



Public Notice

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

Public Notice No.
P-2382d
Public Notice Date
June 27, 2013

Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until:

Expiration Date
July 18, 2013

File Number: 200305040

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:

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ATTN: CEMVS-OD-F (Alan Edmondson)
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APPLICANTS: Mr. Joseph DeSherlia, DeSherlia Marina Management Inc., 215 W. Water St, Grafton, Illinois 62037.

LOCATION: The project is proposed to occur on the left descending bank of the Illinois River at approximate river mile 0.7, just upstream of the confluence of the Mississippi River. The proposed activity is bordered by Water Street to the north, Maple Street to the east, and Harrison street to the west. Specifically, the project occurs in the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16, Township 6 North, and Range 12 West, in the City of Grafton, Illinois.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant is applying for authorization to conduct periodic maintenance operations at the previously authorized boat harbor along the north side of the Illinois River in Grafton, Illinois. The original permit(s) authorized the construction of a full service harbor and marina. Construction activities included: excavation to contour the riverbank into the marina's basin shape; installation of riprap along the riverbanks; installation of a floating breakwater for harbor protection; and the installation of approximately 200 floating docks.

While other means have been attempted to prevent the accumulation of sediment in the harbor, (P-2382c), the site is still subject to near annual flooding that causes sediment/debris to build up within the harbor and the entrance to the marina. The applicant requests to dredge the harbor area via a suction dredge and dispose the material in-river by means of a discharge pipe extending into waters of Missouri. The dredge material will be disposed of from a submerged dredge pipe approximately 200 feet downstream and approximately 290 feet from shore at Illinois River mile 0.8.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by telephoning Mr. Alan Edmondson, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (314) 331-8811 or at electronic mail address: 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: The project plans have been submitted to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program for state certification of the proposed work in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The certification is requested as of the date of this Public Notice, and if issued, will express the Agency's opinion that the proposed activities will not violate applicable water quality standards. Written comments concerning possible impacts to waters of Missouri should be addressed to: Water Protection Program, Post Office Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0176, with a copy provided to the Corps of Engineers.

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.

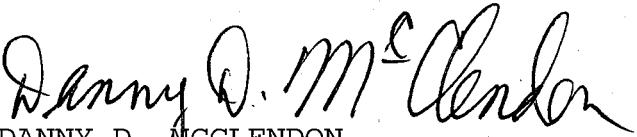
PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding the public hearing.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, as amended, has been made that these proposed activities 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 by this public notice from the Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals.

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 which 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 described activity 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, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. 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 these proposed activities. 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.

