



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, GALVESTON DISTRICT  
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GALVESTON, TEXAS 77553-1229

December 18, 2019

Evaluation Branch

SUBJECT: Permit No. SWG-2015-00313; Nationwide Permit Verification

Mr. Philip Smith  
Galveston Bay Foundation  
1100 Hercules Avenue, Suite 200  
Houston, Texas 77058

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is in reference to your request, dated October 1, 2019, to discharge a total of 1,306,500 cubic yards of fill in the form of 1,264,000 cubic yards of hydraulically dredged material from the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) and 42,500 cubic yards of mechanically dredged in-situ material into no more than 242 acres of submerged bay bottom for the Pierce Marsh Restoration Project. The mechanically dredged in-situ material will be used to raise 37,650 linear feet (10.8 acres) of existing containment levees to a height not to exceed +3.7 NAVD88. The project site is located in Basford Lake, north of Basford Bayou and southwest of Bayou Vista, in Galveston County, Texas.

This request is verified by Nationwide Permit (NWP) 27 pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. This NWP verification is valid provided the activity is compliant with the enclosed plans, in 11 sheets. In addition, the activity must be in compliance with the NWP General/Regional Conditions, Section 401 Water Quality Certification, and the Coastal Management Program, which can be found at: <http://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Business-With-Us/Regulatory/Permits/Nationwide-General-Permits/>, a hard copy can be provided to you upon request.

Nationwide Permit 27. Aquatic Habitat Restoration, Enhancement, and Establishment Activities: Activities in waters of the United States associated with the restoration, enhancement, and establishment of tidal and non-tidal wetlands and riparian areas.

This NWP verification is valid until the NWP is modified, reissued, or revoked. All of the existing NWPs are scheduled to be modified, reissued, or revoked prior to March 18, 2022. It is incumbent upon you to remain informed of changes to the NWPs. We will issue a public notice when the NWPs are reissued. Furthermore, if you commence or are under contract to commence this activity before the date that the relevant NWP is modified or revoked, you will have 12 months from the date of the modification or revocation of the NWP to complete the activity under the present terms and conditions of this NWP.

This verification does not address nor include any consideration for geographic jurisdiction on aquatic resources and shall not be interpreted as such. If you have any questions regarding this verification, please contact Tasha L. Metz, Ph.D. at the letterhead address or by telephone at 409-766-6384. Please notify the Chief of the Compliance Branch in the Galveston District Regulatory Division, in writing, at the letterhead address, upon completion of the authorized project.

FOR THE DISTRICT COMMANDER:



Kristi N. McMillan  
Leader, Central Evaluation Unit

cc w/Encl.

