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# PUBLIC NOTICE

**15-DAY COMMENT  
PERIOD**

**Comment Period Begins: May 10, 2011  
Comment Period Ends: May 25, 2011  
File Number: NAE-2001-1611  
In Reply Refer To: Ms. Diane M. Ray  
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The District Engineer has received a permit application from the applicant below to conduct work in waters of the United States as described below.

**APPLICANT: City of New London – New London Waterfront Park**

**ACTIVITY: Install 26 moorings and retain 15 moorings for transient use.** A detailed description and plans of the activity are attached.

## **WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK**

This work is proposed in the Thames River off property located at the New London Waterfront Park, New London, Connecticut. The proposed location on the USGS New London quadrangle sheet is at 41.3512 Latitude and -72.09585 Longitude.

## **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.

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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 Ms. Diane M. Ray at (978) 318-8831, (800) 343-4789 or (800) 362-4367, if calling from within Massachusetts.

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.**



**Robert J. DeSista**  
**Chief, Permits and Enforcement Branch**  
**Regulatory Division**

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## **PROPOSED WORK AND PURPOSE**

The City of New London proposes to install and maintain 26 additional moorings within an approximately 12 acre Federal Anchorage (Mooring Area B) off of the New London Waterfront Park. The City of New London also proposes to retain 15 moorings within an approximately 3.68 acre area (Mooring Area A) located between the newly re-designated Federal Anchorage and the New London Waterfront Park.

The moorings in Mooring Area A will have a swing radius of 100 feet and the moorings in Mooring Area B will have a swing radius of 142 feet. All of the moorings will be used by transient boaters and will be held in place by helix anchors.

The City of New London received a Corps of Engineers permit on January 28, 2003 authorizing the installation and maintenance of 15 moorings for transient boaters within a triangular-shaped area immediately south of the Coast Guard Pier within the City's Waterfront Park. The permit also authorized the installation and maintenance of an additional 30 moorings for transient boaters within an area which was designated as Federal Navigation Channel provided re-designation to a Federal Anchorage. The re-designation of this area was executed by H.R. 1495: Water Resources Development Act of 2007, Sec. 3181 (b) and was made into law on November 9, 2007. The time limit for completion of work authorized by that permit expired before the re-designation was finalized.

The work is described on the enclosed plans entitled "New London Waterfront Park Mooring Field, Thames River, New London, Connecticut" on 7 sheets, and dated "3/18/11".

## Summary of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Designation

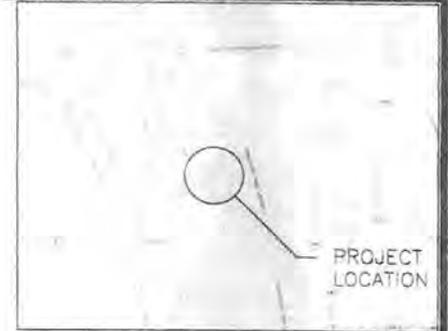
### 10' x 10' Square Coordinates:

Boundary	North	East	South	West
Coordinate	41° 30.0' N	72° 00.0' W	41° 20.0' N	72° 10.0' W

**Square Description (i.e. habitat, landmarks, coastline markers):** The waters within the square within the Connecticut River estuary affecting the following: within New London Harbor from Long Island Sound on the south, north up to just north of Smith Cove within the Thames River. These waters affect the following: Greens Harbor, Hog Back, White Rock, Melton Ledge, Groton, CT., and New London CT., Winthrop Pt., Jacobs Rock, Bailey Pt., Mamacoke River, and Harrison, CT. Also, the waters within this square are found within the Poquonock River north of the Groton – New London Airport, and affect waters within northern Jordan Cove, Jordan Brook, and North Wing Brook, near Jordan CT.

