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New England District

# PUBLIC NOTICE

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**Date: January 26, 2010**  
**Comment Period Ends: February 26, 2010**  
**File Number: NAE -2009-2600**  
**In Reply Refer To: Barbara Newman**  
**Or by e-mail: Barbara.H.Newman**  
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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 the Town of Greenwich**

**ACTIVITY** This activity involves the removal of an existing public boat launch and its replacement with an expanded boat launch and the construction of a float along its eastern side at the Greenwich Point Park Facility. A detailed description and plans of the activity are attached. The proposed boat launch will extend beyond the perimeter of the facility and therefore requires an individual permit.

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

This work is proposed in Greenwich Cove at 101 Field Point Road in Greenwich, CT. The proposed location on the USGS CT- Glenville quadrangle sheet is at UTM coordinates 41.025 Latitude and -73.630 Longitude.

## **AUTHORITY**

Permits are required pursuant to:

Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899

Section 404 of the Clean Water 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

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also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Where the activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States or the transportation of dredged material for the purpose of disposing it in ocean waters, the evaluation of the impact of the activity in the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act, and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 as amended.

**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).

There will be .076 acres of impacts (.061 acres from the boat ramp fill, and .015 acres from the float structure) to Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) for the species listed on the attached list. This habitat consists of sand and gravel. Loss of this habitat may adversely affect those species. 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.

**SECTION 106 COORDINATION**

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)

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:

- (x) Permit, License or Assent from State.

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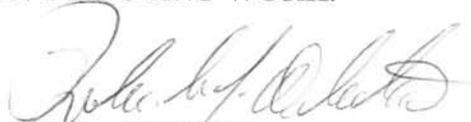
In order to properly evaluate the proposal, we are seeking public comment. Anyone wishing to comment is encouraged to do so. **Comments should be submitted in writing by the above date.** If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Newman at (978) 318-8515, (800) 343-4789 or (800) 362-4367, if 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.

In accordance with 33 CFR 325.2(a) (8), we publish monthly a list of permits issued or denied during the previous month at [www.nae.usace.army.mil/reg](http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/reg), under the heading "Monthly General and Individual Permit Authorizations." Relevant environmental documents and the SOFs or RODs are available upon written request and, where applicable, upon the payment of administrative fees. Also visit [www.nae.usace.army.mil](http://www.nae.usace.army.mil) for more information on the New England District Corps of Engineers programs.

**THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN AUTHORIZATION TO DO ANY WORK.**



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

If you would prefer not to continue receiving Public Notices, please contact Ms. Tina Chaisson at (978) 318-8058 or e-mail her at [bettina.m.chaisson@usace.army.mil](mailto: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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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED WORK AND PURPOSE**

Greenwich Point Marina is a public facility owned and operated by the Town of Greenwich. The proposed project involves the discharge of fill for the construction of a new 24' wide by 115' long boat ramp to replace the existing one that is in disrepair. The ramp will be constructed from precast concrete planks to be set on a compacted gravel base, and will incorporate a 4' long by 24' wide riprap scour protection at the toe. This proposed ramp and riprap toe will extend approximately 28 feet waterward of the existing ramp toe to 3.5 feet below mean low water, and will be 117 feet waterward of the high tide line. The applicant claims this will provide for full tidal access. In addition, the applicant proposes work in navigable waters for the construction of a 6' wide by 108' long pile supported floating dock, placed on the eastern side of the boat launch. The float will be 90 feet beyond mean high water. The applicant claims that this floating dock will assist ramp users during hauling and launching of their boats. Sediment and erosion control measures will be placed around the perimeter of the work site and existing wetlands will be flagged and protected with silt fencing. Impacts to wetlands will be avoided by flagging them and protecting them with silt fencing during construction.

The work is described on the enclosed plans entitled "Permit Application For Public Boat Ramp Rehabilitation, Greenwich Point Marina," on five (5) sheets, and dated "11-16-09."

