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The District Engineer has received a permit application to conduct work in waters of the United States from Mr. Geoffrey Rockwell, 35 Everett Street, Arlington, Massachusetts 02474. This work is proposed within Rockwell Pond, the Scantic River and Rock-A-Dundee Brook at 61 Rock-A-Dundee Road in Hampden, Massachusetts. The site coordinates are: Latitude 42.04408° N, Longitude -72.38369° W.

The work involves grading and the discharge of dredged and/or fill material into approximately **3.3** acres of the Rockwell Pond, the Scantic River and Rock-A-Dundee Brook as part of deepening the existing Rockwell Pond. Rockwell Pond is an in-river impoundment located on the Scantic River. The purpose for this project is to remove 4 to 8 feet of accumulated sediment from the pond in order to improve recreational uses (boating and fishing). The applicant proposes to dewater the pond using stilling basins and bypass pumps so that the sediment removal operations can be done “in the dry”. Standard earth-moving equipment, such as excavators and bulldozers, will be used to remove the accumulated sediments, to stockpile materials for further dewatering, and/or to load materials onto dump trucks. The applicant will install a temporary 15-foot wide construction roadway to access Rockwell Pond. Approximately **20,500** cubic yards of accumulated sediment (sands, silts, and organic mucks) will be permanently disposed at an on-site upland disposal area.

The work is shown on the enclosed plans entitled “ROCKWELL POND DREDGING, HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS,” on a total of 10 sheets, and dated “NOV. 2018” and revised “MARCH 17, 2019”.

As part of the development of plans for this pond deepening project, the applicant has adjusted the scope of this project to avoid and minimize impacts to important environmental areas (turtle habitat), where possible. The Corps continues to evaluate whether mitigation will be required in order to compensate for unavoidable impacts associated with this project.

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 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District (Corps), 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 Corps 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, 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.

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT

Based on his initial review, the District Engineer has determined that the proposed work may impact properties listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. Additional review and consultation to fulfil 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 Corps is reviewing 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 as amended. Our review will be concluded prior to the final decision.

OTHER GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

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

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 Mr. Paul Sneeringer at (978) 318-8491, (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.


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



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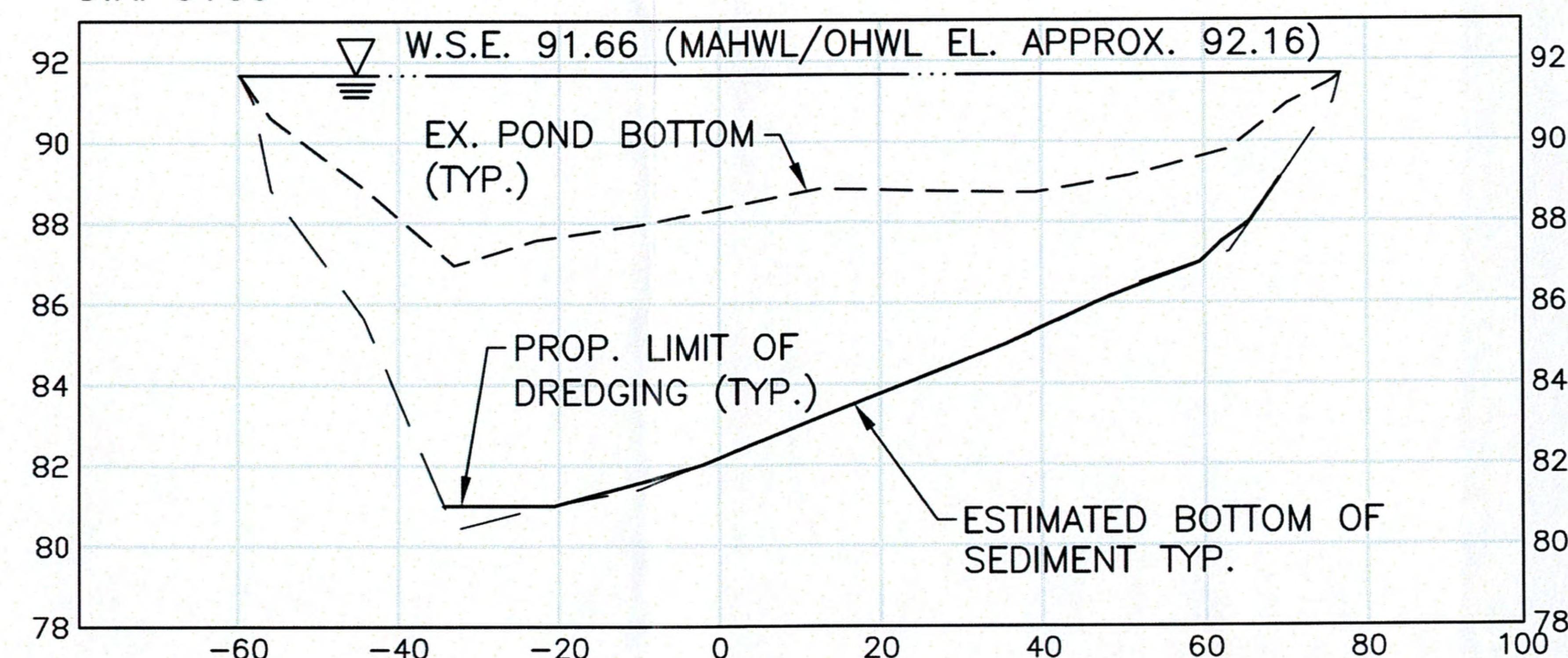
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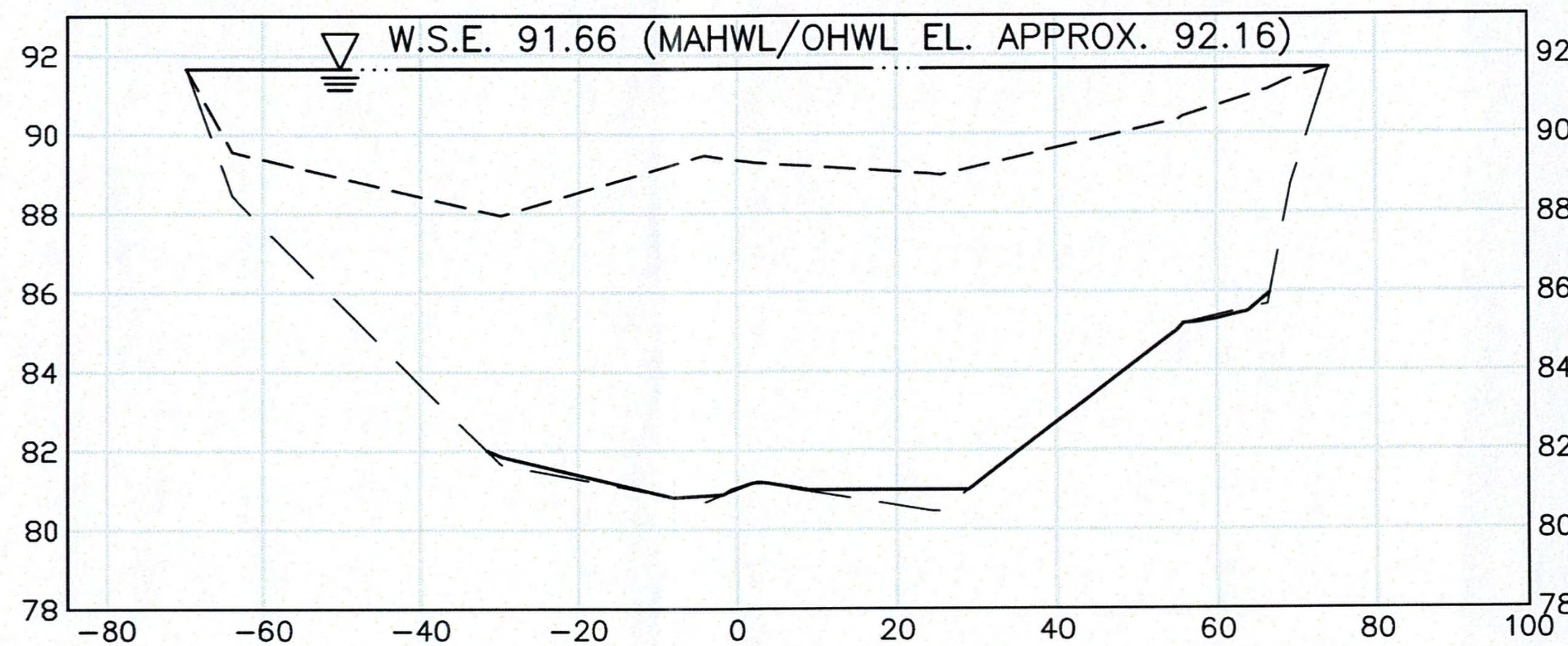




