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WETLANDS LICENSE NO. 24-0607(R2)
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A minor modification (pursuant to COMAR 23.02.04.17.B.(1)) was made to the original license. Changes to original license language are shown with a strikethrough, and revisions shown with bold type.

The Maryland Board of Public Works authorizes you to:

- I. Mechanically remove the remaining parapet, median, deck and six remaining girders over water spans
- II. Place one hundred 36-diameter temporary piles
- III. Place ~~three~~ **eight** temporary buoys
- IV. Conduct ~~60~~ **200** soil borings/geotechnical investigations using a maximum 12-inch diameter outer casing and an 8-inch diameter inner casing to a maximum depth of 275 feet below the mudline
- V. Conduct the following temporary investigative in-water tests: 14 test piles, ~~six drill shaft tests, and six static load tests~~ **and 2,000 probe locations.**

*Patapsco River, Francis Scott Key Bridge, Baltimore City and County, **and Anne Arundel County**, Maryland*

Issuance of this Tidal Wetlands License constitutes the State's determination that the authorized activities are consistent with the Maryland Coastal Zone Management Program, as required by Section 307 of the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended [16 U.S.C. §1456].

THIS LICENSE AUTHORIZES YOU TO PERFORM THE WORK ONLY IF YOU COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL CONDITION(S):

- A. The Licensee shall dispose of all demolition material at an approved facility or disposal site.
- B. The Licensee shall strictly manage and maintain all above water erosion controls BMPs during demolition activities to prevent runoff and debris from entering surface waters and protect stream resources, to the extent possible.
- C. The Licensee shall strictly manage and maintain all in-water BMPs, including the placement of shielding barges, during demolition activities to minimize runoff and debris from entering surface waters, to the extent possible.
- D. If any in-water pile installation or testing activity occurs between February 15 through June 15, inclusive during any year, the Licensee shall coordinate with DNR for minimization

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and avoidance measures prior to activity commencement. The Licensee shall make every effort to complete pile driving activities outside of the above TOYR. The Licensee shall make every effort to complete pile driving activities outside of the above TOY restriction.

- E. The Licensee shall use appropriate BMPs for all pile driving activities that are identified in the *"Proposed Best Management Practices for Francis Scott Key Bridge pier Demolition to be permitted under MDE's Tidal Wetland License 24-WL-0653. (adapted from NMFS/GARFO BMP Manual)"* document.
- F. If any mooring, pile driving, and other demonstration activities overlap within the Fort Carroll Sensitive Species Project Review Area (SSPRA) area as depicted on Attachment C, the Licensee shall coordinate with DNR's Environmental Review Program for minimization and avoidance measures. *The SSPRA over the Key Bridge (green oval) can be disregarded, as the nest was lost in the bridge collapse.
- G. The Licensee shall implement a "hold point" for agency coordination and adaptive management if the following is observed during or immediately (approximately 1 hour) after pile driving activity:
 - a. Presence of dolphin, sea turtle, or sturgeon within the injury or behavioral modification zone- reference figures from Key Crossing Environmental Compliance Plan (applicability: all impact hammer activities);
 - b. One (1) stunned or dead sturgeon and/or dolphin (applicability: all impact hammer activities);
 - c. Ten (10) stunned or dead game fish or species considered to be in need of conservation per pile location, such as all Bass species, Alewife, Blueback Herring, and American Shad and others (applicability: all impact hammer activities);
 - d. Forty (40) stunned or dead non-game fish per pile location (applicability: all impact hammer activities).
- H. The Licensee shall implement a "hold point" for agency coordination and adaptive management if the following is observed cumulatively for all pile driving during 24-hour period when pile driving occurred:
 - a) One (1) stunned or dead sturgeon and/or dolphin (applicability: all impact hammer activities);
 - b) Thirty (30) stunned or dead game fish or species considered to be in need of conservation, such as all Bass species, Alewife, Blueback Herring, and American Shad and others (applicability: all impact hammer activities);
 - c) One hundred-twenty (120) stunned or dead non-game fish (applicability: all impact hammer activities).
- I. The Licensee shall submit a weekly report and a summary report at the end of pile driving activities documenting total injured/killed fish observed, approximate location relative to where the pile driving was occurring, and time/date.
- J. The Licensee shall provide compensation for fish mortality if a Hold Point is issued. The Licensee shall provide payment into a Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Special Fund as designated by DNR. Monetary values associated with

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fish kills shall be evaluated in accordance with the Fish Mortality Mitigation Cost Table depicted on Attachment D.

- K. The Licensee shall install appropriate hazard notification, visibility, and safety requirements on all temporary pilings.

**THIS LICENSE AUTHORIZES YOU TO PERFORM THE WORK ONLY IF
YOU COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING STANDARD CONDITIONS:**

1. Licensee shall conduct the authorized work in accordance with the plans and drawings dated as accepted by MDE on ~~July 12, 2024~~ **March 20, 2025** **June 20, 2025**, which are hereby incorporated into this License.
2. Until the authorized work is complete, Licensee shall have available at the site a copy of this License including the plans and drawings.
3. This License constitutes Maryland's authorization to conduct the authorized work under the State Tidal Wetlands Law. This License does not bestow any other federal, State, or local government authorization.
4. Licensee shall have all proposed work above Mean High Water reviewed and authorized by the local county Department of Planning and Zoning or applicable agency.
5. Licensee shall notify MDE's Compliance Program by BOTH phone AND in writing of the following: (a) start date at least five business days before beginning work; and
(b) completion date no more than five business days after project completion.
Central Division: 410-537-3510, 1800 Washington Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21230
6. Licensee shall comply with any regulations, conditions, or instructions issued by MDE, including any Water Quality Certification issued with respect to the authorized work.
7. Licensee shall conduct the authorized work in accordance with Critical Area Commission requirements. The Critical Area Commission and MDTA have developed a Memorandum of Understanding approving the Key Bridge Rebuild and requiring Commission review prior to buffer disturbance. In accordance with the MOU, any anticipated Buffer disturbance shall be reviewed by the Critical Area Commission per the requirements of linear projects in Intensely Developed Area requires prior written approval, before commencement of land disturbing activity.
"Buffer" means the 100-foot Critical Area Buffer and any expanded area that is immediately landward of the mean high-water line of the tidal waters or is immediately landward of tidal wetlands. The Buffer includes expanded contiguous area if the contiguous area includes steep slopes, hydric soil, or highly erodible soil, or otherwise meets the criteria of COMAR 27.01.09.01.E(7). "Disturbance" means any alteration or change to the land including any amount of clearing. Clearing includes vegetation removal, grading, and construction activity.
8. Licensee may not fill, dredge, or otherwise alter or destroy tidal marsh or its vegetation unless this License specifically authorizes the activity.
9. Licensee may not stockpile material in State tidal wetlands/State tidal waters of the U.S.
10. Licensee shall allow unfettered public use of State wetlands/State tidal waters of the U.S.
11. This License does not transfer a property interest of the State.
12. Licensee shall file a Miss Utility ticket for the proposed work at least 10 days before beginning work. *Miss Utility*: 800-257-7777
13. Licensee shall ensure that structures (for example, piers and piles) removed from the site are taken to an upland disposal facility approved by MDE's Compliance Program.