Alternatives discussed were no action, repaving with no expansion, and a boat ramp with no float. The applicant indicates that the old ramp is settling differentially and cracking and therefore needs to be replaced for public safety. The longer length will provide for full access to the water during low tides; an advantage that does not exist currently. The applicant also stated that the float is preferable for safety purposes; the combination of the floating docks and longer ramp will aid in vessel berthing and positioning on the trailers.

### Summary of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Designation

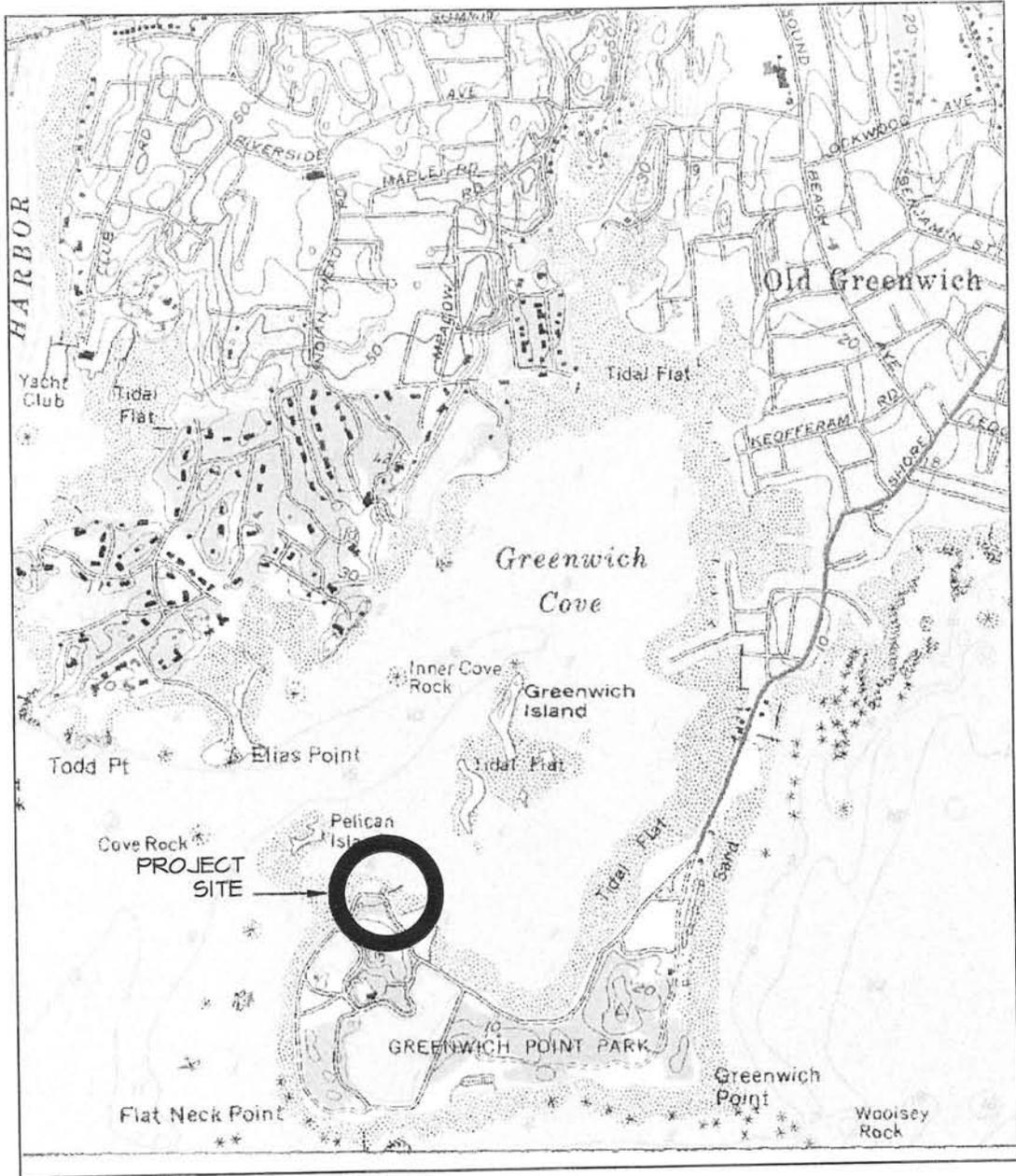
**10' x 10' Square Coordinates:**

Boundary	North	East	South	West
Coordinate	41° 10.0' N	73° 30.0' W	41° 00.0' N	73° 40.0' W