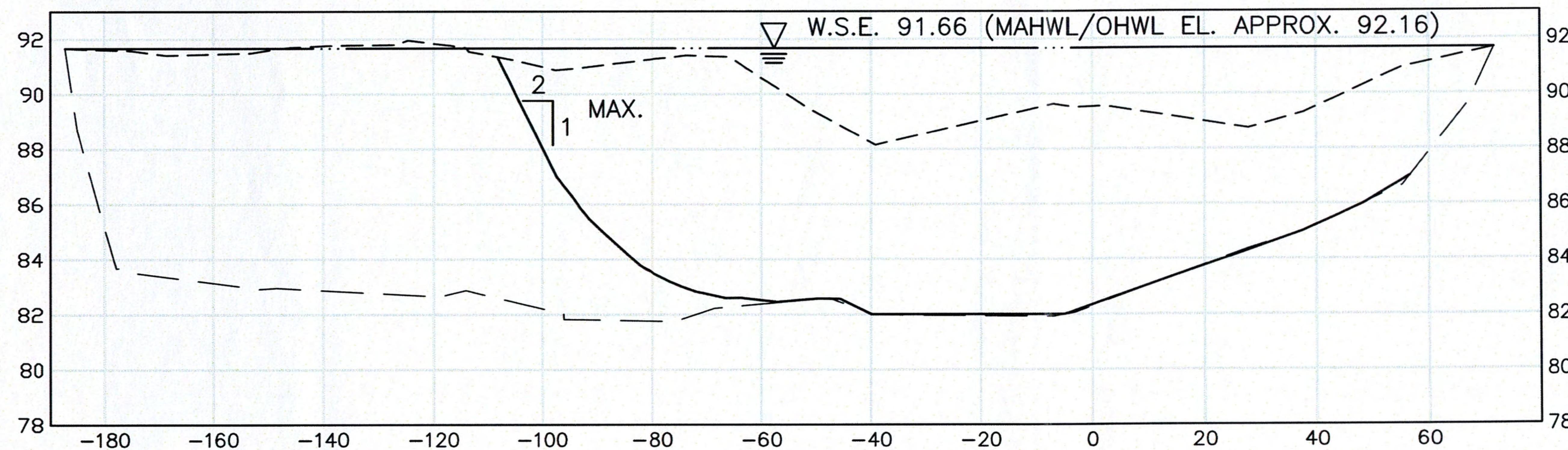
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- EXISTING POND BOTTOM
- ESTIMATED BOTTOM OF SEDIMENT (NOV. 2016)
- PROPOSED LIMIT OF DREDGING


