

Public Notice

**U.S. Army Corps
of Engineers**
Pittsburgh District

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Notice No. below

US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District
1000 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186

Application No. 2010-1587

Date: December 23, 2010

Notice No. 10-71

Closing Date: January 21, 2011

1. TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The following application has been submitted for a Department of the Army Permit under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.
2. APPLICANT: Rob Stephany
Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh
200 Ross Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-2069
3. LOCATION: Monongahela River, Left Bank, Mile 2.8, City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
4. PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The applicant proposes to remove a portion of an existing river wall and to construct and maintain the South Shore Riverfront Park along the left bank of the Monongahela River. The park will consist of a river landing with pedestrian walkways, landscaped and lawn areas, an outfall structure and mooring areas. A 6,680-square foot area of the left bank will be dredged for the purpose of constructing a sheet pile wall and providing access for mooring boats. The landing will also require approximately 13,390 square feet of fill to be placed in the river. As mitigation for this fill, a fish habitat enhancement area is proposed adjacent to the upstream end of the park project. Approximately 610 linear feet of river will be affected by the project. Drawings of the proposed project are attached to this notice.
5. ENCROACHMENT PERMIT: The applicant has applied for a Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit which includes 401 Water Quality Certification from the:

*Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Southwest Regional Office
Soils and Waterways Section
400 Waterfront Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4745*

Telephone: 412-442-4000

6. IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES: The applicant performed a Freshwater Mussel Survey on the Monongahela River near miles 2.9 to 3.0 for the project. This Public Notice serves as a request to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any additional comments or information they may have on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1972 (as amended).

7. IMPACT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES: The applicant completed a Phase IA Archaeological Survey for the 123-acre site. The applicant has entered into a programmatic agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the City of Pittsburgh, and the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Officer based on the determination that the project may have an effect on National Historic Preservation Act-eligible archaeological sites. This notice serves as a request for any additional comments on the project.

8. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in the paragraph below entitled "RESPONSES," that a public hearing be held to consider this application. The requests for public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

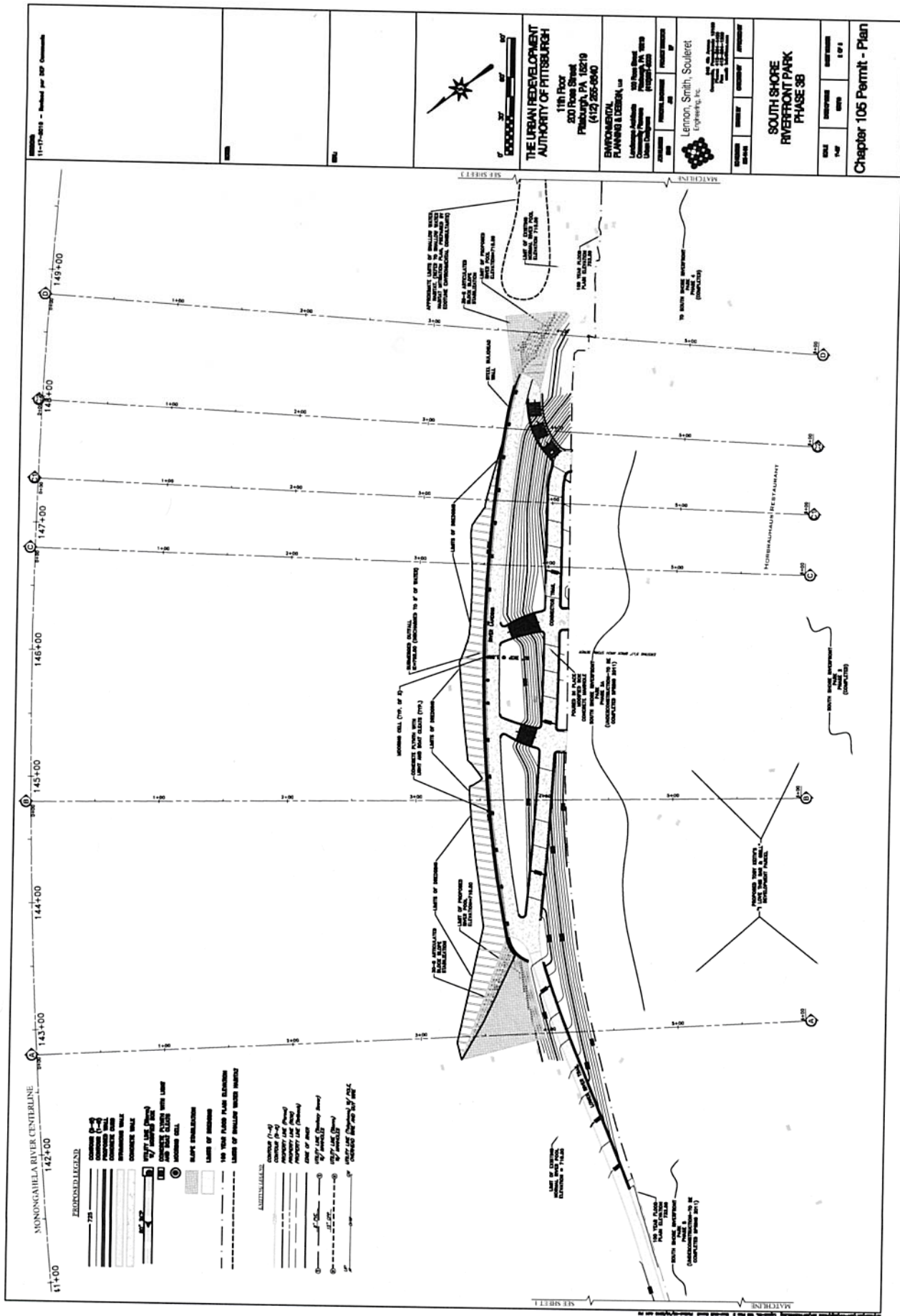
9. EVALUATION: Interested parties are invited to state any objections they may have to the proposed work. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposals 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, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership 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 overall public interest of the proposed activity. The evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under the authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR Part 230).

