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US Army Corps of Engineers ® New England District 696 Virginia Road Concord, MA 01742-2751 Comment Period Begins: October 21, 2014 Comment Period Ends: November 19, 2014

File Number: NAE-2011-2017

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The District Engineer has received a permit application to conduct work in waters of the United States from the Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451. This work is proposed in Gloucester Harbor at Harbor Loop, Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930. The site coordinates are: Latitude 42.610776° N, Longitude -70.658763°W.

The work involves work, structures, and the placement of fill material below the high tide line of waters of the United States in order to perform the former Gloucester Gas Light Company Manufactured Gas Plant Remediation Project. The work includes the mechanical dredging of a 7 acre area to depths of 3 to 27 feet below mean low water. Up to 30,000 cubic yards of sediment will be dredged and disposed of at an upland disposal facility. The material will be dewatered and mixed with a stabilizing agent prior to disposal. Water collected from the material will be pumped to temporary storage tanks located within the water processing and storage area or on support barges. These liquids will either be transported to an off-site disposal facility or treated on site on support barges or within the water processing and storage area and discharged to either a water treatment facility or to surface water. Select structures in the nearshore may be removed and replaced in kind to facilitate dredging. A portion of the dredging will take place within the limits of the Gloucester Harbor Federal Navigation Project.

Following dredging, clean backfill material will be placed within a portion of the dredge footprint to restore some of the areas to existing grade and re-establish habitat. A porewater cap will be constructed in the nearshore area adjacent to the US Coast Guard property, Solomon Jacobs Park, and the National Grid property to address impacted sediment porewater that has the potential to present a future risk to ecological receptors. Additionally, construction of a section of new seawall will be located seaward of the existing seawall in order to place fill necessary for source control as well as to provide seawall stability associated with dredging activities. Construction of a section of new seawall will also be located landward of an existing seawall to prevent further migration of coal tar contamination to the harbor, as well as to provide seawall stability associated with dredging activities. The removal of fill landward of another portion of the existing seawall will result in a net increase of waters of the United States.

The project is intended to implement remedial actions that satisfy Massachusetts Contingency Plan required cleanup objectives for both upland and marine areas of the Site. The work is shown on the attached plans entitled, "Former Gloucester Gas Light Company MGP Facility, Gloucester, Massachusetts," on 13 sheets, and dated August, 2014.

In designing the Project, the Applicant attempted to avoid and minimize impacts as much as possible through the use of fisheries time of year restrictions and siltation booms. The Applicant is proposing compensatory mitigation for unavoidable impacts such as creation of compensatory tidal areas, increased subtidal habitat area,

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and habitat enhancement in existing areas. Options for compensatory mitigation are being considered by the Corps of Engineers.

AUTHORITY

Permits are required pursuant to:

- _X__Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899
- X 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.

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).

This project will impact approximately 7 acres of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) for Atlantic cod (*Gadus morhua*), haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*), whiting (*Merluccius bilinearis*), red hake (*Urophycis chuss*), white hake (*Urophycis tenuis*), redfish (*Sebastes fasciatus*), witch flounder (*Glyptocephalus cynoglossus*), winter flounder (*Pseudopleuronectes americanus*), yellowtail flounder (*Limanda ferruginea*), American plaice (*Hippoglossoides platessoides*), ocean pout (*Macrozoarces americanus*), Atlantic halibut (*Hippoglossus hippoglossus*), Atlantic sea scallop (*Placopecten magellanicus*), Atlantic sea herring (*Clupea harengus*),

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monkfish (*Lophius americanus*), long finned squid (*Loligo pealeii*), short finned squid (*Illex illecebrosus*), Atlantic butterfish (*Peprilus triacanthus*), Atlantic mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*), summer flounder (*Paralichthys dentatus*), scup (*Stenotomus chrysops*), black sea bass (*Centropristis striata*), surf clam (*Spisula solidissima*), ocean quahog (*Artica islandica*), and bluefin tuna (*Thunnus thynnus*). Habitat at this site can be described as unvegetated substrate with some debris.

Loss of this habitat may adversely affect the species listed above. 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 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 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.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT

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.
- (X) Permit from Local Wetland Agency or Conservation Commission.
- (X) 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 Kevin Kotelly at (978) 318-8703, (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.

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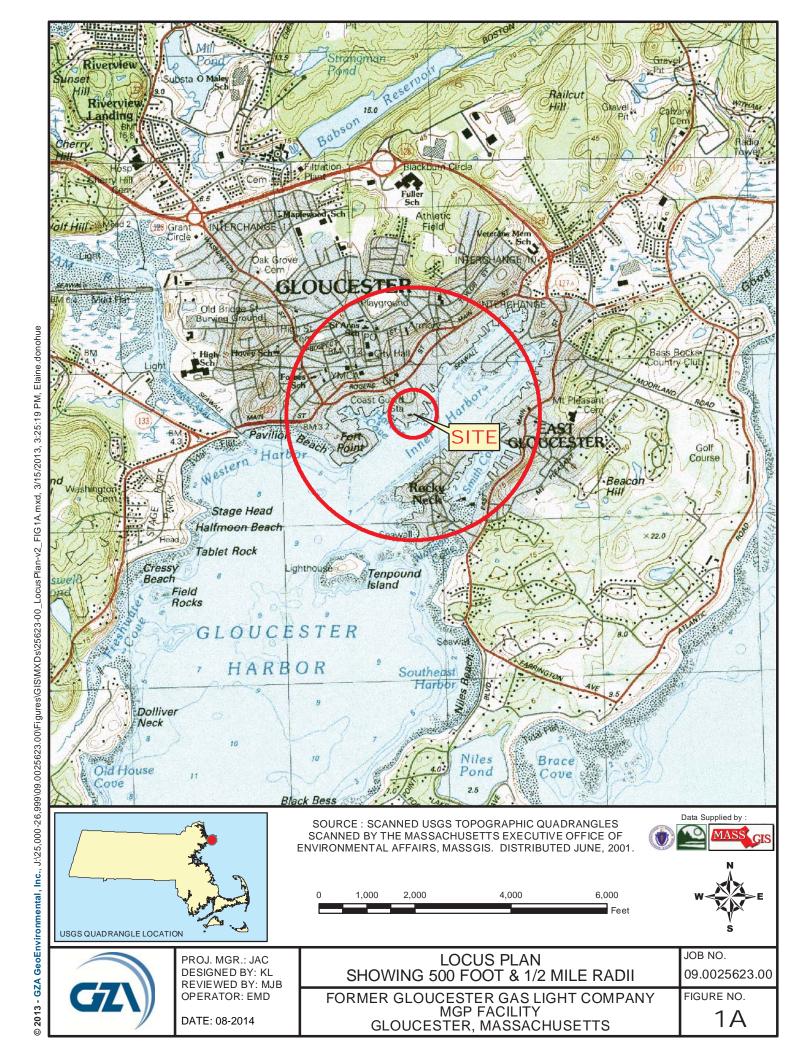
The initial determinations made herein will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice. All comments will be considered a matter of public record. Copies of letters of objection will be forwarded to the applicant who will normally be requested to contact objectors directly in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

THIS NOTICE IS <u>NOT</u> AN AUTHORIZATION TO DO ANY WORK.

