sheet 6 – Bulkhead Typ Section**



RAYONIER BANK STABILIZATION

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VICINITY MAP

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RAYONIER ADVANCE MATERIALS

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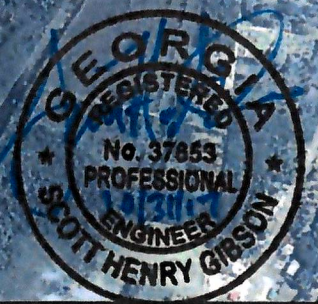


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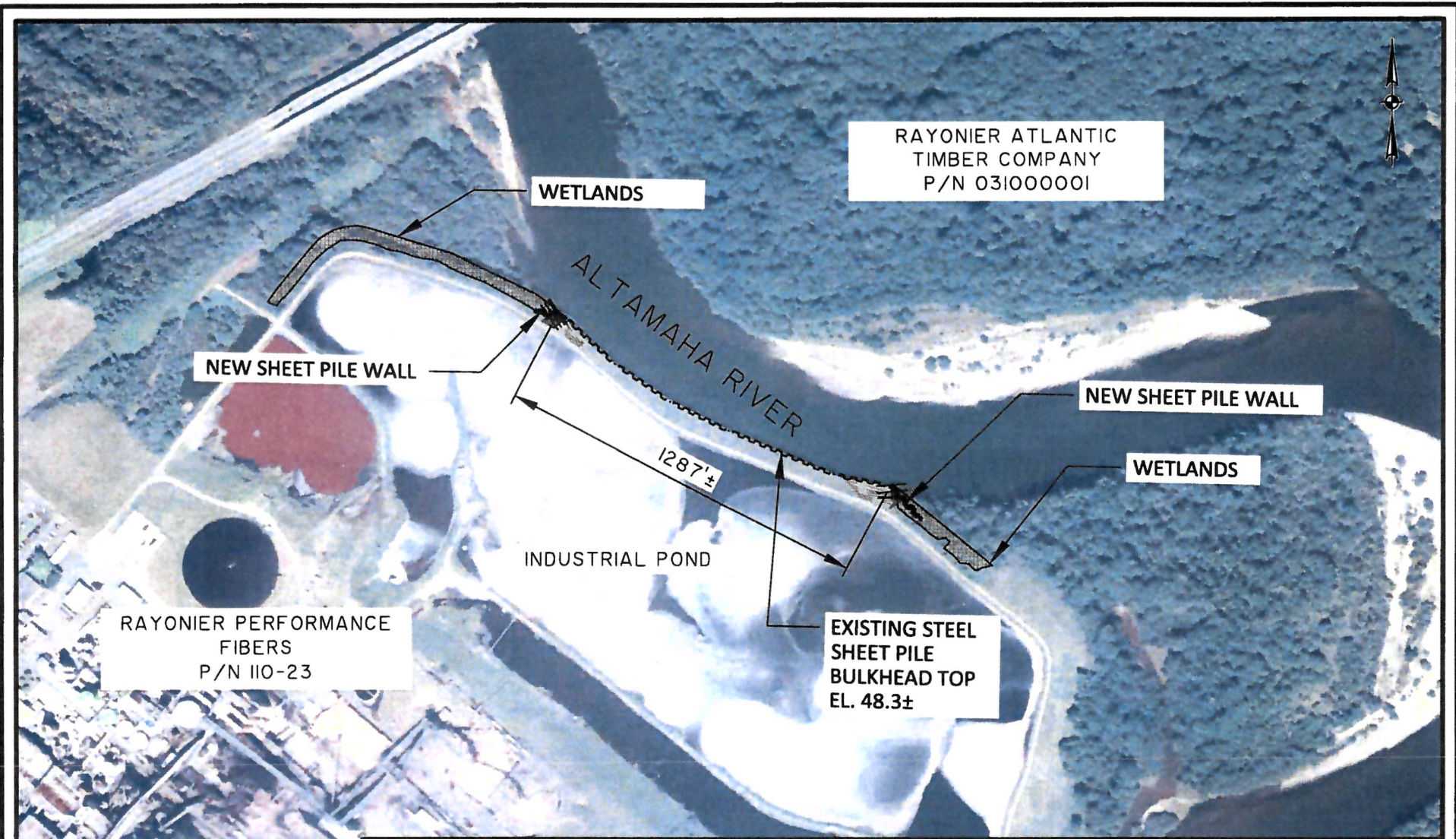


