

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

CORPS OF ENGINEERS

**Application Number: SWL 2024-00405** 

**Date:** March 11, 2025

Comments Due: April 7, 2025

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Comments are invited on the work described below. Please see the <u>Public Involvement</u> section for details on submitting comments.

<u>Point of Contact</u>. If additional information is desired, please contact the regulator, John Bridgeman, telephone number: (501) 340-1387, mailing address: Little Rock District Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division, PO Box 867, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867, email address: John.Bridgeman@usace.army.mil

<u>Project Information</u>. Pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S. Code 1344), notice is hereby given that

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) c/o Mrs. Lazendra Hairston-Barton 2 Natural Resources Drive Little Rock, Arkansas 72211

has requested authorization for work, including the placement of dredged and fill material, in waters of the United States associated with the renovation of the existing boat launch facilities and the addition of a "Boat Beach Area" at WestRock Landing Marina. The proposed project is located in Lake Maumelle / Maumelle River, river mile 9.7 on the right descending bank, in the SE 1/4 of section 26, T. 3 N., R. 15 W., Roland, Pulaski County, Arkansas.

The project purpose is to improve public access and safety on Lake Maumelle.

The proposed project involves the renovation of the existing boat launch facilities at WestRock Landing Marina. This will entail the removal of the three existing deteriorated boat ramps and the existing courtesy dock. Following removal, the area will be regraded to establish proper slopes for the project, approximately 1-foot vertical rise to 7-foot horizontal run (1:7). The project will then construct four new boat ramps, each measuring 14 feet wide by 91 feet long, and two new courtesy docks, each measuring 8 feet wide by 70 feet long. The courtesy docks will be anchored at the top of the bank, with additional support provided by 12-inch diameter steel pipe piles driven into the lakebed. Additionally, a "Boat Beach Area" will be constructed on the eastern side of the boat ramp. It will be constructed utilizing 6-inch geocell ground grid and filled with 1/4-inch pea gravel to allow for boaters to beach their boat on the shoreline safely if the courtesy docks are full. The "Boat Beach Area" will cover an area approximately 120 feet long by 25 feet wide by 6 inches deep. Total impacts to waters of the United States include the placement of approximately 24 cubic yards of b-stone, 35 cubic yards of sb-2 gravel, 85 cubic yards of concrete, and 22 cubic yards of pea gravel below the ordinary high water mark.

Due to the limited impacts, no mitigation is being proposed at this time. AGFC will assure that sediment and erosion best management practices (BMPs) are followed during the construction of this project to ensure water quality standards are maintained.

The location and general plan for the proposed work are shown on the enclosed sheets.

Water Quality Certification. The Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Certification Rule (Certification Rule, 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 121), effective November 27, 2023, requires certification for any license or permit that authorizes an activity that may result in a discharge. The scope of a CWA Section 401 certification is limited to assuring that a discharge from a Federally licensed or permitted activity will comply with water quality requirements. The applicant is solely responsible for requesting certification and providing required information to the certifying agency. As of the date of this public notice, the applicant has not submitted a certification request to the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, Division of Environmental Quality (certifying authority). In accordance with Certification Rule Part 121.6, the Corps and ADEQ or MDNR have determined the reasonable period of time for the certifying agency to act upon the certification request is 120 days once the applicant submits a certification request to the certifying agency. In accordance with Certification Rule Part 121.12, the Corps will notify the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator when it has received the subject certification. The Administrator is responsible for determining if the discharge may affect water quality in a neighboring jurisdiction. The DA permit may not be issued pending the conclusion of the Administrator's determination of effects on neighboring jurisdictions.

<u>Cultural Resources</u>. A Corps staff archeologist will evaluate the proposal for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, including identification and evaluation of cultural resources potentially impacted by the proposal's implementation in waters of the United States. The District Engineer invites responses to this public notice from Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies; historical and archeological societies; and other parties likely to have knowledge of or concerns with historic properties in the area.

<u>Endangered Species</u>. Our preliminary determination is that the proposed activity will not affect listed Endangered Species or their critical habitat. A copy of this notice is being furnished to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and appropriate state agencies and constitutes a request to those agencies for information on whether any listed or proposed-to-be-listed endangered or threatened species may be present in the area which would be affected by the proposed activity.

<u>Floodplain</u>. We are providing copies of this notice to appropriate floodplain officials in accordance with 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 60 (Floodplain Management Regulations Criteria for Land Management and Use) and Executive Order 11988 on Floodplain Management.

