



PUBLIC NOTICE

Comment Period Begins: 19 November 2024

Comment Period Ends: 20 December 2024

File Number: NAE-2022-01034

In Reply Refer to: CT & RI Section, Regulatory Division

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The District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District (USACE), has received a permit application, file number NAE-2022-01034, to conduct work in waters of the United States from the River Landing Marina Condominium Association, 142 Ferry Road, Old Saybrook, CT 06475. This work is proposed within the Connecticut River off 142 Ferry Road in Groton, CT at latitude 41.315101, longitude -72.350713.

The work involves mechanically maintenance dredging approximately 50,100 cubic yards of material over a total area of approximately 9.8 acres within the Connecticut River to depths of -6 feet mean lower low water in the basin and -8 feet mean lower low water in the travel lift with 1-foot of allowable overdepth, respectively. The dredged material will be disposed of at the Central Long Island Sound Disposal Site.

The work is shown on the enclosed plans titled "MAINTENANCE DREDGING PROJECT, RIVER LANDING MARINA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, 142 FERRY ROAD, OLD SAYBROOK, CONNECTICUT" on 5 sheets, and dated "10-1-2024". Dredging will be performed during the October 1st to January 31st environmental work window. Special conditions will also be provided.

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.
- ☐ Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 408)

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 USACE 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. The USACE will consider all comments received 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.

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, US 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). Essential Fish Habitat describes waters and substrate necessary for fish for spawning, breeding, feeding or growth to maturity.

The dredging portion of this project will impact approximately 9.8 acres of EFH. Habitat at this site can be described as mud, silt, and clay. Loss of this habitat may adversely affect species that use these waters and substrate. 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.

The dredged material disposal is proposed for the Central Long Island Sound Disposal Site. This is an open water site, which provides EFH. Habitat at this site can be described as mud, silt, and clay. Loss of this habitat may adversely affect species that use these waters and substrate. However, the District Engineer has made a preliminary determination that the site-specific adverse effect will not be substantial. Further

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NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT

Based on our initial review of the proposed project and coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer(s), no historic properties will be affected by the proposed project. Additional review and consultation to fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, will be ongoing as part of the permit review process.

ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSULTATION

The USACE has reviewed the application for the potential impact on federally-listed threatened or endangered species and their designated critical habitat pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) as amended. 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 a listed species or their critical habitat. We are coordinating with the National Marine Fisheries Service and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on listed species under their jurisdiction and the ESA consultation will be concluded prior to the final decision.

OTHER GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

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.

COMMENTS

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. People submitting comments are advised that all comments received will be available for public review in their entirety and will be considered a matter of public record.

Comments should be submitted in writing by the above date. If you have any questions, please contact the CT & RI Section, Regulatory Division, at CENAE-R-PN-CTRI@usace.army.mil, (800) 343-4789 or (800) 362-4367.

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 USACE 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. 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.

Kevin R Kotelly

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Chief, CT/RI Section
Regulatory Division

Please contact Ms. Tina Chaisson at bettina.m.chaisson@usace.army.mil or (978) 318-8058 if you would like to be removed from our public notice mailing list.

MAINTENANCE DREDGING PROJECT

RIVER LANDING MARINA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

OLD SAYBROOK, CONNECTICUT

DRAWING LIST				
SHEET NO.	SHEET TITLE	ORIGINAL DATE	REVISION DATE	NOTES
1 OF 5	TITLE SHEET	10-1-2024		
2 OF 5	USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE MAP	10-1-2024		
3 OF 5	TAX ASSESSOR'S MAP	10-1-2024		
4 OF 5	EXISTING & PROPOSED CONDITIONS PLAN	10-1-2024		
5 OF 5	CROSS SECTION A	10-1-2024		