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14. If the authorized work impacts more than 5,000 square feet or includes 100 or more cubic yards of fill, Licensee shall conduct the authorized work in accordance with a locally approved Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan.
15. If the authorized work is not performed by the property owner, all work performed under this Tidal Wetlands License shall be conducted by a marine contractor licensed by the Marine Contractors Licensing Board (MCLB) in accordance with Title 17 of the Environment Article of Annotated Code of Maryland. A list of licensed marine contractors may be obtained by contacting the MCLB at 410-537-3249, by email at MDE.MCLB@maryland.gov or by accessing the Maryland Department of the Environment, Environmental Boards webpage.
16. Licensee shall allow State officials and employees to make inspections at reasonable times and cooperate with those inspections.
17. This License is granted only to the Licensee. Licensee may transfer the license only with written approval from the Board of Public Works. If the Board of Public Works approves the transfer, the transferee is subject to all License terms and conditions.
18. Licensee shall indemnify, defend, and save harmless the State of Maryland, its officials, officers, and employees from and against any and all liability, suits, claims, and actions of whatever kind, caused by or arising from, the work this License authorizes.
19. The Board of Public Works or its Wetlands Administrator may modify, suspend, or revoke this License in its reasonable discretion. Licensee shall promptly comply upon notice of any such action.
20. This License expires October 9, 2027.
If the authorized work is not completed by the expiration date, all activity must stop.
Note: A three-year license may be renewed for one additional three-year term if the Licensee requests an extension before the expiration date and all other conditions are met. A six-year license may not be renewed; instead, Licensee must reapply to MDE for a new license. Contact the Board of Public Works to determine if this License may be extended. *Board of Public Works: 410-260-7791*
21. In conducting work authorized under this license, licensee may not cause injury to private property; invade the rights of others; or infringe any federal, state, or local laws or regulations.
22. Licensee shall maintain any authorize structure in good condition and perform the authorized activity in a workmanlike manner in accordance with this license.
23. In conducting work authorized under this license, licensee shall eliminate or minimize adverse effects on fish, wildlife, and the natural environment.

By the authority of the Board of Public Works:

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William Morgante

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Wetlands Administrator

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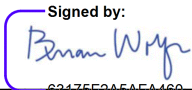
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Board of Public Works Meeting Date: October 2, 2024
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Revised: June 23, 2025 (R2)

I accept this License and all its conditions.

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Date

Signed by:

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Licensee (Signature)

Brian wolfe

Name (Printed)

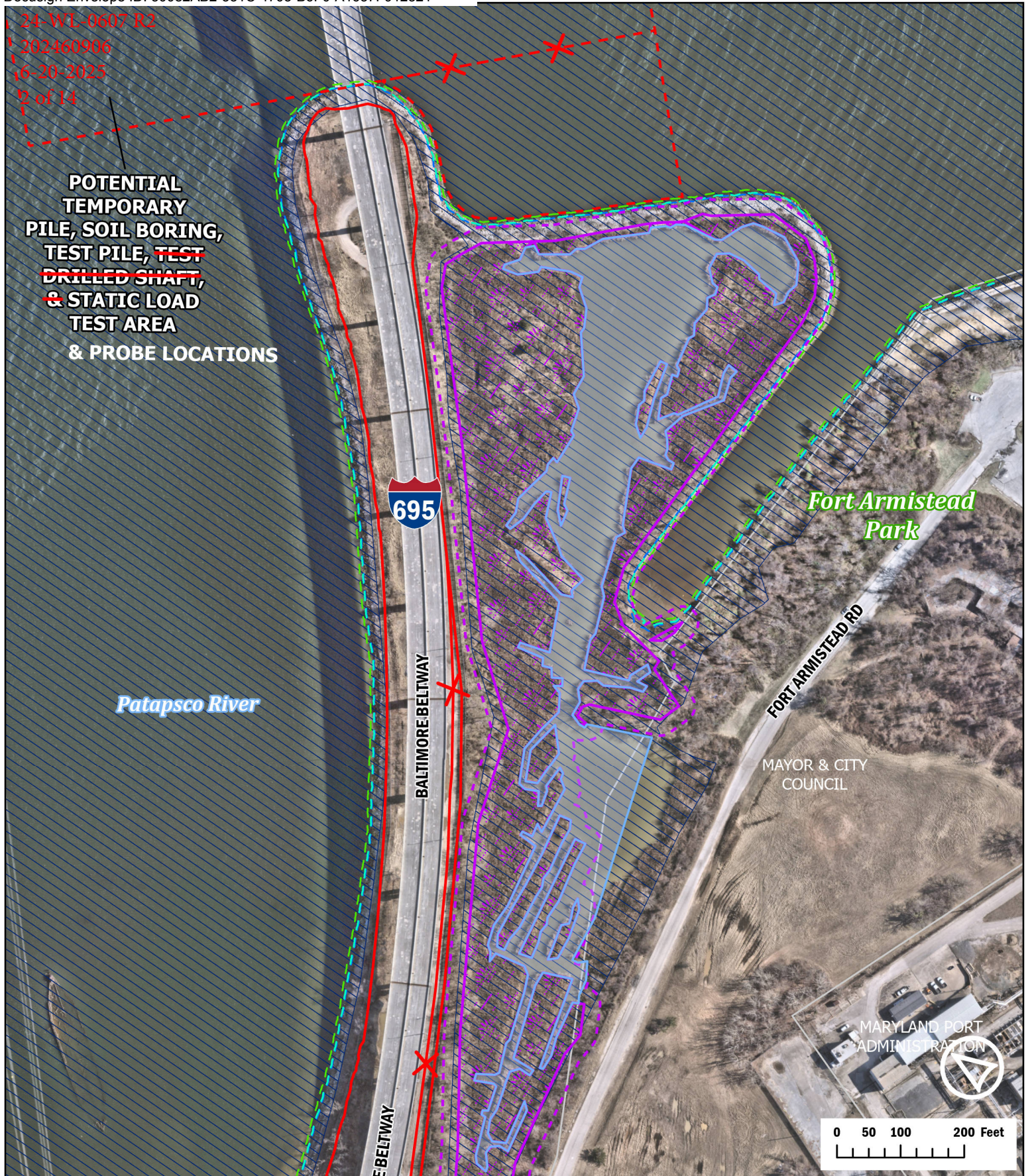
Director of Project Development

Title

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Email (To receive completed license.)