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
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
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
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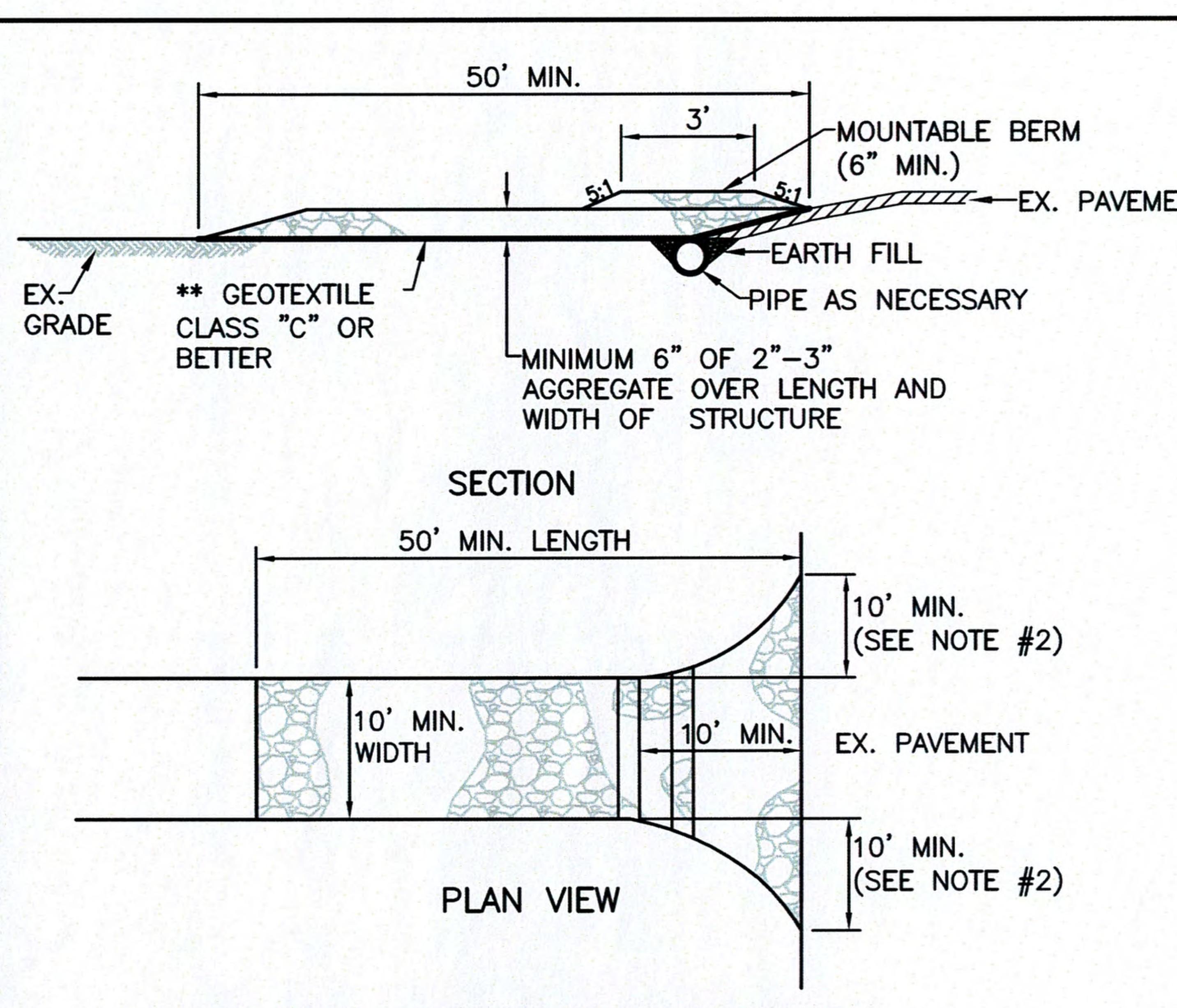