PROJECT NOTES

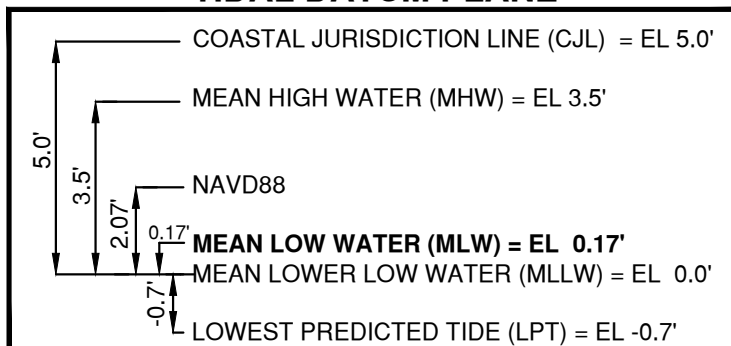
- REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE FOLLOWING MAPS:
 - "HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY, BETWEEN THE BRIDGES MARINA, 142 FERRY ROAD, OLD SAYBROOK, CONNECTICUT", DATED FEBRUARY 24, 2022 SCALE 1" = 40' AND PREPARED BY COASTLINE CONSULTING & DEVELOPMENT, LLC (TIMOTHY MCCARTHY, CERTIFIED HYDROGRAPHER CERT. NO. 296).
- BENCHMARK, TIDE LINES, AND SOUNDINGS ARE REFERENCED TO THE MEAN LOWER LOW WATER DATUM. THE CJL (COASTAL JURISDICTION LINE) ELEVATION OF 5.0' MLLW IS THE VALUE FOR OLD SAYBROOK, CT AS ESTABLISHED BY THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. THE LPT (LOWEST PREDICTED TIDE) ELEVATION OF -0.7' IS THE LOWEST PREDICTED TIDE VALUE FOR GUILFORD HARBOR USING TIDETRAC, VERSION 2.4, [HTTP://WWW.TIDETRAC.COM](http://www.tidetrac.com), FOR THE ONE YEAR PERIOD IN 2021.

