
PUBLIC NOTICE



US Army Corps
of Engineers
New England District
696 Virginia Road
Concord, MA 01742-2751

Comment Period Begins: 17 December 2013
Comment Period Ends: 1 January, 2014
File Number: NAE-2009-01128
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15 Day Public Notice

The District Engineer has received a permit application to conduct work in waters of the United States as described below.

APPLICANT

Town of Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts

ACTIVITY

NAE-2009-01128 authorized on April 20, 2010 will be modified to include mechanically dredging a $\pm 12,000$ square foot area of the Sengekontacket Pond outlet channel at Little Bridge. This area has been previously dredged under authorization NAE-2006-03749. The dredge depth will be to -5 feet mean low water with a 1 foot over dredge to -6 feet mean low water. The dredged material will be disposed of above the High Tide Line on Sylvia State Beach, Pay Beach, and/or Inkwel Beach as beach nourishment. This work is shown on the attached plans entitled "SENGEKONTACKET POND DREDGING SENGEKONTACKET POND EDGARTOWN & OAK BLUFFS, MA DUKES COUNTY", on 2 sheets, with a revision date of "12/5/2013" and on plans entitled "PLAN ACCOMPANYING PETITION OF: TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS P.O. BOX 1327 OAK BLUFFS, MA 02557 TO PERMIT BEACH NOURISHMENT", on 5 sheets, with a revision date of "10/05/09." The dredge area is marked off by coordinates:

Latitude	Longitude
41° 25' 58.10"	70° 33' 24.05"
41° 25' 58.15"	70° 33' 23.62"
41° 25' 58.35"	70° 33' 22.96"
41° 25' 58.34"	70° 33' 17.72"
41° 25' 58.55"	70° 33' 17.64"
41° 25' 57.96"	70° 33' 22.89"
41° 25' 58.01"	70° 33' 23.59"
41° 25' 57.96"	70° 33' 24.02"

WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK

This work is proposed in Sengekontacket Pond at Little Bridge in Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts. The site coordinates are: Latitude N 41° 25' 51.87" Longitude W 70° 33' 22.89".

AUTHORITY

Permits are required pursuant to:

- Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899
- Section 404 of the Clean Water Act
- Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act).

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact 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 may reasonably 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, cultural value, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain value, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production 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.

MITIGATION

The various dredging and beach nourishment sites have been designed to avoid and minimize impacts to aquatic resources as much as possible. No compensatory mitigation is proposed as new impacts are minimal.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-267), requires all federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH).

This dredging portion of this project will impact approximately 12,000 square feet of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) for Atlantic cod (Adults), winter flounder (Eggs, Larvae, Juveniles, and Adults), long finned squid (Juveniles and Adults), Atlantic butterfish (Eggs, Larvae, Juveniles, and Adults), Atlantic mackerel (Eggs, Larvae, Juveniles, and Adults), summer flounder (Eggs, Larvae, Juveniles, and Adults), scup (Juveniles and Adults), black sea bass (Larvae, Juveniles, and Adults), surf clam (Juveniles and Adults), king mackerel (Eggs, Larvae, Juveniles, and Adults), Spanish mackerel (Eggs, Larvae, Juveniles, and Adults), Cobia (Eggs, Larvae, Juveniles, and Adults), blue shark (Adults), shortfin mako shark (juveniles), sandbar shark (Adults), and bluefin tuna (Adults). This habitat consists of sandy substrate within the outlet channel of Segnekontacket Pond. Loss

of this habitat may adversely affect the above listed species provide through dredging impacts. However, the District Engineer has made a preliminary determination that the site-specific adverse effect will not be substantial. Further consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding EFH conservation recommendations is being conducted and will be concluded prior to the final decision.

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT

Based on his initial review, the District Engineer has determined that little likelihood exists for the proposed work to impinge upon properties with cultural or Native American significance, or listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, no further consideration of the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, is necessary. This determination is based upon one or more of the following:

- a. The permit area has been extensively modified by previous work.
- b. The permit area has been recently created.
- c. The proposed activity is of limited nature and scope.
- d. Review of the latest published version of the National Register shows that no presence of registered properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein are in the permit area or general vicinity.
- e. Coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer(s)

ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSULTATION

The New England District, Army Corps of Engineers has reviewed the list of species protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, which might occur at the project site. It is our preliminary determination that the proposed activity for which authorization is being sought is designed, situated or will be operated/used in such a manner that it is not likely to adversely affect any Federally listed endangered or threatened species or their designated critical habitat. By this Public Notice, we are requesting that the appropriate Federal Agency concur with our determination.