**Square Description (i.e. habitat, landmarks, coastline markers):** Atlantic Ocean waters within the square within Long Island Sound affecting south of the following: Greenwich, CT., Belle Harbor, CT., Cos Cob, CT., Riverside, CT., Stamford, CT., Glenbrook, CT., and Mianus, CT., along with Greenwich Pt., Shippan Pt., Field Pt., Cos Cob Harbor, and the entrance to the Ripparan River and the Mianus River, from Holly Pond south of Noroton Heights to east of Port Chester NY. Also affected are: Captain Harbor, Newfoundland Reef, The Cows, Stamford Harbor, Westcott Cove, and western Holly Pond.

Species	Eggs	Larvae	Juveniles	Adults
Atlantic salmon ( <i>Salmo salar</i> )			X	X
Atlantic cod ( <i>Gadus morhua</i> )				
haddock ( <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> )				
pollock ( <i>Pollachius virens</i> )			X	X
whiting ( <i>Merluccius bilinearis</i> )				
offshore hake ( <i>Merluccius albidus</i> )				
red hake ( <i>Urophycis chuss</i> )	X	X	X	X
white hake ( <i>Urophycis tenuis</i> )				
redfish ( <i>Sebastes fasciatus</i> )	n/a			
witch flounder ( <i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i> )				
winter flounder ( <i>Pleuronectes americanus</i> )	X	X	X	X
yellowtail flounder ( <i>Pleuronectes ferruginea</i> )				
windowpane flounder ( <i>Scopthalmus aquosus</i> )	X	X	X	X
American plaice ( <i>Hippoglossoides platessoides</i> )			X	X
ocean pout ( <i>Macrozoarces americanus</i> )				

Atlantic halibut ( <i>Hippoglossus hippoglossus</i> )				
Atlantic sea scallop ( <i>Placopecten magellanicus</i> )				
Atlantic sea herring ( <i>Clupea harengus</i> )			X	X
monkfish ( <i>Lophius americanus</i> )				
bluefish ( <i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i> )			X	X
long finned squid ( <i>Loligo pealei</i> )	n/a	n/a		
short finned squid ( <i>Illex illecebrosus</i> )	n/a	n/a		
Atlantic butterfish ( <i>Peprilus triacanthus</i> )				
Atlantic mackerel ( <i>Scomber scombrus</i> )	X	X	X	X
summer flounder ( <i>Paralichthys dentatus</i> )			X	
scup ( <i>Stenotomus chrysops</i> )	X	X	X	X
black sea bass ( <i>Centropristus striata</i> )	n/a		X	
surf clam ( <i>Spisula solidissima</i> )	n/a	n/a		
ocean quahog ( <i>Artica islandica</i> )	n/a	n/a		
spiny dogfish ( <i>Squalus acanthias</i> )	n/a	n/a		
tilefish ( <i>Lopholatilus chamaeleonticeps</i> )				
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		



VICINITY MAP  
SCALE: 1" = 1,800'

VICINITY MAP TAKEN FROM USGS  
TOPOGRAPHIC MAP: STAMFORD QUADRANGLE

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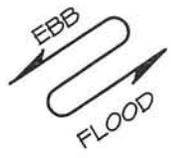
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GREENWICH POINT MARINA

Applicant:

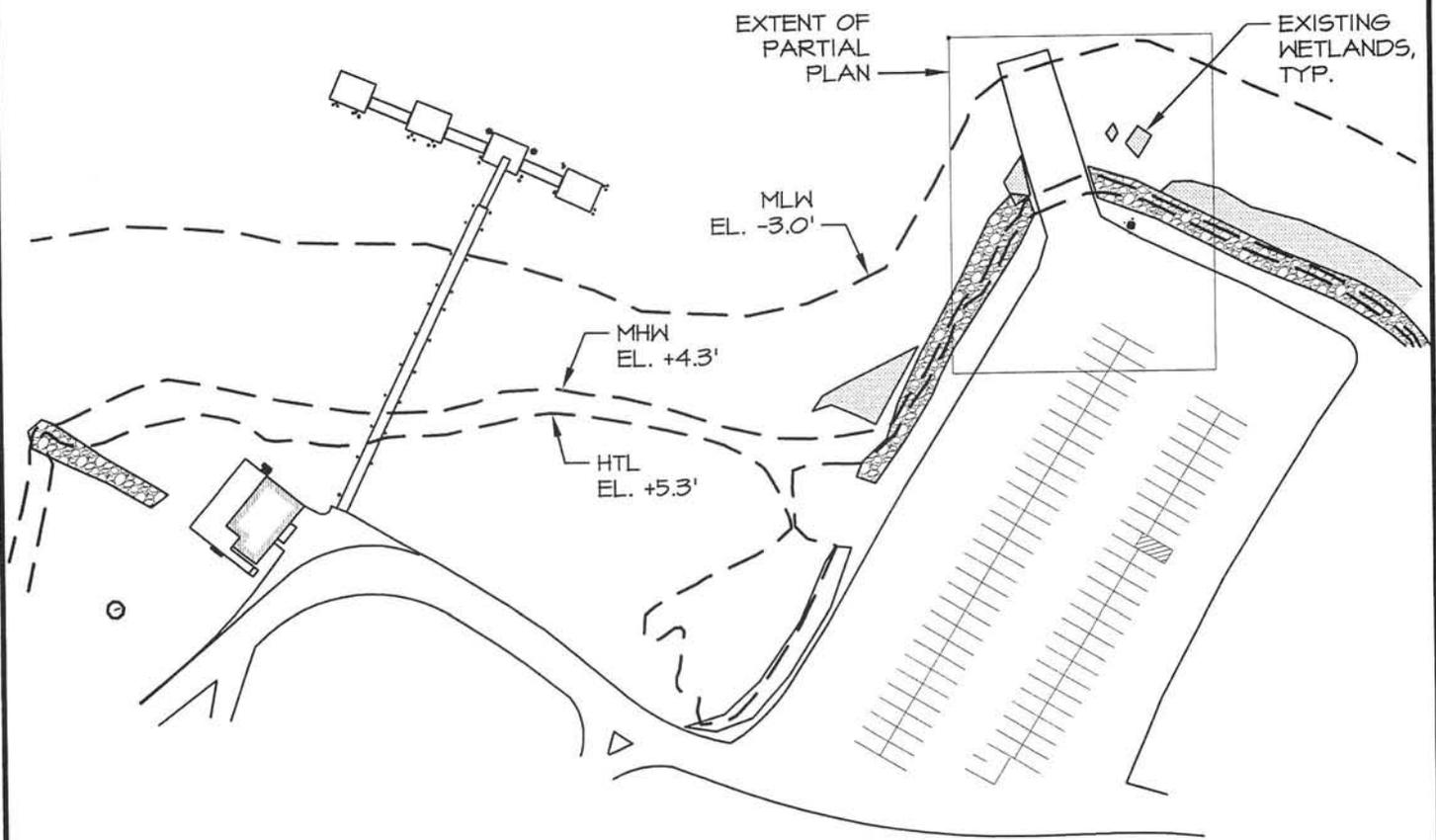
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GREENWICH COVE



