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Public Notice

Reply To:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: CEMVS-OD-F
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, MO 63103-2833

Public Notice No.

P-2930

Public Notice Date

July 28, 2015

Expiration Date

August 18, 2015

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File Number: MVS-2013-683

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached map.

COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers File Number shown above and must reach this office no later than the above expiration date of the Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN: CEMVS-OD-F (Alan Edmondson)
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

APPLICANTS: North Cahokia Real Estate, LLC, Attn: Glen Slay, 1441 Hampton Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63139

LOCATION: The project is located in the City of East St. Louis & Village of Sauget, St. Clair County, Illinois. Specifically, the project is found at Mississippi River mile 178.9, and Latitude N 38.6126 and Longitude W -90.1788.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant, North Cahokia Real Estate, LLC., proposes to construct a fill pad for an access road and possible future developments on a 10-acre portion of the site, and a dock facility constructed at its terminus. The project includes construction of a proposed dock facility, fill pad, and access road to be constructed in the Port of East St. Louis development. The fill pad and dock facility project site is located within an approximately 200-acre area slated for future development as an inland river port facility to increase the shipping and distribution capabilities of the region. The overall project site is known as the Port of East St. Louis.

The dock will be multipurpose with the majority of the cargo being grain/grain products, wood chips, aggregates, salts, steel pipes and beams, dry fertilizers, container boxes, and liquid fertilizers. The dock will consist of an on load and offload structure extending into the river. On the river side, the dock will be constructed using a sheet pile face, while the land side will consist of pipe piles. The sheet pile face will be secured by employing a tie back attached to the land side piles. The area bound by these pilings will be filled with sand, and the surface of the dock will be constructed of crushed stone placed a minimum of 40 feet in width and will extend 180 feet in length. Most barges will be standard size, approximately 200' x 35'. Some may be oversize barges which could be as large as 300' x 50'. The applicant has proposed 3 barge configurations for consideration. (See attached.) The dock will also require the construction of offshore "dolphins" as mooring structures within the river, and these "dolphins" will be designed to accommodate two barges within the structures. There will be two upstream and two downstream "dolphins" constructed each 50 feet apart. A fill pad will be constructed on the site to facilitate the near-term construction of a roadway corridor and the possible addition of a rail loop during later phases of the greater Port of East St. Louis project. The fill pad will be graded to an elevation of 424 feet above sea level, which is the level determined to be above a 100-year flood event.

The proposed dock will require construction activities and the placement of fill within the Mississippi River. Moreover, the proposed fill pad and dock facility will impact approximately 0.50-acre of jurisdictional waterbodies. Based on previous onsite determinations, elevations below 410 mean feet above sea level are considered jurisdictional waterbodies in this area. Construction of the dock facility will primarily take place on higher portions of the site, including areas that have been heavily manipulated in previous years, and the roadway corridor associated with the proposed project will be closely aligned with the boundaries of the historic rail bed in order to minimize new disturbances. Of the 1.29 acres of land believed to exist on the site that is below 410 mean feet above sea level, only about 0.31 acres will be impacted by grading activities associated with construction of the proposed dock facility, and 0.19 acres will be impacted by the proposed fill pad. Unavoidable impacts will be compensated for with a site-specific, in-watershed mitigation in the American Bottoms, constructed at a ratio of 1.5:1 acres of mitigation for every acre of impact.

LOCATION MAPS AND DRAWINGS: See Attachments.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Mr. Alan Edmondson, Illinois Section Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (314) 331-8811. Your inquiries may also be sent by electronic facsimile to (314) 331-8741 or by e-mail to alan.r.edmondson@usace.army.mil.

AUTHORITY: This permit will be processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: This public notice also provides documentation to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for water quality certification, or waiver thereof, for the proposed activity in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. Certification or waiver indicates that IEPA believes the activity will not violate applicable water quality standards. The review by the IEPA is conducted in accordance with the Illinois water quality standards under 35 Illinois Administrative Code Subtitle C. The water quality standards provide for the IEPA to review individual projects by providing an antidegradation assessment, which includes an evaluation of alternatives to any proposed increase in pollutant loading that may result from this activity. The "Fact Sheet" containing the antidegradation assessment for this proposed project may be found on the IEPA's web site, at www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices/. In the event that the IEPA is unable to

publish the "Fact Sheet" corresponding to the timeframe of this Joint Public Notice, a separate public notice and "Fact Sheet" will be published by the IEPA at the web site identified above. You may also obtain a copy of the "Fact Sheet" by contacting the IEPA at the address or telephone number shown below.