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| | Potential Temporary Pile Area | | MHHW Line |
| | Streams | | MHW Line |
| | Wetlands | | Property Parcels |
| | 25ft Wetland Buffer | | Municipal Boundaries |
| | 100-Year Floodplain | | |

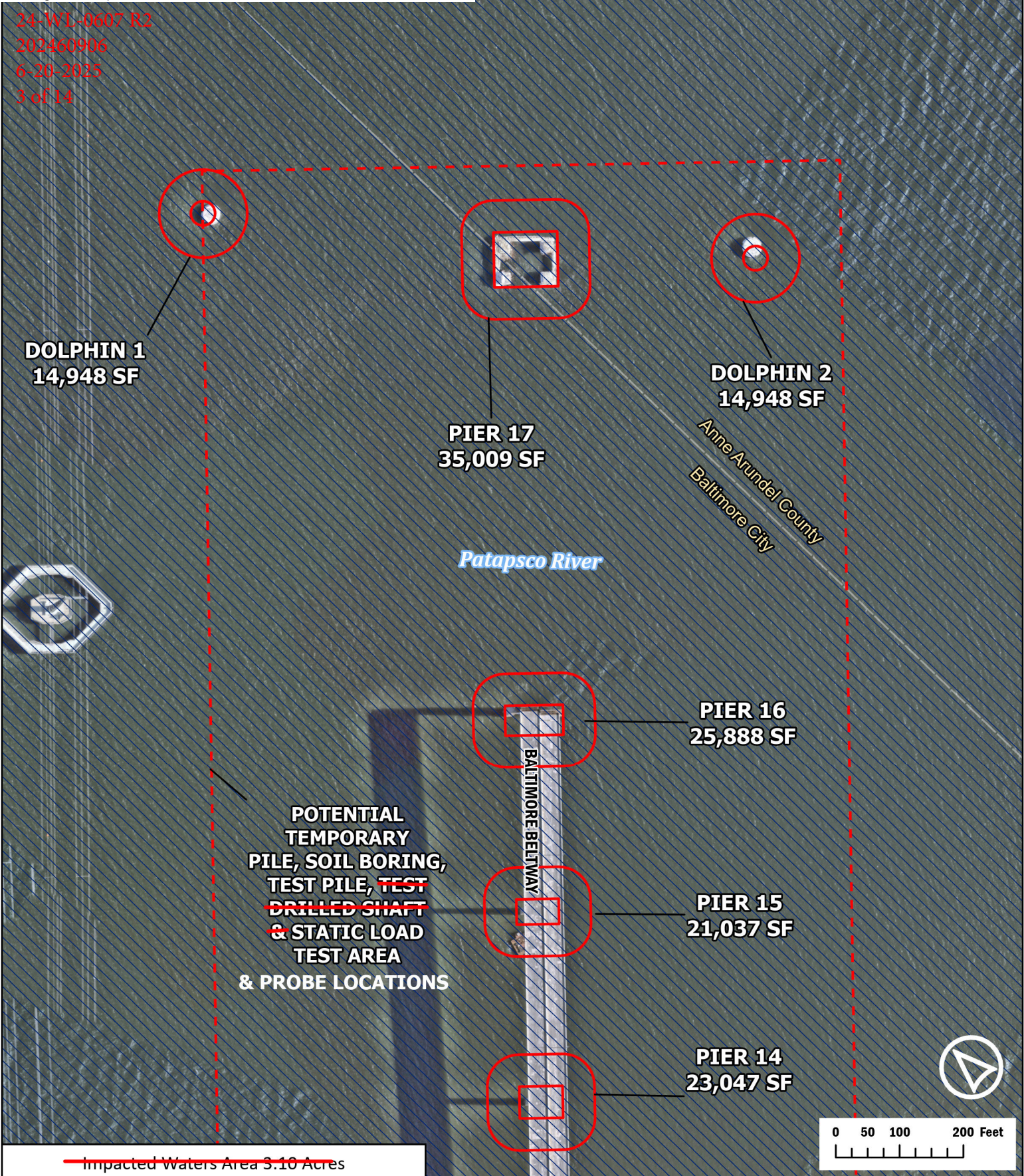


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Impacted Waters Area 3.10 Acres

Limits of Disturbance	Approximate MLW Line
Potential Temporary Pile Area	MHHW Line
Streams	MHW Line
Wetlands	Property Parcels
25ft Wetland Buffer	Municipal Boundaries
100-Year Floodplain	



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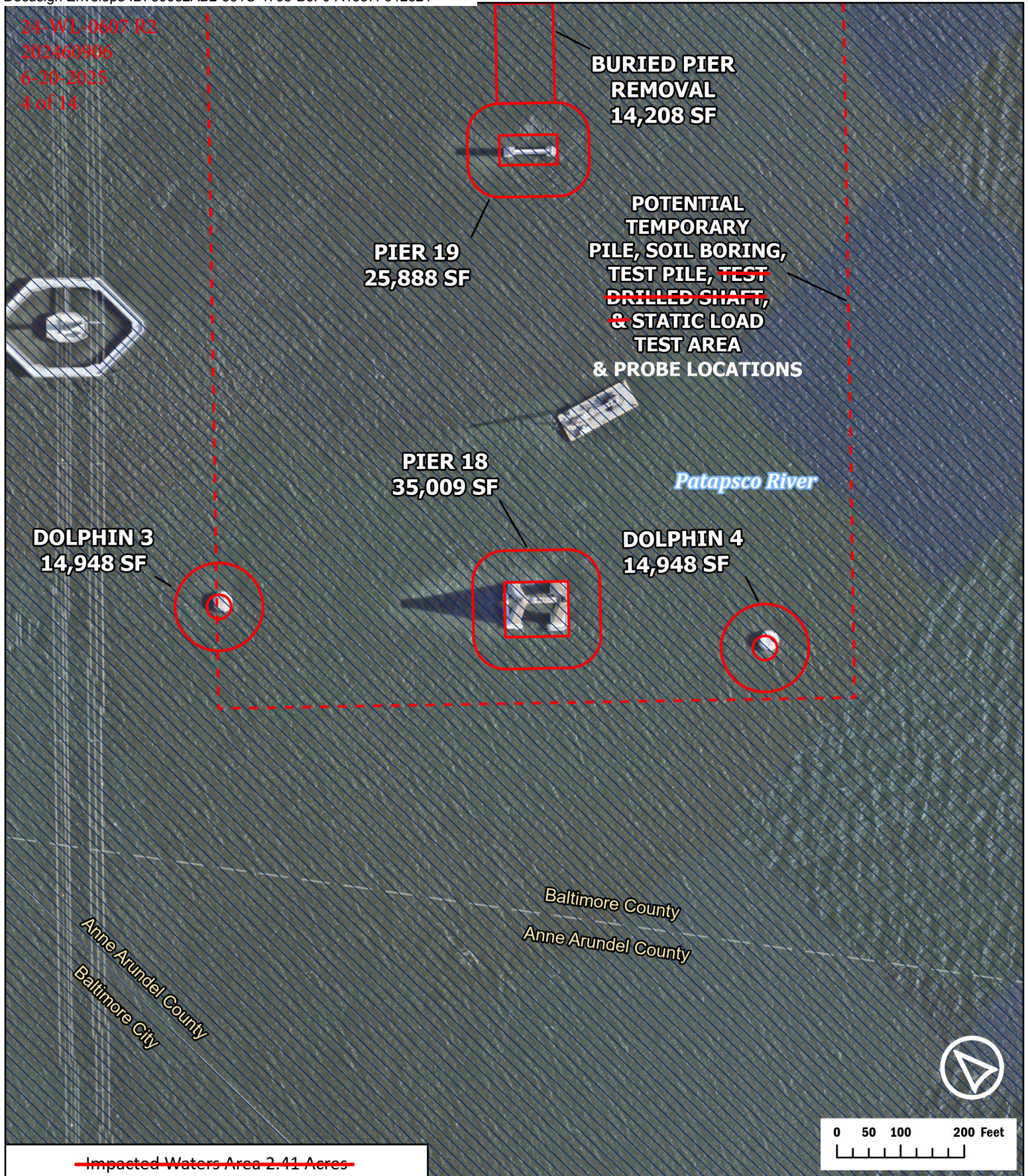
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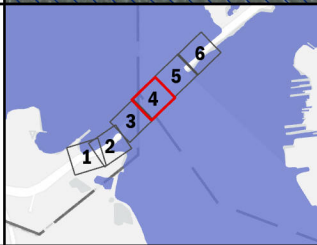
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~~Impacted Waters Area 2.41 Acres~~