Species	Eggs	Larvae	Juveniles	Adults
Atlantic salmon ( <i>Salmo salar</i> )			X	X
pollock ( <i>Pollachius virens</i> )			X	X
red hake ( <i>Urophycis chuss</i> )	X	X	X	X
windowpane flounder ( <i>Scophthalmus aquosus</i> )	X	X	X	X
Atlantic sea herring ( <i>Clupea harengus</i> )			X	X
monkfish ( <i>Lophius americanus</i> )				X
bluefish ( <i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i> )			X	X
king mackerel ( <i>Scomberomorus cavalla</i> )	X	X	X	X
Spanish mackerel ( <i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i> )	X	X	X	X
cobia ( <i>Rachycentron canadum</i> )	X	X	X	X
sand tiger shark ( <i>Odontaspis taurus</i> )		X		

# NEW LONDON WATERFRONT PARK MOORING FIELD

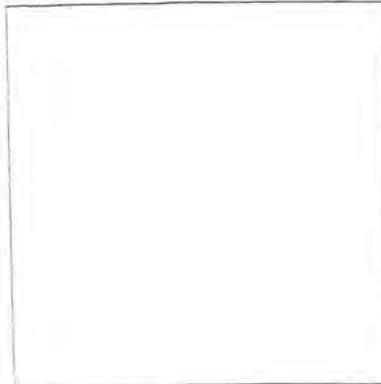


THAMES RIVER  
NEW LONDON  
CONNECTICUT

MARCH 18, 2011

## LIST OF DRAWINGS:

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1	PROJECT SITE VICINITY MAP
2	TAX ASSESSOR'S MAP
3	EXISTING LAYOUT PLAN
4	EXISTING LAYOUT PLAN (AERIAL)
5	PROPOSED LAYOUT PLAN
6	PROPOSED LAYOUT PLAN (AERIAL)
7	PROPOSED CROSS SECTION (MOORING PLAN)