Written comments specifically concerning possible impacts to water quality should be addressed to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water
Watershed Management Section
1021 N. Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

A copy of all written comments should also be provided to the Corps of Engineers. If you have any questions please contact the IEPA at (217) 782-3362.

SECTION 404 (b)(1) EVALUATION: The impact of the activity on the public interest will be evaluated in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency guidelines pursuant to Section 404 (b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the applicant's proposal. Any request for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reason for the hearing, and must be based on issues that would warrant additional public review.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, as amended, has been made that the work that is proposed would not affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. Therefore, no formal consultation request has been made to the United States Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service. In order to complete our evaluation, comments are solicited from the Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals through this Public Notice.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The St. Louis District will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, and the public in response to this public notice.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit that may reasonably be expected to accrue from the described activity must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the activity described, will be considered including the cumulative effects. Among factors considered 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; consideration of property ownership; and in general the needs and welfare of the people.

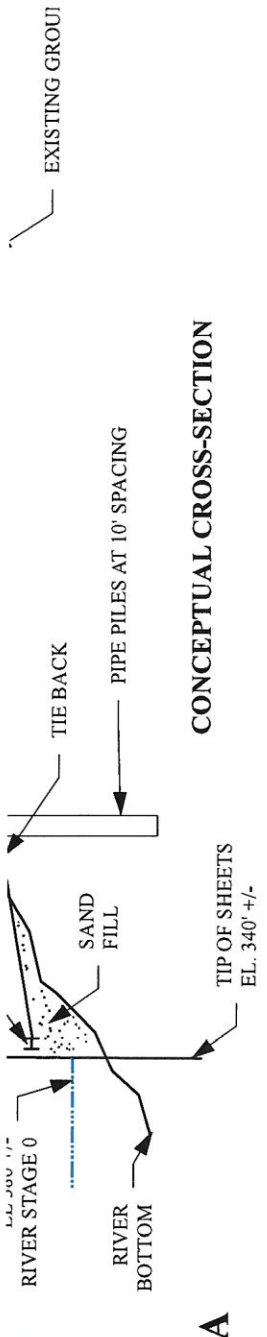
SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army 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 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.

In accordance with 33 CFR 325.3, it is presumed that all interested parties and agencies will wish to respond to public notices; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the proposed project.