The States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island have approved **Coastal Zone Management Programs**. Where applicable the applicant states that any proposed activity will comply with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the approved Coastal Zone Management Program. By this Public Notice, we are requesting the State concurrence or objection to the applicant's consistency statement.

The following authorizations have been applied for, or have been, or will be obtained:

- Permit, License or Assent from State.
- Permit from Local Wetland Agency or Conservation Commission.
- Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

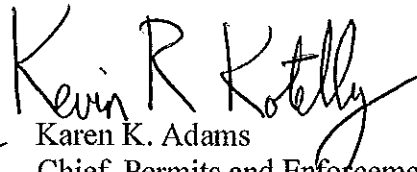
In order to properly evaluate the proposal, we are seeking public comment. Anyone wishing to comment is encouraged to do so. **Comments should be submitted in writing by the above date.** If you have any questions, please contact Richard Kristoff at (978) 318-8171, (800) 343-4789 or (800) 362-4367, if calling from within Massachusetts.

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Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for a public hearing shall specifically state the reasons for holding a public hearing. The Corps holds public hearings for the purpose of obtaining public comments when that is the best means for understanding a wide variety of concerns from a diverse segment of the public.

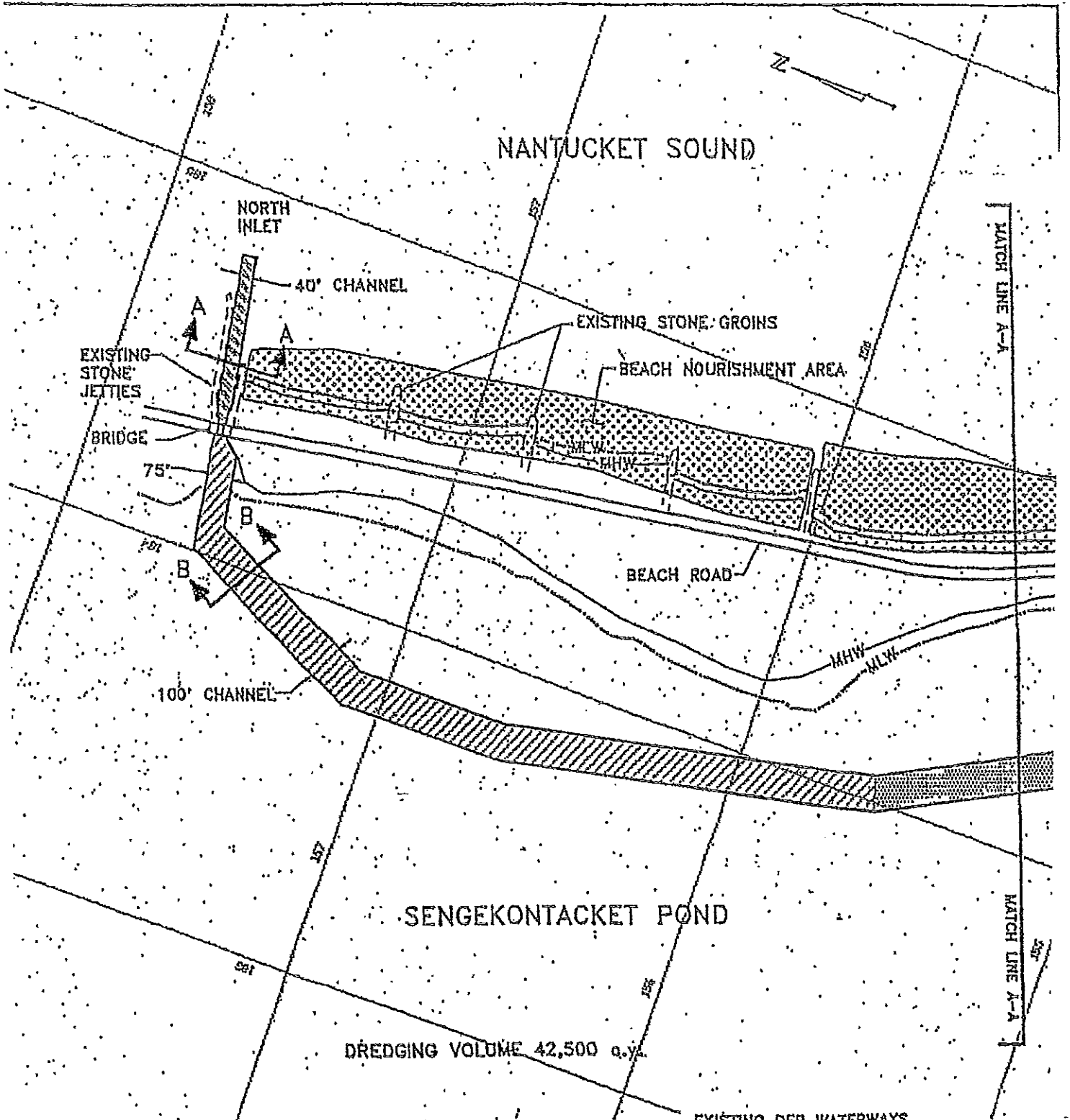
The initial determinations made herein will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice. All comments will be considered a matter of public record. Copies of letters of objection will be forwarded to the applicant who will normally be requested to contact objectors directly in an effort to reach an understanding.

THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN AUTHORIZATION TO DO ANY WORK.

For 
Karen K. Adams
Chief, Permits and Enforcement Branch
Regulatory Division

If you would prefer not to continue receiving Public Notices by email, please contact Ms. Tina Chaisson at (978) 318-8058 or e-mail her at bettina.m.chaisson@usace.army.mil. You may also check here () and return this portion of the Public Notice to: Bettina Chaisson, Regulatory Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742-2751.

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SITE PLAN

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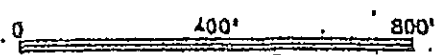
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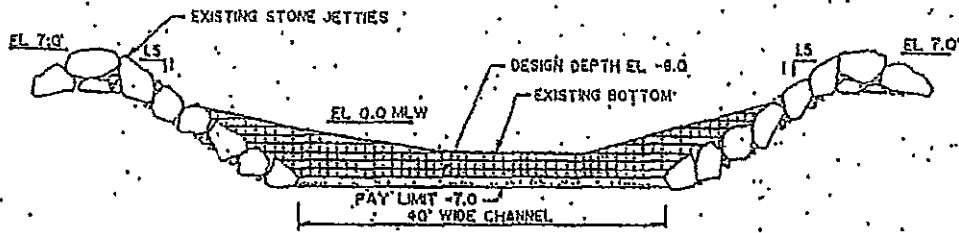
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EXISTING DEP WATERWAYS AUTHORIZATION

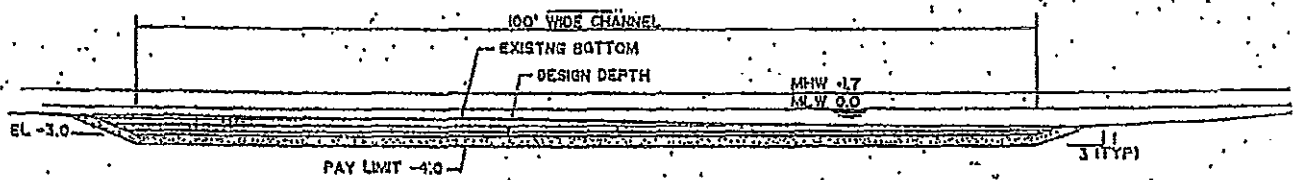
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SECTION A-A
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TYPICAL SIDE SLOPE SECTION B-B
SCALE: 1" = 20'

