

**AN OPEN LETTER TO
MADRONA COMMUNITY MEMBERS
FROM
ALAN D. CLAREY
Oct 16, 2023**

This is a second communication in an on going informational process to the community membership...hopefully you were able to access and review the first document which was an alternate plan proposal to the DNR/Herrera conversion of the Strawberry Bay fresh water marsh...it was forwarded to all of you...thank you for all the positive responses.

Attached you will find the DNR/Herrera drawings for the unnecessary conversion of the Strawberry Bay fresh water wetlands to a salt water wetlands. The purpose of this communication is to further inform the community of the proposed DNR/Herrera Group conversion of the shared wetlands so that the members are better informed before any anticipated meetings with the DNR/Herrera Group.

First of all I would like to recommend to the directors and community that an additional community member be added to the sub committee recommended by Bob Moe that will work with the DNR/Herrera Group in the determination of whether or not the fresh water wetlands will be converted.

I have been in contact with Gregory Ruggerone, PHD...a long time community member and he is willing to offer his expertise to the conversation with the DNR/Herrera Group regarding the proposed wetland conversion...his expertise is ideal for the community to have on the sub committee.

- Scientist, President of Natural Resources Consultants 35 years experience in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska working with stakeholders and partners investigating salmon recovery, carrying capacity of watersheds the ocean support to salmon runs and sizes as well as habitat restoration and much more...he is well qualified to represent the community on the sub committee and look forward to his appointment.

These individuals Helen Berry, Mike Cannon, Charlotte Clarey Miller, Jay Roberts, Geoff Almvig, and now hopefully Gregory Ruggerone that are on the sub committee will represent themselves as individual community members and also have a responsibility to report there findings to the community...probably at an at large community meeting called by the president of the community for that purpose so that all members have an equal opportunity to the information and discussion. I agree with Bob Moe that each community member needs to educate themselves and should be prepared to assert their individual opinions and thoughts at such a meeting...this type of meeting was held repeatedly when the community was working the "Water System" issues 20 plus years ago and was successful in guiding the Board of Directors to a community based decision as it will assuredly affect all community members.

These types of decisions are made by the Board of Directors at the direction of the majority of the community membership (why else would the Board of Directors exist) and **their decision** should be put into effect by the president or acting president of the community...not the other way around.

Now to the matter at hand...regardless of your personal expertise please look at each of the attached 9 drawings as they represent the proposed conversion by the DNR that will affect the future of the community...it is best that you review them on a larger computer screen as they are detailed and the larger visual would be a better for the viewing process.

In a brief description it appears that the berm will be opened up approximately 32.9 feet wide x 10.0 feet deep and channel will be excavated across the marsh at varying depths to the tree line on the far side of the marsh allowing penetration of saltwater throughout the year...particularly egregious when high tides are present, even more so with King tides and wind...salt water will be allowed to intrude into the marsh and effectively changing the ecology of the current marsh land...there appears to be no mention as to how Madrona Community will be protected from this continuous saltwater intrusion.

Not all of the problems that the community may face were listed in the previous Alternate Plan document you received on September 29th...you may come up with additional situations that need to be addressed after reviewing the drawings...they are technical in nature and anything that you may not understand should be addressed to the subcommittee for clarification or questioned at any future meetings either community or with the DNR. Many of the questions and concerns were listed in the previous document distributed to the community at large including to the DNR.

You can review the previous documents at strawberrybay.org...listed under Alternative Proposal by Alan Clarey (Sept 2023)...this document as well as any that follow will be up loaded to the website also for complete review at any time by anyone.

Additionally I would encourage you to post your thoughts either positive or negative to our website it is extremely user friendly and the more information that is available to the outside viewer will make for a better outcome.