Eighth Coast Guard District, New Orleans, LA

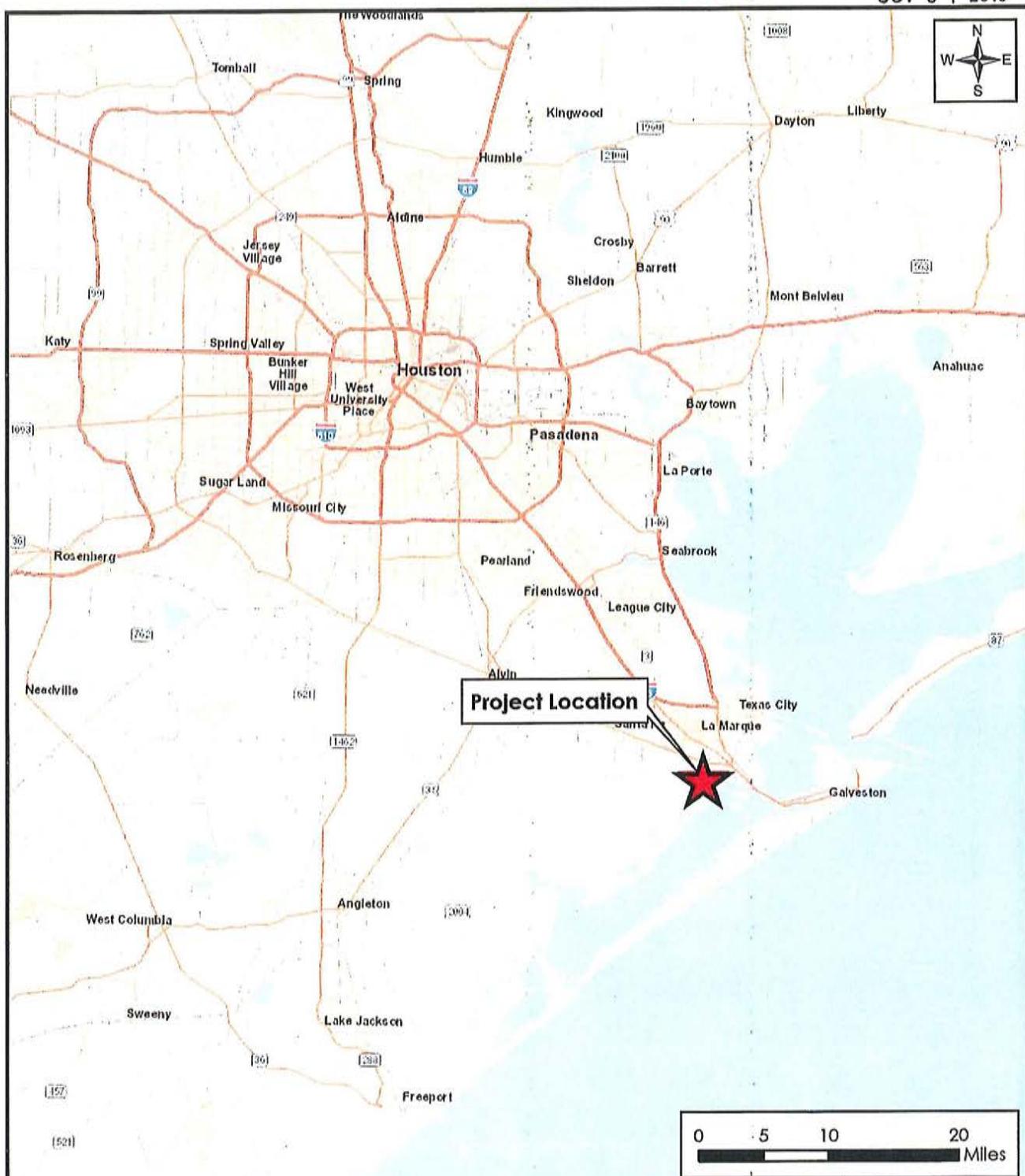
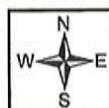
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service (NOS), Coast & Geodetic Survey, Silver Spring, MD