Limits of Disturbance	Approximate MLW Line
Potential Temporary Pile Area	MHHW Line
Streams	MHW Line
Wetlands	Property Parcels
25ft Wetland Buffer	Municipal Boundaries
100-Year Floodplain	

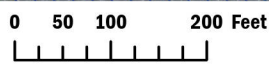


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| Limits of Disturbance | Approximate MLW Line |
| Potential Temporary Pile Area | MHHW Line |
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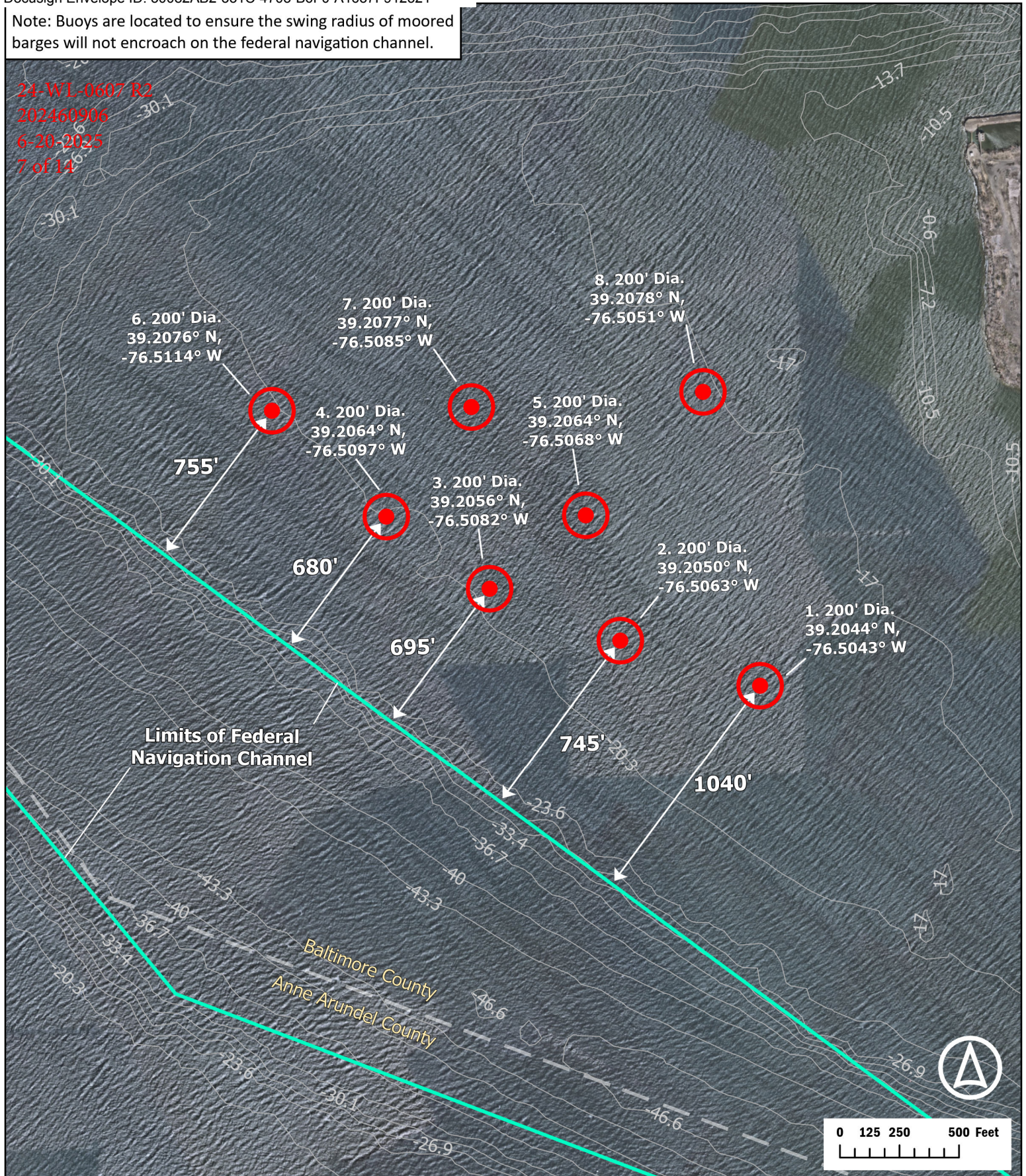
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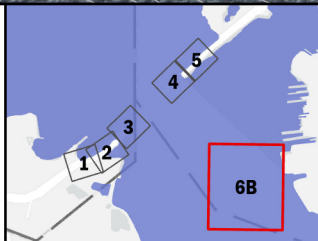
Note: Buoys are located to ensure the swing radius of moored barges will not encroach on the federal navigation channel.

