

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS 696 VIRGINIA ROAD CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS 01742-2751

September 26, 2013

Regulatory Division

File Number: NAE-2013-1320

Geordie Vining Newburyport Office of Planning and Development 60 Pleasant Street Newburyport, Massachusetts 01950

Dear Mr. Vining:

In accordance with your recent request, your Department of the Army permit number NAE-2013-1320, issued on September 10, 2013 is hereby modified. Special Condition #1 is replaced with the following:

1. No noise-producing activities, such as pile driving or sheet pile installation using an impact hammer shall occur between April 1<sup>st</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup> of any year to prevent noise impacts to diadromous fish using the area for spawning migration.

All other conditions of the original permit remain in full force and effect.

We continually strive to improve our customer service. In order for us to better serve you, we would appreciate your completing our Customer Service Survey located at http://per2.nwp.usace.army.mil/survey.html

If you have any questions, please contact Crystal Gardner of my staff at (978) 318-8332.

Sincerely,

Karen Kirk Adams

Chief, Permits and Enforcement Branch

Regulatory Division



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Geordie Vining Newburyport Office of Planning and Development 60 Pleasant Street Newburyport, Massachusetts 01950

Dear Mr. Vining:

We have reviewed your application to place and maintain 1,725 cubic yards of material over a 5,069 square foot area in conjunction with the repair and restoration of 1,350 feet of existing bulkhead and the replacement of piles. This project is located in the Merrimack River at 22 Merrimack Street, Newburyport, Massachusetts. The work is shown on the attached plans entitled "APPLICATION BY: TOWN OF NEWBURYPORT, IN: MERRIMACK RIVER, AT: NEWBURYPORT, COUNTY: ESSEX, STATE: MA", on nine sheets, and dated "05/20/13".

Based on the information you have provided, we have determined that the proposed activity which includes a discharge of dredged or fill material into waters or wetlands will have only minimal individual or cumulative environmental impacts on waters of the United States, including wetlands. Therefore, this work is authorized as a Category 2 activity under the attached Federal permit known as the Massachusetts General Permit (GP). This work must be performed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the GP and also in compliance with the following special conditions:

1. No work shall occur between April 1<sup>st</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup> of any year to prevent noise impacts to diadromous fish using the area for spawning migration.

REUSED BY ATTACHED LETTER

The National Marine Fisheries Service has provided conservation recommendations regarding the effects of your project on Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) as designated under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and is shown in special condition #1 above.

You are responsible for complying with all of the GP's requirements. Please review the attached GP carefully, in particular the GP conditions beginning on Page 5, to familiarize yourself with its contents. You should ensure that whoever does the work fully understands the requirements and that a copy of the permit document and this authorization letter are at the project site throughout the time the work is underway.

This determination becomes valid only after the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) issues or waives Water Quality Certification (WQC) as required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. In the event the MassDEP denies the 401 WQC, this determination becomes null and void. The address of the MassDEP Regional office for your area is provided in the attached GP.



Your project is located within, or may affect resources within the coastal zone. The Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) has already determined that no further Federal Consistency Review is required.

This GP expires on January 21, 2015. Activities authorized under this GP that have commenced (i.e., are under construction) or are under contact to commence before this GP expires will have until January 21, 2016 to complete the activity under the terms and general conditions of the current GP. For work within Corps jurisdiction that is not completed by January 21, 2016, you will need to reference any reissued GP to see if your project is still authorized under Category 1 (no application required), or Category 2 (application required). If it is no longer authorized you must submit an application and receive written authorization before you can continue work within our jurisdiction. Please contact us immediately if you change the plans or construction methods for work within our jurisdiction. This office must approve any changes before you undertake them.

This authorization requires you to complete and return the attached Work Start Notification Form(s) to this office at least two weeks before the anticipated starting date. You must also complete and return the enclosed Compliance Certification Form within one month following the completion of the authorized work and any required mitigation (but not mitigation monitoring, which requires separate submittals).

This authorization presumes that the work as described above and as shown on your plans noted above is in waters of the U.S. Should you desire to appeal our jurisdiction, submit a request for an approved jurisdictional determination in writing to this office.

This permit does not obviate the need to obtain other federal, state, or local authorizations required by law, as listed on Page 2 of the GP. Performing work not specifically authorized by this determination or failing to comply with any special condition(s) provided above or all the terms and conditions of the GP may subject you to the enforcement provisions of our regulations.