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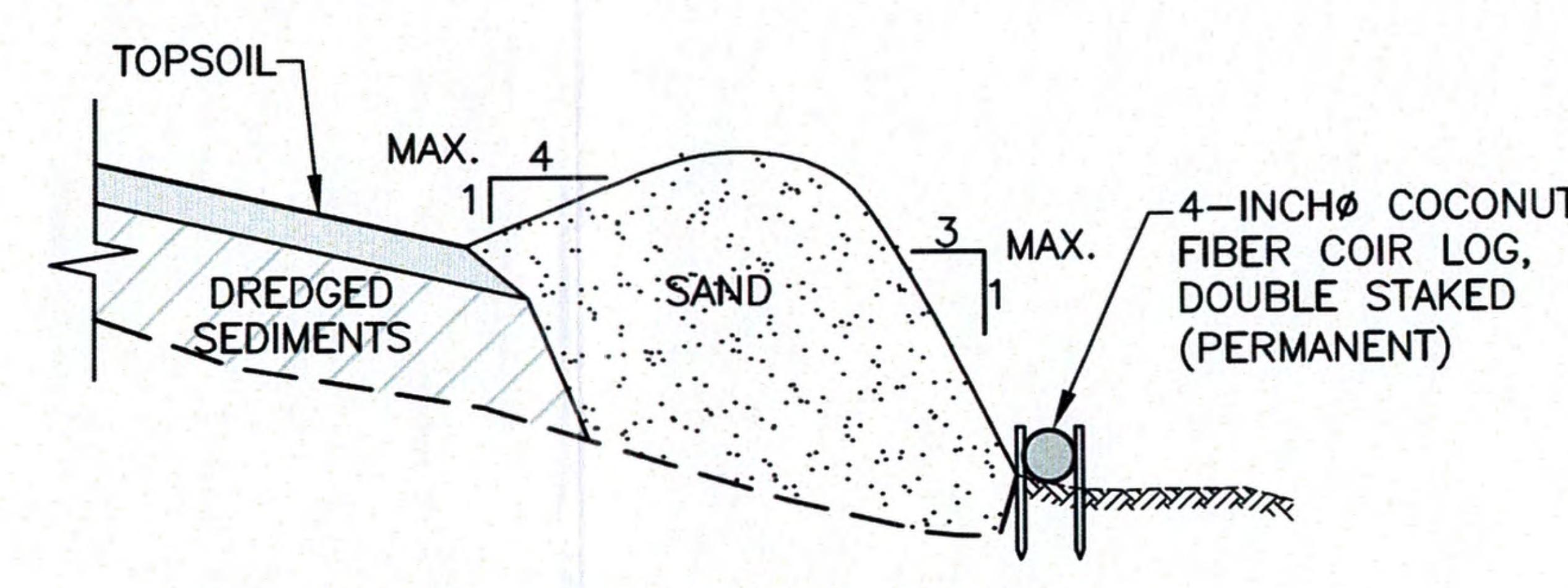
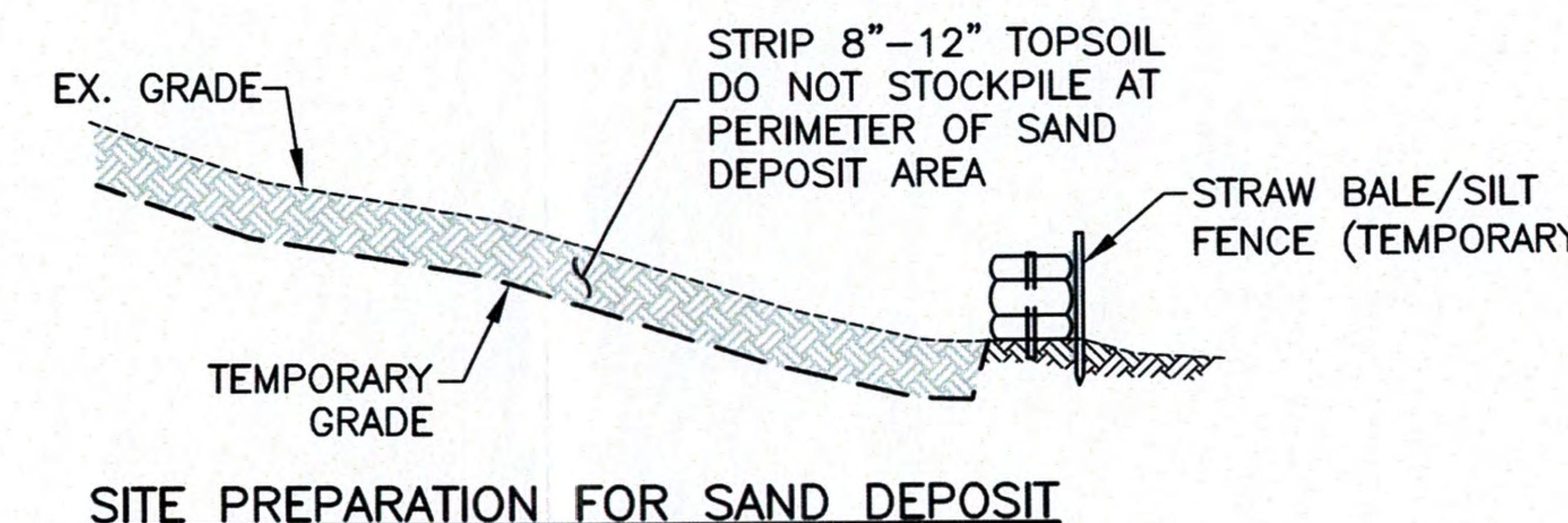
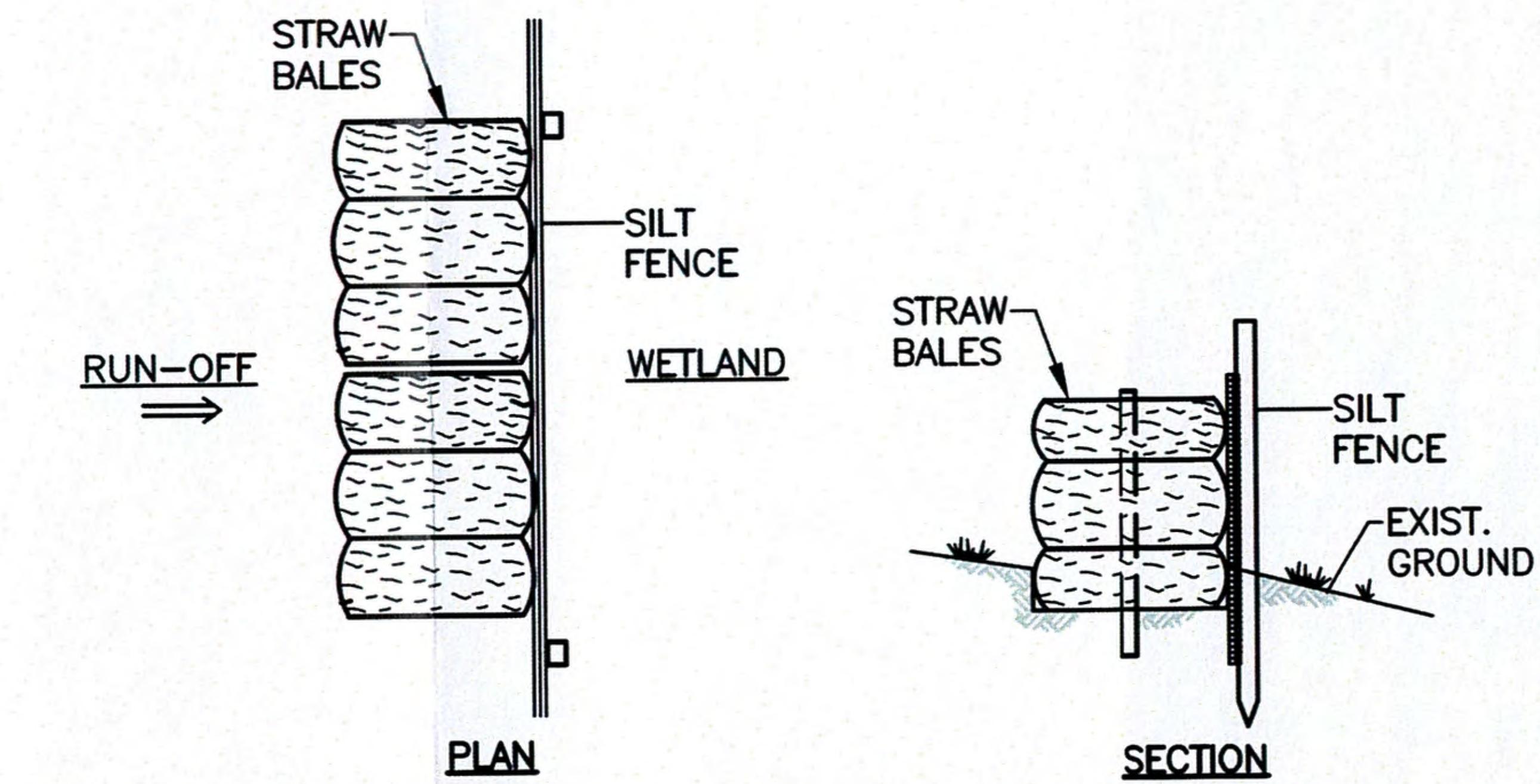
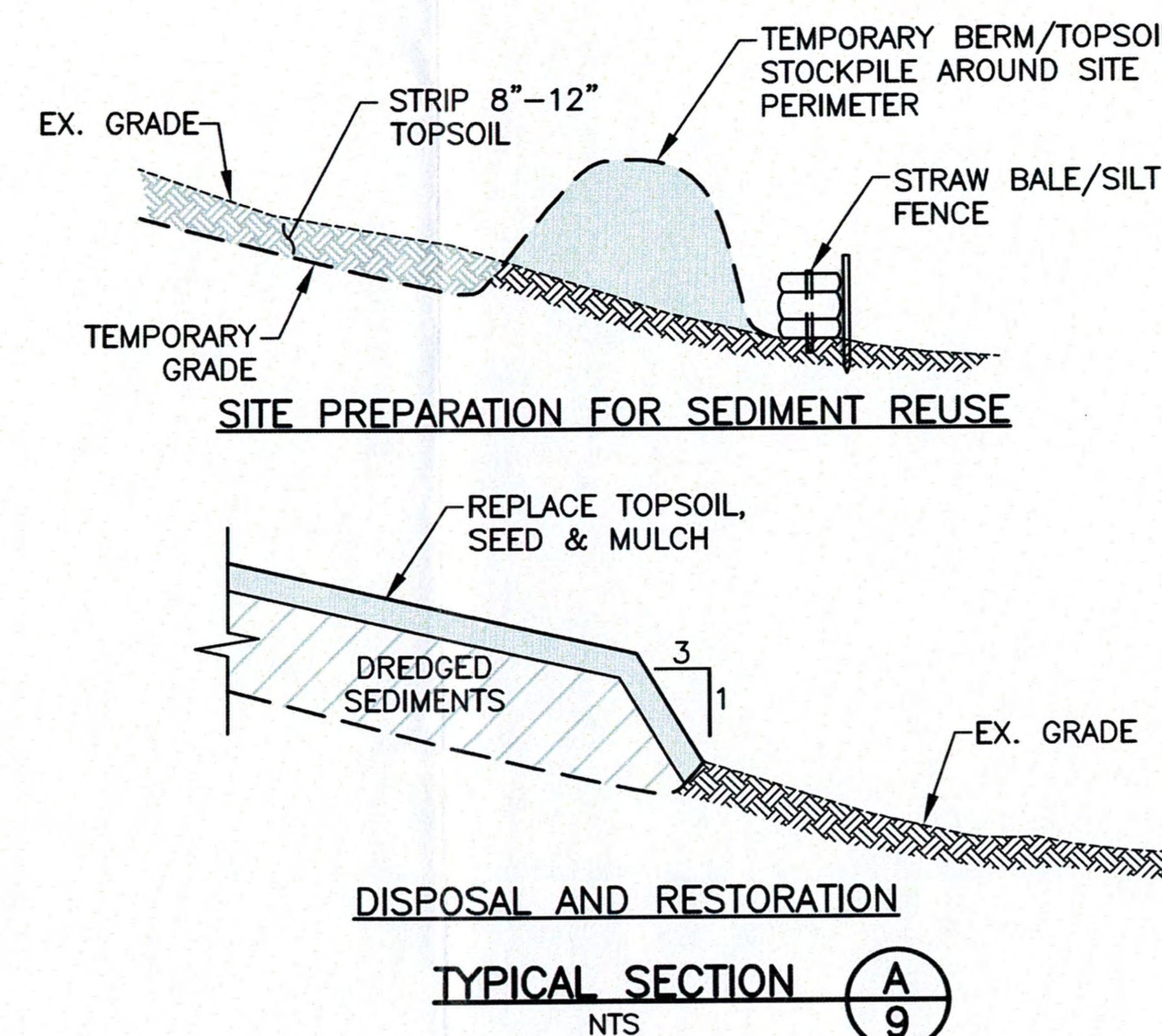


STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE

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STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE SPECIFICATIONS

1. LENGTH - MINIMUM OF 50'.
2. WIDTH - 10' MINIMUM, SHOULD BE FLARED AT THE EXISTING ROAD TO PROVIDE A TURNING RADIUS.
3. GEOTEXTILE FABRIC (FILTER CLOTH) SHALL BE PLACED OVER THE EXISTING GROUND PRIOR TO PLACING STONE.
4. STONE - CRUSHED AGGREGATE (2" TO 3") OR RECLAIMED OR RECYCLED CONCRETE EQUIVALENT SHALL BE PLACED AT LEAST 6" DEEP OVER THE LENGTH AND WIDTH OF THE ENTRANCE.
5. SURFACE DRAINAGE - ALL SURFACE DRAINAGE FLOWING TO OR DIVERTED TOWARD CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCES SHALL BE PIPED THROUGH THE ENTRANCE, MAINTAINING POSITIVE DRAINAGE. PIPE INSTALLED THROUGH THE STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE SHALL BE PROTECTED WITH A MOUNTABLE BERM WITH 5:1 SLOPES AND A MINIMUM OF 6" OF STONE OVER THE PIPE. PIPE HAS TO BE SIZED ACCORDING TO THE DRAINAGE. WHEN THE SCE IS LOCATED AT A HIGH SPOT AND HAS NO DRAINAGE TO CONVEY A PIPE WILL NOT BE NECESSARY. PIPE SHOULD BE SIZED ACCORDING TO THE AMOUNT OF RUNOFF TO BE CONVEYED. A 6" MINIMUM DIAMETER PIPE WILL BE REQUIRED.
6. LOCATION - A STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE SHALL BE LOCATED AT EVERY POINT WHERE CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC ENTERS OR LEAVES A CONSTRUCTION SITE. VEHICLES LEAVING THE SITE MUST TRAVEL OVER THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE.