10. RESPONSES: A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest. Written statements concerning the proposed activity should be received in this office on or before the closing date of this Public Notice in order to become a part of the record and to be considered in the final determination. Any objections which are received during this period may be forwarded to the applicant for possible resolution before the determination is made whether to issue or deny the requested DA Permit. All responses to this notice should be directed to the Regulatory Branch, attn Kristen L. Hoesch at the above address, by telephoning (412) 395-7375, or by e-mail at Kristen.L.Hoesch@usace.army.mil. Please refer to CELRP-OP-F 2010-1587 in all responses.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

//Signed//

Scott A. Hans
Chief, Regulatory Branch



11-17-09 - Method per SDP Comments



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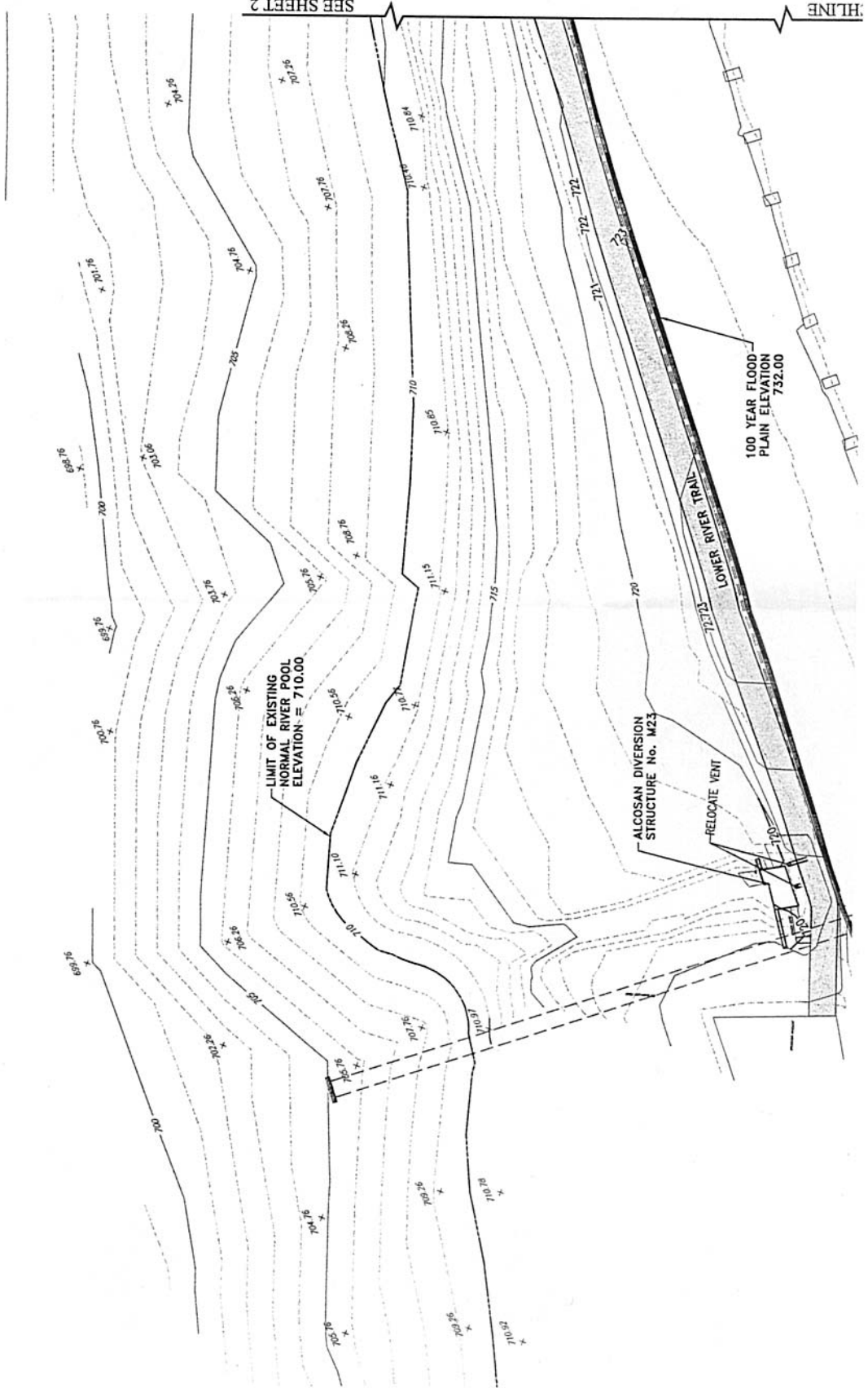
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SOUTH SHORE RIVERFRONT PARK PHASE 3B