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Please contact Crystal Gardner, of my staff at 978-318-332 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Karen Kirk Adams

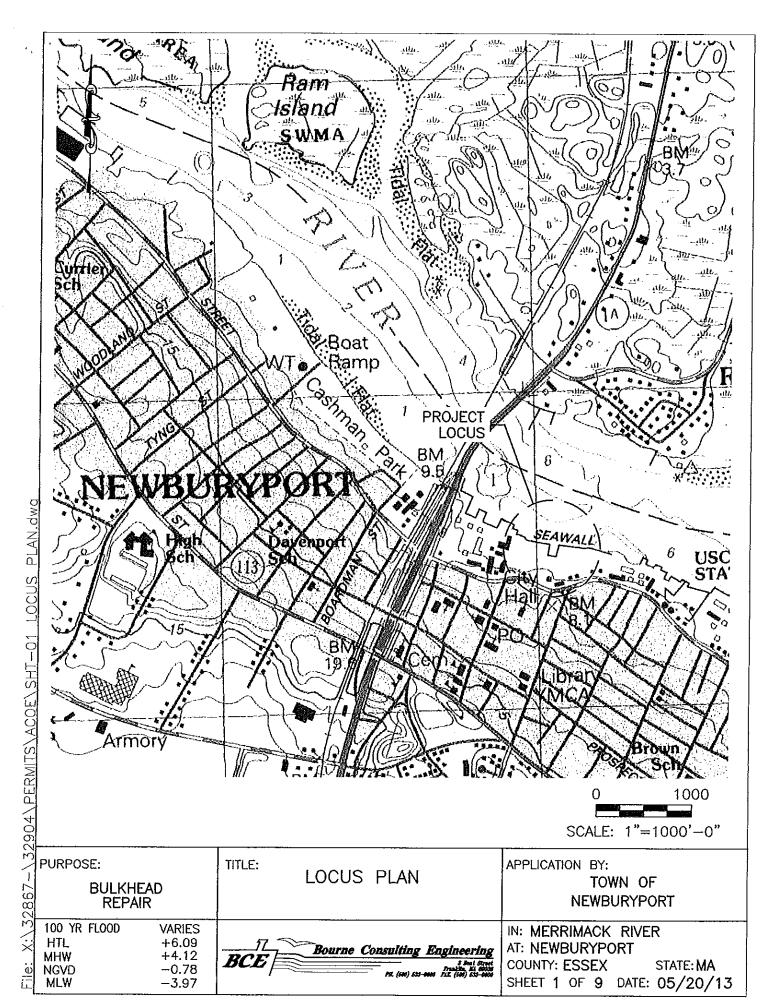