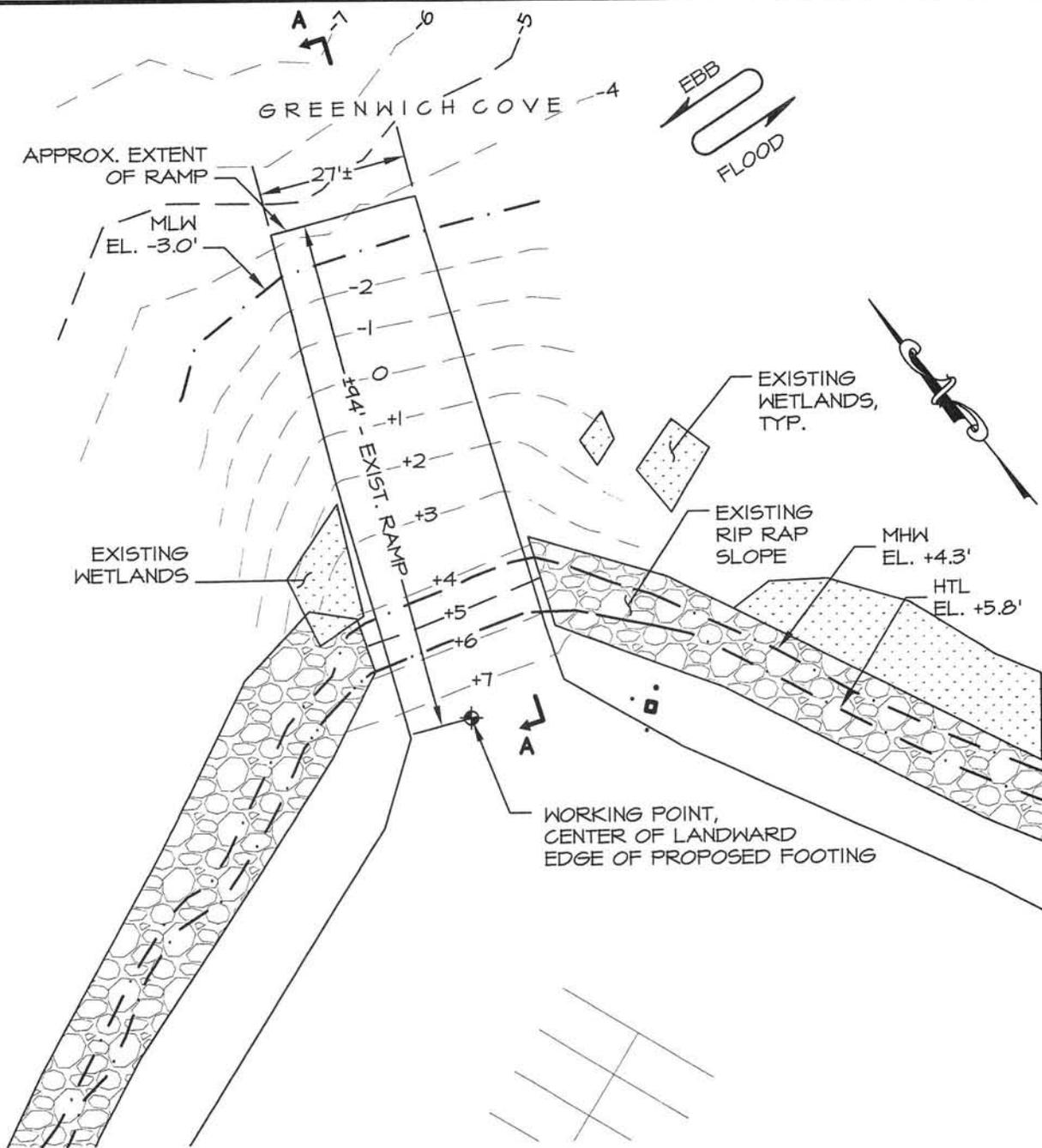
**NOTE:**

1. SURVEY INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY PREPARED FOR TOWN OF GREENWICH BY REDNISS & MEAD ON 06-22-09.

2. ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION WATERWARD OF MEAN HIGH WATER WAS OBTAINED BY RACE ON 07-16-09

**EXISTING SITE PLAN**  
SCALE: 1" = 100'

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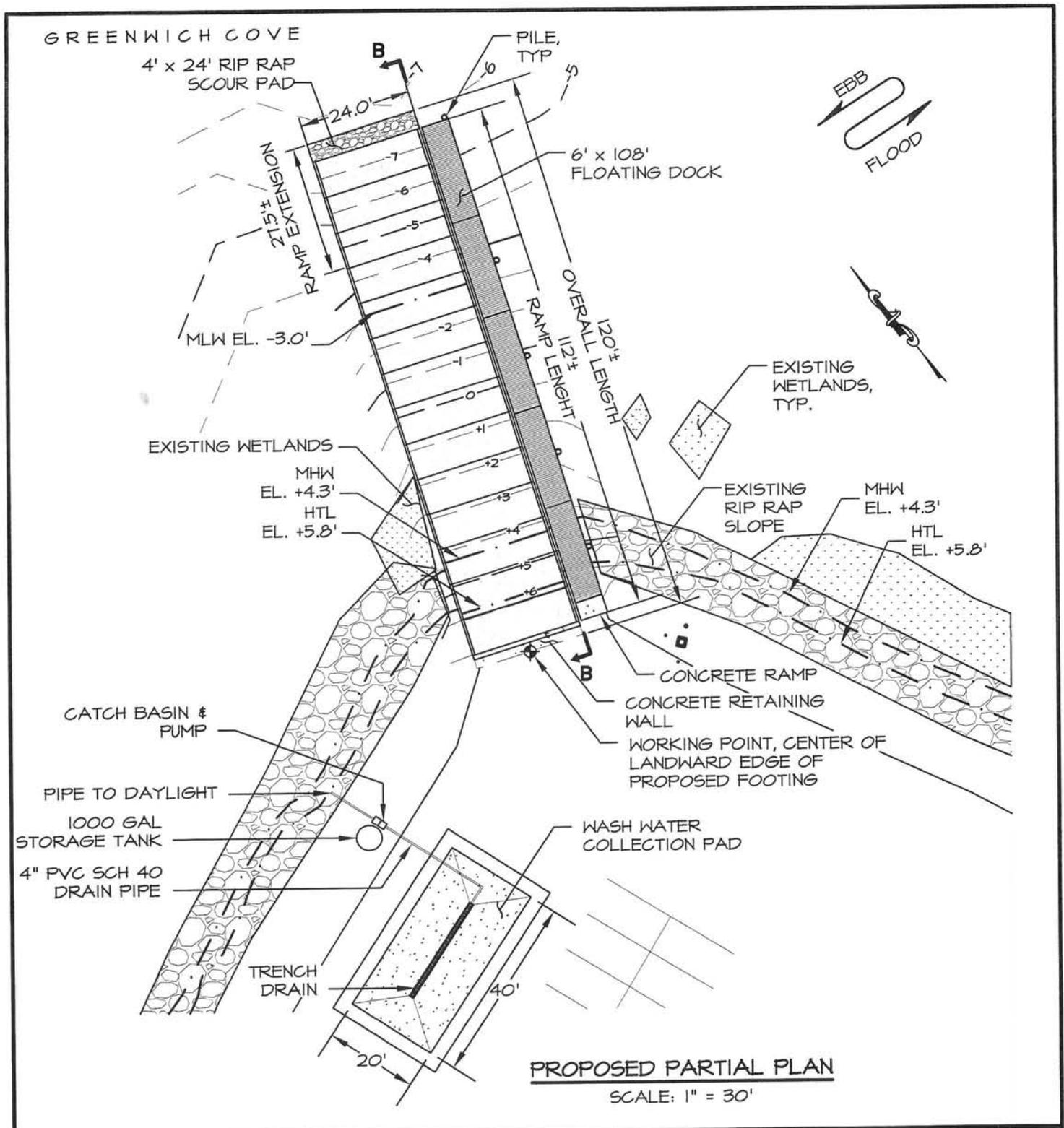
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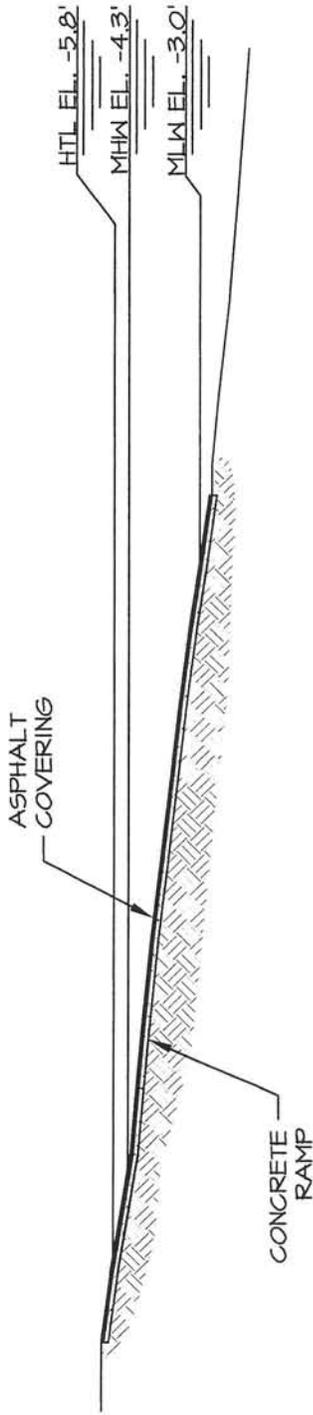