GENERAL NOTES

- THESE DRAWINGS WERE PREPARED FROM RECORDED RESEARCH, FIELD OBSERVATIONS, DRAWINGS NOTED HEREON, AND OTHER SOURCES.
- THESE DRAWINGS ARE FOR PLANNING AND PERMITTING PURPOSES ONLY AND NOT INTENDED FOR STRUCTURAL DESIGN, BID DOCUMENTS, OR CONSTRUCTION.
- THE FEMA FLOOD LINES ARE DIGITIZED FROM FEMA FLOOD MAPS, SHOWN TO SATISFY PERMIT REQUIREMENTS, AND NOT INTENDED FOR INSURANCE OR ELEVATION CERTIFICATE PURPOSES. BASE FLOOD ELEVATIONS ARE IN NAVD88.
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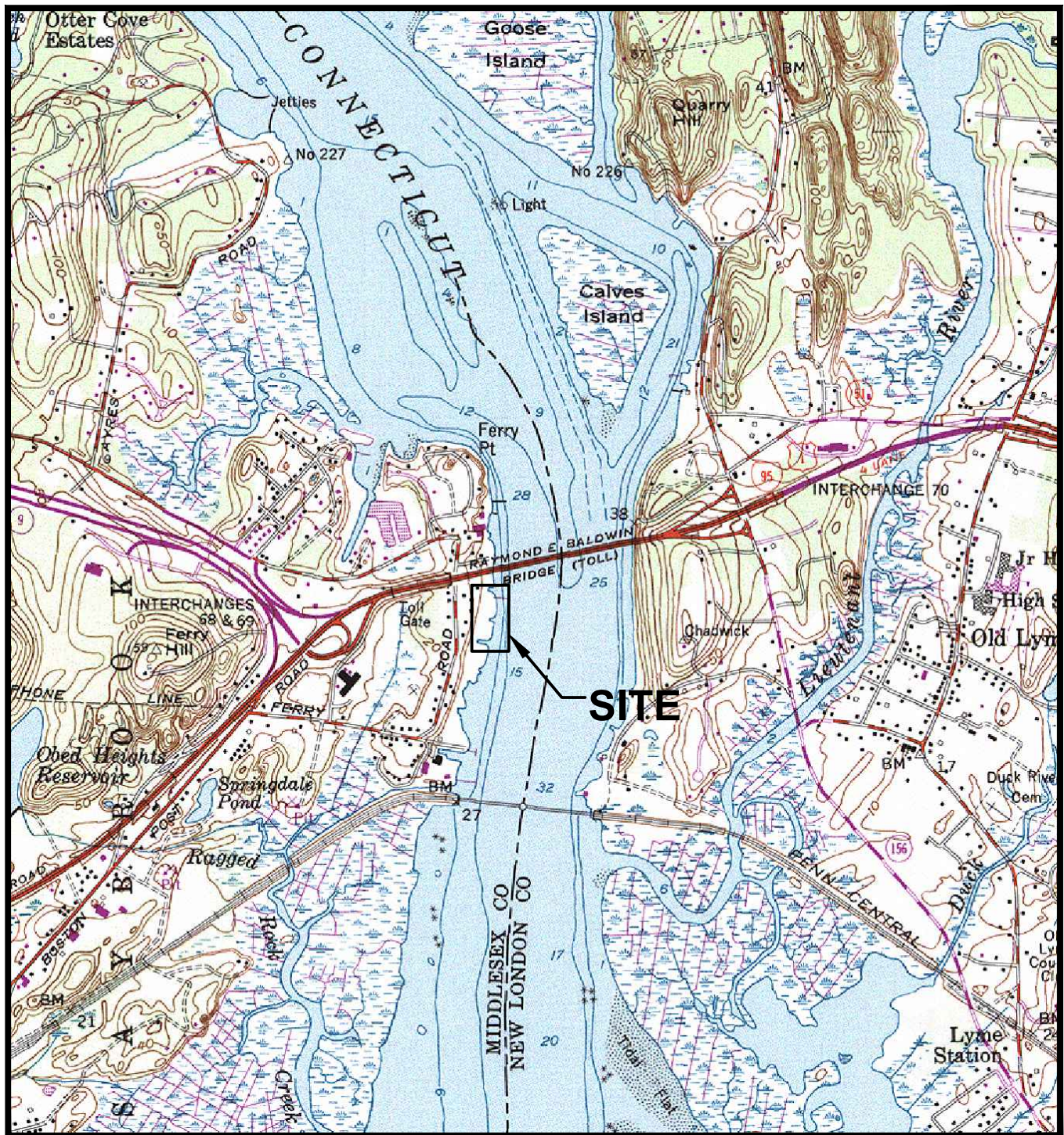