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Proposed Temporary Mooring Buoy

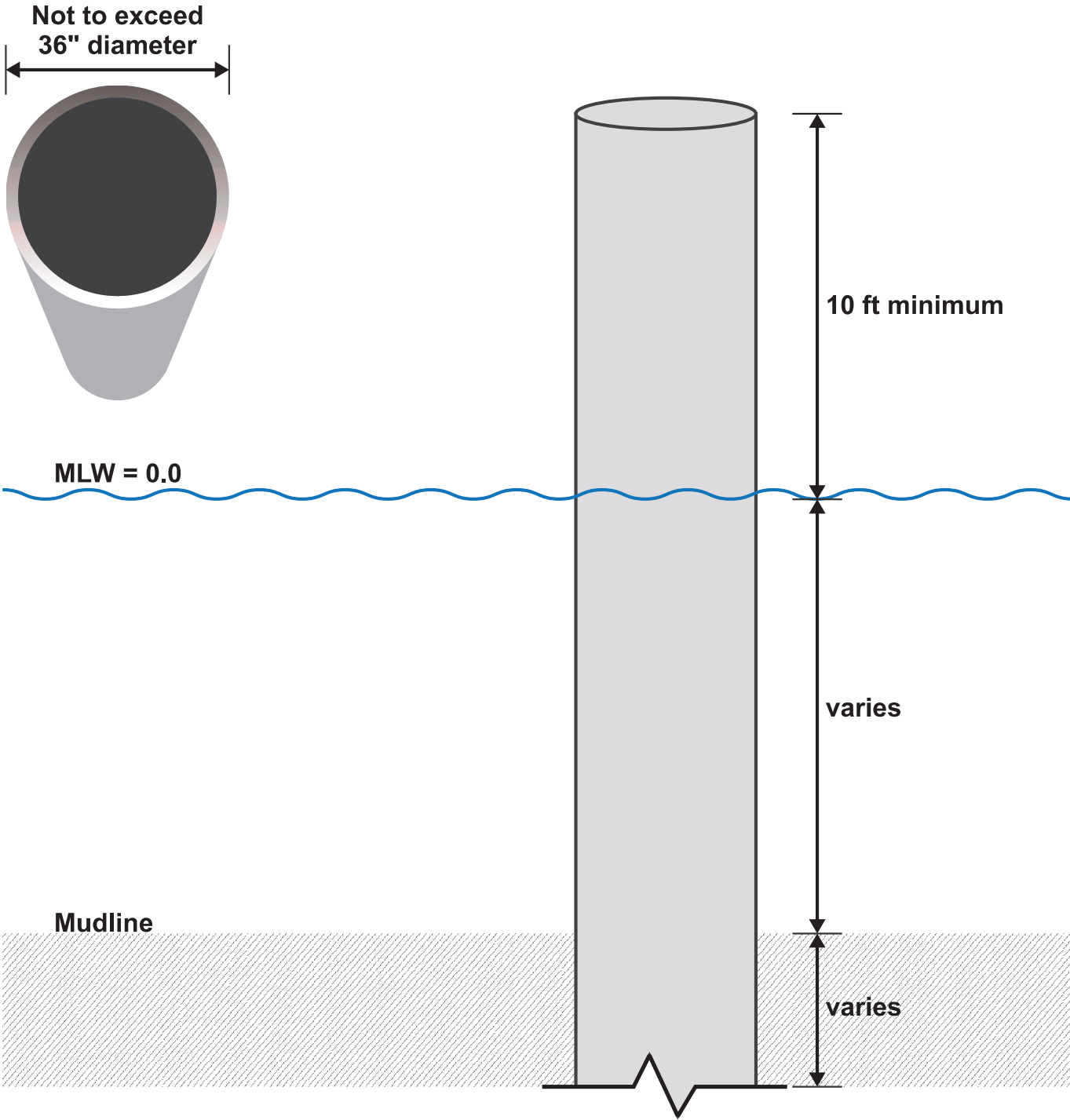
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Temporary Pile Typical Section



7 sq. ft. impact/temporary pile
Total impact not to exceed 707 sq. ft. (100 temporary piles)



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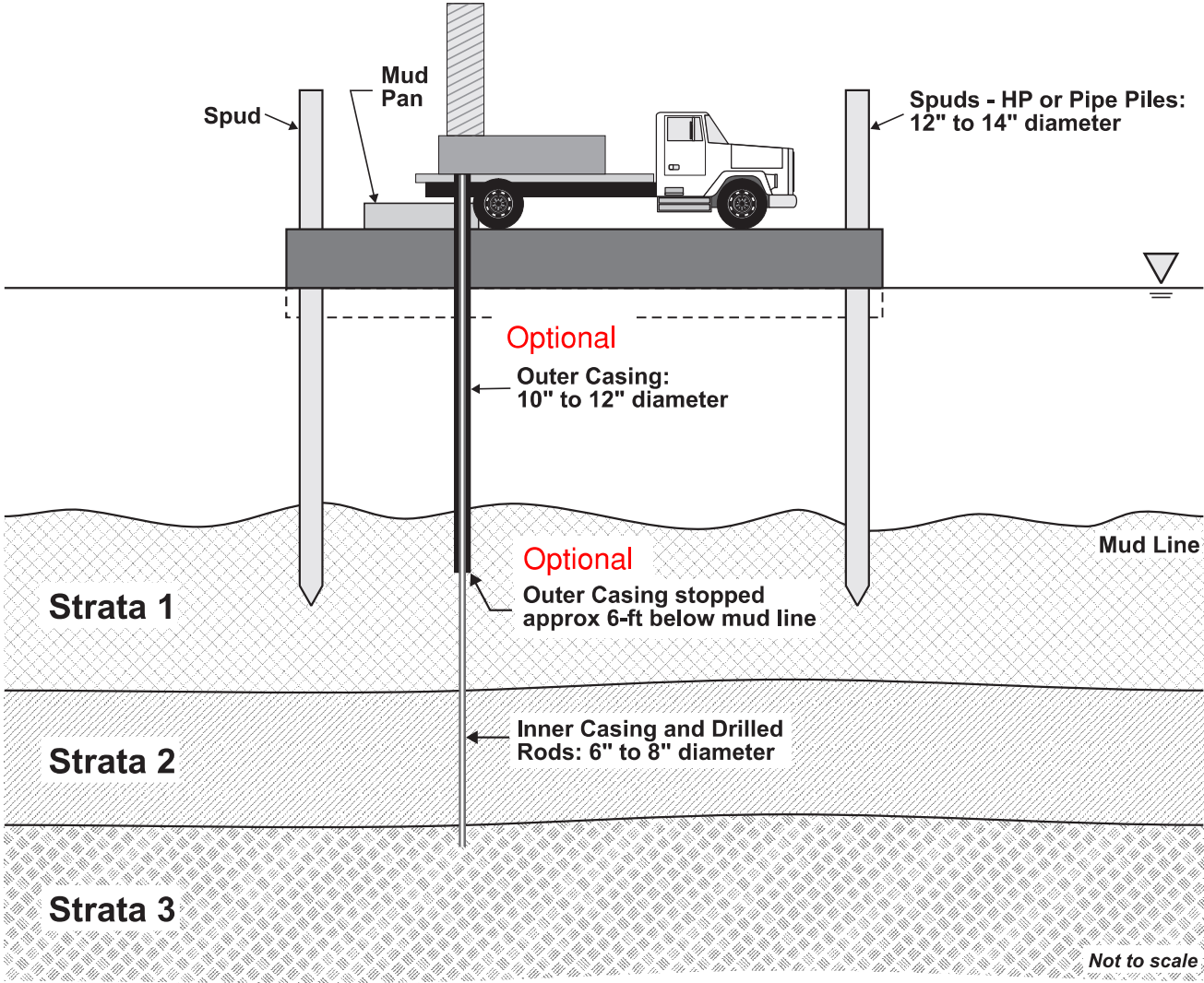
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Not to scale