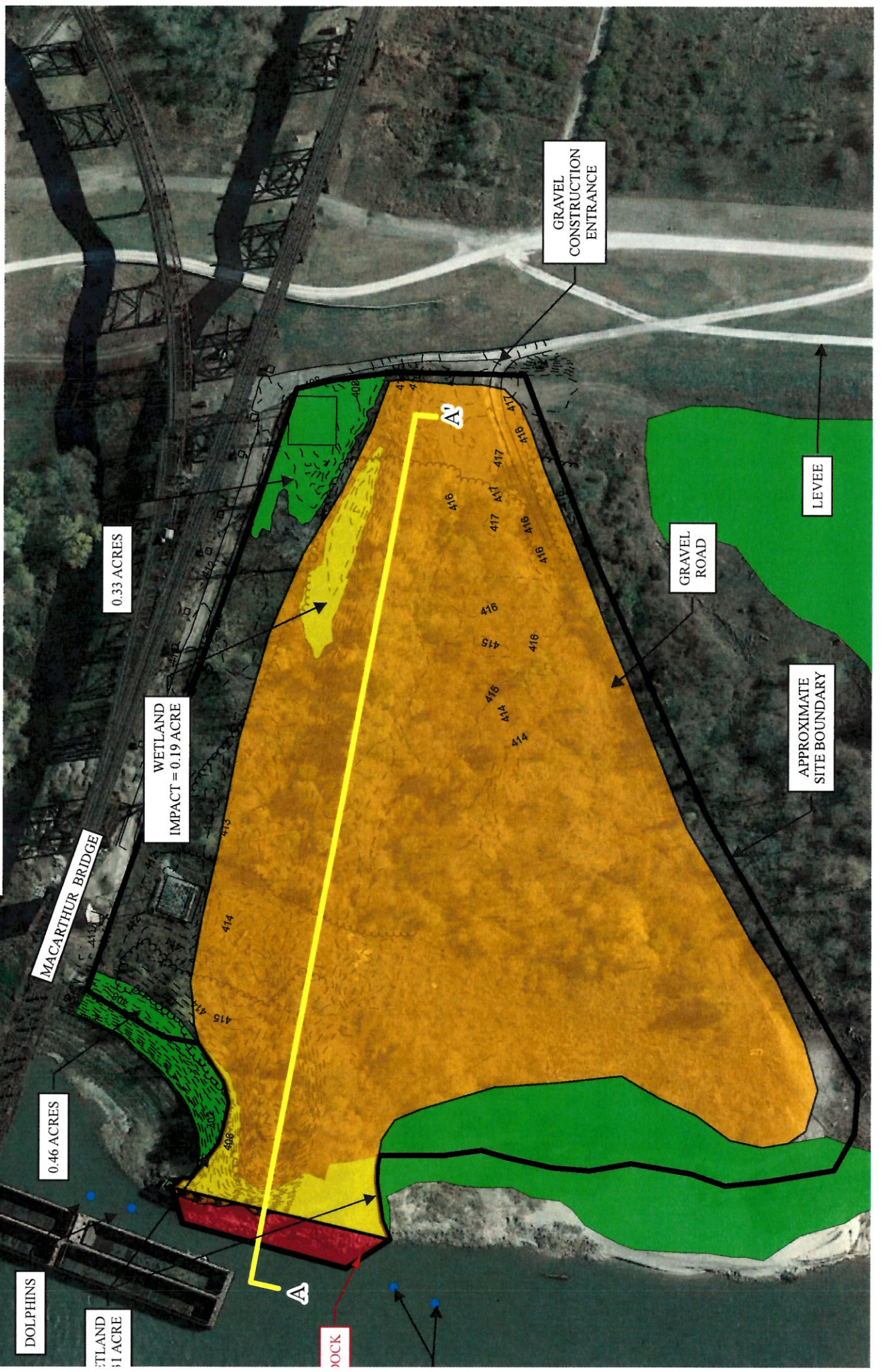

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Chief, Regulatory Branch

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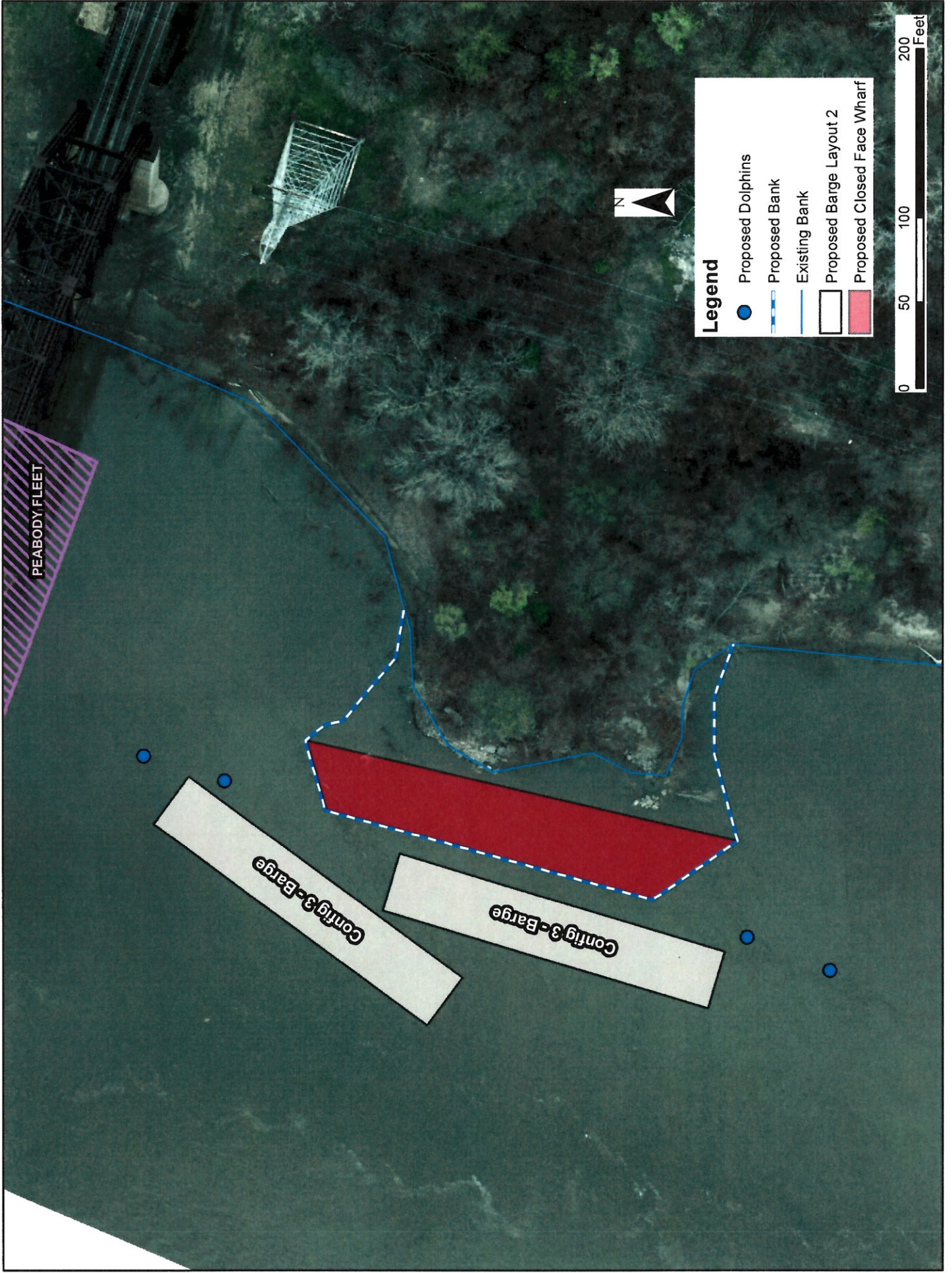