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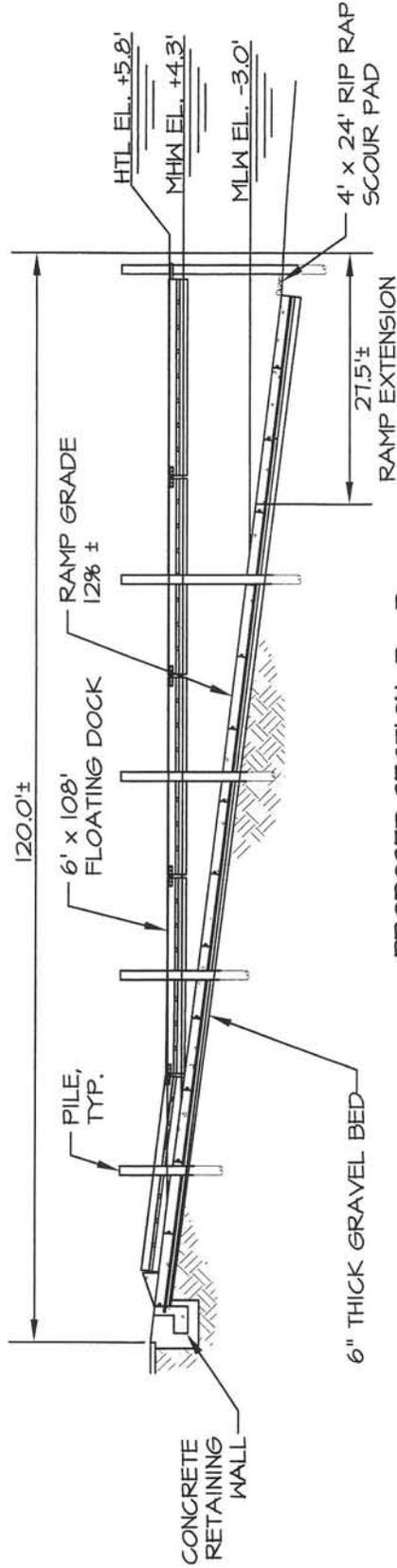


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**EXISTING SECTION: A - A**  
SCALE: 1" = 5'



**PROPOSED SECTION: B - B**  
SCALE: 1" = 20'

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