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Subsurface Exploration Cross-Section - Geotechnical Boring



33 sq. ft. impact/boring
Total impact not to exceed ~~4,000 sq. ft. (80 borings)~~
6,600 sq. ft. (200 borings)

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Note: The subsurface exploration work will be conducted with a barge mounted drill rig to obtain Standard Penetration Test (SPT) samples. The field crew ~~will~~ install an outer casing below the mudline to seat the borehole. Drill rods and inner casing will be run through the outer casing to obtain soil samples. Spuds on the four corners of the barge will be used to keep the barge in position. A mud pan will be used to minimize sedimentation in the river.



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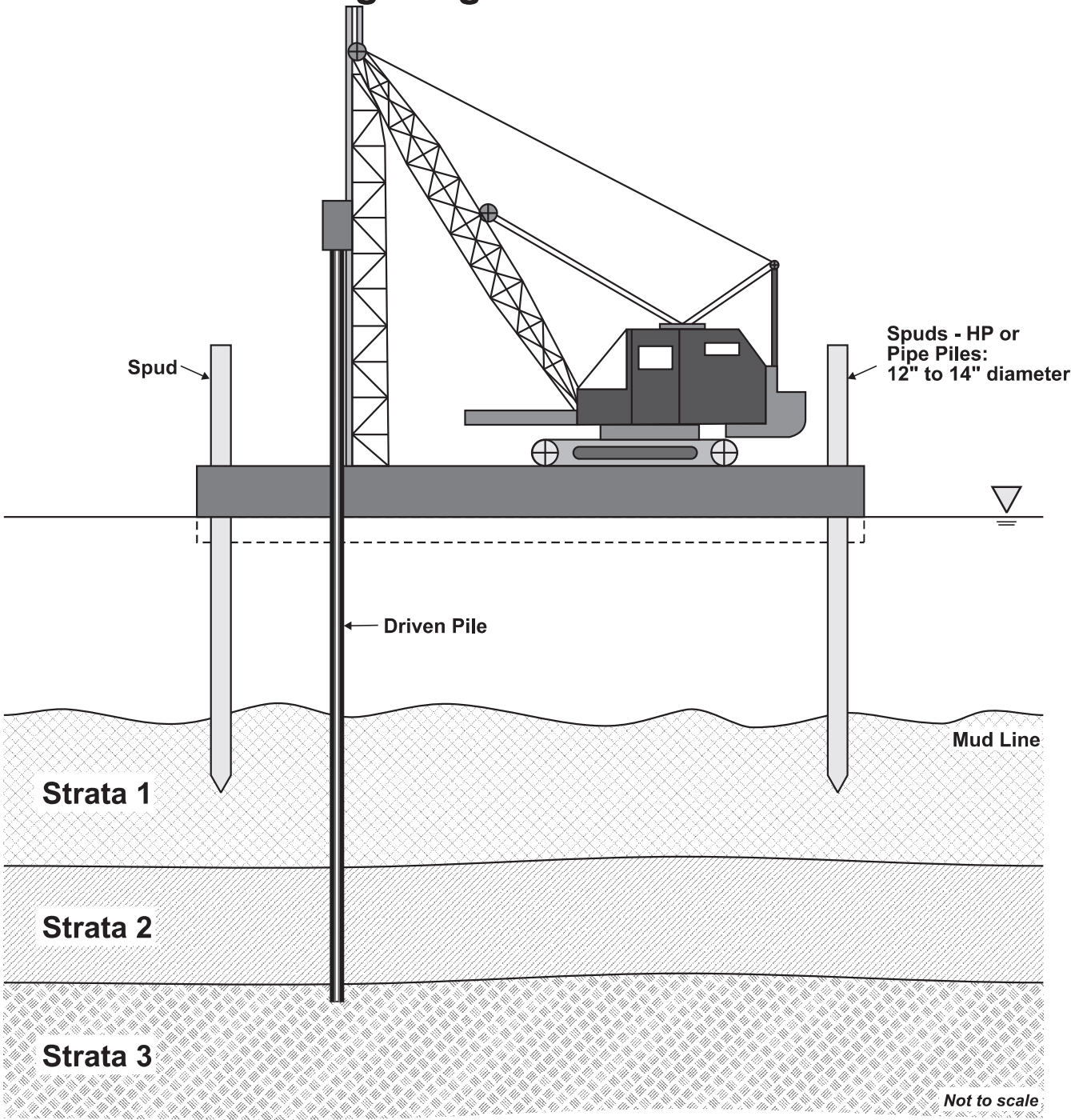
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Foundation Testing Program Cross-Section – Pile Test



56 sq. ft. ~~33 sq. ft.~~ impact/pile test

Total impact not to exceed ~~462 sq. ft.~~ (14 pile tests)
784 sq. ft.

Note: Test piles will be driven into the substrata using an impact hammer for the purposes of evaluating pile foundation capacities and developing the hydro acoustic monitoring program. The pile driving equipment will be mounted on a barge, and spuds on the four corners of the barge will be used to keep the barge in position. Upon completion, all piles will be cut off below the mudline. Piles may also be subjected to load testing per ASTM D7383 "Axial Compressive Force Pulse (Rapid) Testing of Deep Foundations" (i.e. Statnamic or other tests allowed by the ASTM D7383), when allowed by the Authority.