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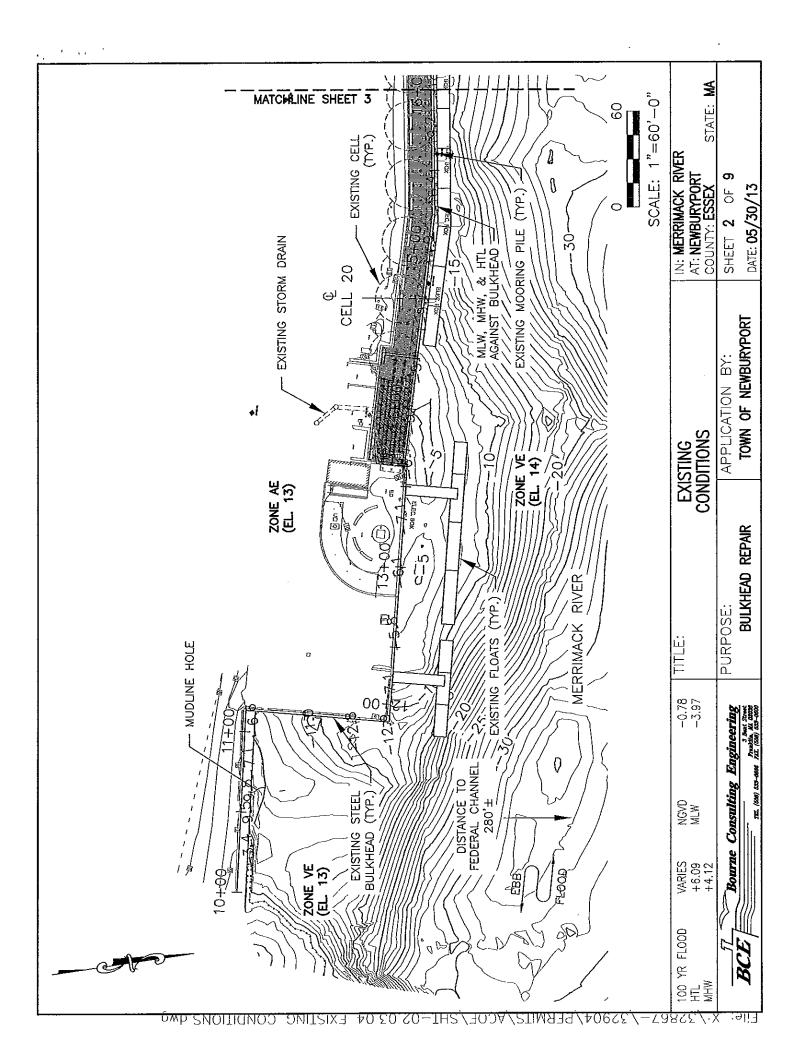
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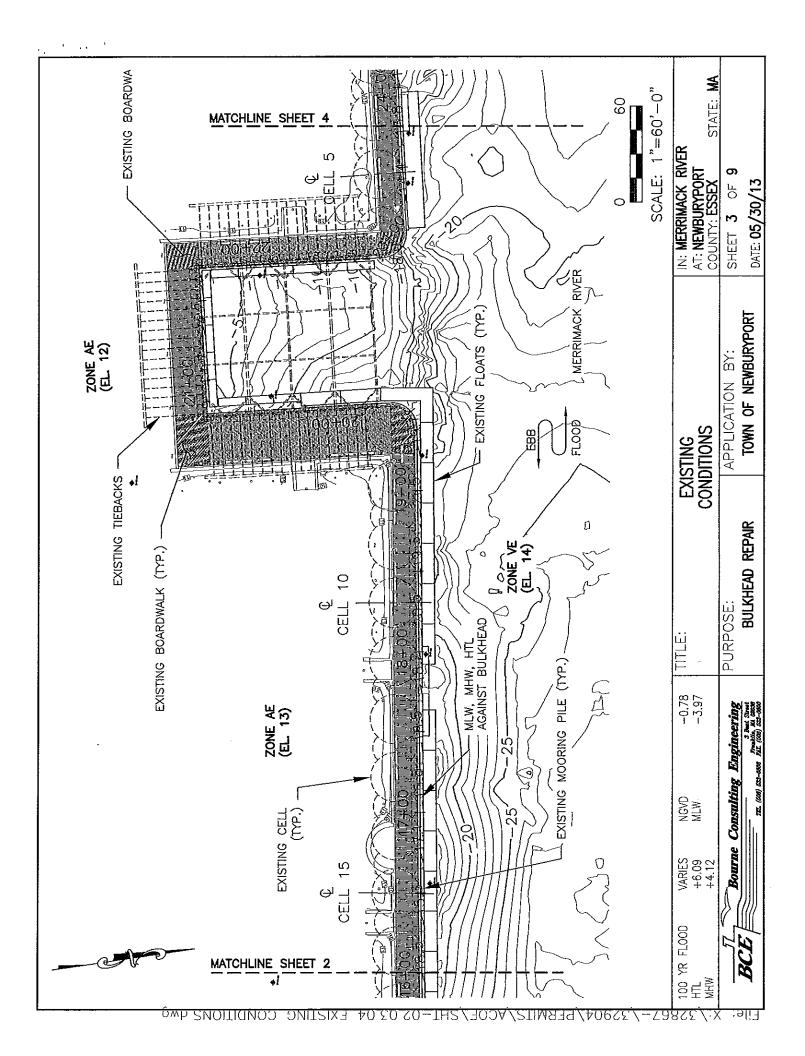