<u>Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines</u>. The evaluation of activities to be authorized under this permit, which involves the discharge of dredged or fill material will include application of guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act. These guidelines are contained in 40 Code of Federal CFR 230.

Public Involvement. Any interested party is invited to submit comments or objections relative to the proposed work to <a href="https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs/public-notices">https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs/public-notices</a> or to the above-listed POC, on or before April 7, 2025. Substantive comments, both favorable and unfavorable, will be accepted and made a part of the record and will receive full consideration in determining whether this work would be in the public interest. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal 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, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The 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 this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the 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 the 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.

Any person may request in writing within the comment period specified in this notice that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. The District Engineer will determine if the issues raised are substantial and whether a hearing is needed for making a decision.

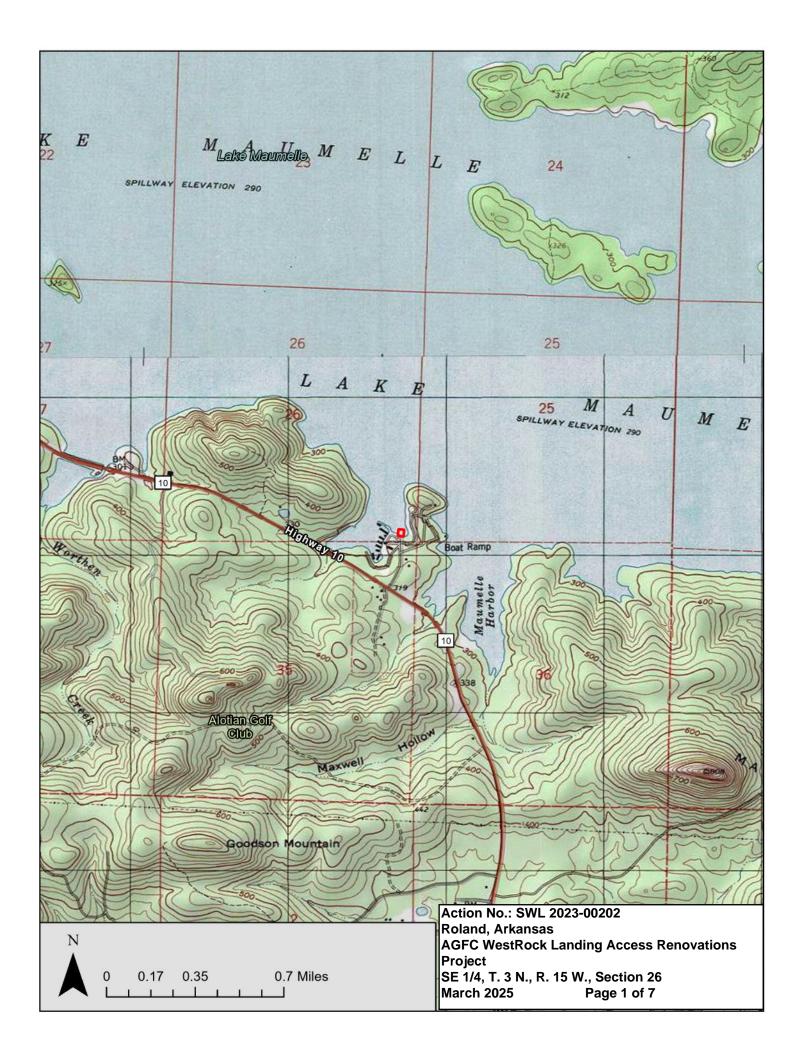
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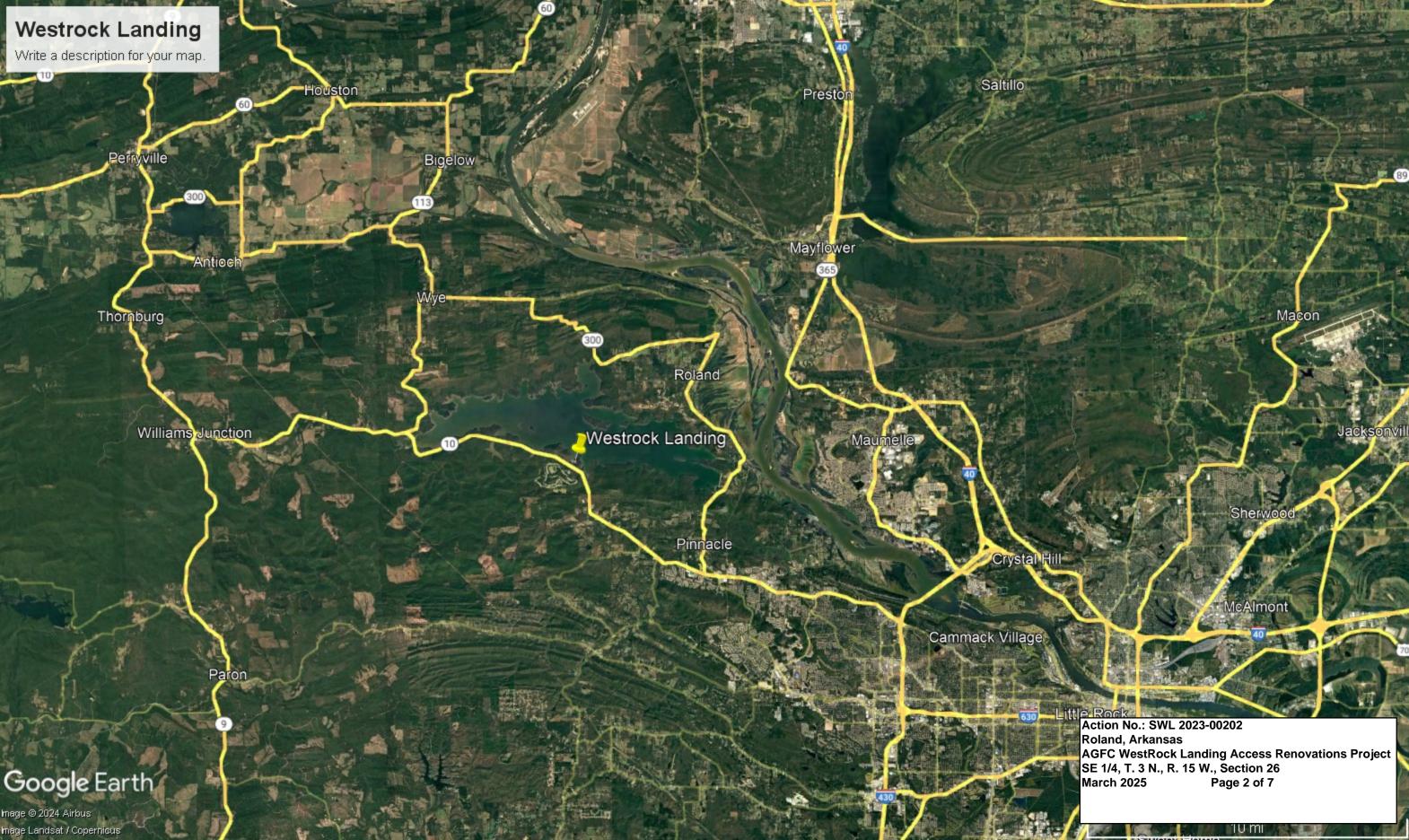
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## Approximate Coordinates of Project Center