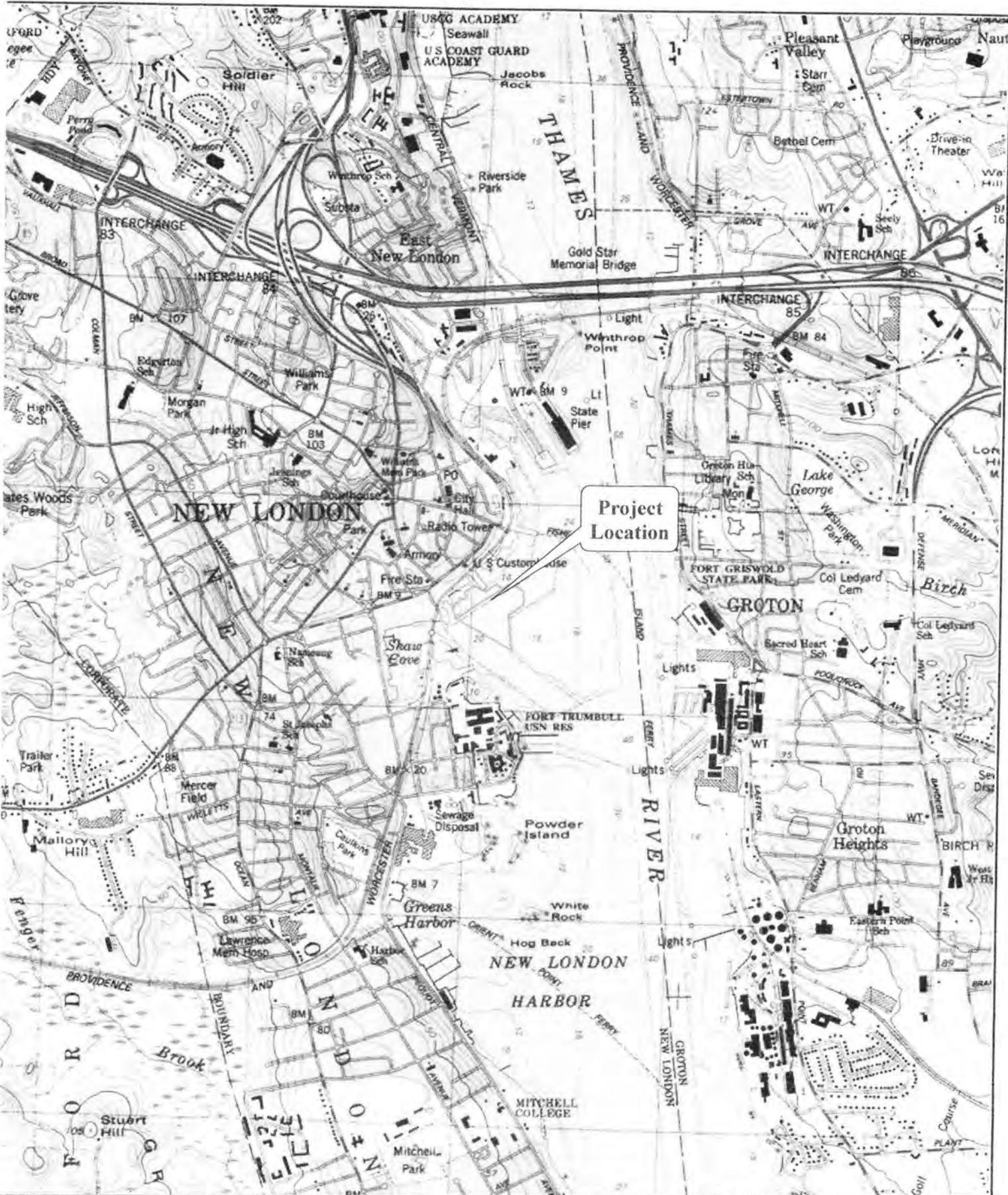


  
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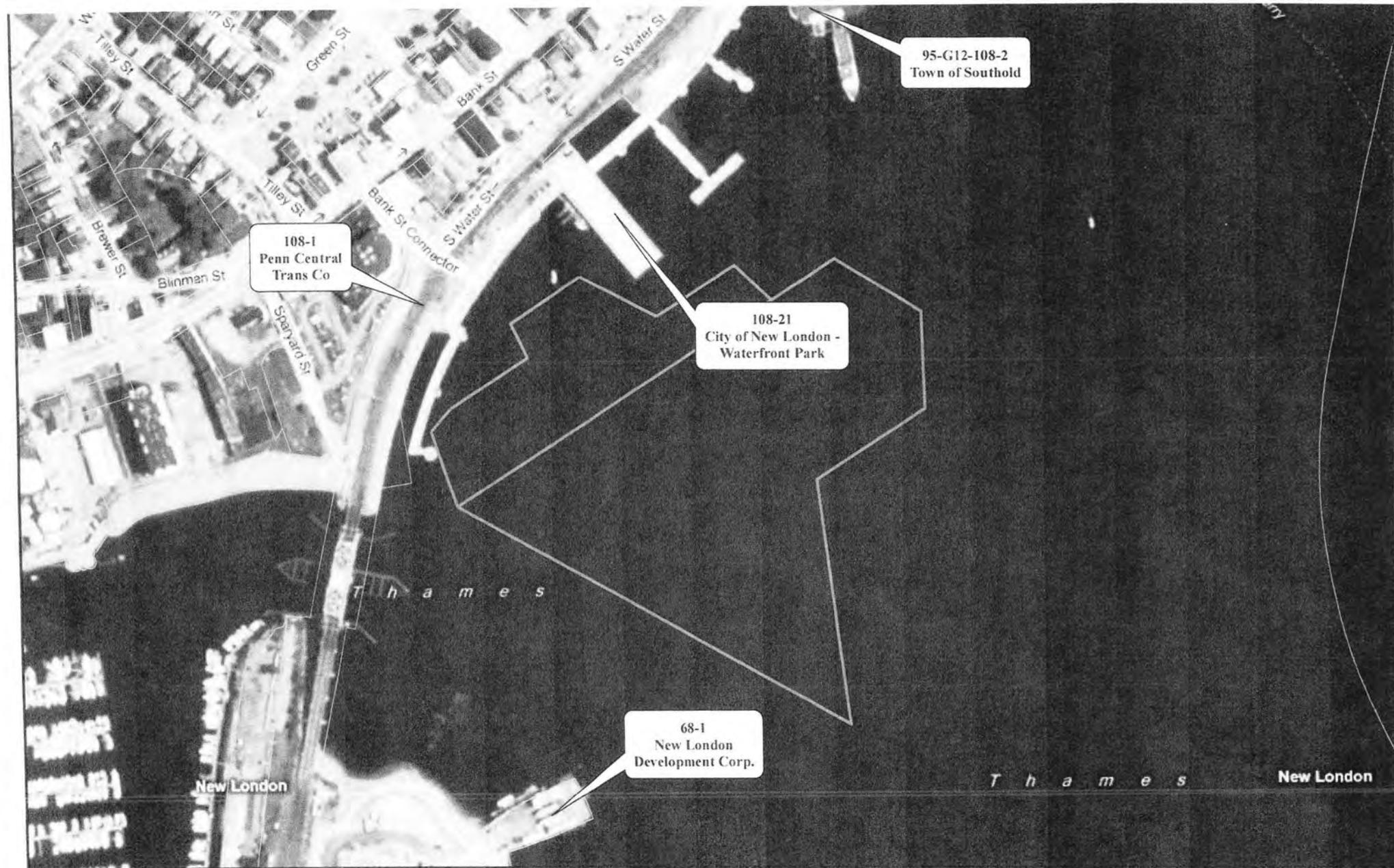