Chapter 105 Permit - Plan

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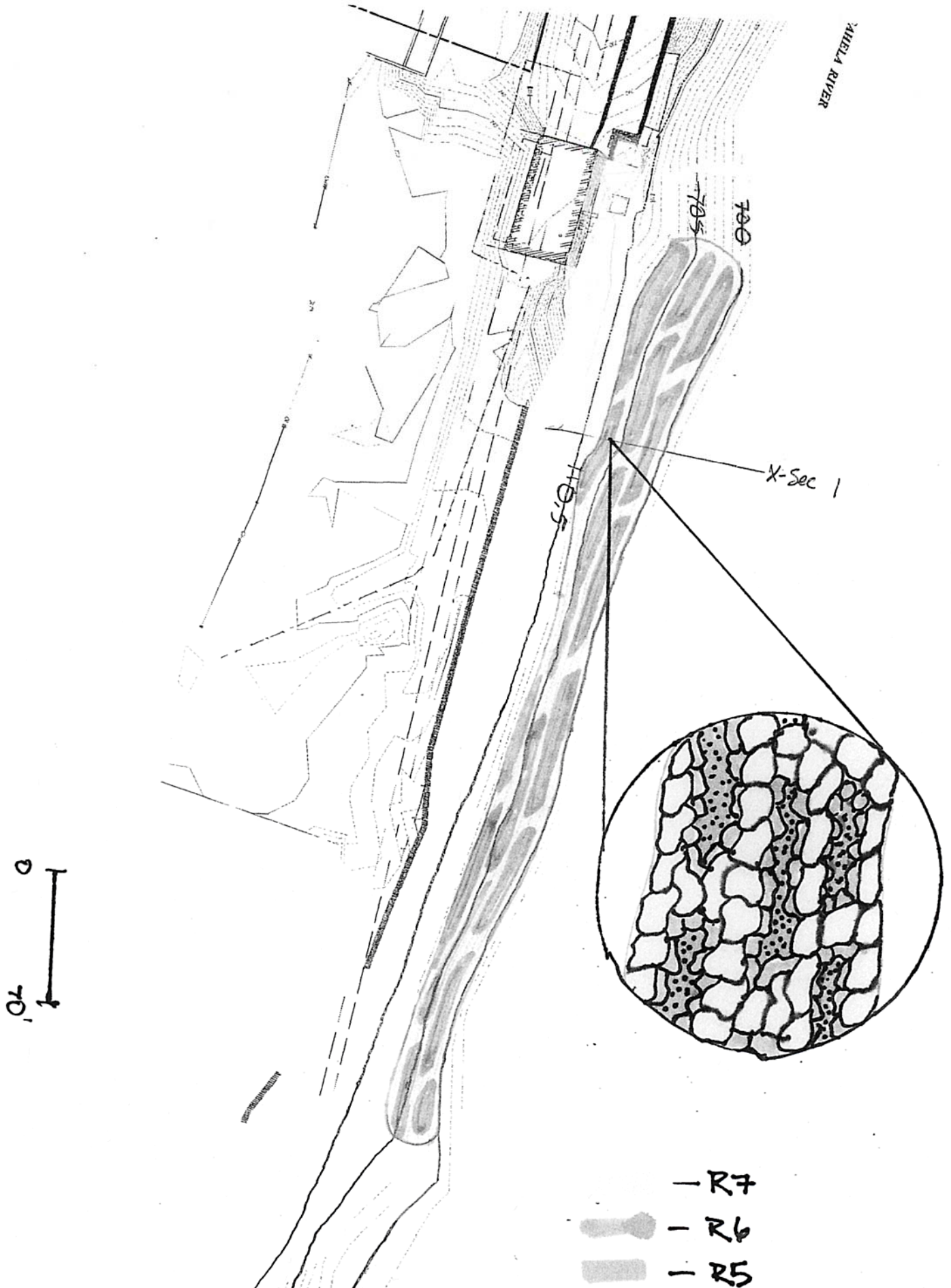