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Texas General Land Office

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VICINITY MAP

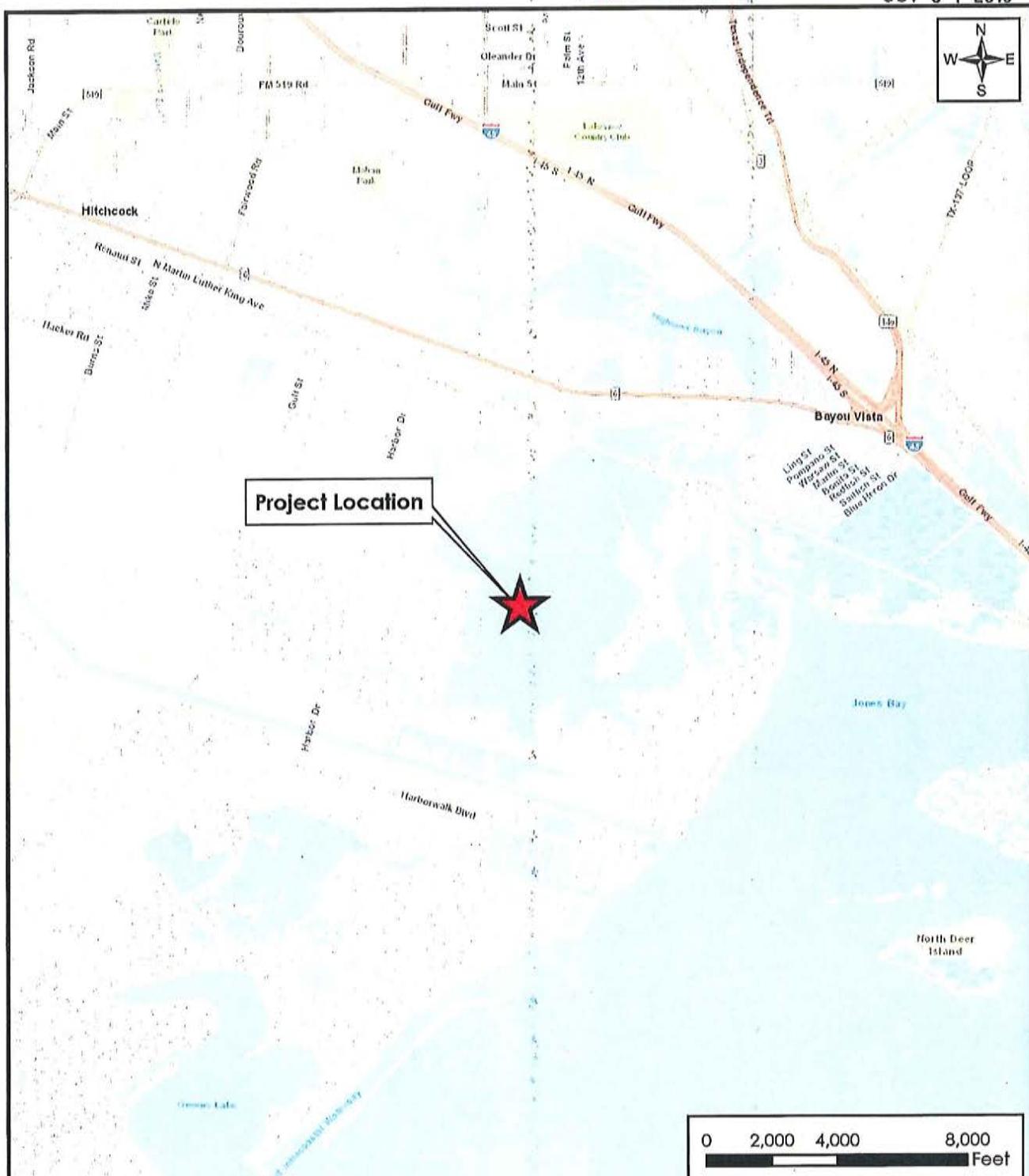
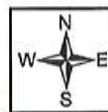
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Project Location: Galveston County, TX	
Image Source: ESRI World Street Map	
Projection: NAD 1983, UTM Zone 15N	
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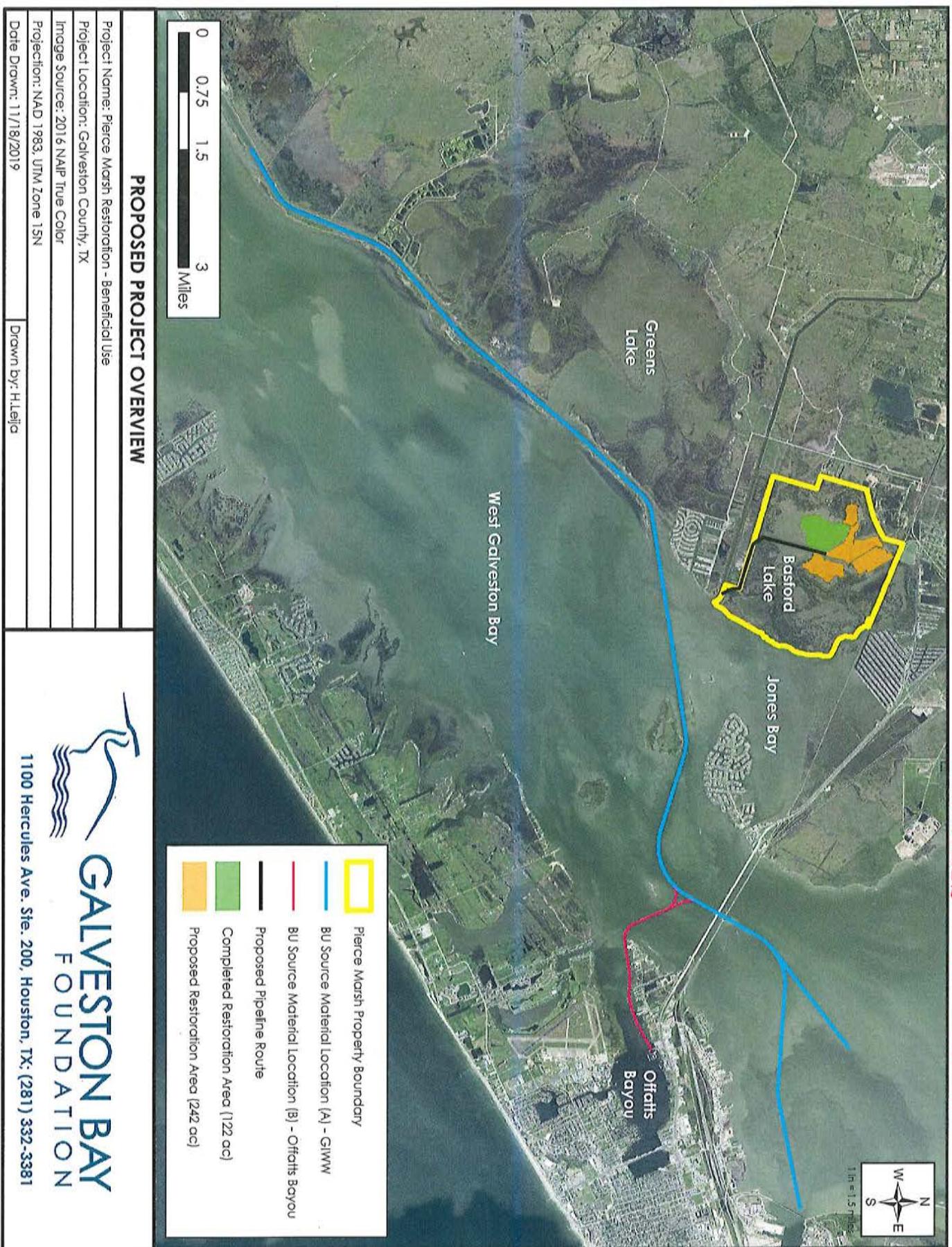