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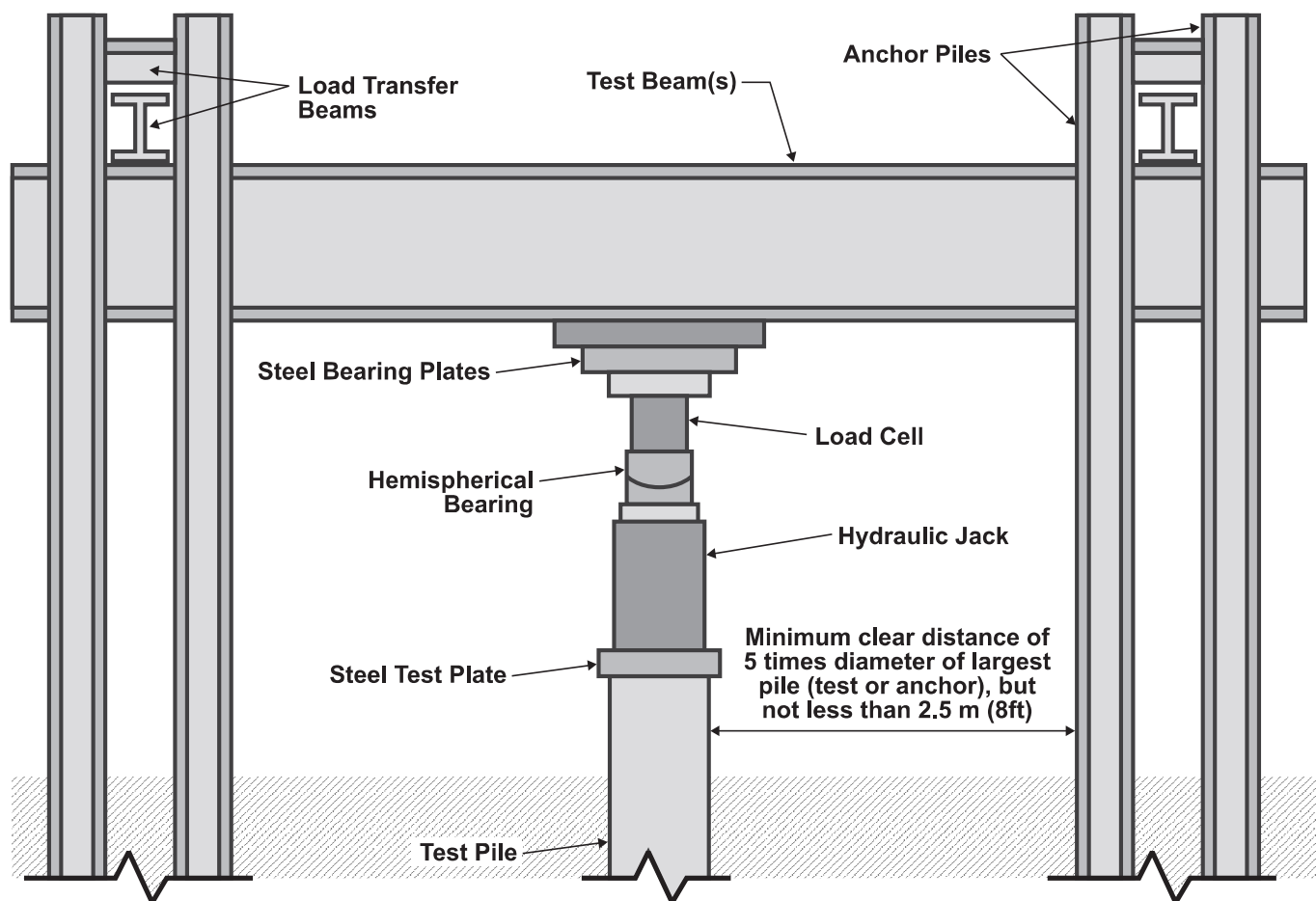
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Foundation Testing Program Cross-Section – Static Load Test



260 sq. ft. impact (1 shaft or pile)
Total impact not to exceed 1,560 sq. ft. (6 tests)

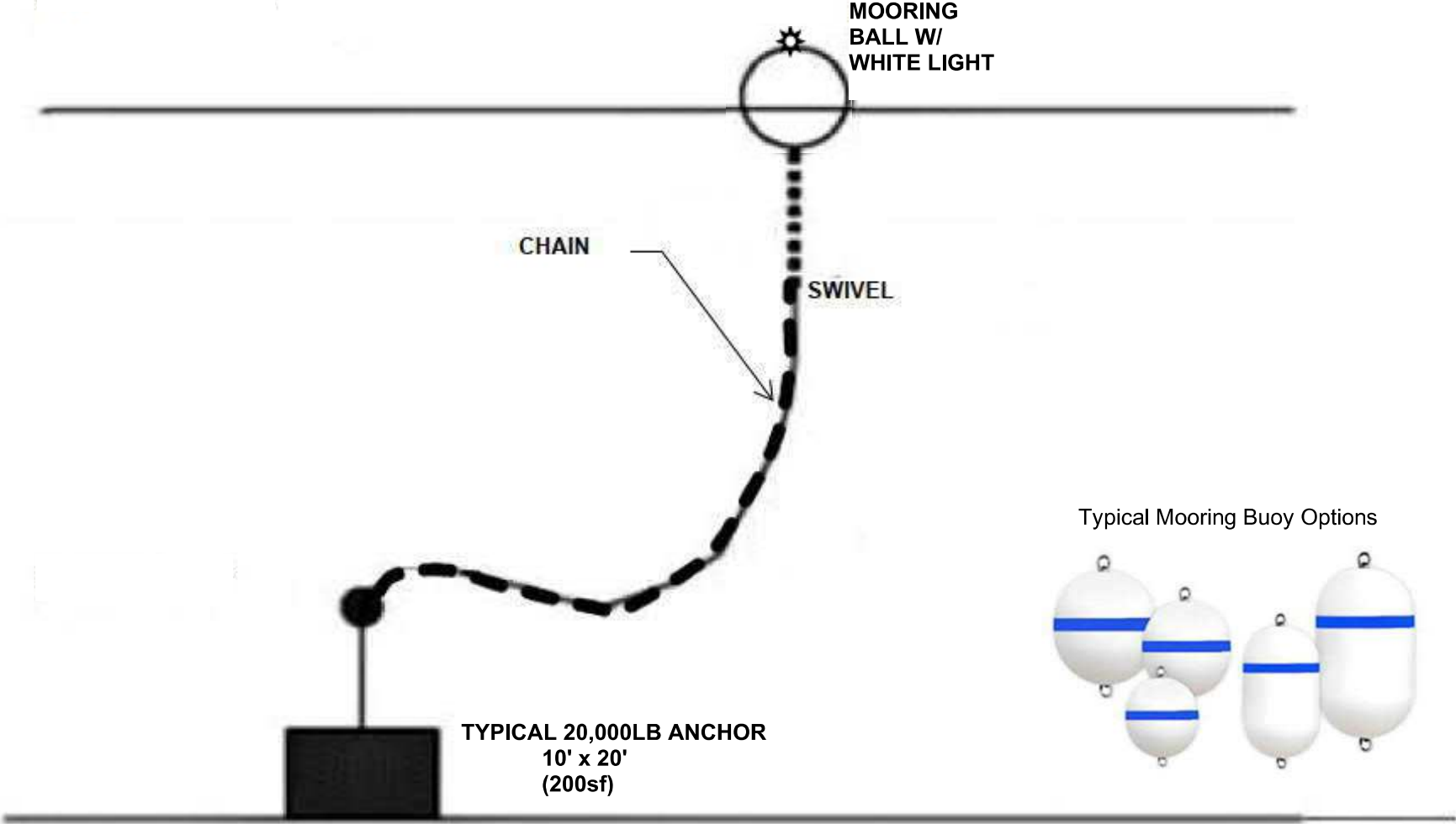
Note: Static load test includes one drilled shaft or pile, and a four reaction shaft pile array. Shaft and piles are installed in river bottom and loaded with weight. Then upon completion test shaft and reaction piles will be cut below the mudline.