**City of New London  
Mooring Field**

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**New London, CT**

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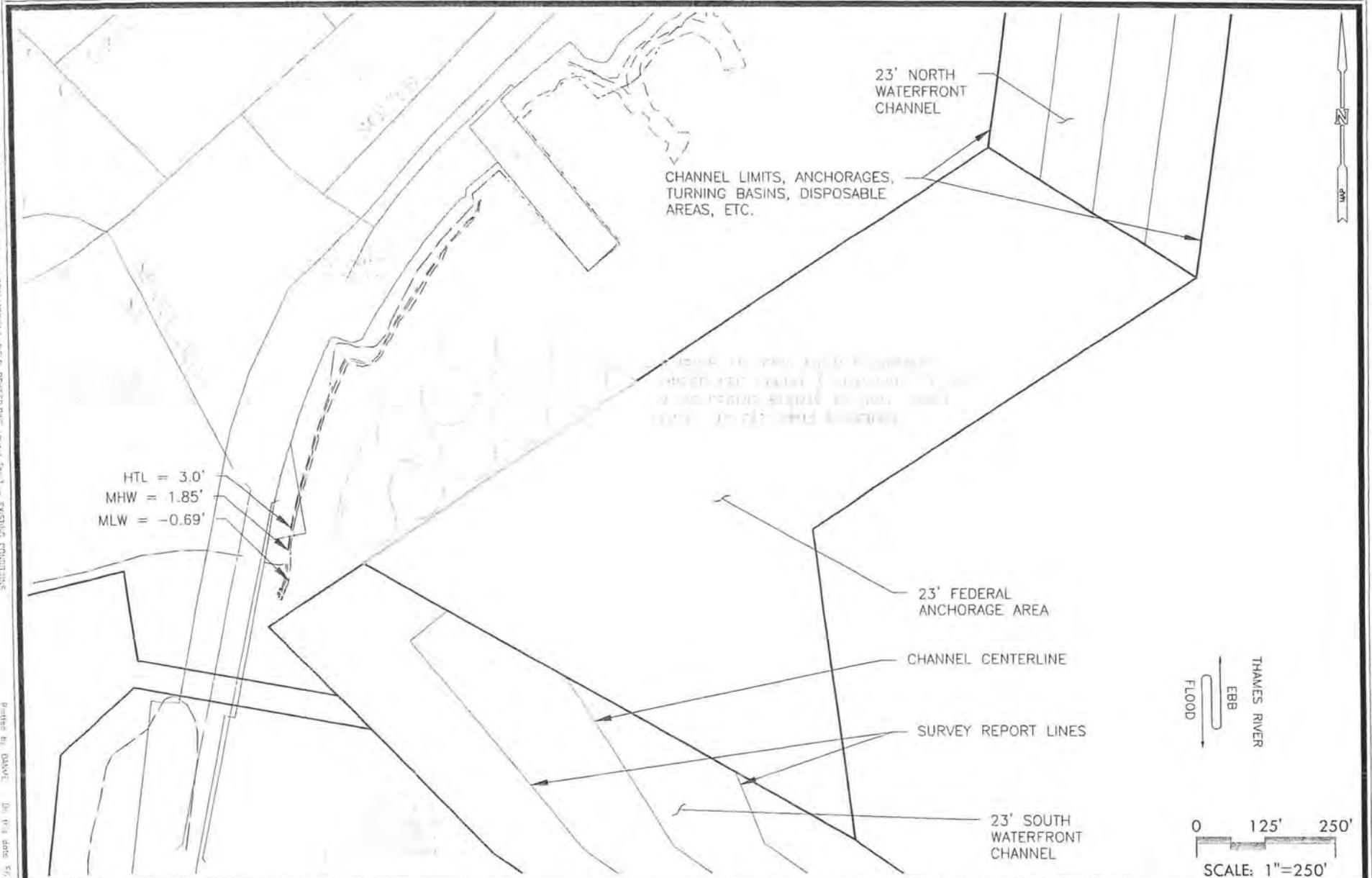
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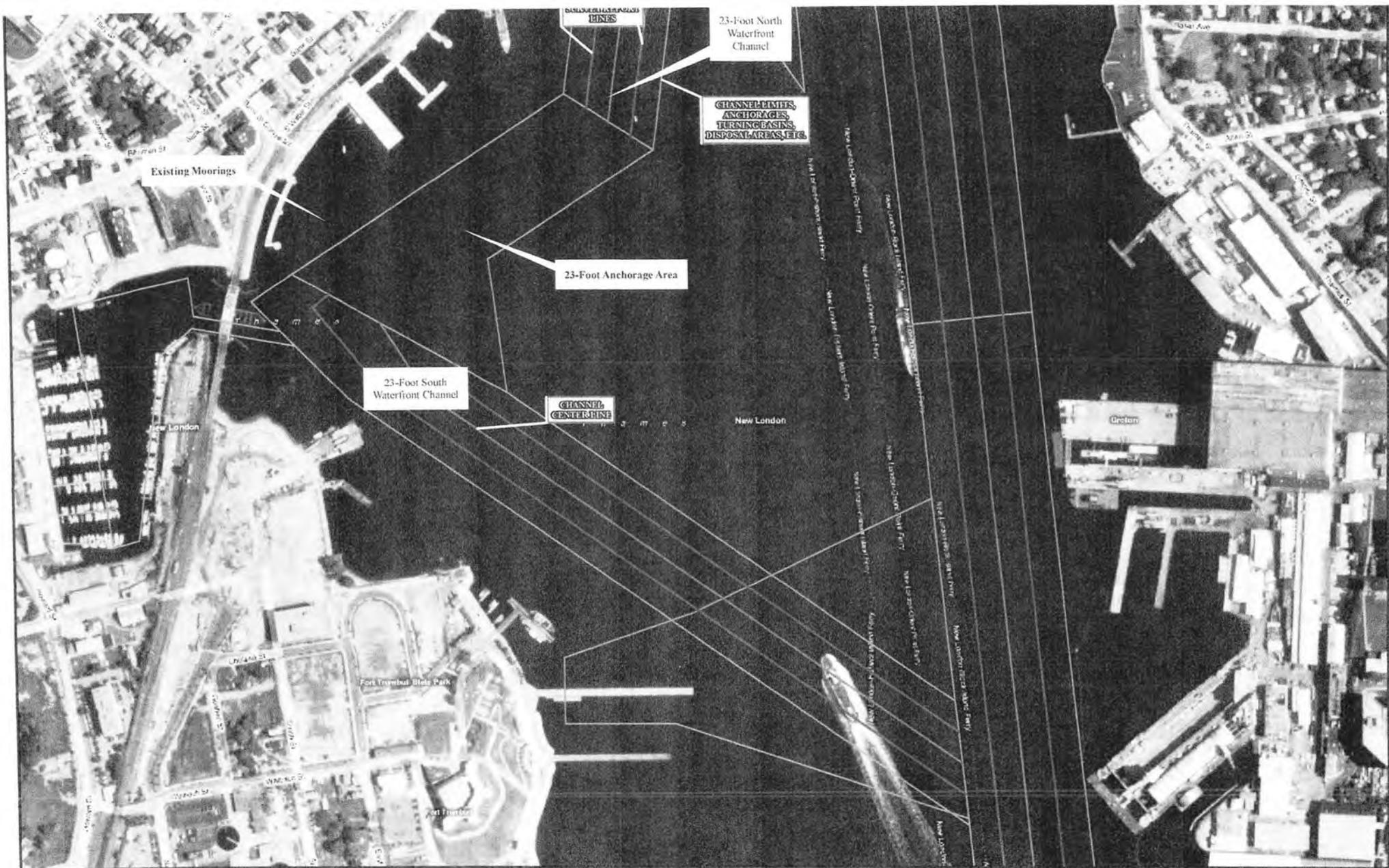