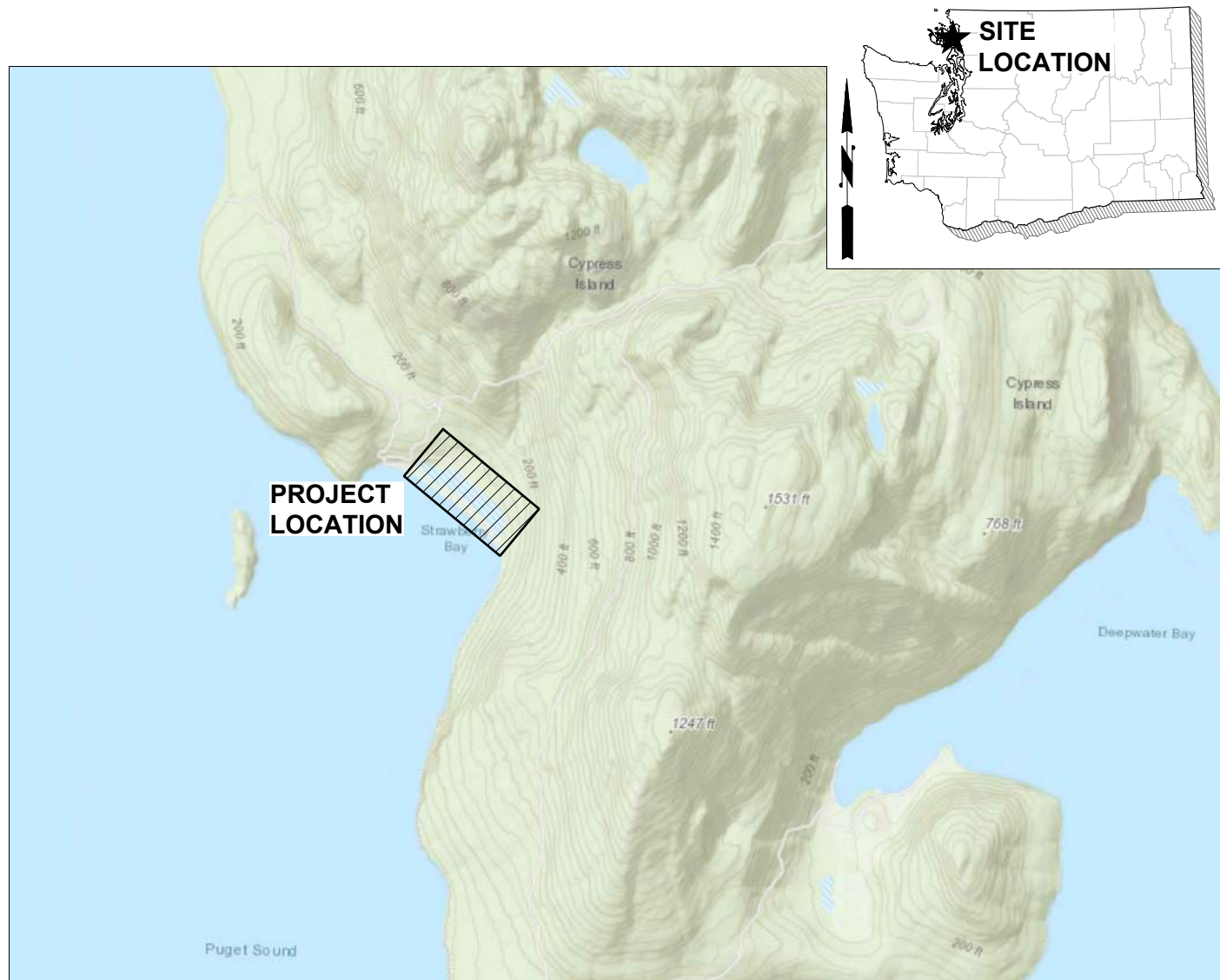
Respectfully,

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STRAWBERRY BAY

CYPRESS ISLAND, SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



VICINITY MAP
SCALE: 1"=1/2 MILE

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COVER SHEET

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SURVEY NOTES:

1. VERTICAL DATUM IS NAVD 88.
2. HORIZONTAL DATUM IS WASHINGTON STATE PLANE NORTH NAD 83.
3. SURVEY IS FROM 2022 POWERTEK. HORIZONTAL DATUM - NAD 83, WA STATE PLANE NORTH. VERTICAL DATUM - NAVD 88.
4. CONTOURS SHOWN OUTSIDE SURVEY AREA WERE DERIVED FROM.

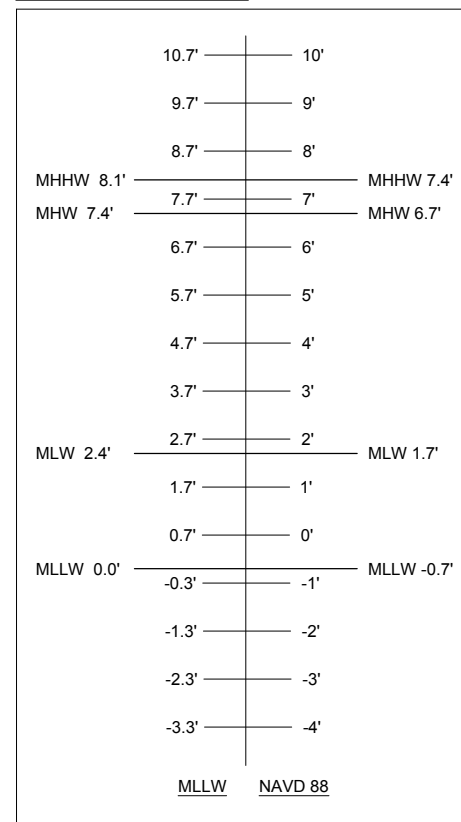
TIDE NOTES:

1. CONTRACTOR SHALL SEQUENCE WORK TO ACCOMMODATE TIDAL FLUCTUATIONS.
2. TIDAL DATUMS AND CONVERSIONS SHOWN (THIS SHEET) OBTAINED FROM THE ONLINE VDATUM TOOL LOCALIZED TO PROJECT SITE (48.562041° N, 122.72531° W).
3. TIDE PREDICTIONS AVAILABLE FROM NOAA TIDE STATION #9448876, STRAWBERRY BAY, CYPRESS ISLAND.