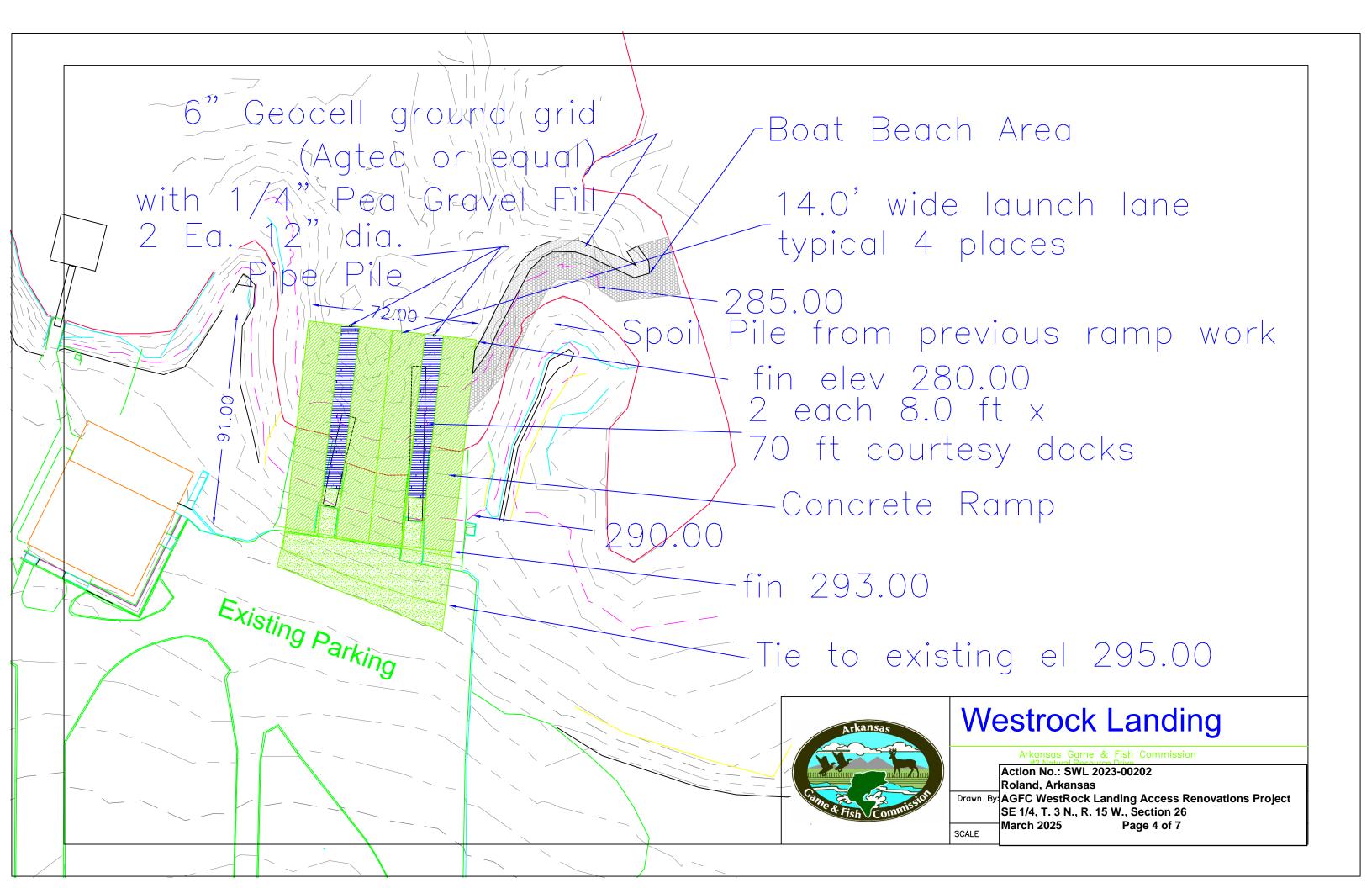
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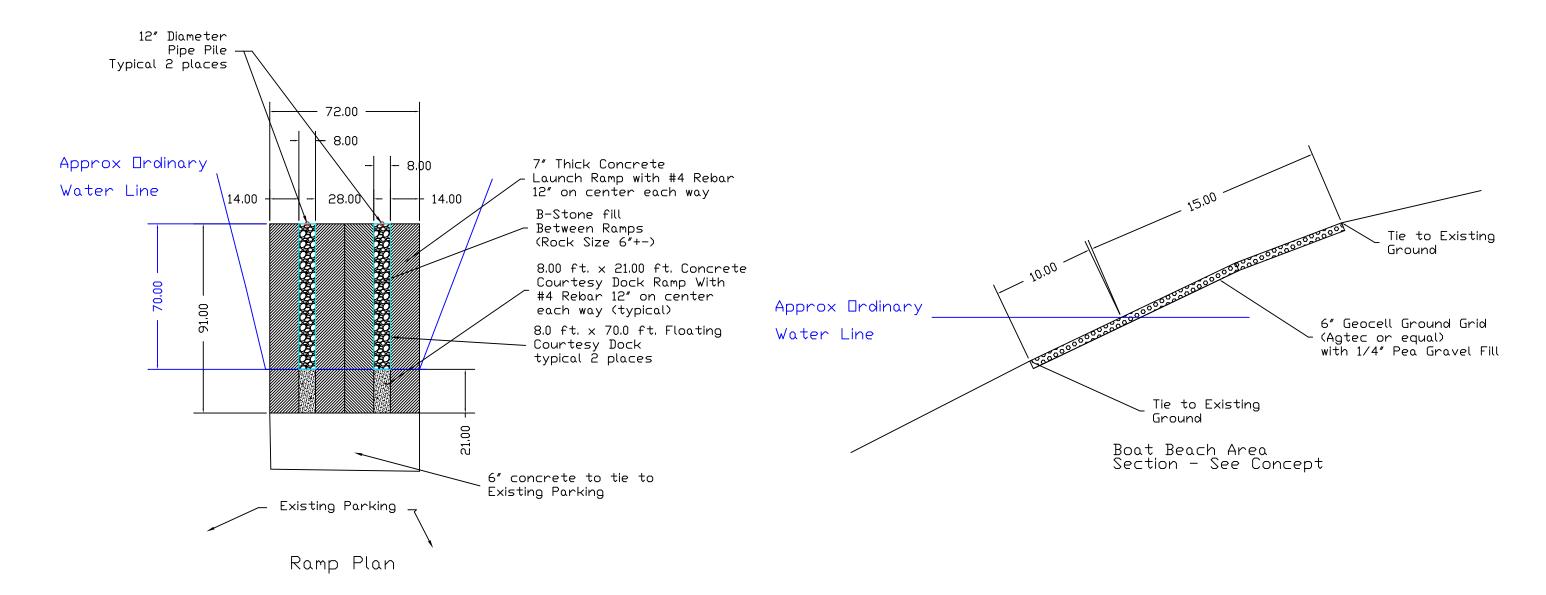