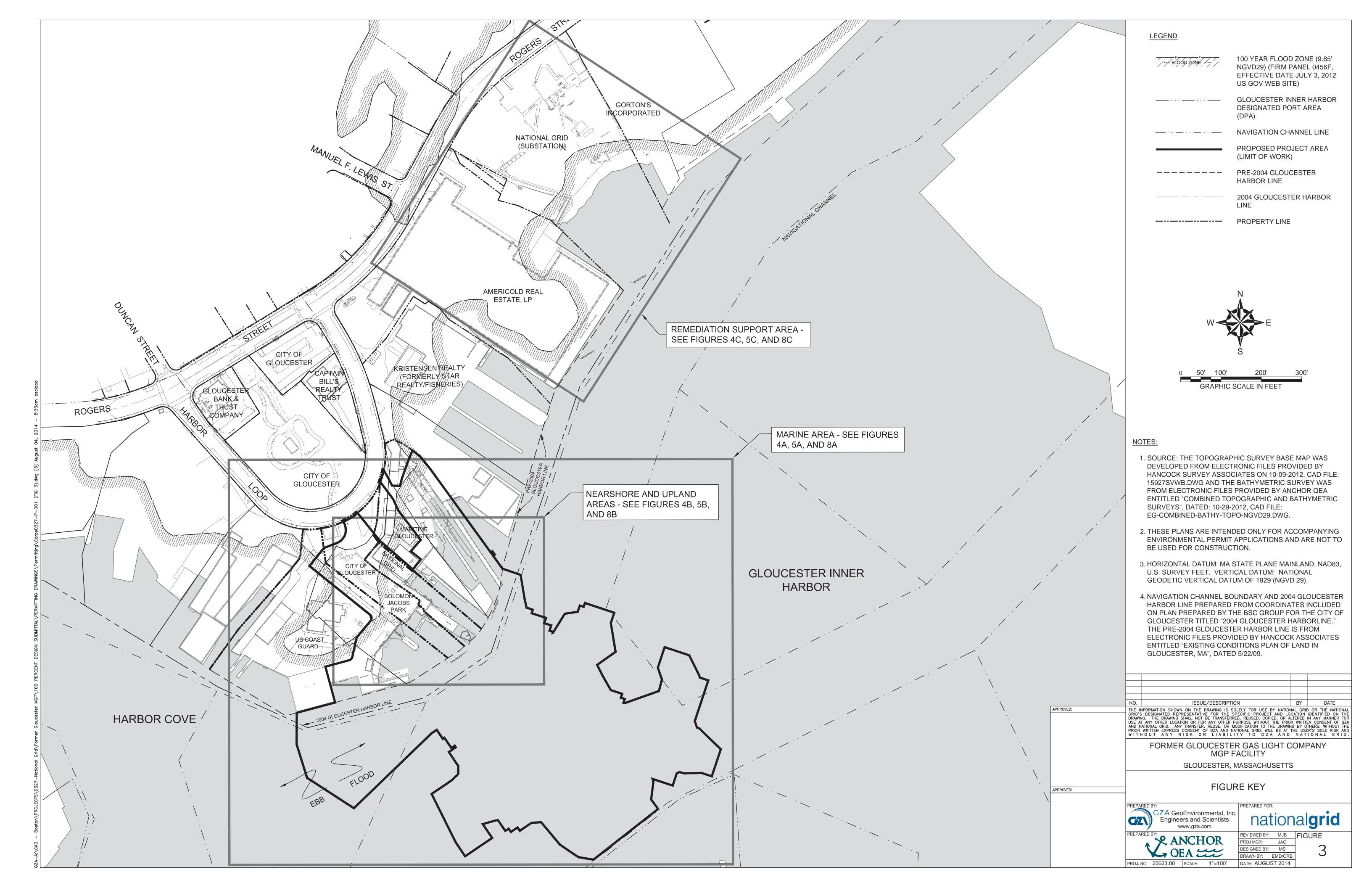
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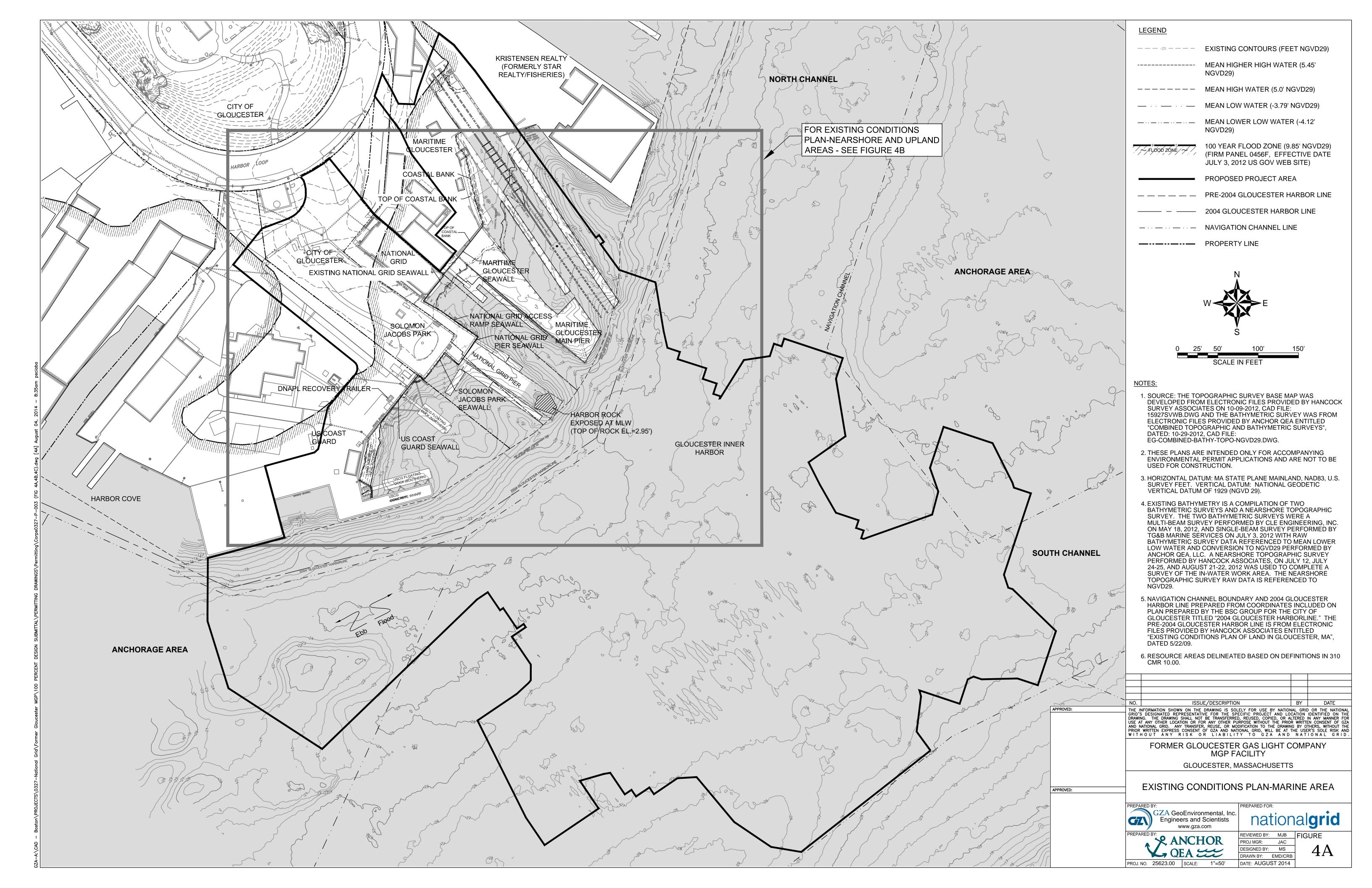
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