LOCATION MAP

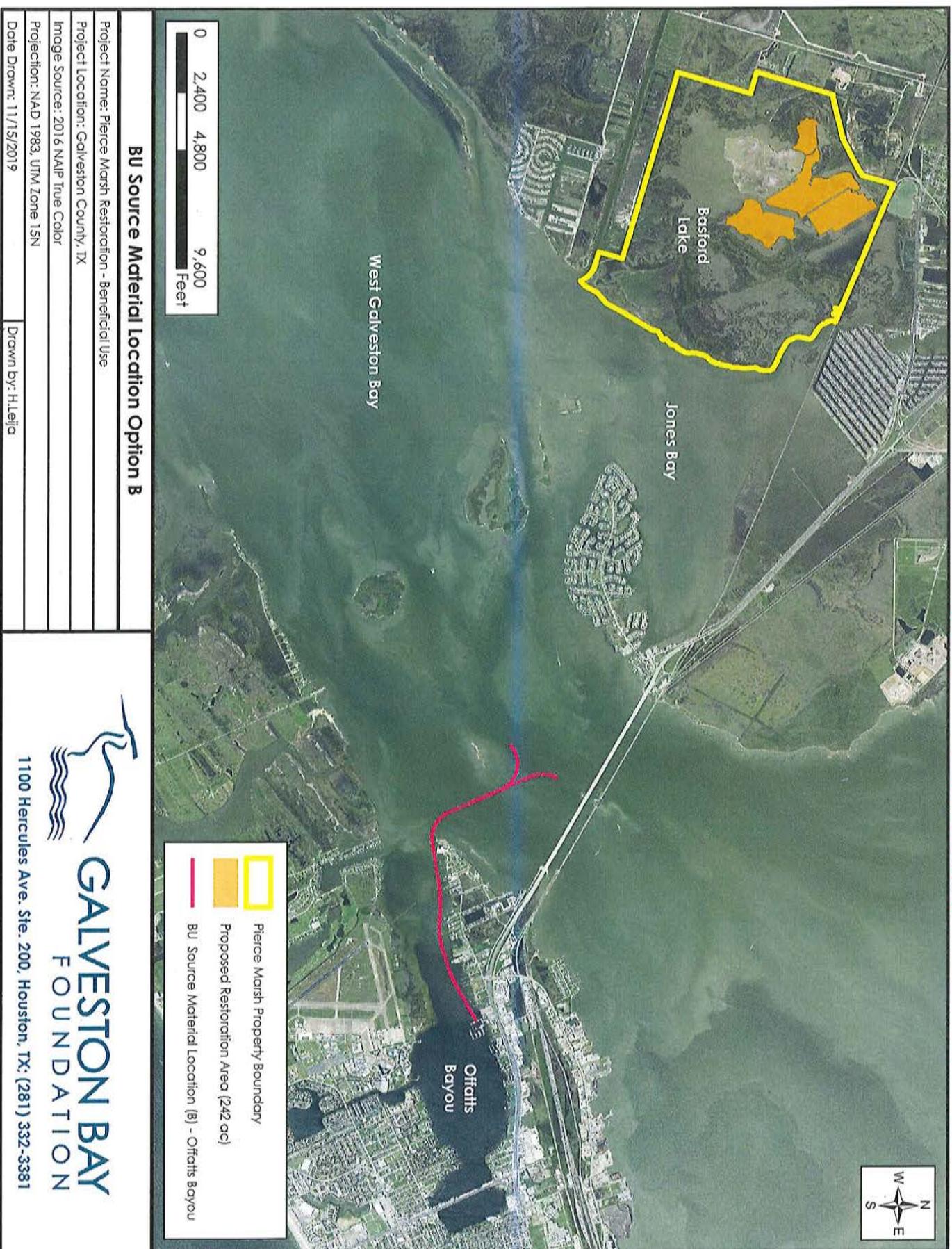
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#### PROPOSED 2020 ACTIVITIES