SECTIONS

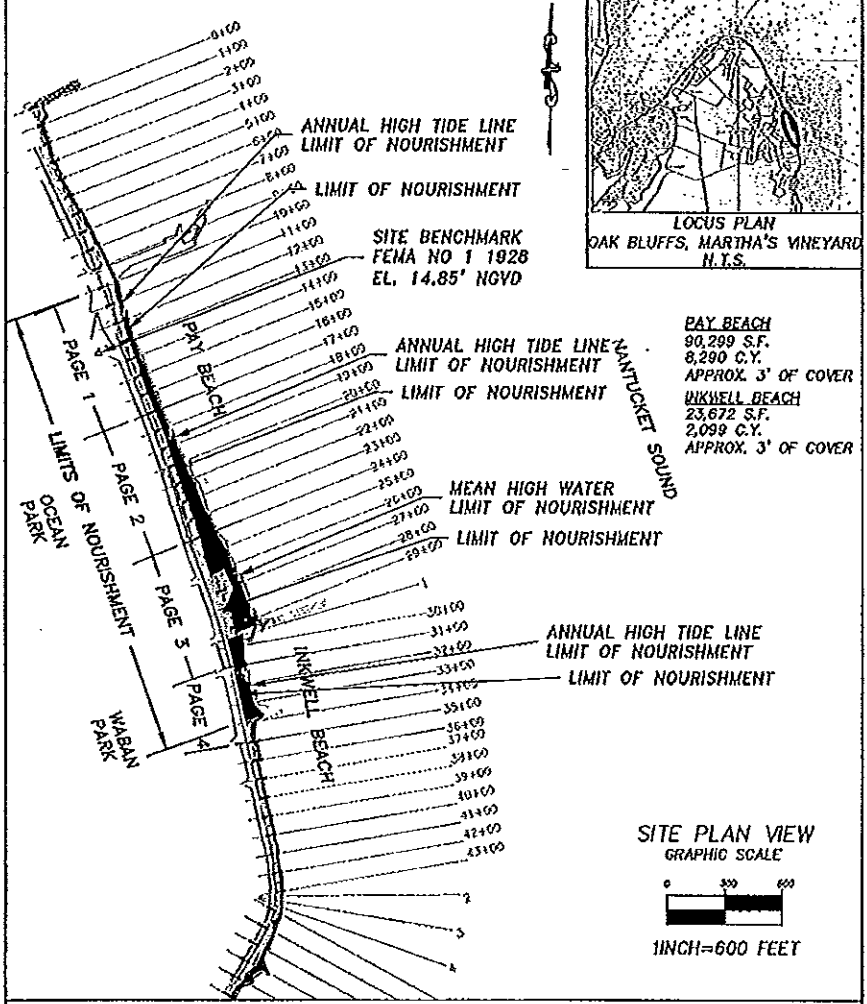
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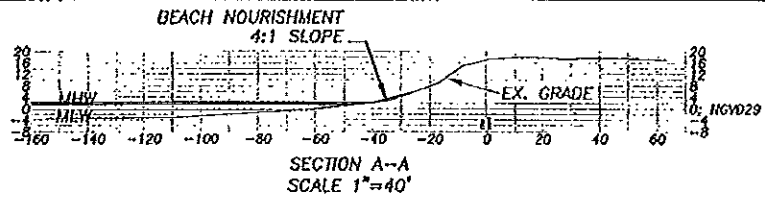
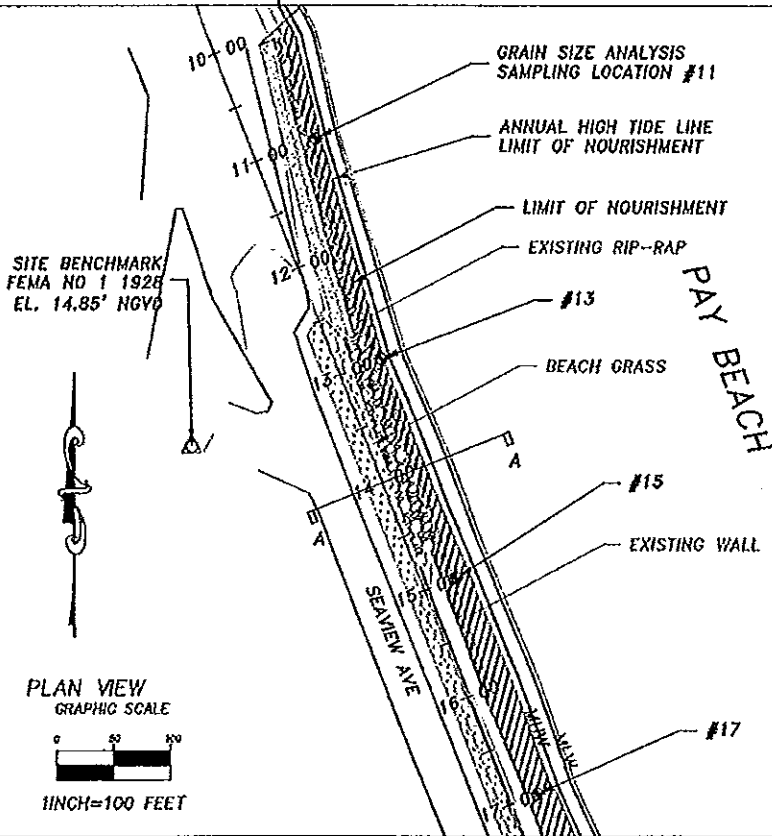
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