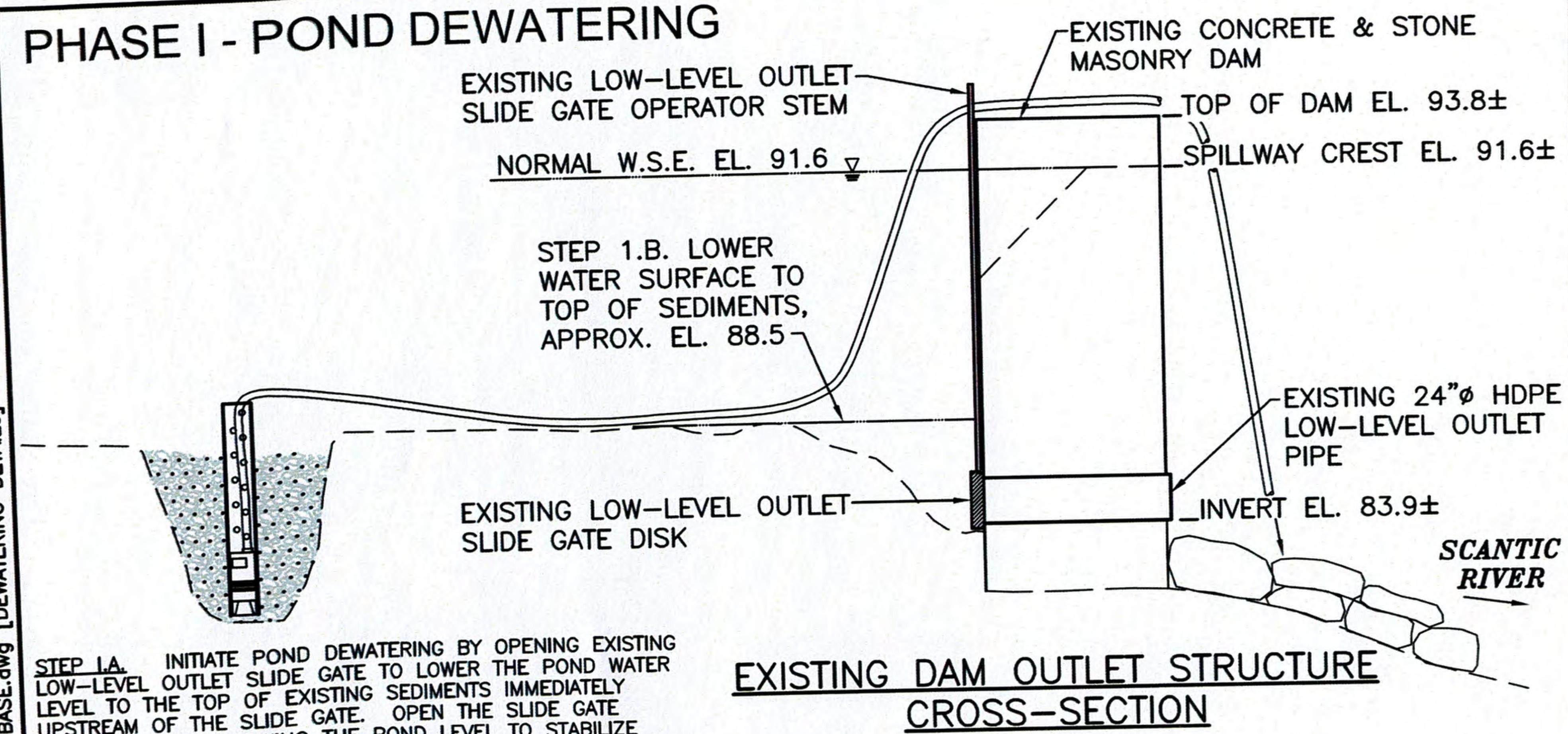
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PHASE I - POND DEWATERING

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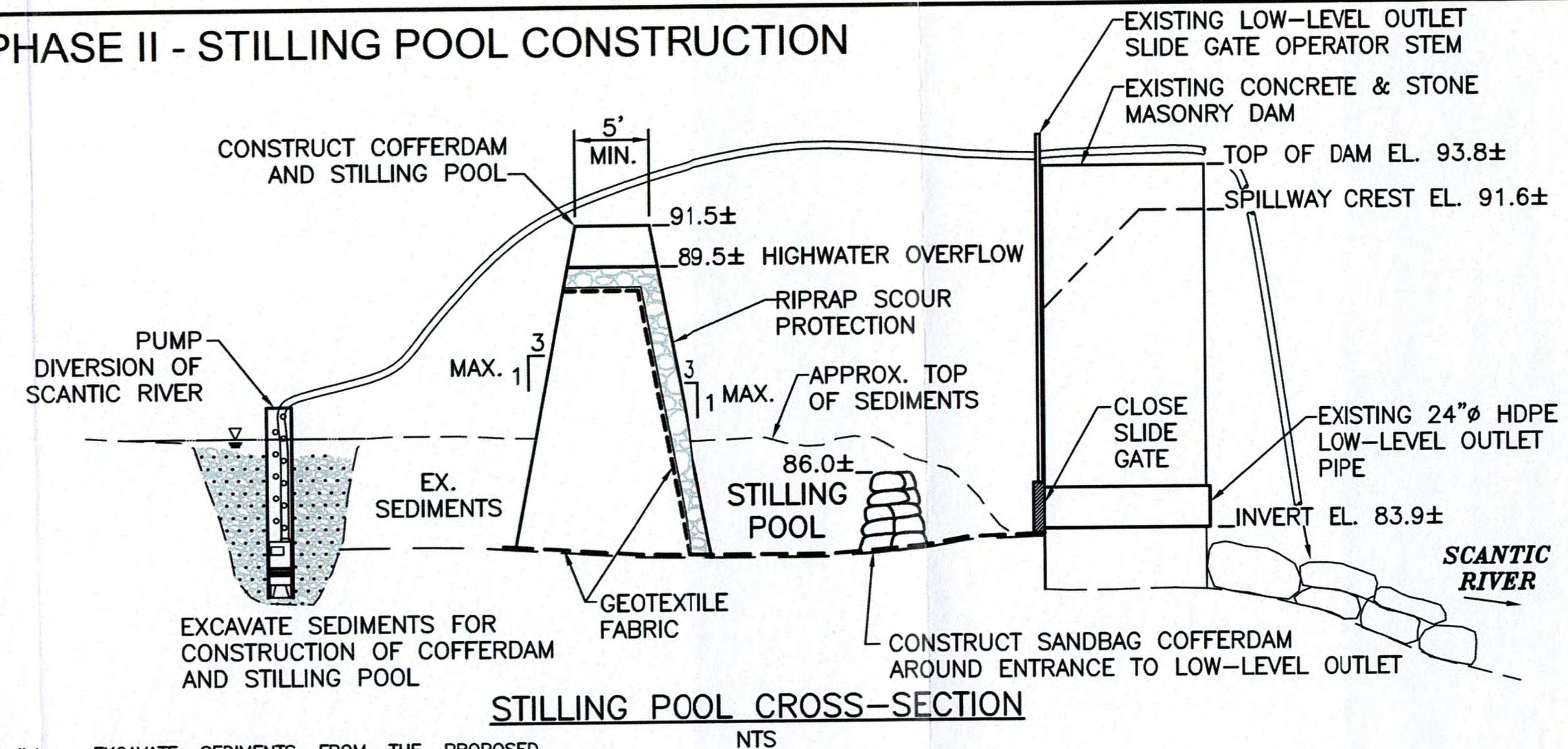