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Typical Mid-Line Float Mooring Ball Detail

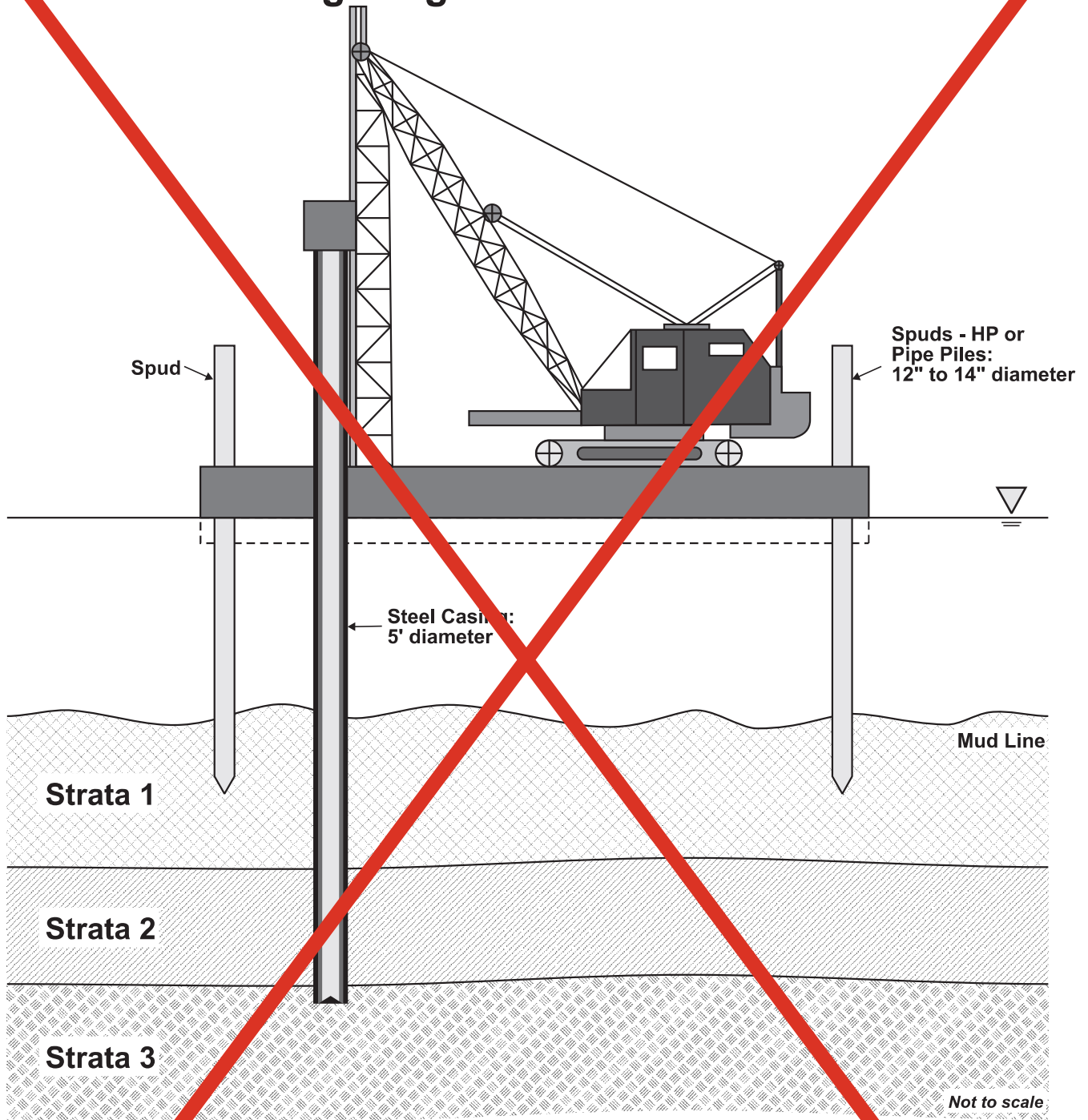
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Foundation Testing Program Cross-Section – Drilled Shaft



~~50 sq. ft. impact (1 shaft)~~

~~Total impact not to exceed 300 sq. ft. (6 shafts)~~

Note: A 5-foot diameter drilled shaft will be constructed to determine the capacity of this foundation type. A steel casing will be installed into the substrata for construction of the shaft. Upon reaching the appropriate depth; testing equipment, rebar and concrete will be installed within the steel casing. The drilled shaft will be mounted on a barge, and spuds on the four corners of the barge will be used to keep the barge in position. Upon completion, the drilled shaft will be cut off below the mudline.



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Permit Modification Tracking Table

Francis Scott Key Bridge Rebuild Project – WL#24-0607 & NAB-2024-60906-M46 (Demo Phase 1) Tidal Water Impact Modification			
Work Activity	Authorized in WL#24-0607(R1) & NAB-2024-60906-M46 (Demo Phase 1)	Modification Request	Modified Total
Geotechnical Borings	200 borings (33 square feet per impact/boring)	No Change	200 borings (33 square feet per impact/boring)
	Activity Impact Total - 6,600 square feet (0.15 acres)	No Change	Activity Impact Total - 6,600 square feet (0.15 acres)
Mooring Buoys	8 buoys (200 square feet per buoy)	No Change	8 buoys (200 square feet per buoy)
	Activity Impact Total - 1,600 square feet (0.04 acres)	No Change	Activity Impact Total - 1,600 square feet (0.04 acres)
Temporary Piles (36")	100 piles (7.07 square feet per pile)	No Change	100 piles (7.07 square feet per pile)
	Activity Impact Total - 707 square feet (0.02 acres)	No Change	Activity Impact Total - 707 square feet (0.02 acres)
Probe Operations	2,000 probes (7.07 square feet per probe)	No Change	2,000 probes (7.07 square feet per probe)
	Activity Impact Total - 14,140 square feet (0.32 acres)	No Change	Activity Impact Total - 14,140 square feet (0.32 acres)
Test Piles	Activity Impact Total - 784 square feet (0.02 acres)	No Change	Activity Impact Total - 784 square feet (0.02 acres)
Static Load Tests	Activity Impact Total - 1,560 square feet (0.04 acres)	No Change	Activity Impact Total - 1,560 square feet (0.04 acres)
Total Tidal Water Impact (Temporary)	25,391 Square Feet (0.58 acres)	No Change	25,391 Square Feet (0.58 acres)*

*Total Tidal Waters Impact in acres total to 0.59 due to rounding of impacts associated with each activity and reflected in the approved impact plates. Total square footage is included to provide more granularity to the impact data.