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### Existing Layout Plan (Aerial)

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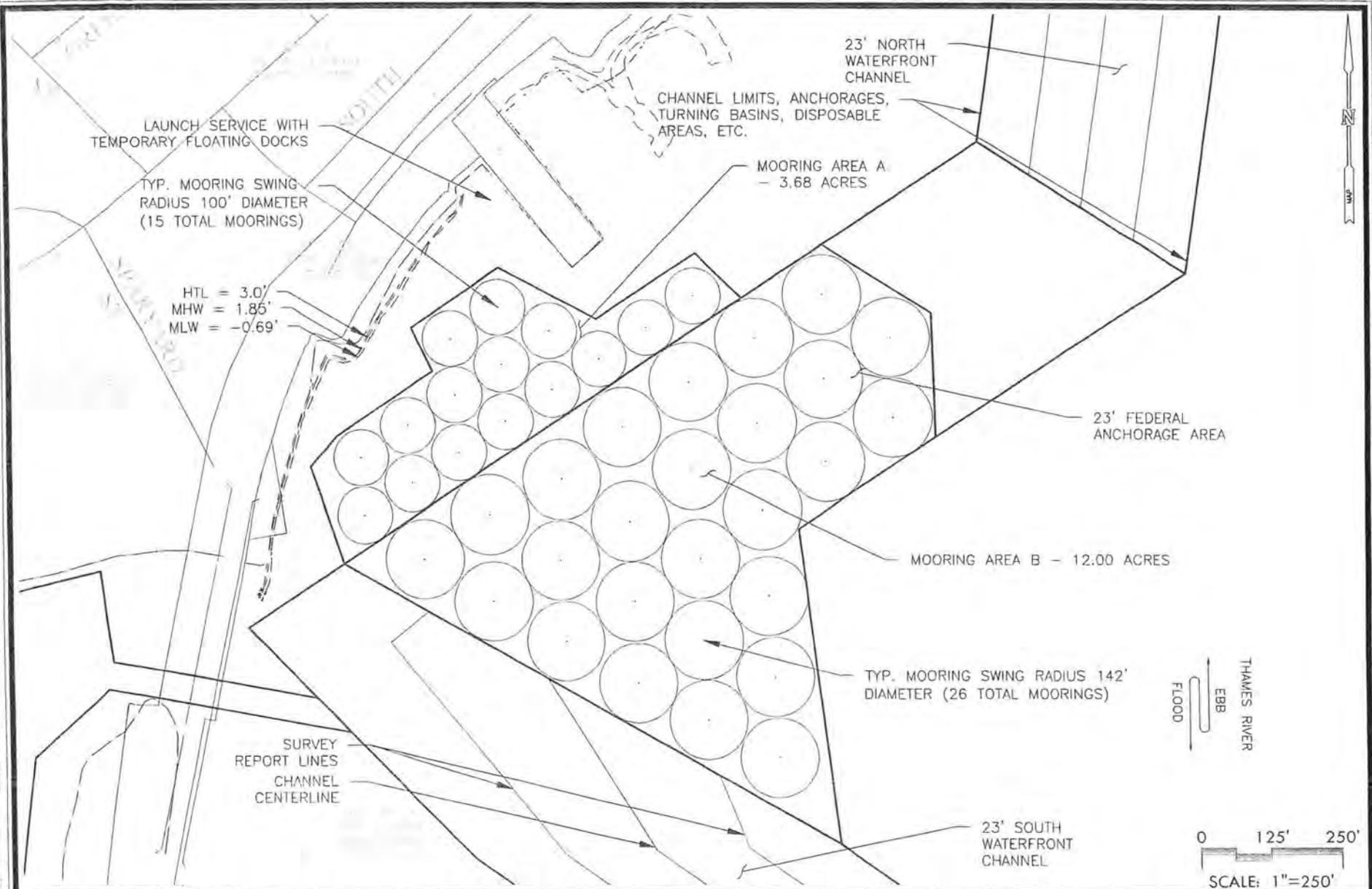
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**New London, CT**

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