ABBREVIATIONS

APPROX	APPROXIMATE
AVG	AVERAGE
BMP	BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE
CG	CLEAR AND GRUB
C/L, CL	CENTERLINE
CONST	CONSTRUCT, CONSTRUCTION
CP	CONTROL POINT
DIA	DIAMETER
DWG	DRAWING
E	EAST, EASTING
EA	EACH
EL	ELEVATION
EX	EXISTING
FT	FEET/FOOT
HOR	HORIZONTAL
HT	HEIGHT
IE	INVERT ELEVATION
IN	INCH/INCHES
L	LENGTH
LF	LINEAL FOOT/FEET
LT	LEFT
MAX	MAXIMUM
MIN	MINIMUM
N	NORTH/NORTHING
NA	NOT APPLICABLE
NO	NUMBER
NTS	NOT TO SCALE
OC	ON CENTER
OHW	ORDINARY HIGH WATER
PVMT	PAVEMENT
QTY	QUANTITY
REF	REFERENCE
RT	RIGHT
S	SOUTH, SLOPE
SPEC	SPECIFICATION
STA	STATION
STD	STANDARD
TESC	TEMPORARY EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL
TYP	TYPICAL
W	WEST, WATER
WSDOT	WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
WSE	WATER SURFACE ELEVATION

TIDAL ELEVATIONS



TIDAL ABBREVIATIONS:

MHHW	MEAN HIGHER HIGH WATER
MHW	MEAN HIGH WATER
MLW	MEAN LOW WATER
MLLW	MEAN LOWER LOW WATER
HTL	HIGH TIDE LINE ESTIMATED ELEVATION

LEGEND - EXISTING ITEMS

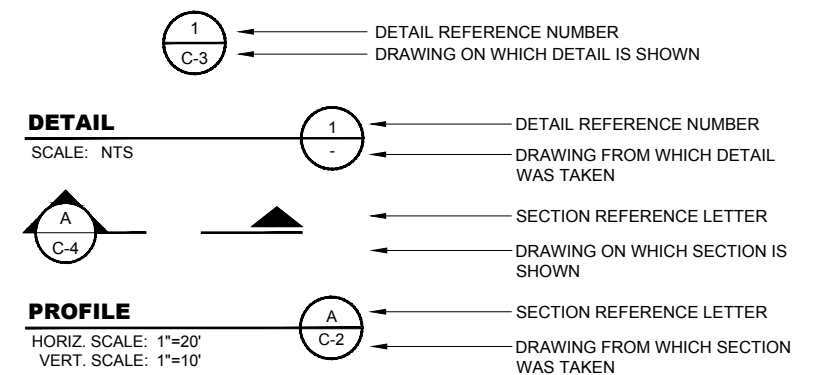
- DELINEATED WETLAND BOUNDARY/STREAM FLAG
- SOIL SAMPLING LOCATION
- OHW ORDINARY HIGH WATER
- OHW-HTL HIGH TIDE LINE/ORDINARY HIGH WATER
- SURVEY BOUNDARY
- STREAM
- APPROX DRAINAGE DITCH
- APPROX TIDE GATE PIPE
- WETLAND

WETLAND BOUNDARY ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WAS ESTIMATED BASED ON TOPOGRAPHY/LIDAR

LEGEND - PROPOSED ITEMS

- PROJECT LIMITS
- HI-VISIBILITY SILT FENCE
- HI-VISIBILITY FENCE
- ACCESS ROUTE/ WETLAND MATS
- BARGE LOADING/UNLOADING AREA
- PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE
- BUILDING REMOVAL
- CULVERT REMOVAL
- TEMPORARY BRIDGE

NOTE AND DETAIL/SECTION REFERENCING:



"-" INDICATES THAT THE DETAIL/SECTION IS SHOWN ON THE SAME SHEET

"TYP" INDICATES THAT THE DETAIL/SECTION IS UNIFORMLY TYPICAL THROUGHOUT PROJECT EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE NOTED

"VAR" SPECIFIES THAT DETAIL/SECTION WAS TAKEN FROM VARIOUS DRAWINGS

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ABBREVIATIONS, NOTES, AND LEGEND