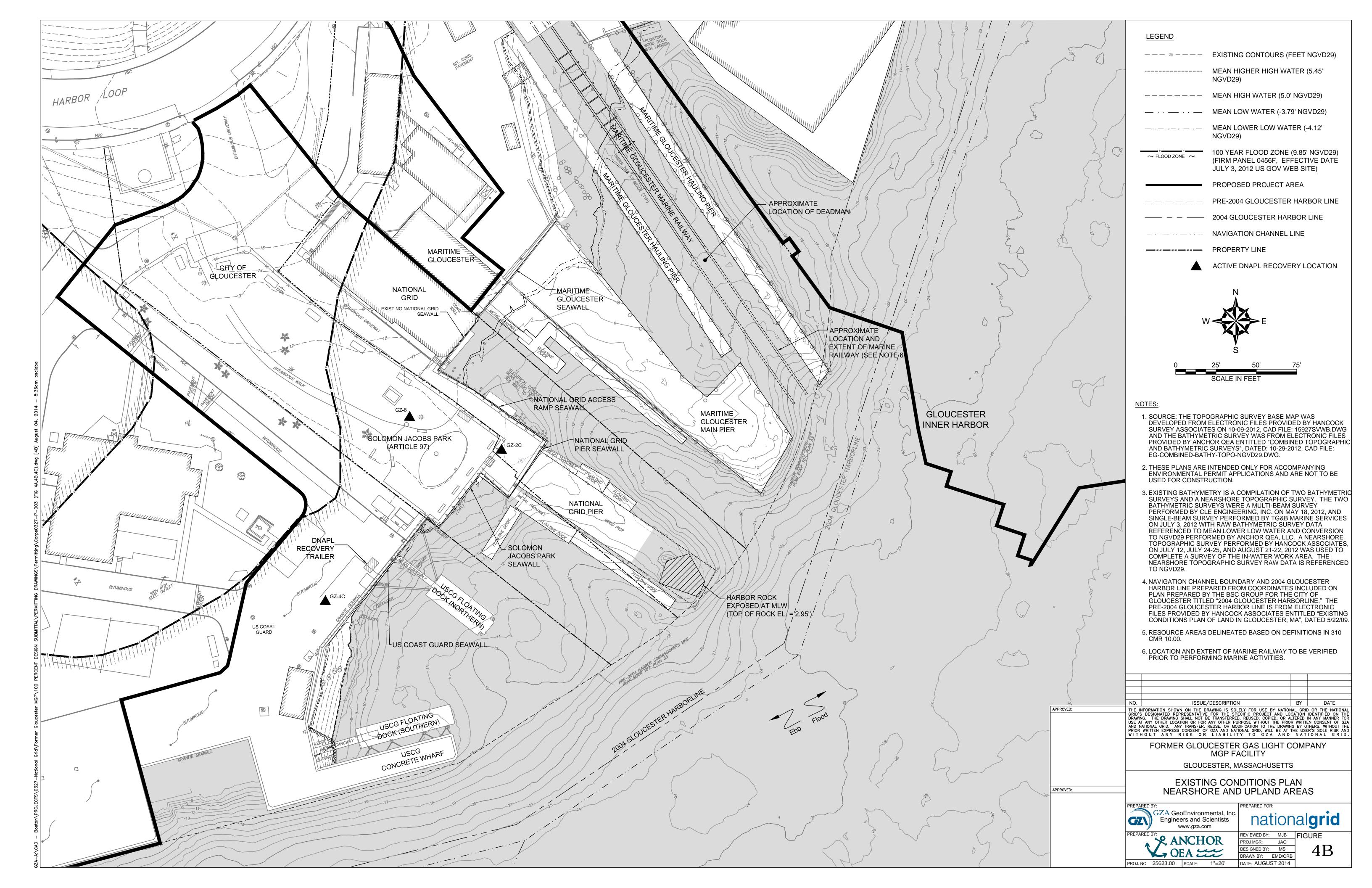
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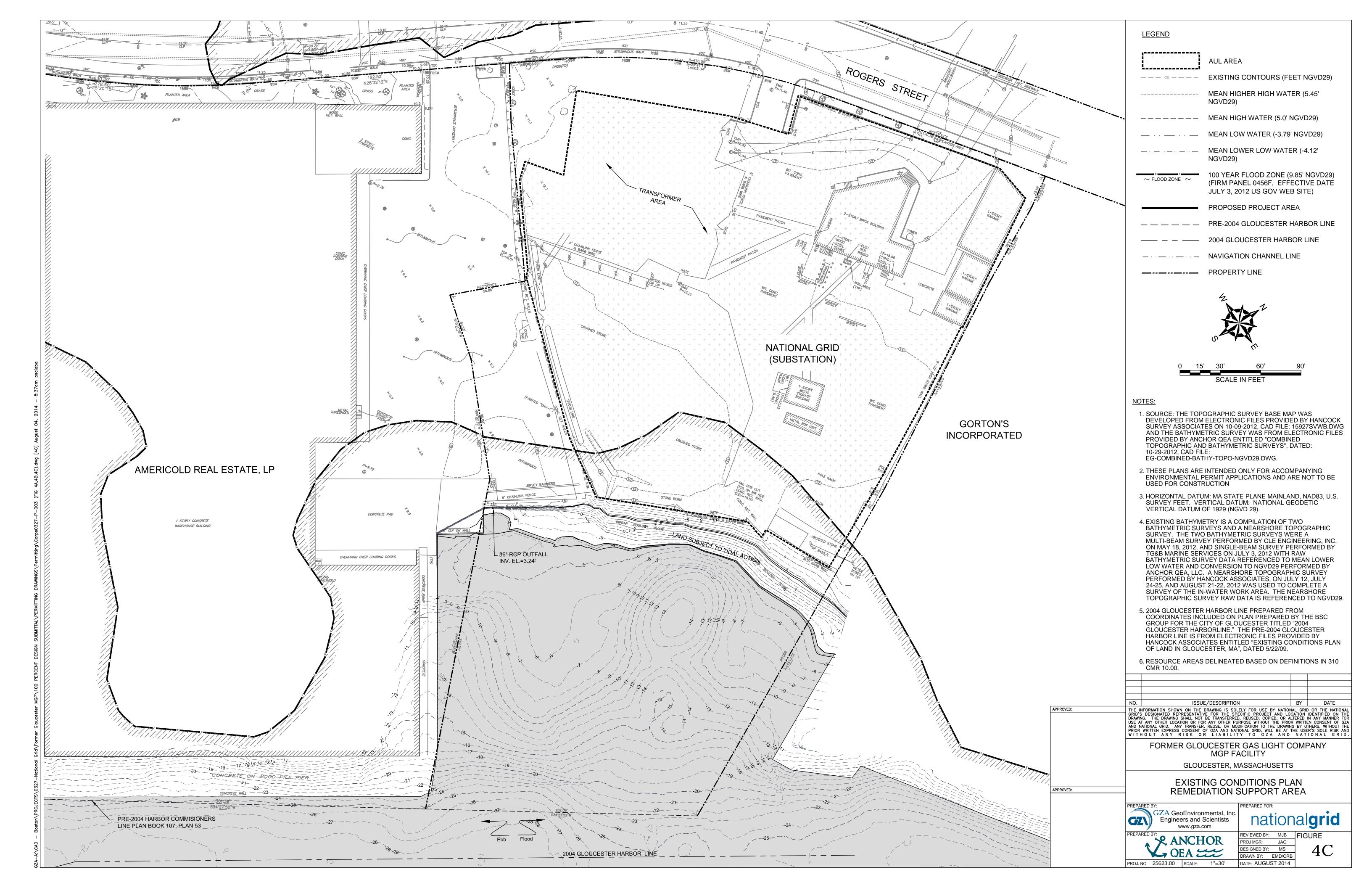