STEP I.A. INITIATE POND DEWATERING BY OPENING EXISTING LOW-LEVEL OUTLET SLIDE GATE TO LOWER THE POND WATER LEVEL TO THE TOP OF EXISTING SEDIMENTS IMMEDIATELY UPSTREAM OF THE SLIDE GATE. OPEN THE SLIDE GATE INCREMENTALLY, ALLOWING THE POND LEVEL TO STABILIZE AFTER EACH INCREMENT PRIOR TO OPENING THE SLIDE GATE TO THE NEXT INCREMENT. AVOID AND MINIMIZE RELEASE OF SEDIMENTS TO DOWNSTREAM AREAS.

STEP I.B. ONCE POND LEVEL IS AS LOW AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT RELEASING SEDIMENTS THROUGH THE LOW-LEVEL OUTLET, CLOSE THE LOW-LEVEL OUTLET SLIDE GATE AND INITIATE BYPASS PUMPING OF COMBINED SCANTIC RIVER AND ROCK-A-DUNDEE BROOK INFLOWS FROM LOCATION(S) UPSTREAM WITHIN THE POND. DISCHARGE ONLY CLEAR FLOW OVER THE DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE SCANTIC RIVER. FLOW SHOULD MATCH COMBINED INFLOWS TO THE POND.

NOTE: CONTRACTOR SHALL SUBMIT DEWATERING PLAN, CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE, SHOP DRAWINGS, AND NARRATIVE DESCRIBING CONSTRUCTION OF THE COFFERDAMS FOR APPROVAL BY THE OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE PRIOR TO INITIATING ANY WORK ON SITE.

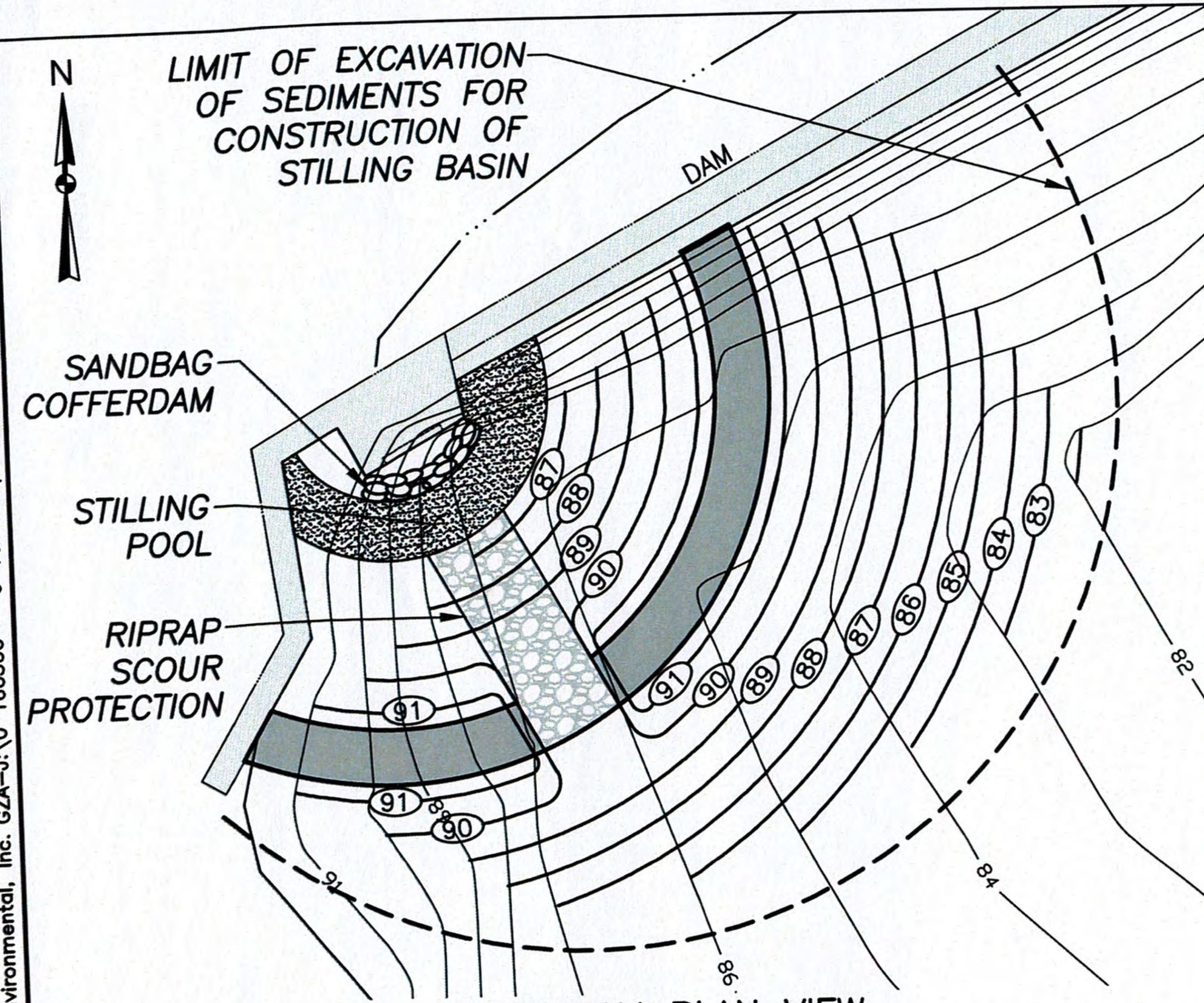
PHASE II - STILLING POOL CONSTRUCTION



STEP II.A. EXCAVATE SEDIMENTS FROM THE PROPOSED STILLING POOL AND COFFERDAM AREA TO APPROX. EL. 86.0± OR TO HARD, GRANULAR BOTTOM, WHICHEVER IS ATTAINED FIRST. CONSTRUCT THE COFFERDAM AND STILLING POOL AS SHOWN ON THE PLANS. COFFERDAM SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED OF COMPAKTED GRAVEL BORROW OR OTHER MATERIALS APPROVED BY THE OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE.