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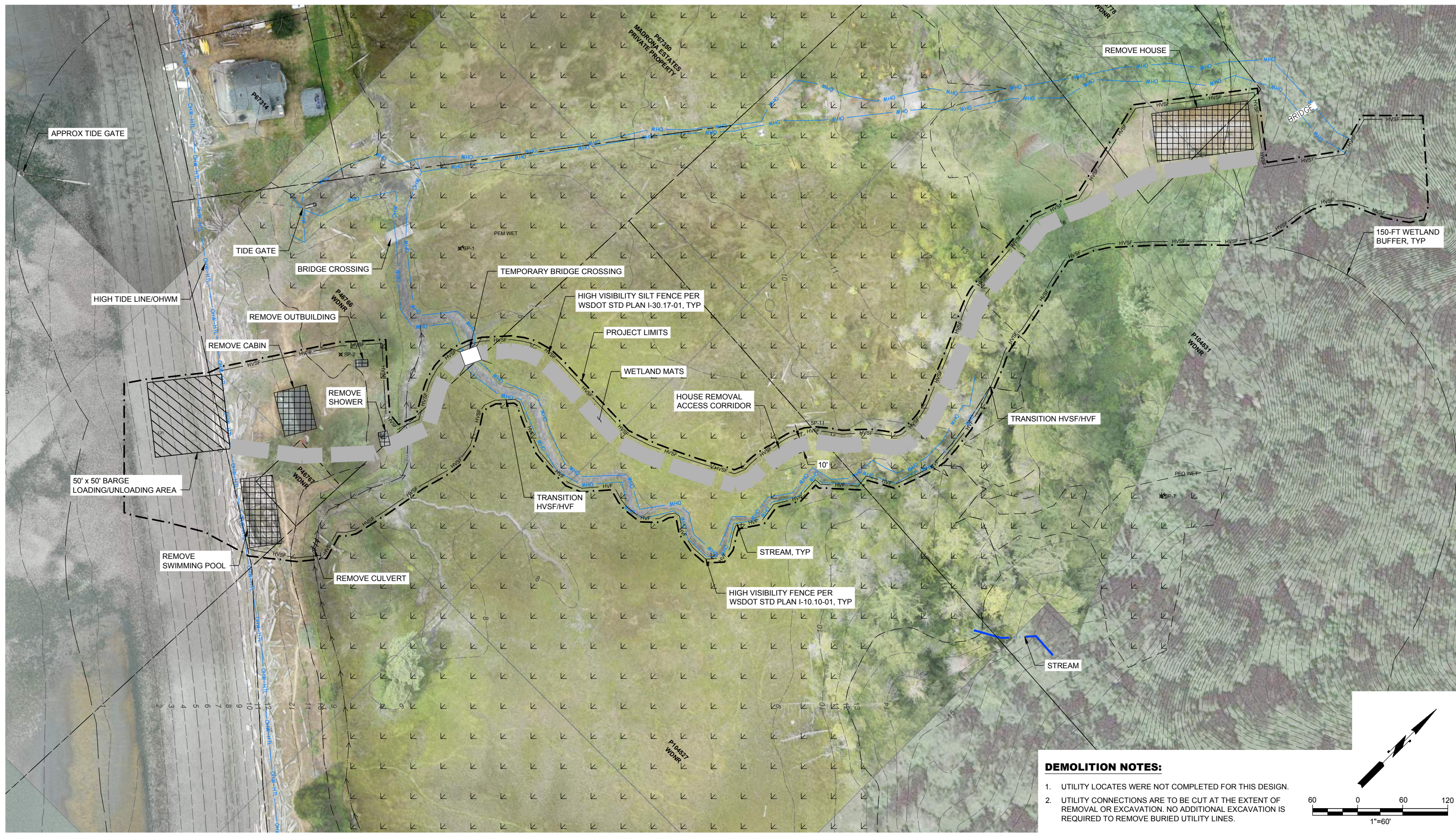
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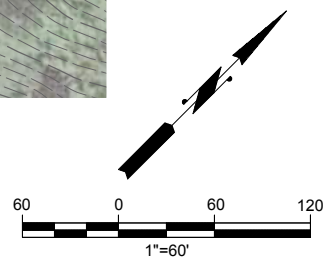
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1. UTILITY LOCATES WERE NOT COMPLETED FOR THIS DESIGN.
 2. UTILITY CONNECTIONS ARE TO BE CUT AT THE EXTENT OF REMOVAL OR EXCAVATION. NO ADDITIONAL EXCAVATION IS REQUIRED TO REMOVE BURIED UTILITY LINES.