Project Name: 2020 Pierce Marsh Restoration - Beneficial Use

Project Location: Galveston County, TX

Image Source: ESRI World Imagery

Projection: NAD 1983, UTM Zone 15N

Date Drawn: 11/15/2019

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#### 2015-2016 ACTIVITIES COMPLETED

Project Name: 2015-2016 Pierce Marsh Restoration - Beneficial Use

Project Location: Galveston County, TX

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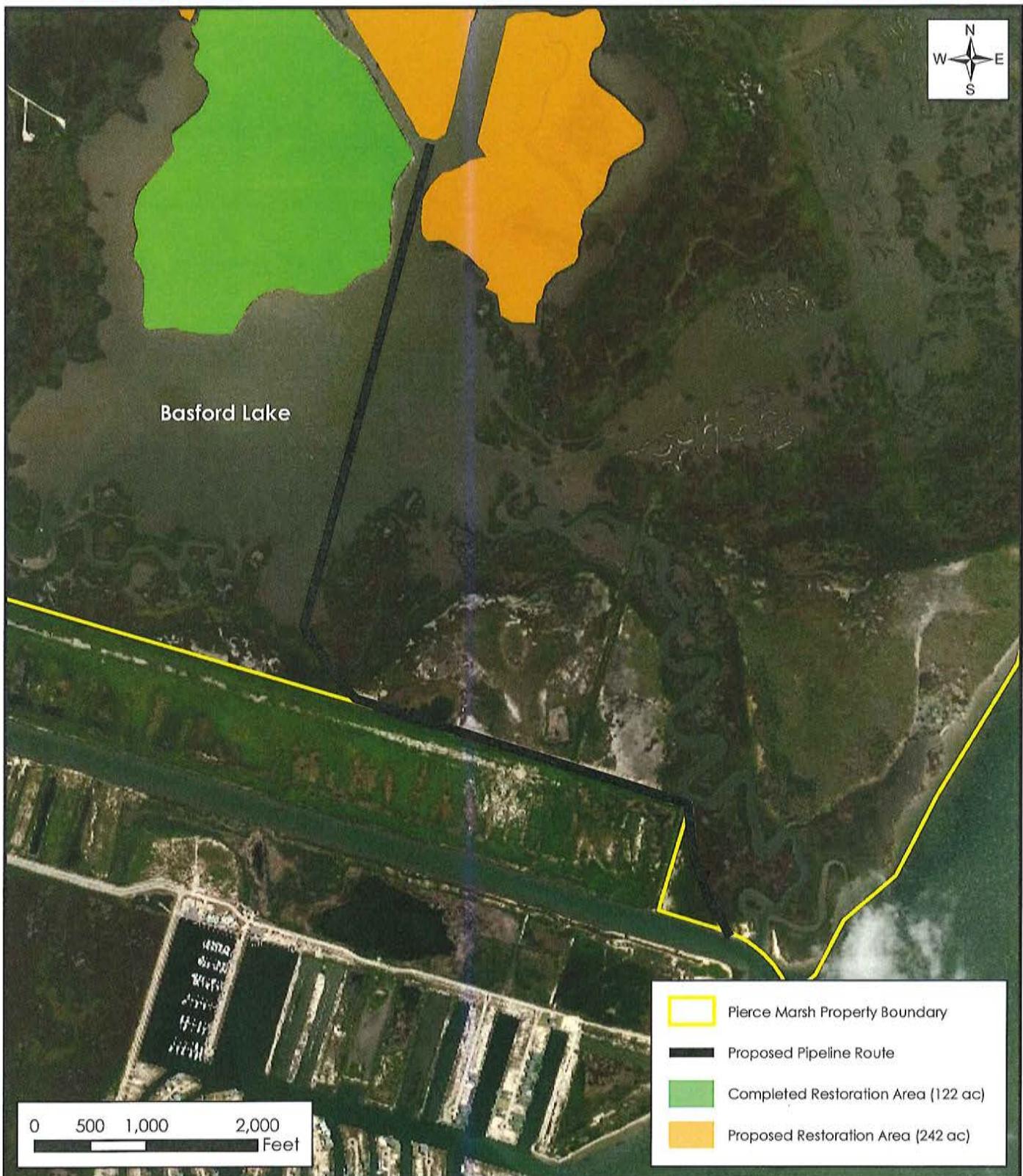
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#### PROPOSED PIPELINE ROUTE