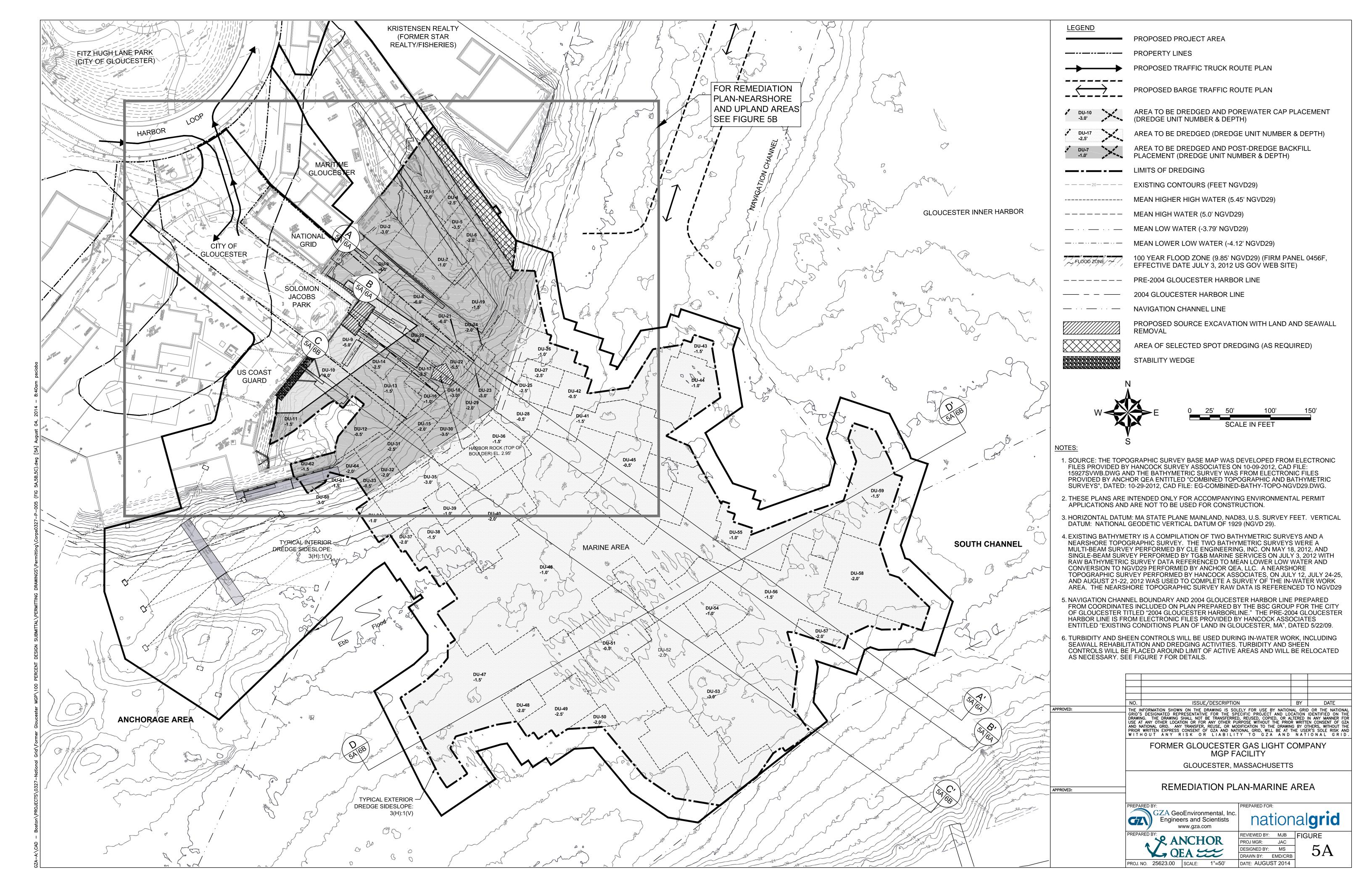


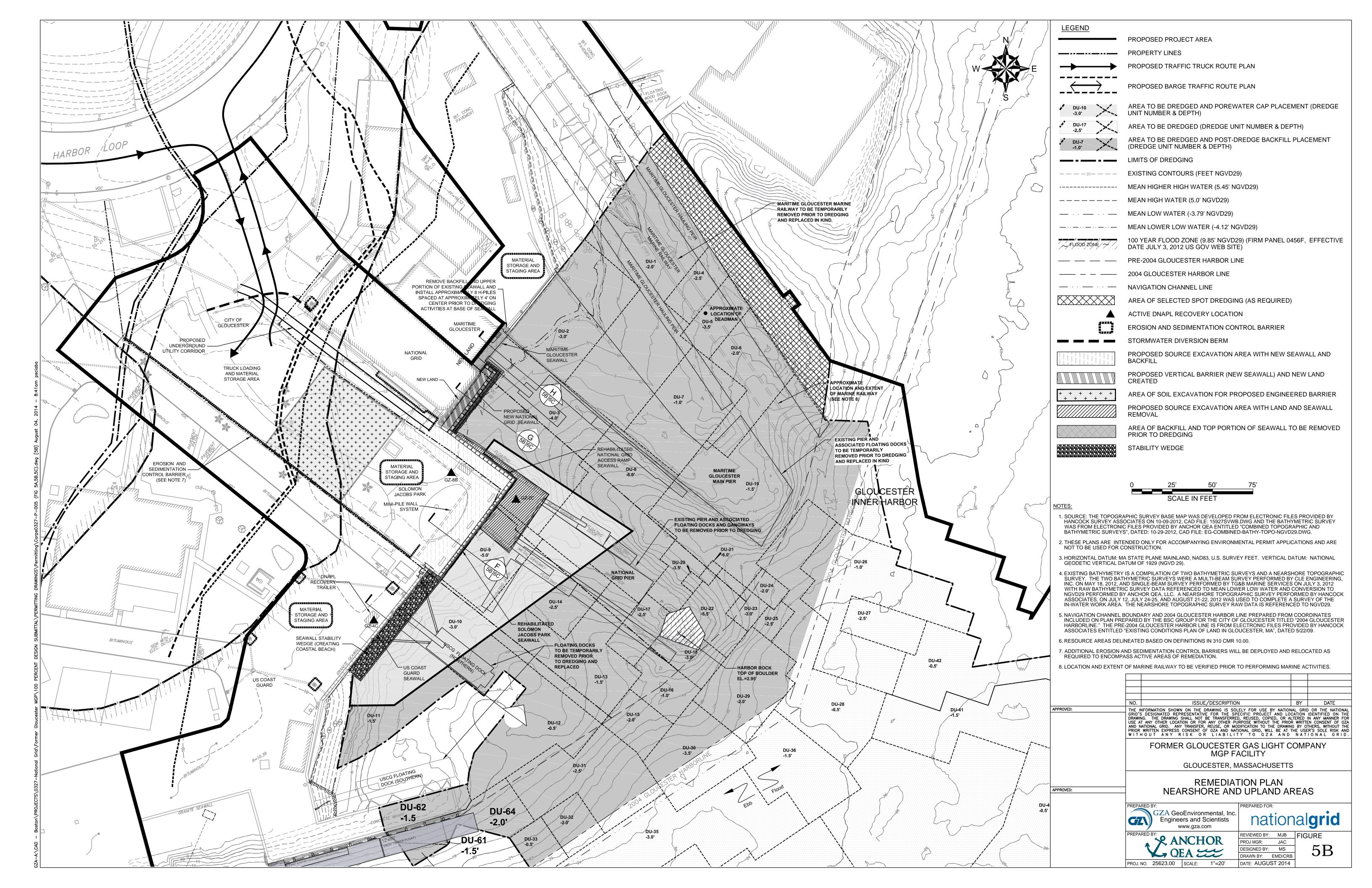


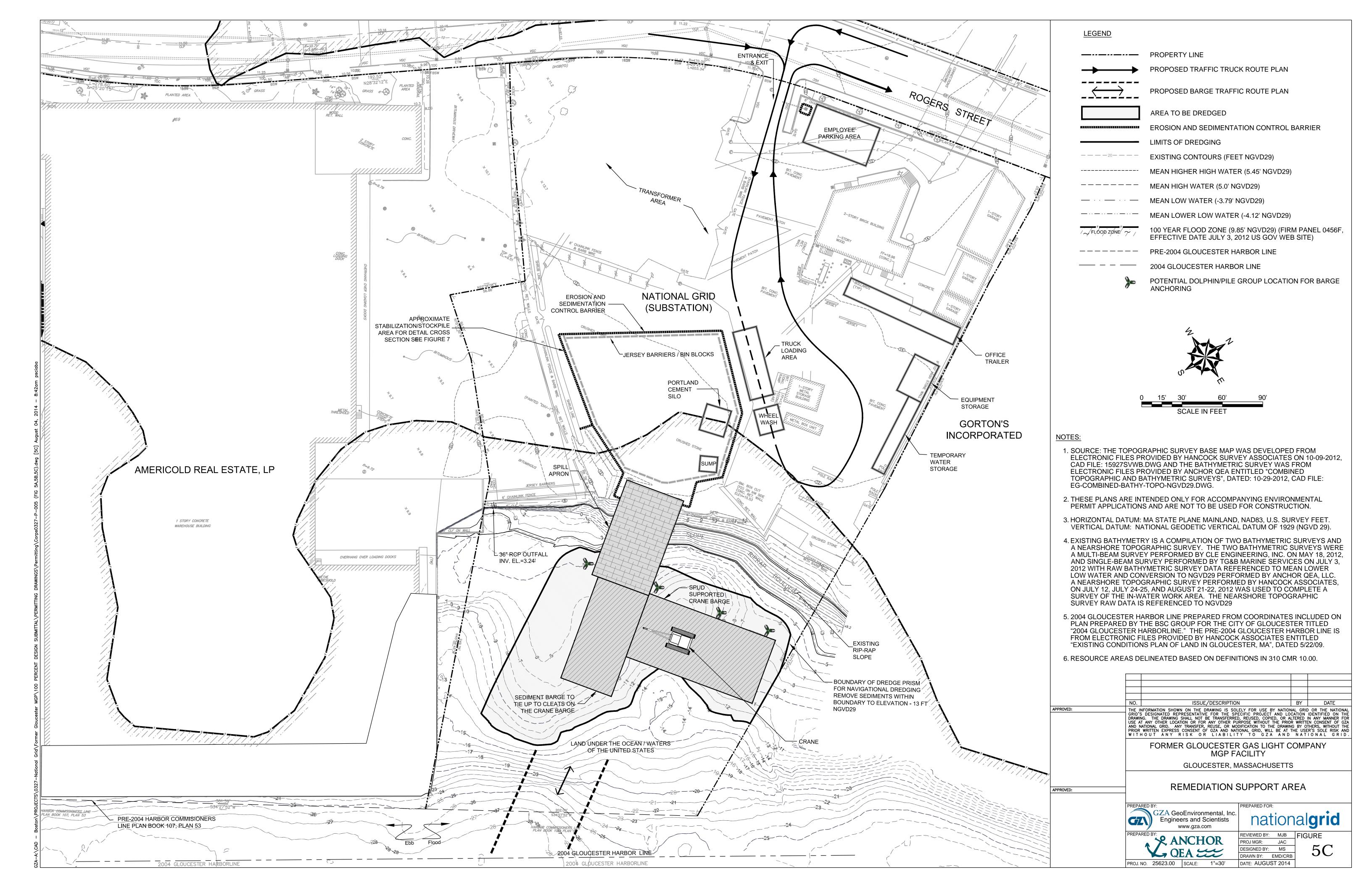


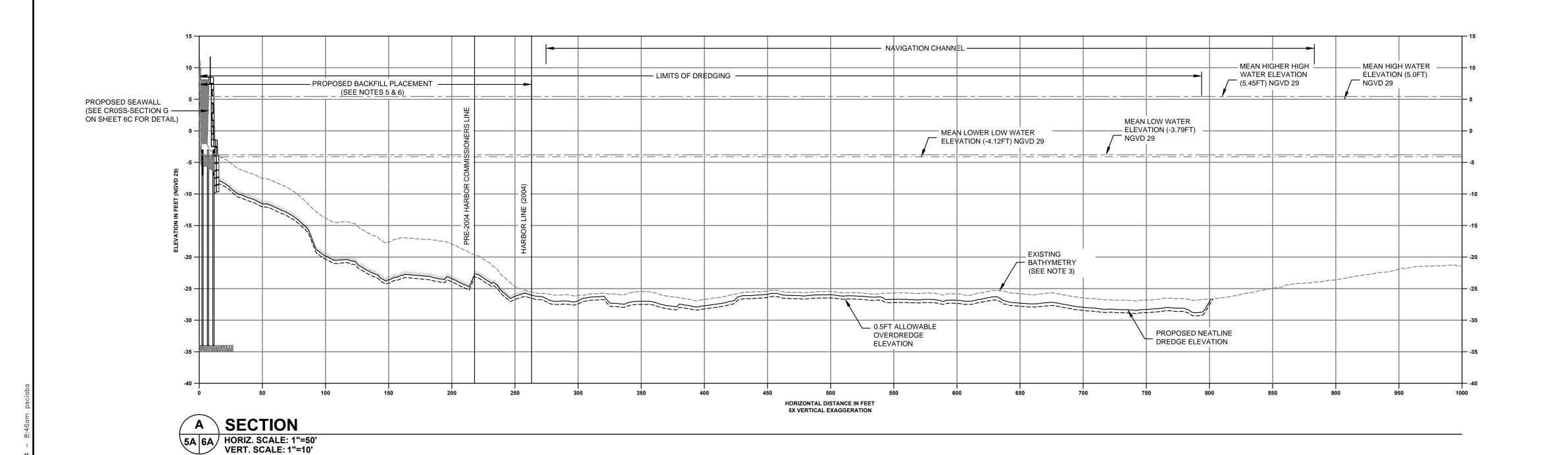