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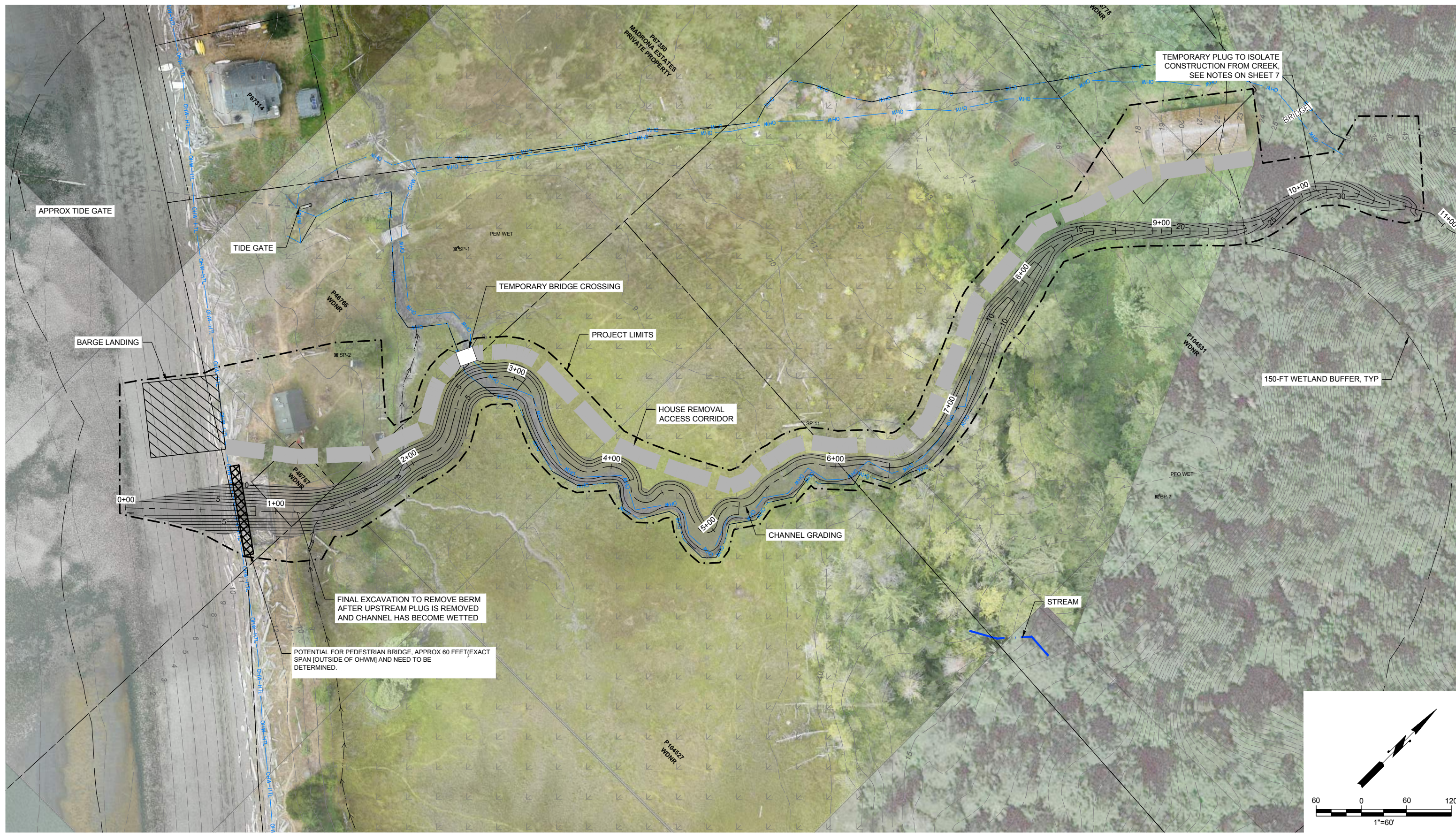
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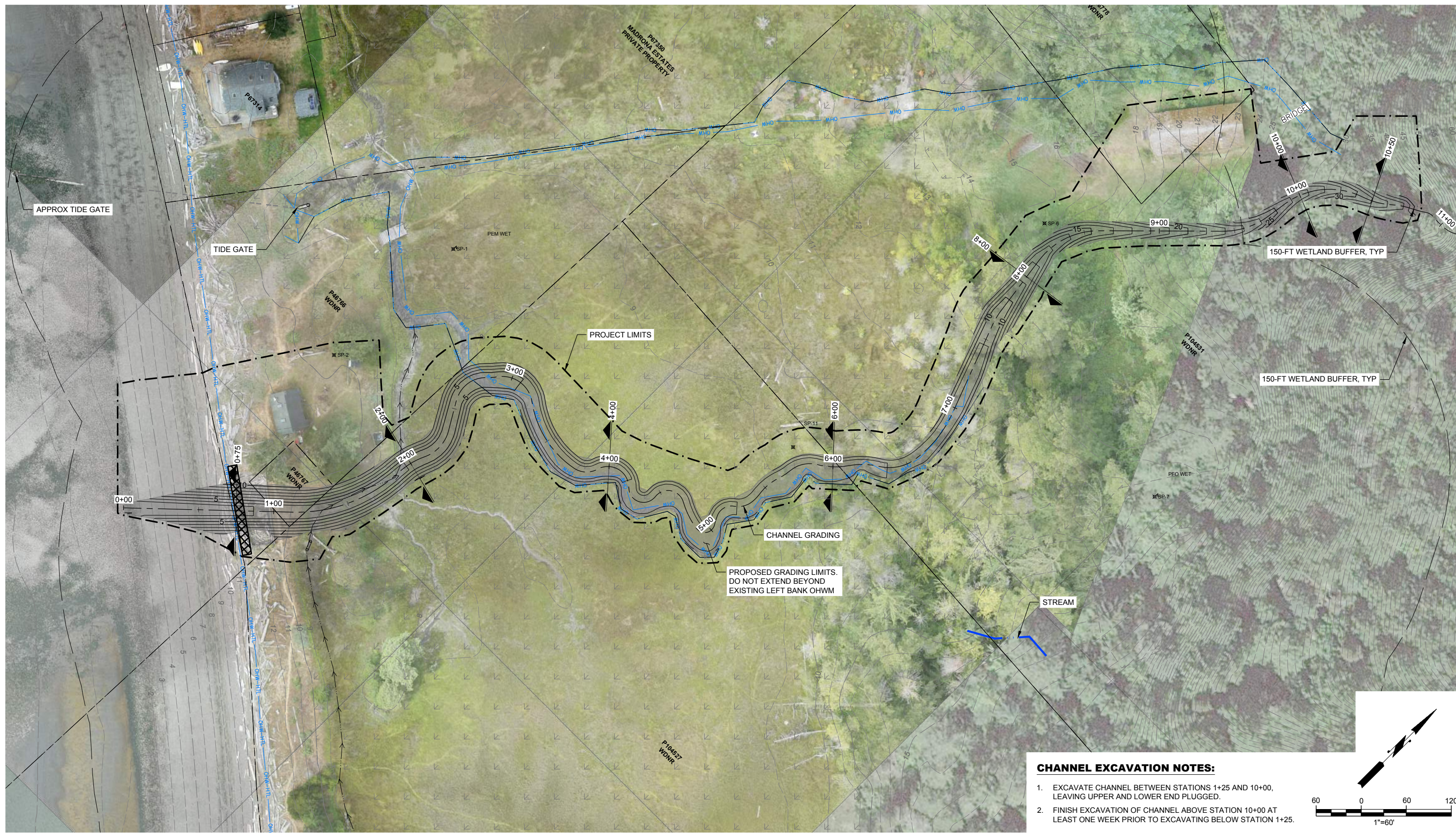
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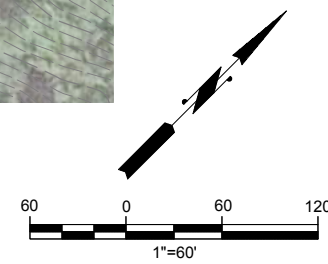
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CHANNEL EXCAVATION NOTES:

1. EXCAVATE CHANNEL BETWEEN STATIONS 1+25 AND 10+00, LEAVING UPPER AND LOWER END PLUGGED.
2. FINISH EXCAVATION OF CHANNEL ABOVE STATION 10+00 AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO EXCAVATING BELOW STATION 1+25.



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SITE PLAN - GRADING

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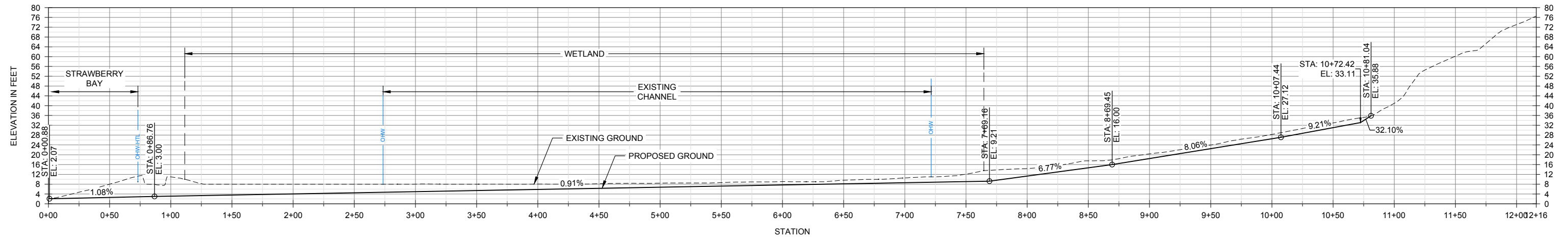
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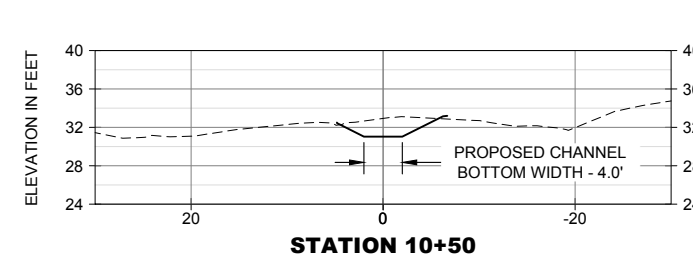
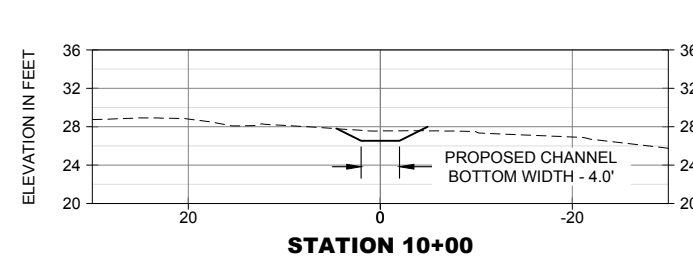
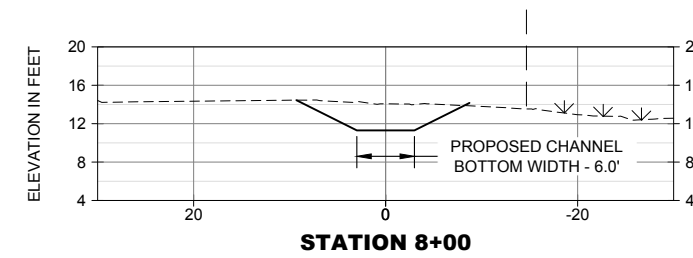
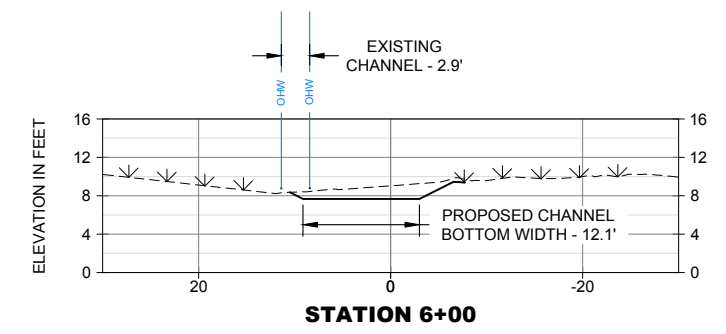
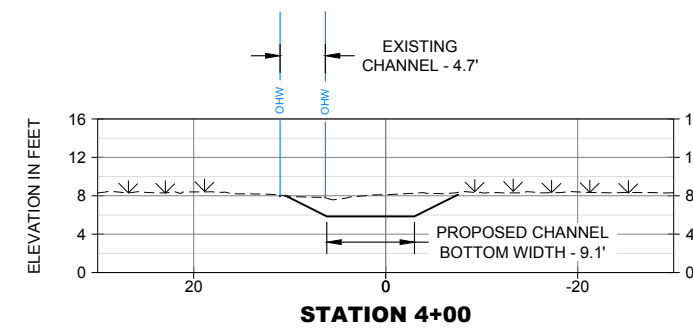
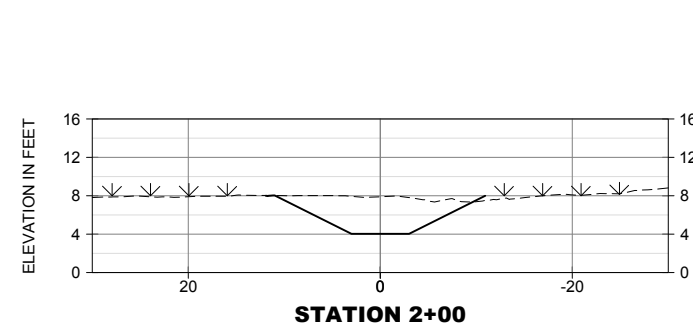
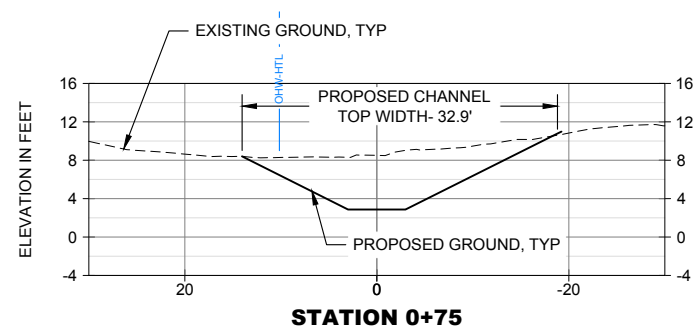
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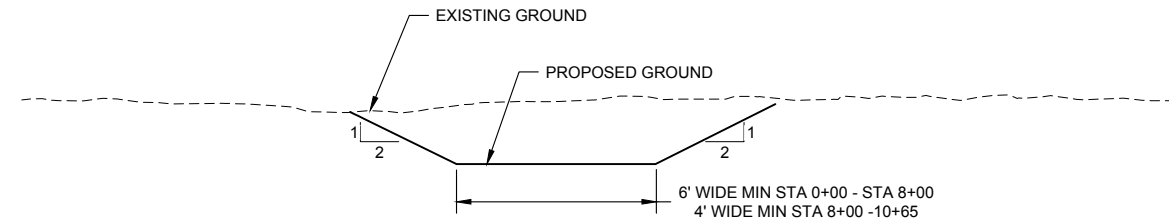
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V: 1" = 40'