Project Name: 2020 Pierce Marsh Restoration - Beneficial Use

Project Location: Galveston County, TX

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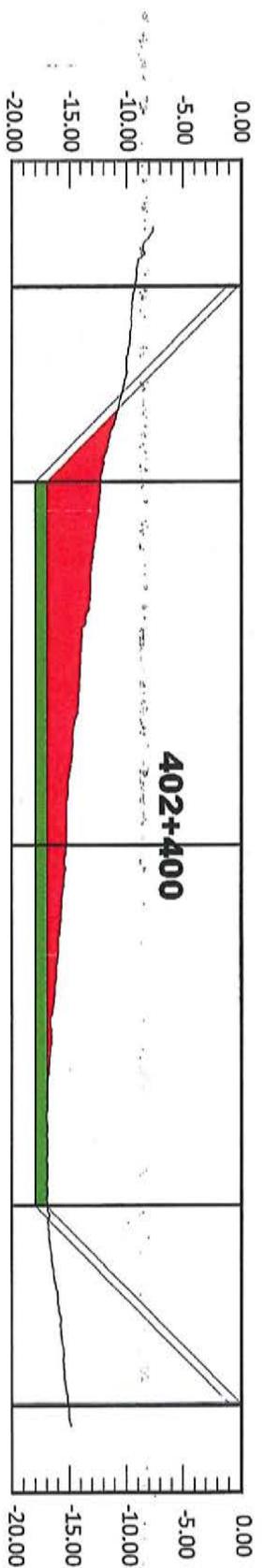
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**TYPICAL SECTION VIEW OF DREDGED AREA- GIWW DREDGED STATION 363+0000 THROUGH 405+000**