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NEW SHEET PILE WALL

ALTAMAHA RIVER

NEW SHEET PILE WALL

WETLANDS

1287'±

INDUSTRIAL POND

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EXISTING STEEL
SHEET PILE
BULKHEAD TOP
EL. 48.3±



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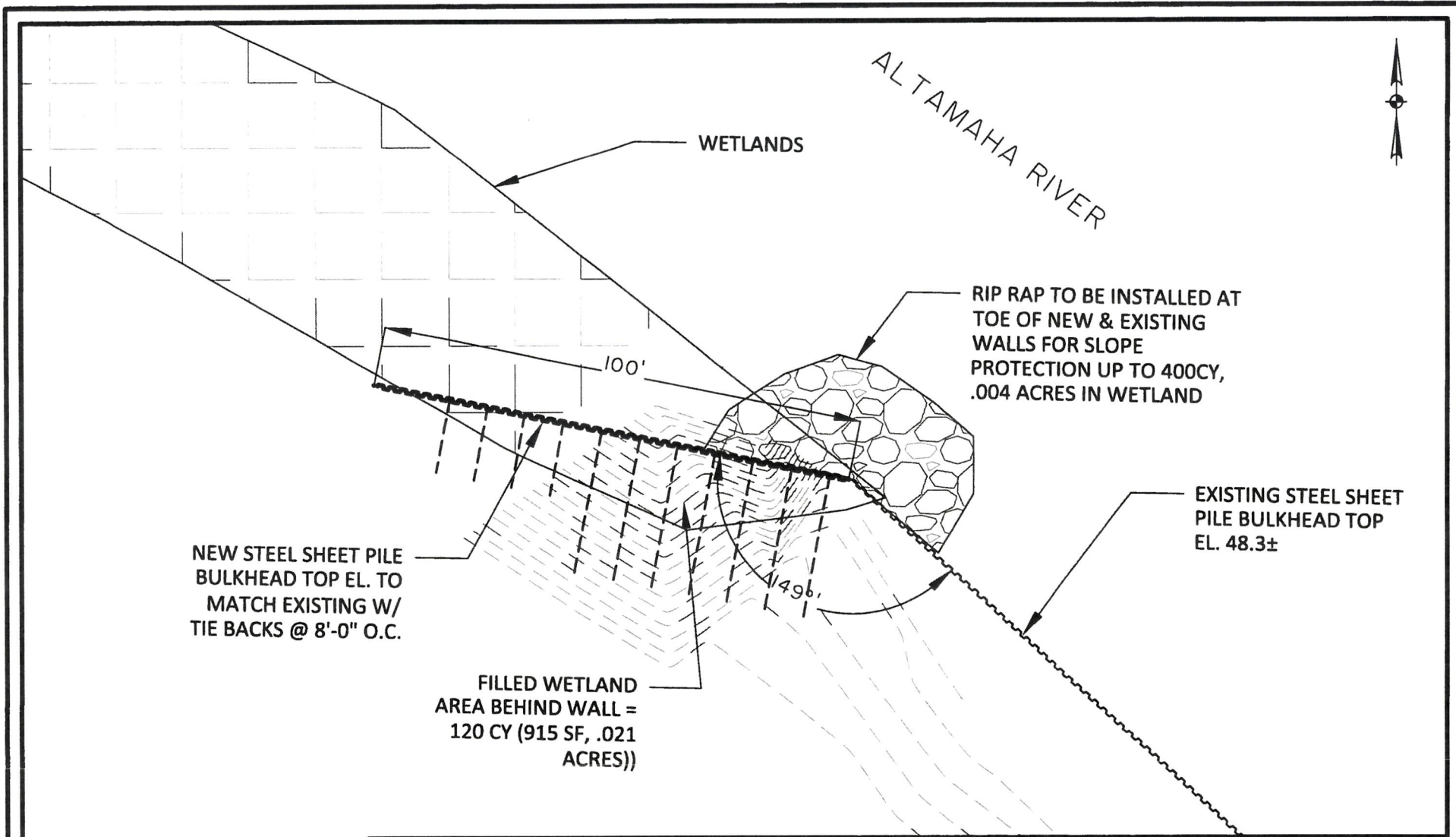
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