STEP II.B. CONSTRUCT SANDBAG COFFERDAM WITHIN STILLING POOL AROUND LOW-LEVEL OUTLET TO ELEVATION 86.0± AS SHOWN ON THE PLANS.

PHASE III - STILLING POOL OPERATION



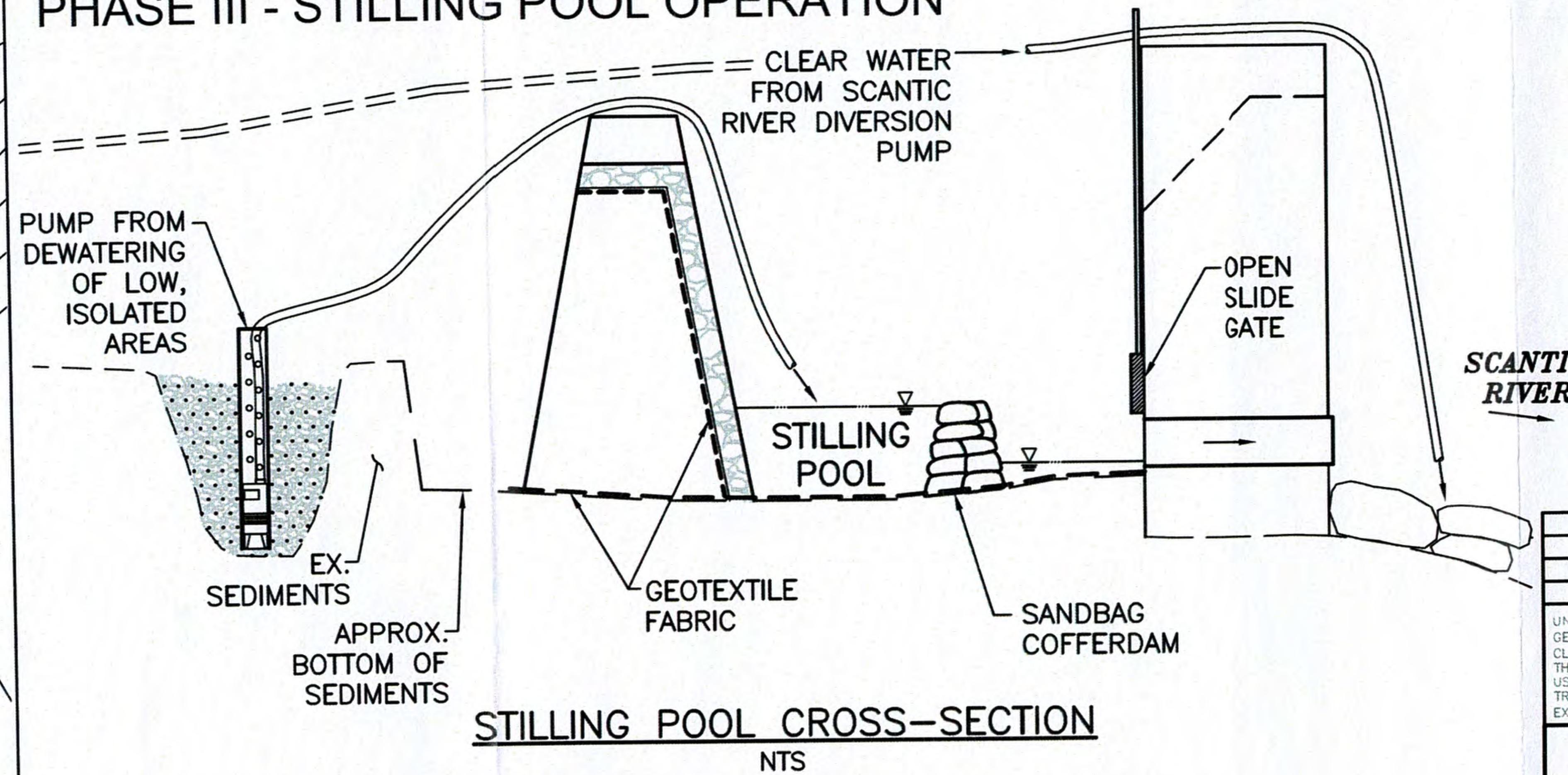
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— Existing Pond Bottom Contour
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PHASE III - STILLING POOL OPERATION



STEP III.A. CONTINUE BYPASS PUMPING OF COMBINED SCANTIC RIVER AND ROCK-A-DUNDEE BROOK INFLOWS FROM LOCATION(S) UPSTREAM WITHIN THE POND. DISCHARGE ONLY CLEAR FLOW OVER THE DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE SCANTIC RIVER. PUMP FLOW SHOULD MATCH COMBINED INFLOWS TO THE POND.

STEP III.B. OPEN LOW-LEVEL OUTLET SLIDE GATE AND ALLOW STILLING POOL TO FILL. DIRECT PUMP FLOWS FROM LOW-AREA SUMPS INTO THE STILLING POOL. MAINTAIN PUMP FLOW RATE NEEDED TO PREVENT TURBID DISCHARGE OVER THE SANDBAG COFFERDAM INTO THE LOW-LEVEL OUTLET PIPE. SHOULD DISCHARGE TO THE LOW-LEVEL OUTLET PIPE BECOME TURBID, PUMPING FROM LOW-AREA SUMPS SHOULD CEASE UNTIL DISCHARGES ARE CLEAR. THE CONTRACTOR SHOULD BE PREPARED TO CLOSE THE LOW-LEVEL OUTLET SLIDE GATE IF NECESSARY TO AVOID TURBID DISCHARGES TO THE SCANTIC RIVER DOWNSTREAM OF THE DAM.

STEP III.C. SHOULD WET WEATHER INFLOWS EXCEED THE CAPACITY OF THE INFLOW BYPASS PUMPS, ALL DREDGING ACTIVITIES SHALL BE SUSPENDED, ALL EQUIPMENT REMOVED FROM THE POND BASIN, THE POND WILL BE ALLOWED TO FILL, AND FLOWS WILL NORMALLY DISCHARGE OVER THE SPILLWAY OF THE DAM.

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