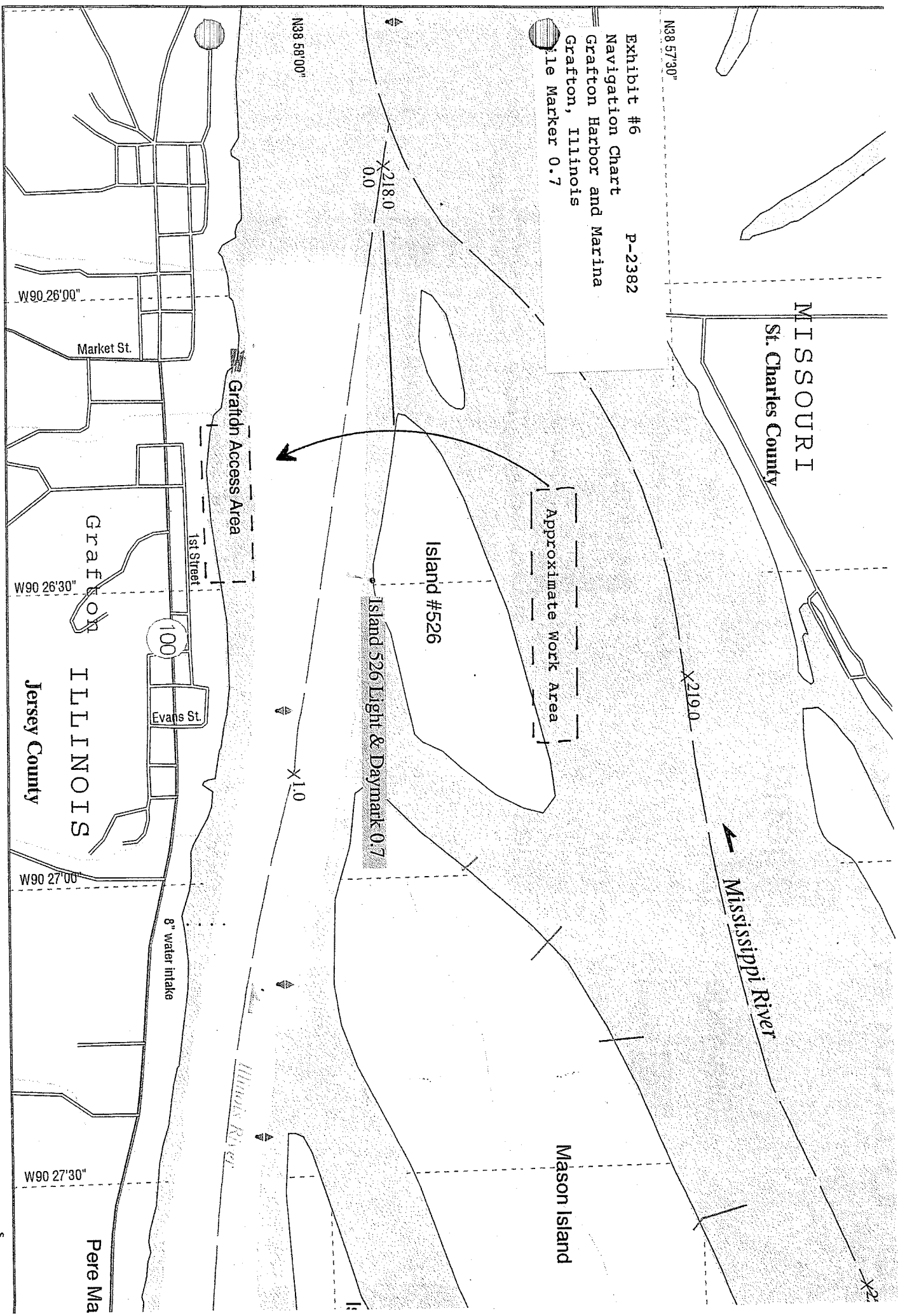

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Chief, Regulatory Branch

Attachments: Exhibits 1-2

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 21 days from the date of this issuance of this notice.

- 1) The legend is located immediately preceding map No. 1
- 2) Barge Facility information and submerged cable and pipeline clearances are located in appendices A and B respectively.



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 Scale 1" = 1000 Feet

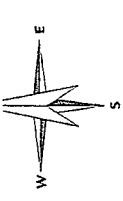
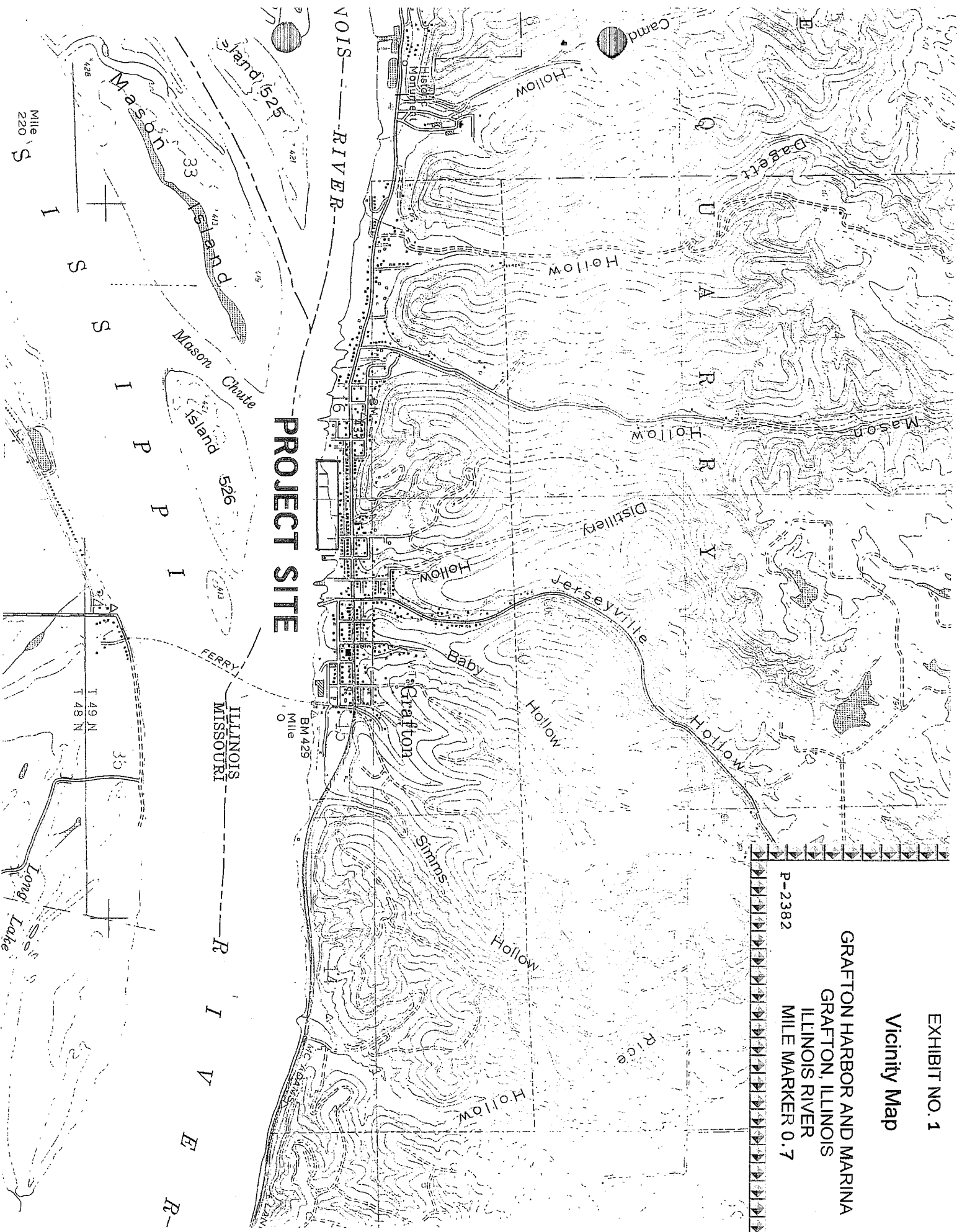


EXHIBIT NO. 1

Vicinity Map

GRAFTON HARBOR AND MARINA
GRAFTON, ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS RIVER
MILE MARKER 0.7

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PROJECT SITE

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