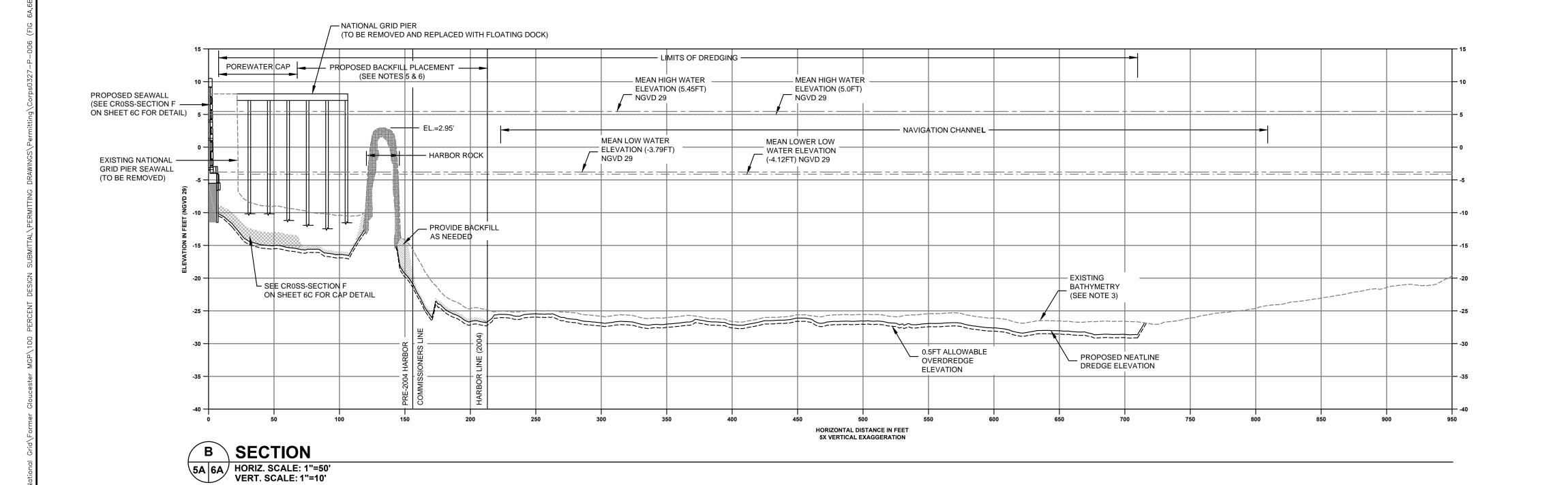












FORMER GLOUCESTER GAS LIGHT COMPANY MGP FACILITY GLOUCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS APPROVED:

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NOTES:

NGVD29

<u>LEGEND:</u>

BACKFILL

POREWATER CAP

4. DREDGE SIDE SLOPES ARE 3H:1V UNLESS NOTED.

LAYER WILL BE PLACED UNDER THE STRUCTURES.

7. FOR MORE DETAILED SECTIONS OF THE SEAWALLS SEE SHEET 6C.

FOR BACKFILL, IF ANY, IN THIS AREA.

---- EXISTING BATHYMETRY (2012)

PROPOSED NEATLINE DREDGE ELEVATION

----- PROPOSED 0.5FT ALLOWABLE OVERDREDGE ELEVATION

1. THESE PLANS ARE INTENDED ONLY FOR ACCOMPANYING ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT

2. HORIZONTAL DATUM: MA STATE PLANE MAINLAND ZONE, NAD83, U.S. SURVEY FEET. VERTICAL DATUM: NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929 (NGVD 29).

5. IN THE NEARSHORE AREA, A 6-INCH BACKFILL LAYER WILL BE PLACED IN THE

POST-DREDGE SURFACE OUTSIDE OF THE CAP FOOTPRINT. IN AREAS DIRECTLY

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GENERAL CROSS-SECTIONS A-A' AND B-B'

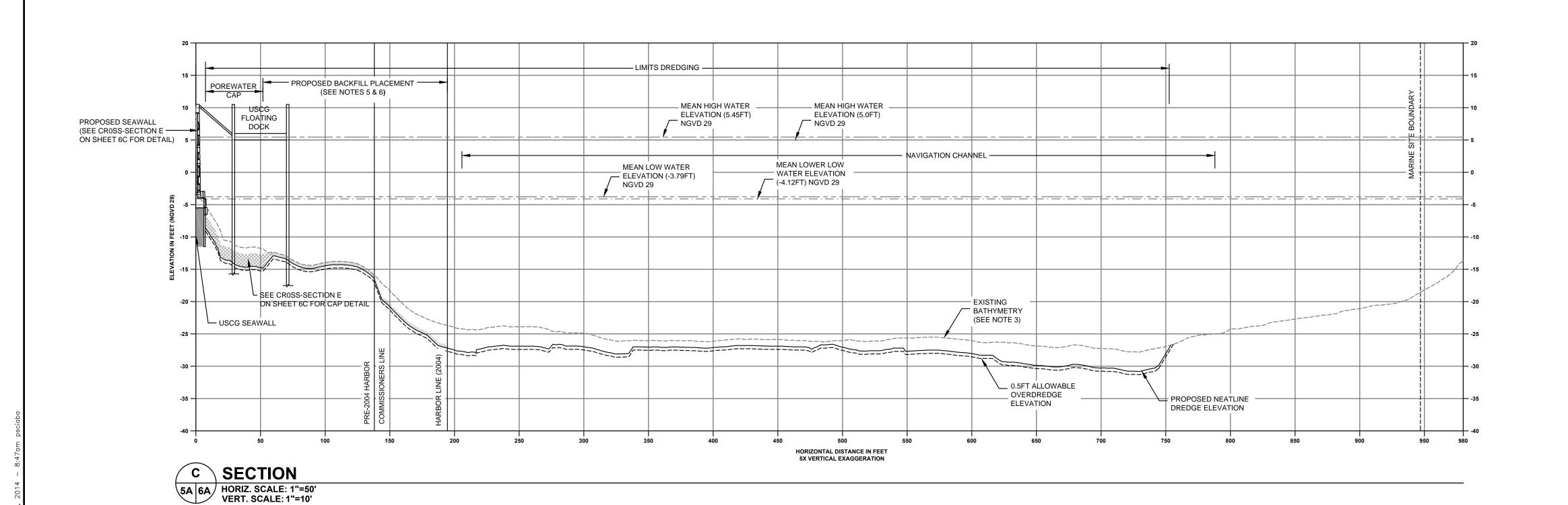
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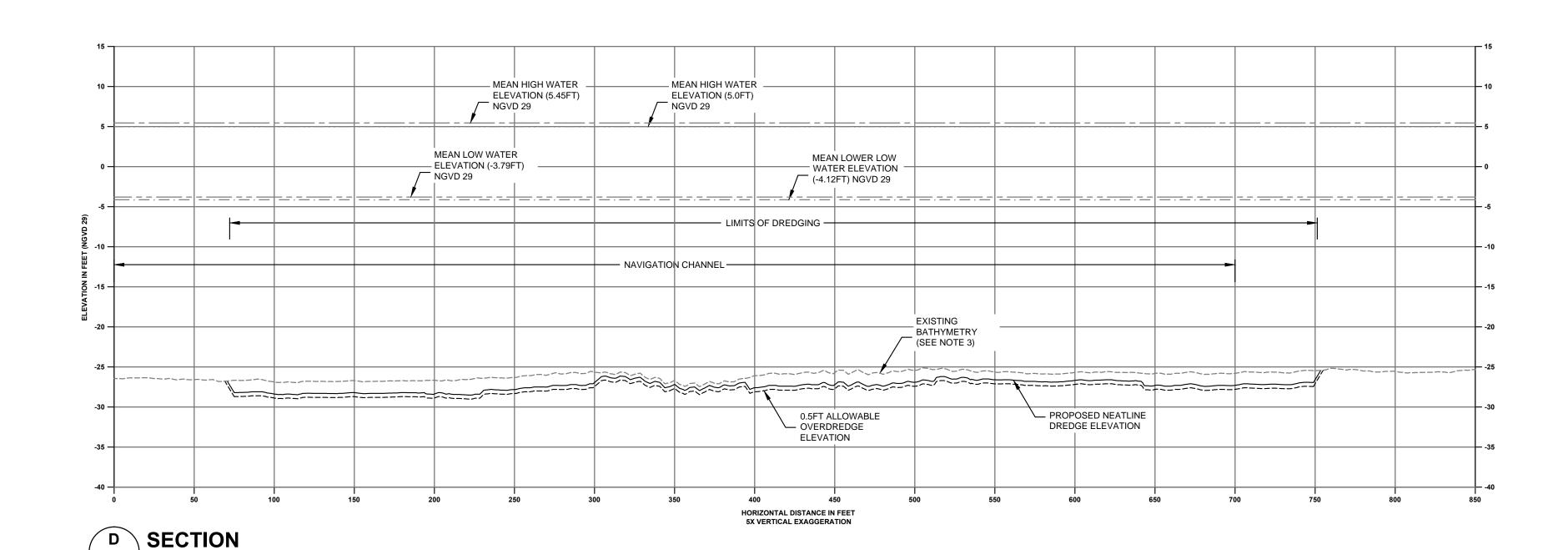
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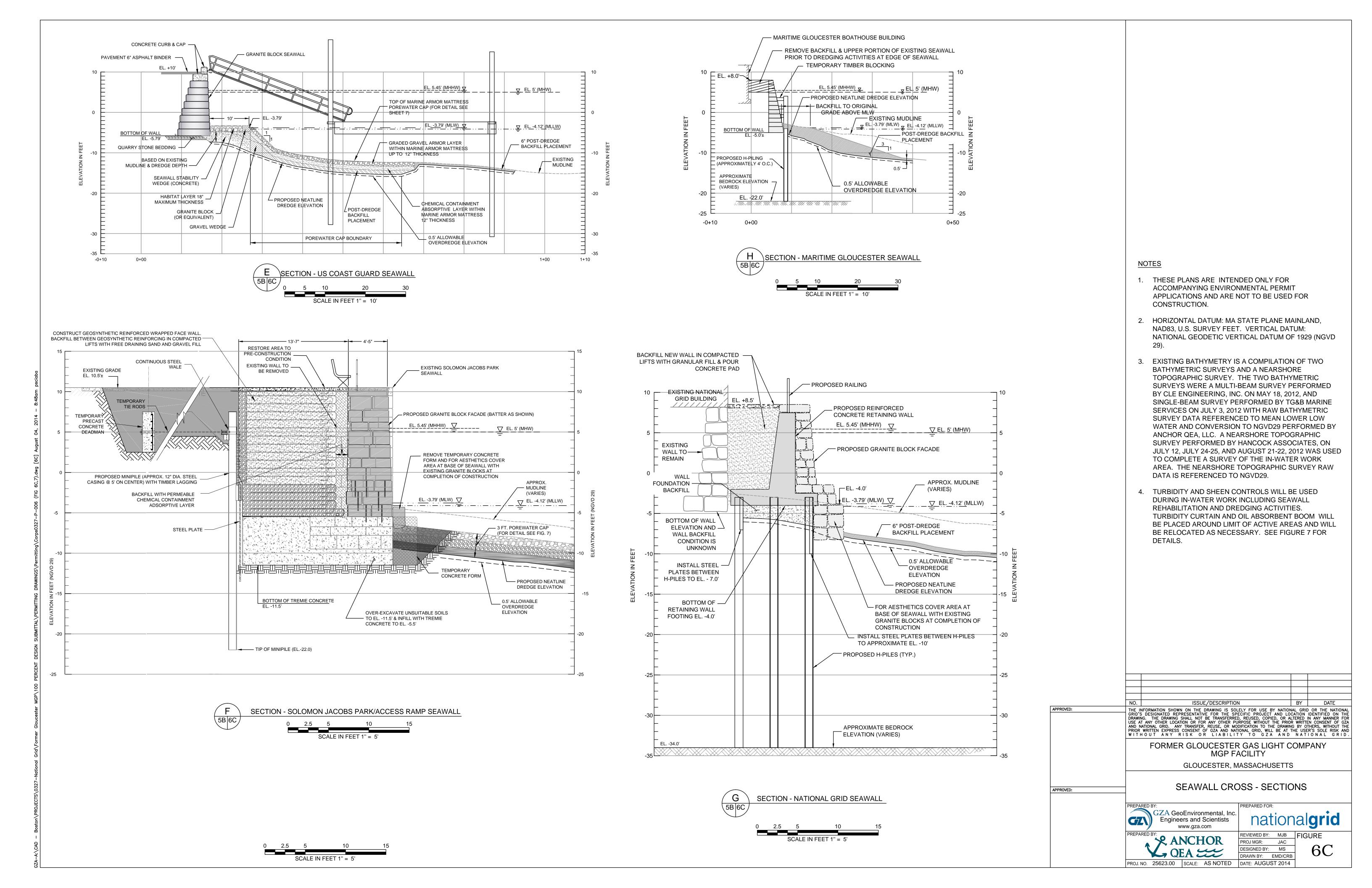
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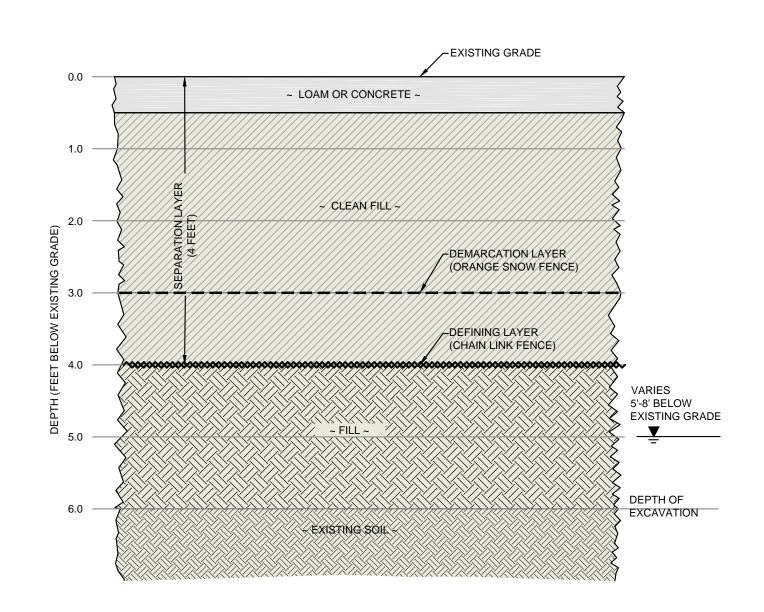
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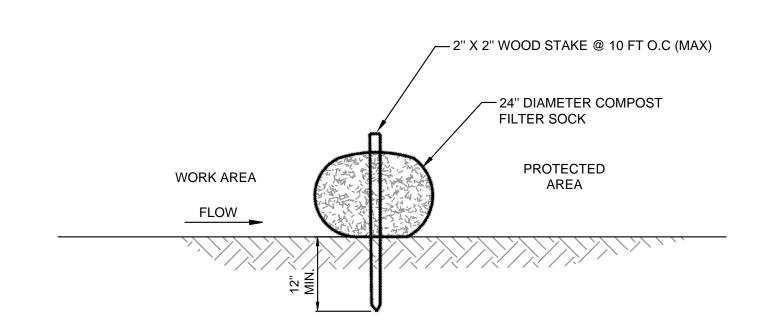
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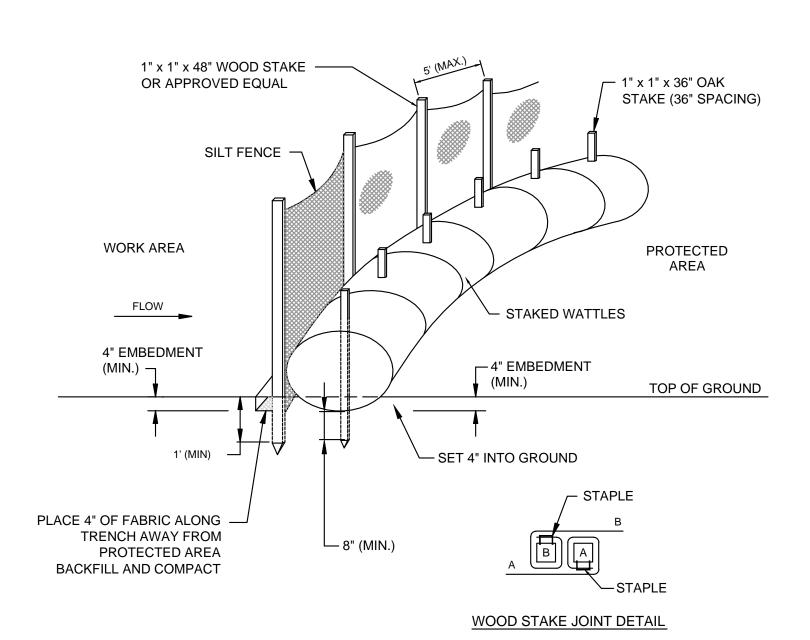