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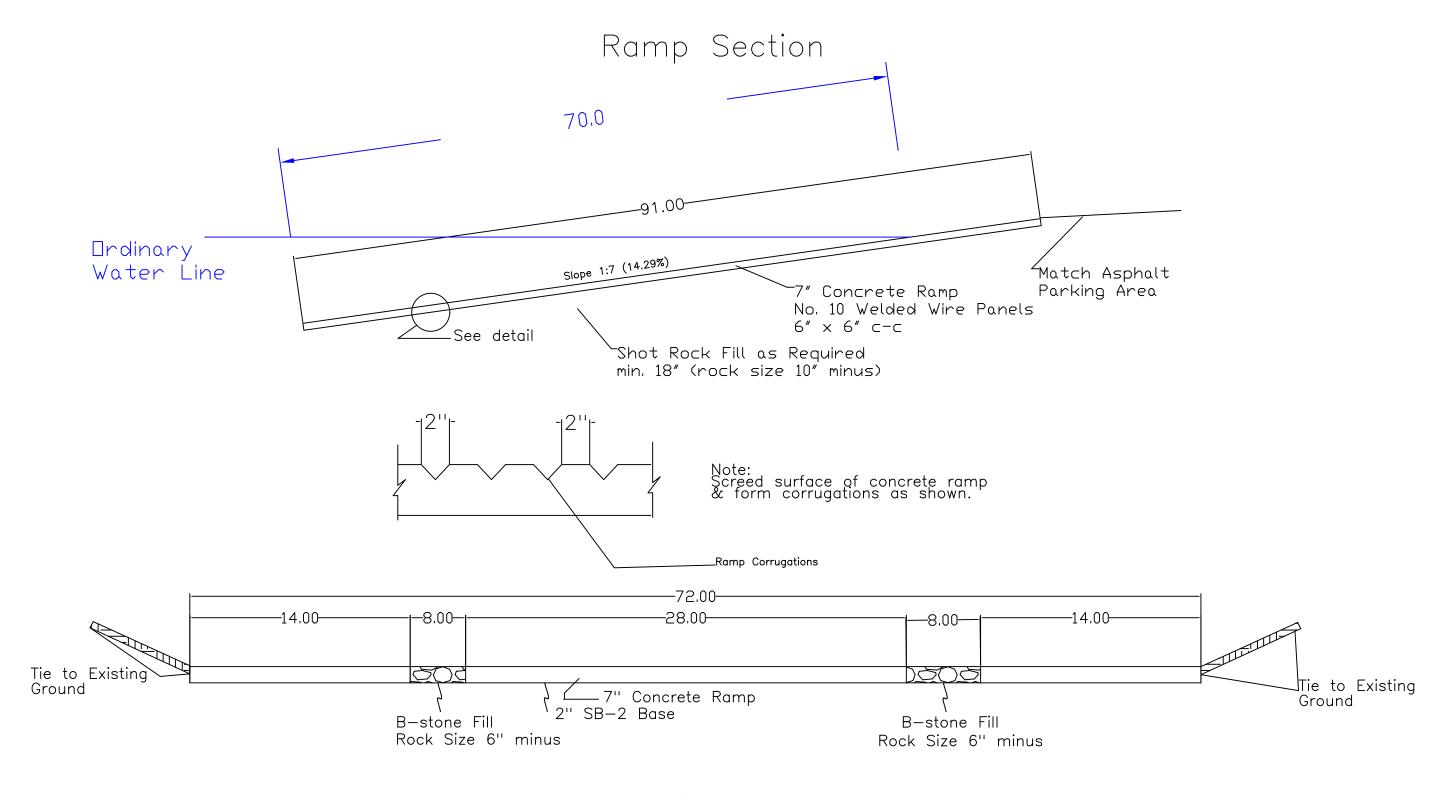






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