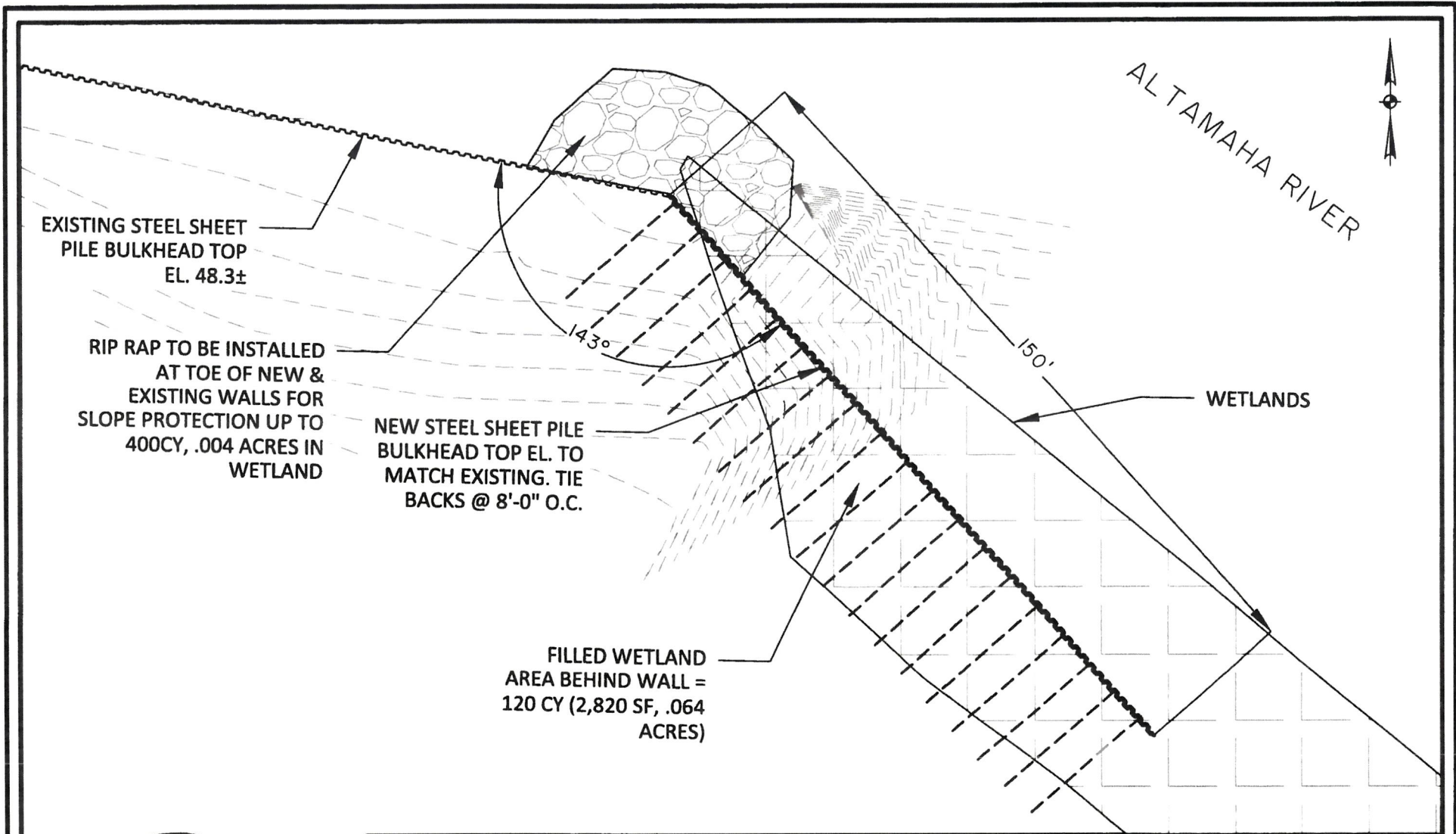
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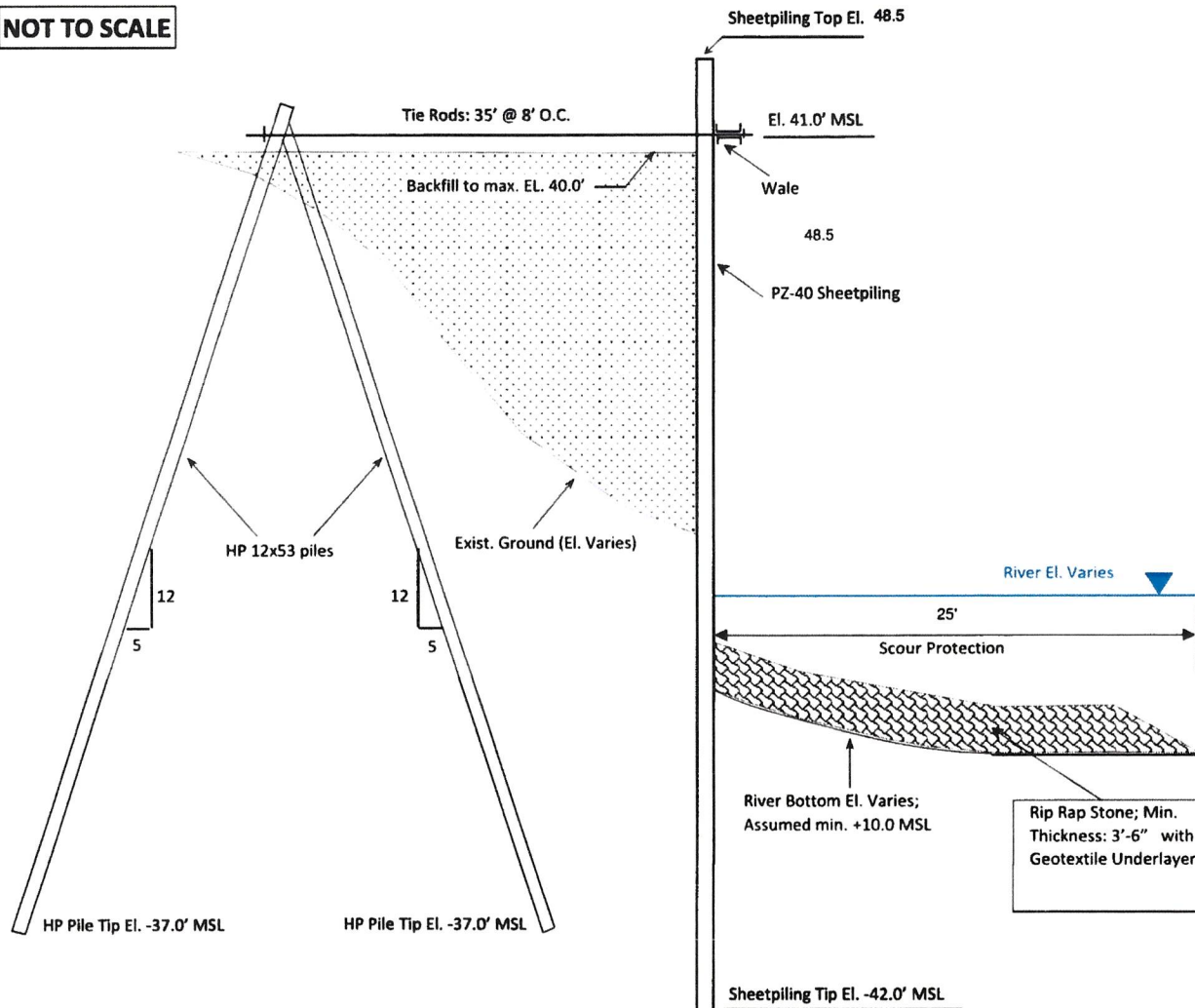


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