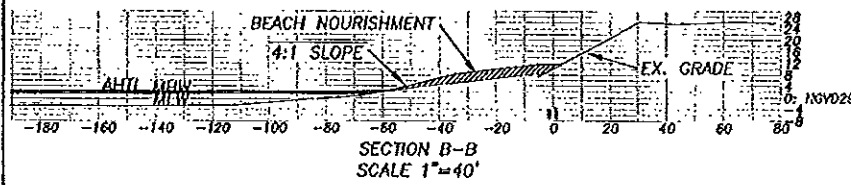
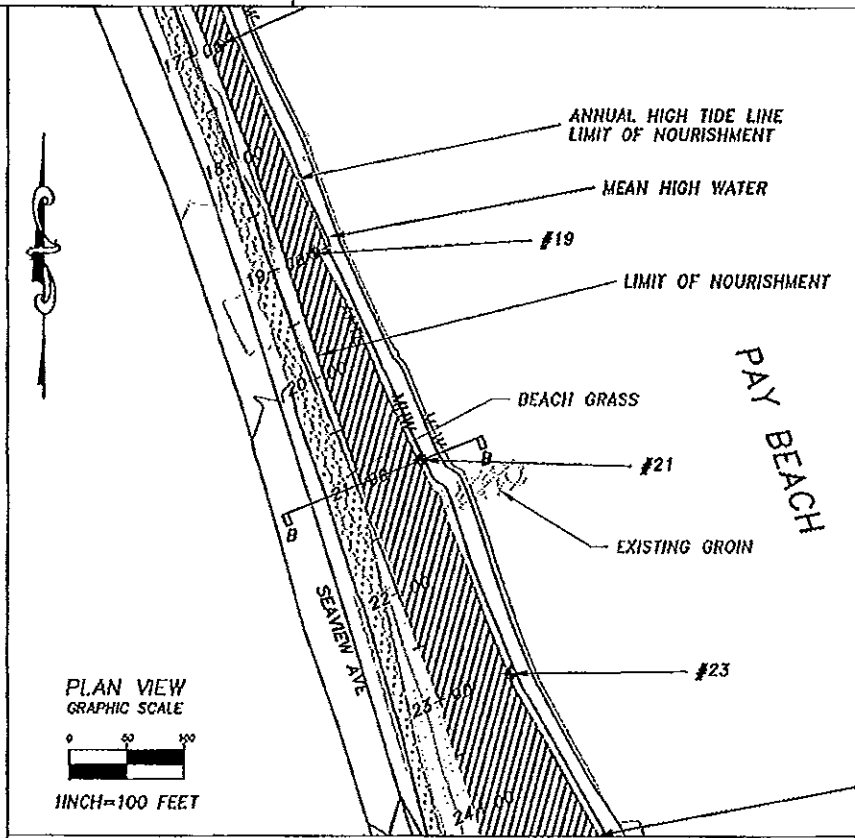
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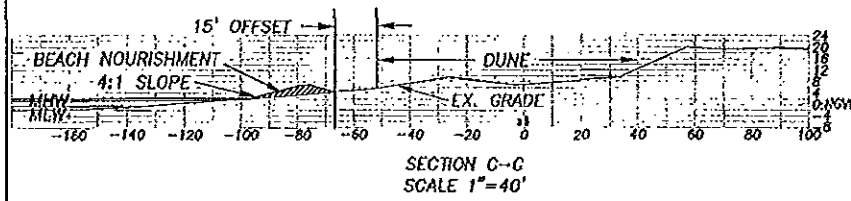
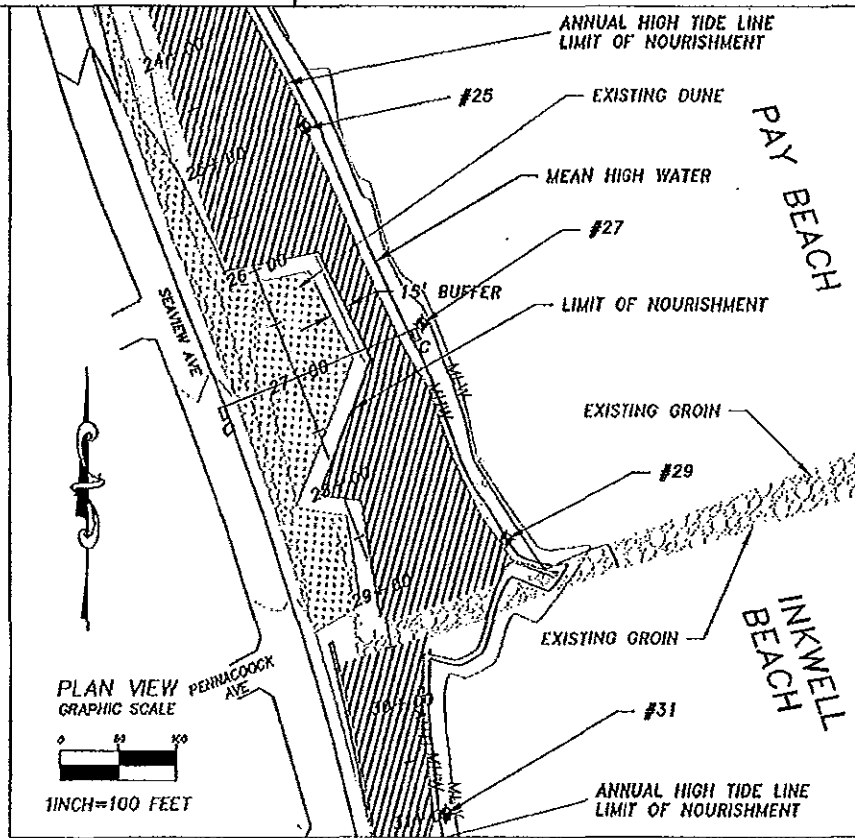