ENGINEERED BARRIER CROSS-SECTION NOT TO SCALE



TYPICAL TEMPORARY SEDIMENTATION AND EROSION CONTROL BARRIER (SILT SOCK) NOT TO SCALE



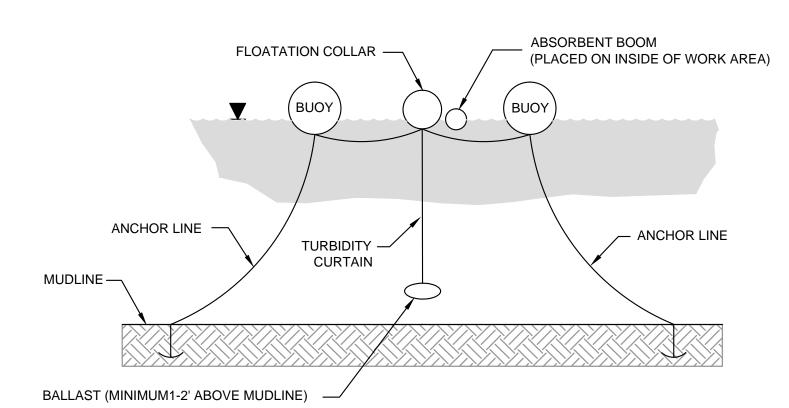
TYPICAL TEMPORARY SEDIMENTATION AND EROSION CONTROL BARRIER (STRAW WATTLES)

JERSEY BARRIER / BIN **BLOCK OR EQUAL** FASTEN LINER TO BARRIER 6" BITUMINOUS ASPHALT SILT SOCK (SEE PAVEMENT DETAIL BELOW) LINER **GROUND SURFACE GRADED TO SUMP**

1. THE EXISTING SURFACE WITHIN THE SEDIMENT PROCESSING AREA BOUNDARY WILL BE GRADED AND PAVED AS SHOWN IN THE DETAIL ABOVE. SURFACE WATER THAT FALLS ON THE ASPHALT PAD WILL DRAIN TO A SUMP, BE COLLECTED AND TEMPORARILY STORED ON-SITE, AND TRANSPORTED OFF-SITE FOR DISPOSAL. JERSEY BARRIERS/BIN BLOCKS OR EQUIVALENT WILL BE PLACED AROUND THE PAVED SEDIMENT PROCESSING WITH THE SPLASH EDGE DETAIL SHOWN TO CONTAIN SEDIMENT. STRAW WATTLES OR SILK SOCKS WILL BE COMBINED WITH SILT FENCES FOR EROSION CONTROL AND WILL BE PLACED OUTSIDE OF THE ASPHALT PAD BOUNDARY.

SEDIMENT PROCESSING AREA GENERAL CROSS-SECTION AND SPLASH CONTROL DETAIL

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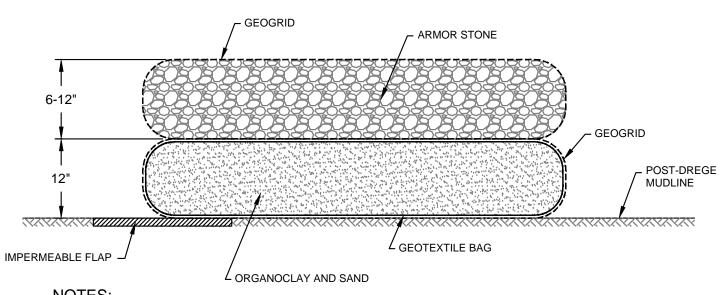
TYPICAL TURBIDITY AND SHEEN CONTROL NOT TO SCALE

GRADED GRAVEL APPROXIMATELY 6"- 42" DEPENDING LAYER ON MATERIAL TYPE REQUIRED APPROXIMATELY 6"-12" FILTER LAYER CHEMICAL CONTAINMENT APPROXIMATELY 6"-12" ADSORPTIVE LAYER PROPOSED DREDGE ELEVATION

- 1. LAYER THICKNESS ACCOUNTS FOR OVER PLACEMENT ALLOWANCE.
- 2. THE ARMOR LAYER MATERIAL MAY RANGE FROM A GRAVEL MATERIAL TO A LARGER COBBLE-SIZED MATERIAL PENDING FURTHER ANALYSIS. THE RANGE IN PLACEMENT THICKNESS SHOWN ACCOUNTS FOR THE RANGE IN MATERIAL SIZE.
- 3. THE TOP OF THE CAP ELEVATION SHALL NOT EXCEED EXISTING MUDLINE ELEVATION. ADDITIONAL DREDGING WILL BE CONDUCTED, IF REQUIRED, TO ACCOMMODATE THE CAP.

TYPICAL GRANULAR POREWATER CAP DETAIL

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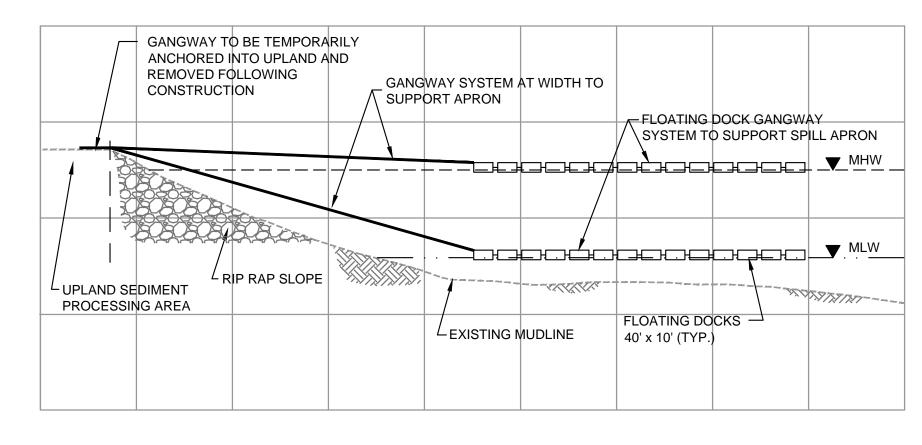
TYPICAL MARINE ARMOR MATTRESS POREWATER CAP DETAIL

NOT TO SCALE - BURLAP LINING BETWEEN PAVEMENT AND HAYBALES LOCATE HAYBALES AS SHOWN CATCH BASIN GRATE TIE HAYBALES TOP & — **BOTTOM WITH 14 GAUGE WIRE** FINISH GRADE

<u>NOTES</u>

- 1. SURROUND STREET DRAINAGE STRUCTURE INLET WITH HAYBALES PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTAIN UNTIL CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETED. ACCUMULATED SEDIMENTS SHALL BE REMOVED.
- 2. HAYBALES PLACED ON PAVEMENT SHALL HAVE BURLAP PLACED BETWEEN PAVEMENT AND HAYBALE.

CATCH BASIN INLET PROTECTION NOT TO SCALE



<u>NOTE</u>

SPILL APRON WITH COLLARED EDGES WILL BE PLACED ON THE FLOATING DOCK GANGWAY / SYSTEM. FLOATING DOCK GANGWAY SYSTEM WILL PROVIDE STRUCTURE BENEATH SPILL APRON AND WILL MOVE WITH THE TIDE. THE SYSTEM WILL BE TEMPORARILY ANCHORED INTO THE UPLAND AND WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE BARGES ON THE SEAWARD EXTENT OF THE SYSTEM.

SPILL APRON SUPPORT SYSTEM

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