**TYPICAL TOP WIDTH 189 FT.**

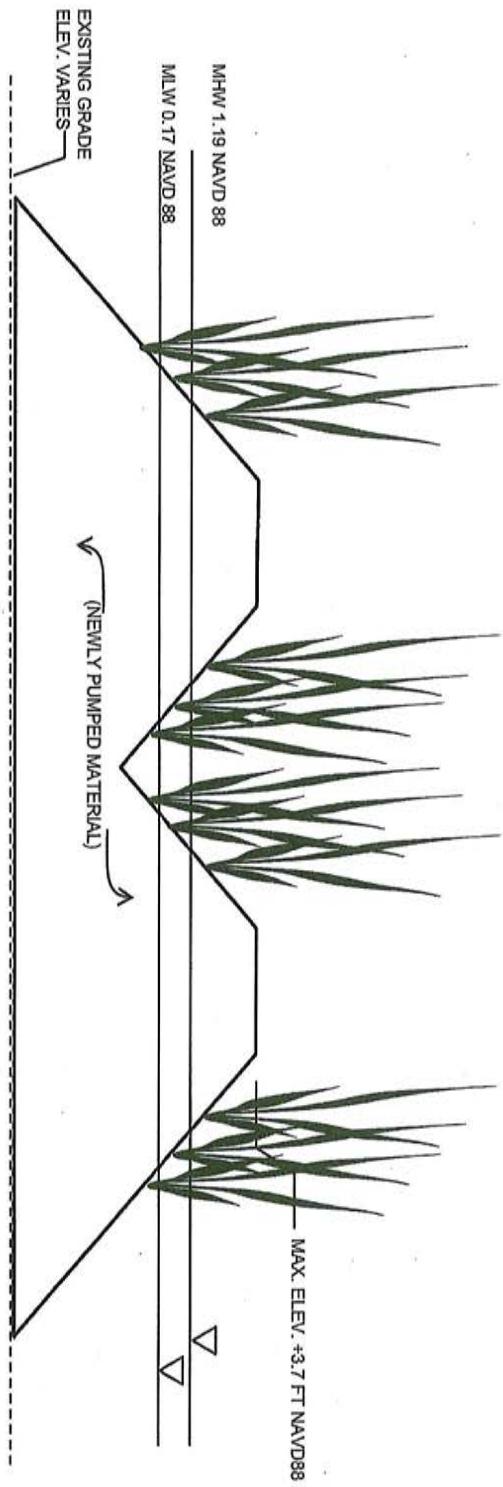


**TYPICAL BOTTOM WIDTH 125 FT.**

**TYPICAL REQUIRED DEPTH -17.5 MLLW (-17.4 MLLW IN NAVD88)  
ALLOWABLE OVER DEPTH -18.5 MLLW (-18.4 MLLW IN NAVD88)**

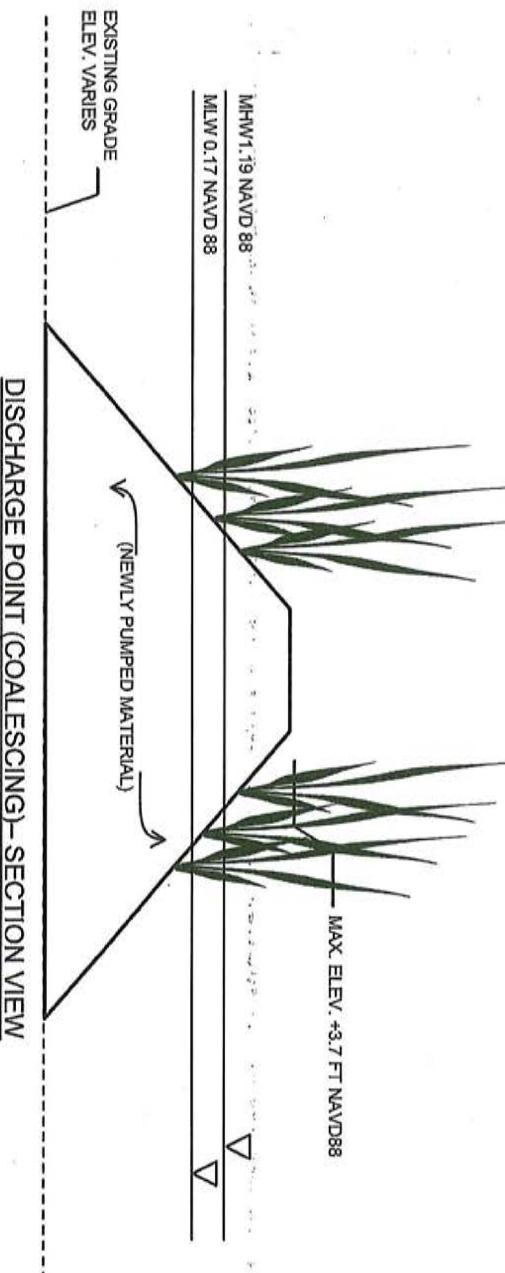
**DREDGE MATERIAL TO BE BENEFICIALLY USED AT PIERCE MARSH**

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### DISCHARGE POINT COALESCING WITH LEVEE – SECTION VIEW

NOTE: WATER DEPTHS WITHIN MARSH RESTORATION AREAS VARY BETWEEN -7 FEET to +0.7 FEET NAVD88



### DISCHARGE POINT (COALESCING) – SECTION VIEW

NOTE: WATER DEPTHS WITHIN MARSH RESTORATION AREAS VARY -7 FEET to +0.7 FEET NAVD88

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