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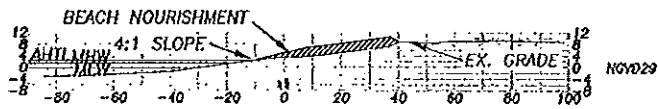
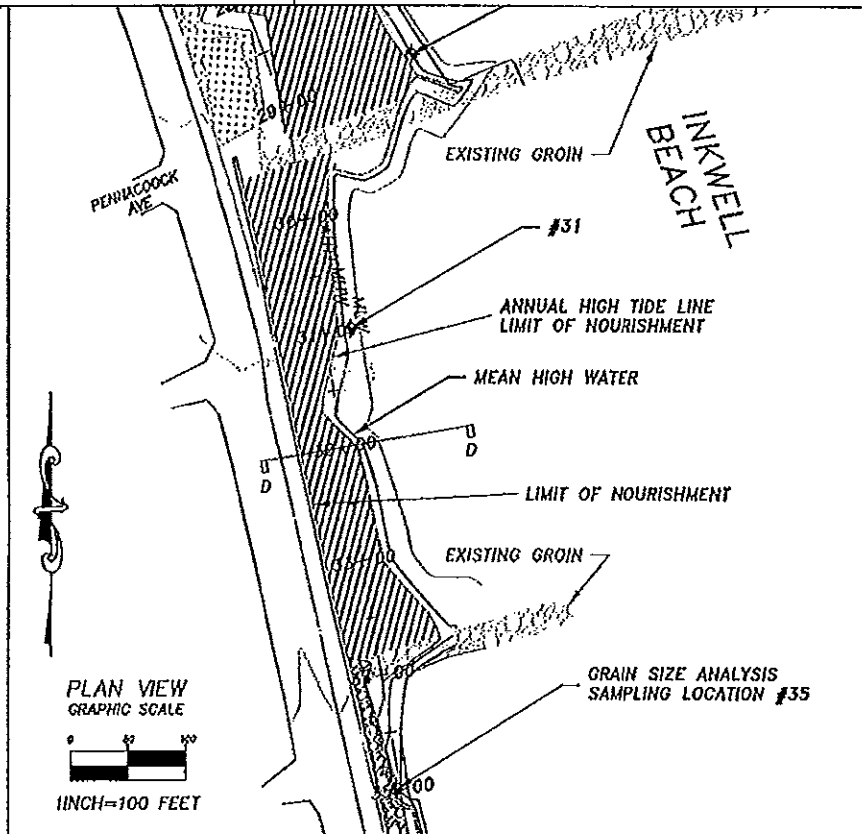
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SECTION D-D
SCALE 1"=40'

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