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TITLE SHEET
MAINTENANCE DREDGING PROJECT

RIVER LANDING MARINA CONDOMINIUM
ASSOCIATION
142 FERRY ROAD
OLD SAYBROOK, CONNECTICUT

10-1-2024 JOB NO. 21-047 SHEET 1 OF 5



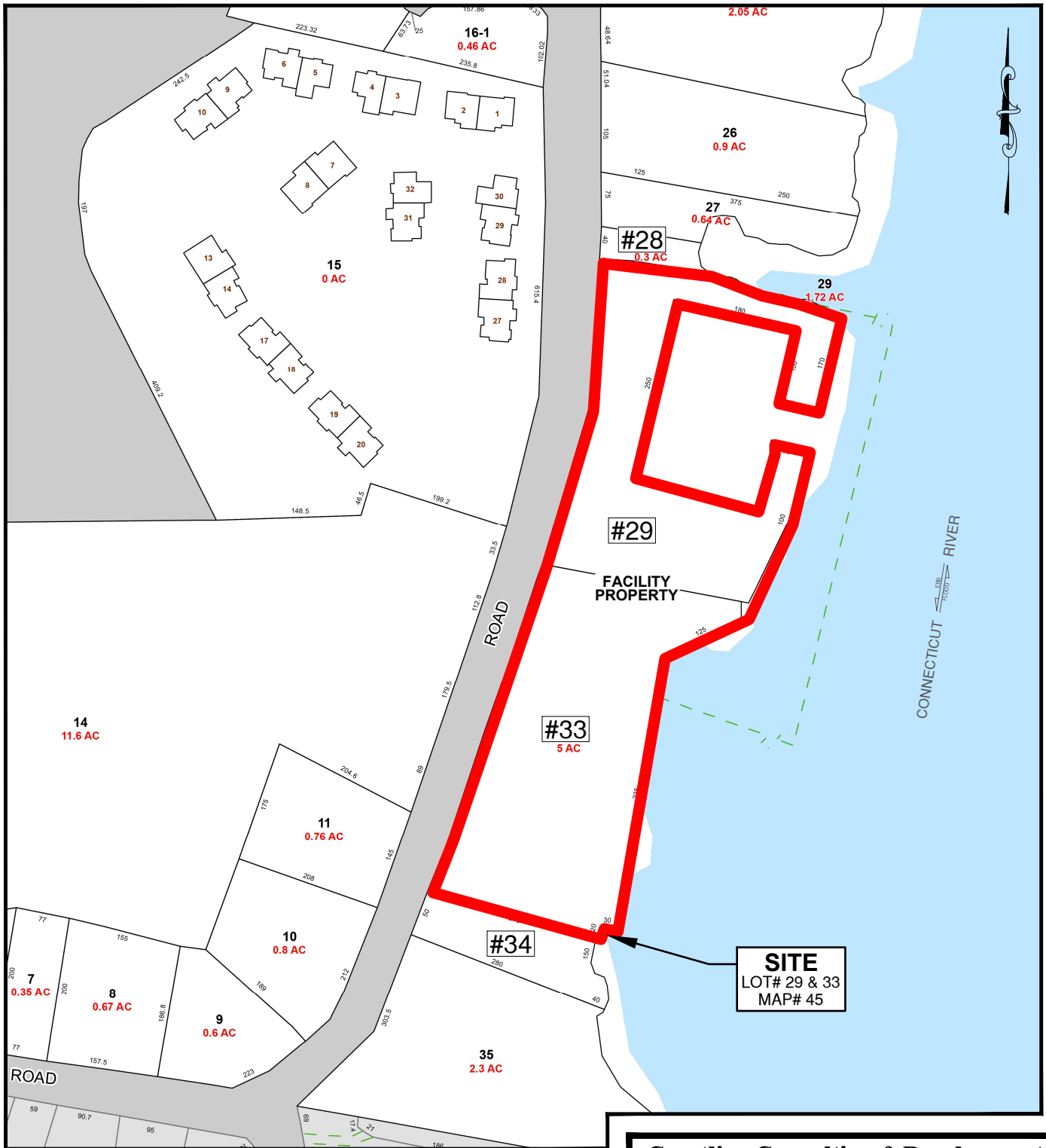
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OVERVIEW MAP
 MAINTENANCE DREDGING PROJECT

RIVER LANDING MARINA CONDOMINIUM
 ASSOCIATION
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 OLD SAYBROOK, CONNECTICUT

MAP TAKEN FROM TOPO, INC., 7.5 MINUTE USGS TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS
 OF THE OLD SAYBROOK CONNECTICUT QUADRANGLE, 1960 (PHOTO
 INSPECTED 1976, PHOTO REVISED 1984).

10-1-2024 SCALE: 1" = 24,000' SHEET 2 OF 5



ADJACENT WATERSIDE PROPERTY OWNERS

LOT #	MAP #	PROPERTY OWNER	PROPERTY ADDRESS	MAILING ADDRESS
#28	#45	HAYDEN F. LOVELAND ESTATE ET. AL.	164 FERRY ROAD OLD SAYBROOK, CT 06475	51 CARRIAGE DRIVE FARMINGTON, CT 06032
#34	#45	ROSS L. BRYNE EST.	FERRY ROAD OLD SAYBROOK, CT 06475	129 AYERS POINT RD OLD SAYBROOK, CT 06475



NOTE: REFERENCE IS MADE TO ASSESSOR'S
MAP #45 FOUND IN OLD SAYBROOK, CT TOWN HALL.

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TAX ASSESSOR'S MAP
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SCALE: 1" = 200'

SHEET 3 OF 5