CROSS SECTIONS - PROPOSED CHANNEL

SCALE: H: 1" = 20'
V: 1" = 20'



DETAIL - TYPICAL CHANNEL SECTION

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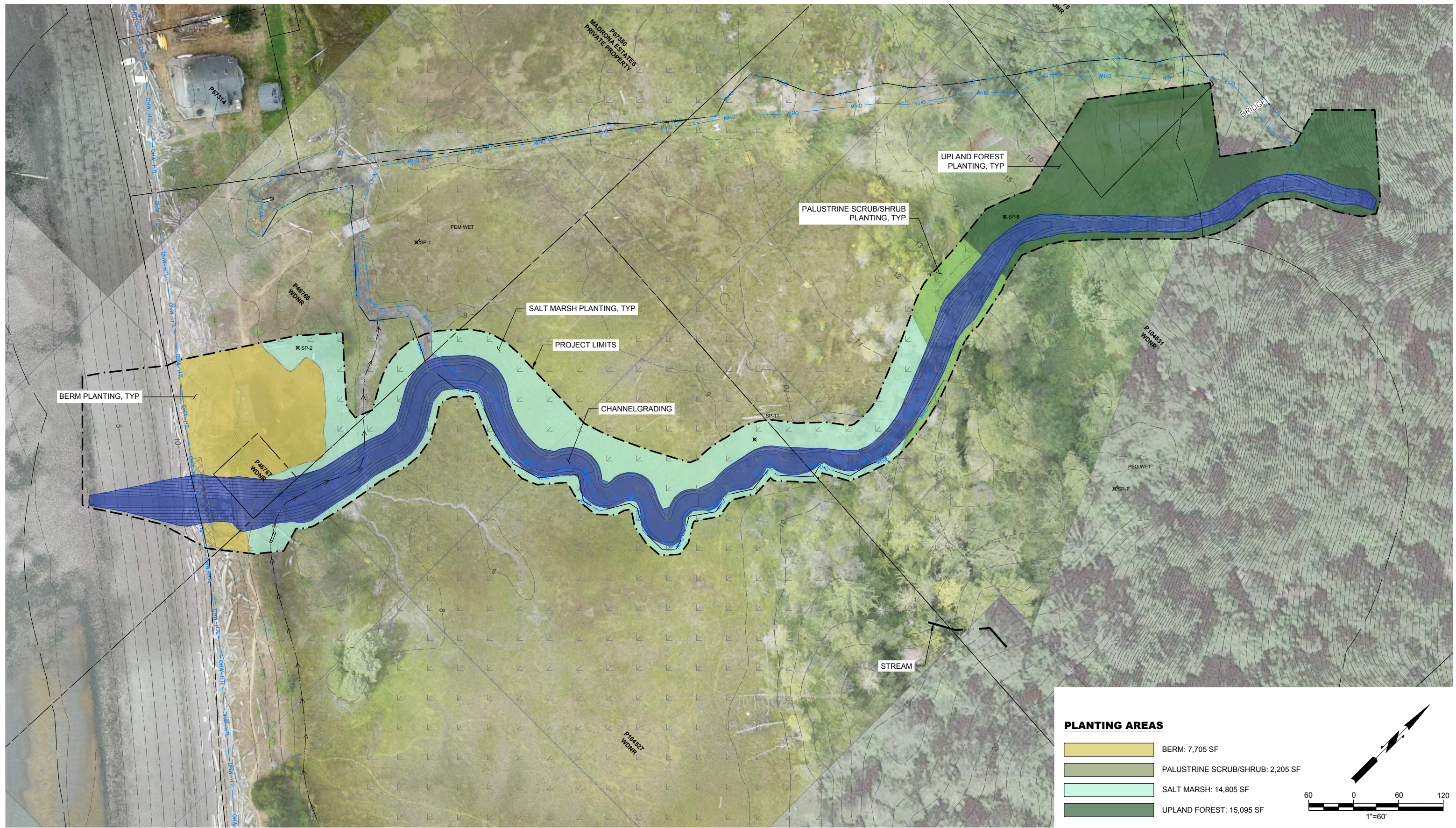
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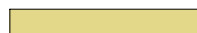

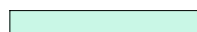

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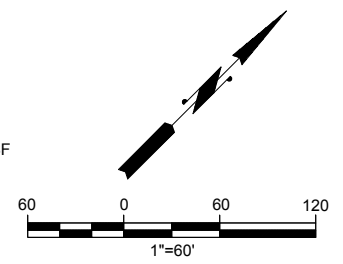
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PLANTING AREAS

	BERM: 7,705 SF
	PALUSTRINE SCRUB/SHRUB: 2,205 SF
	SALT MARSH: 14,805 SF
	UPLAND FOREST: 15,095 SF



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