FIGURE 2 - Proposed Shallow Water Mitigation Area



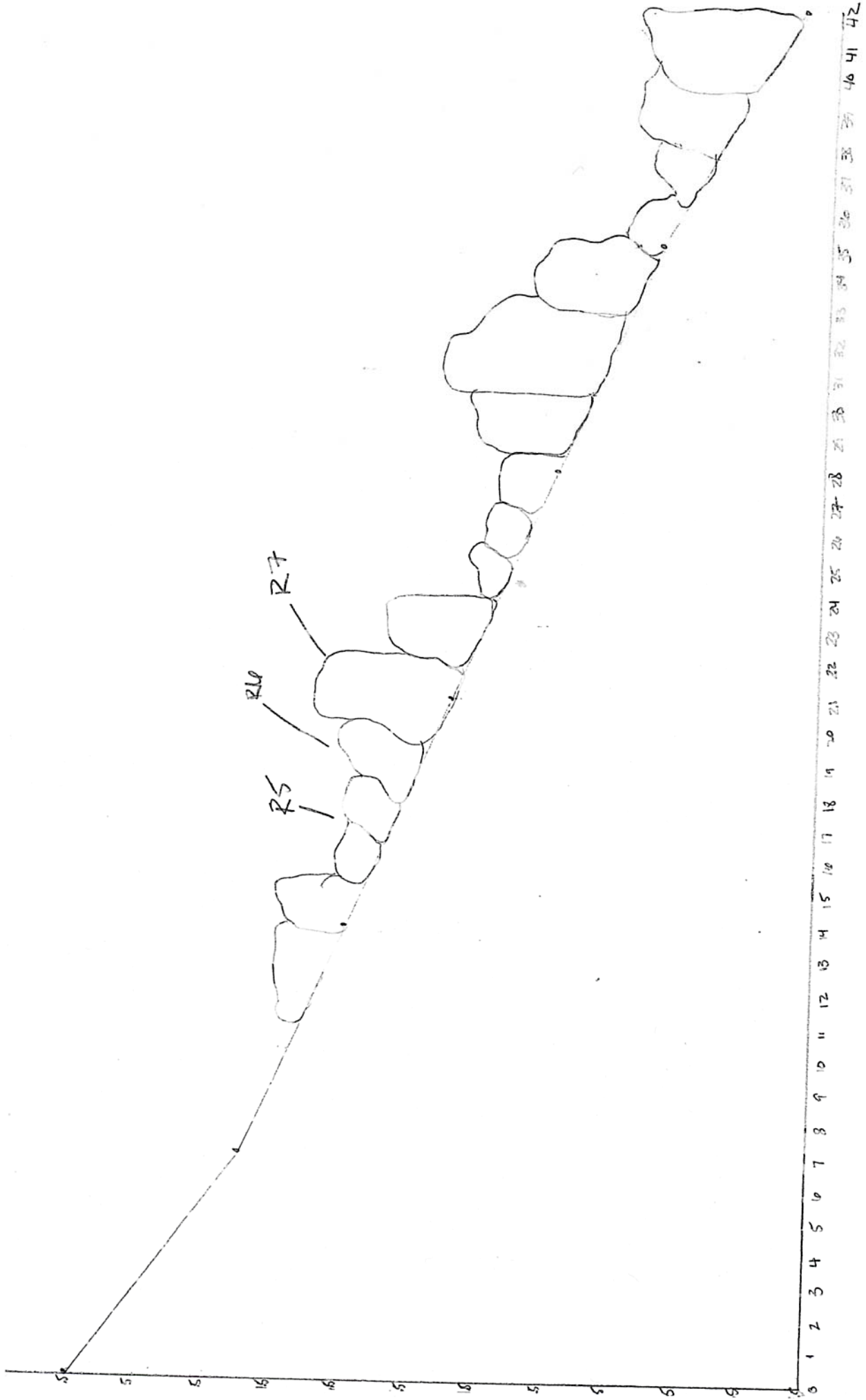


Figure 3 — Cross Sectional View — Shallow Water Habitat Mitigation

Horizontal Scale
 1 in = 1 foot
 Vertical Scale