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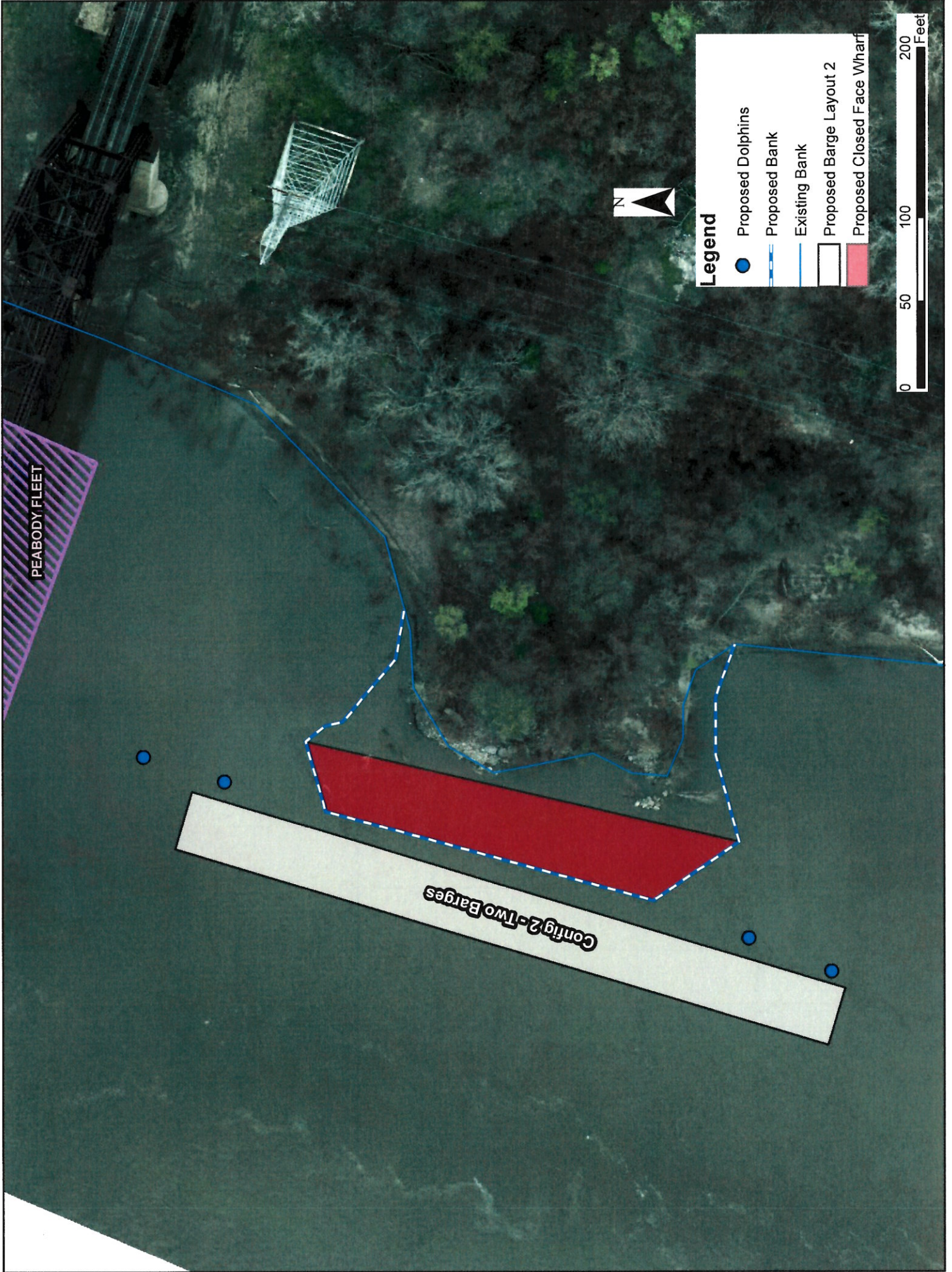
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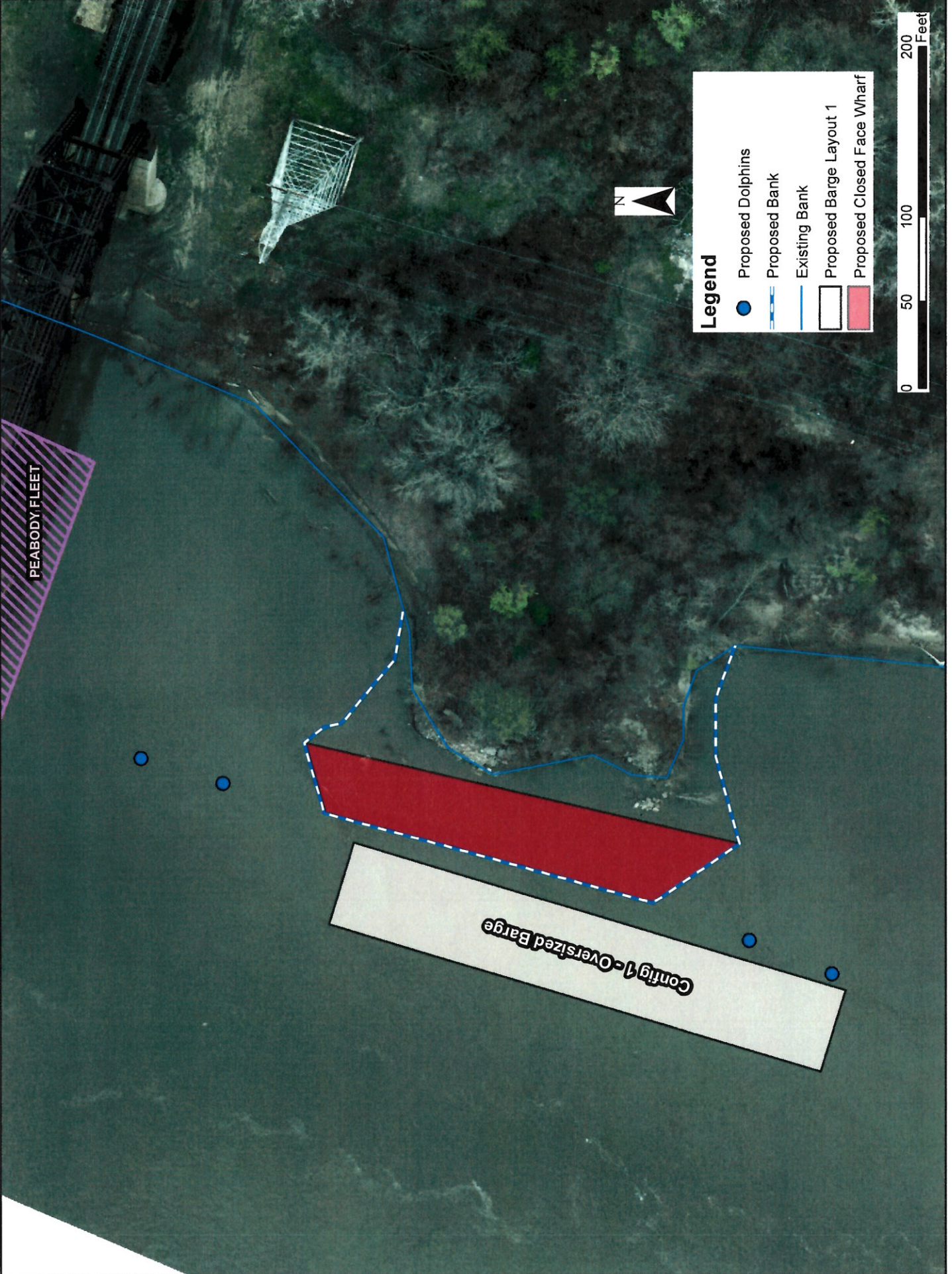
Port of East St. Louis - Configuration 3 - Two Barges



Port of East St. Louis - Configuration 2 - Two Barges



Port of East St. Louis - Configuration 1 - Oversized Barge



Legend

- Proposed Dolphins
- Proposed Bank
- Existing Bank
- Proposed Barge Layout 1
- Proposed Closed Face Wharf