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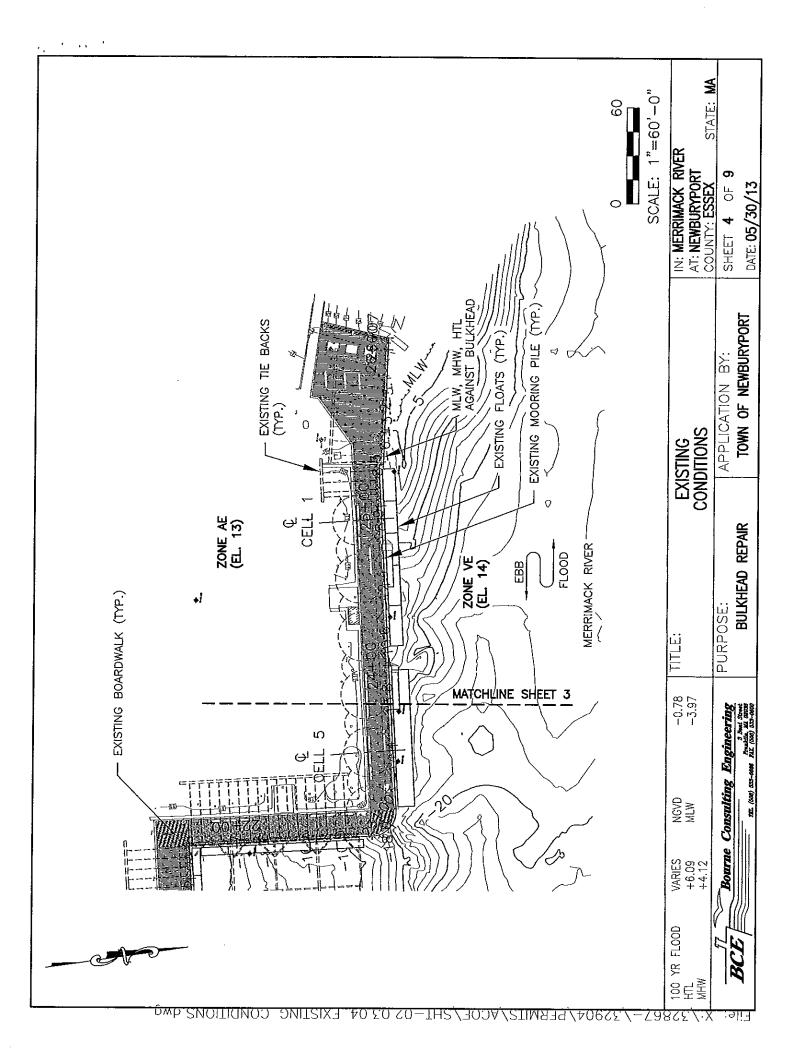
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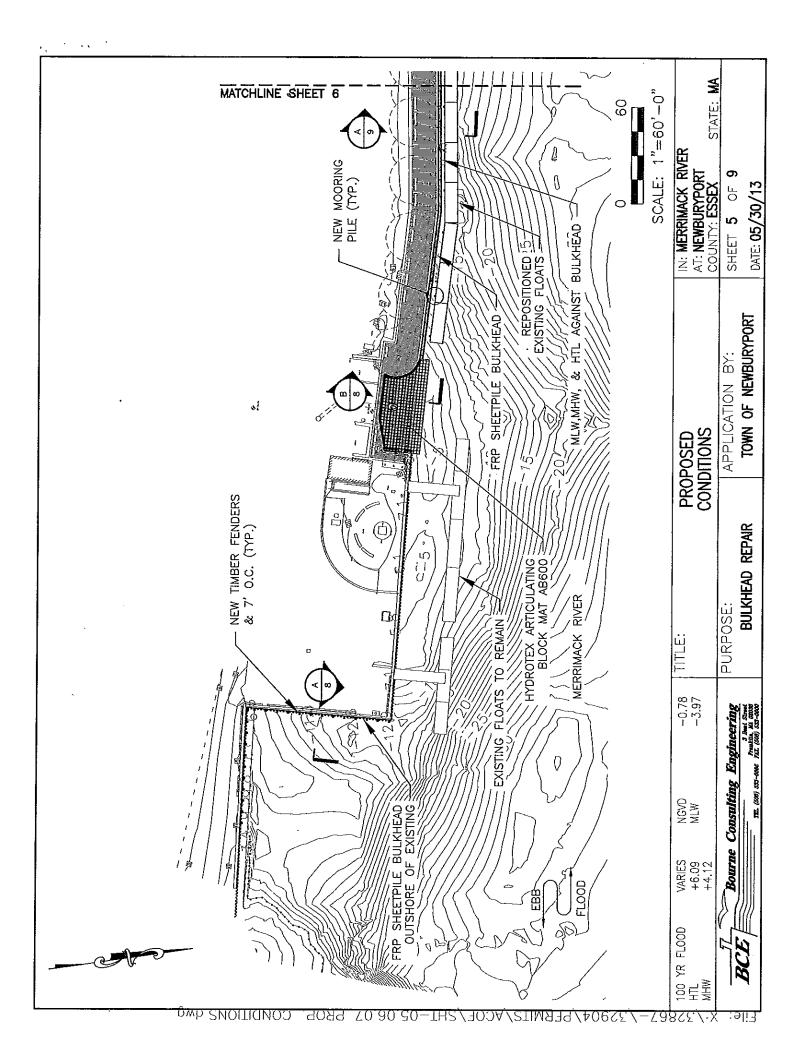
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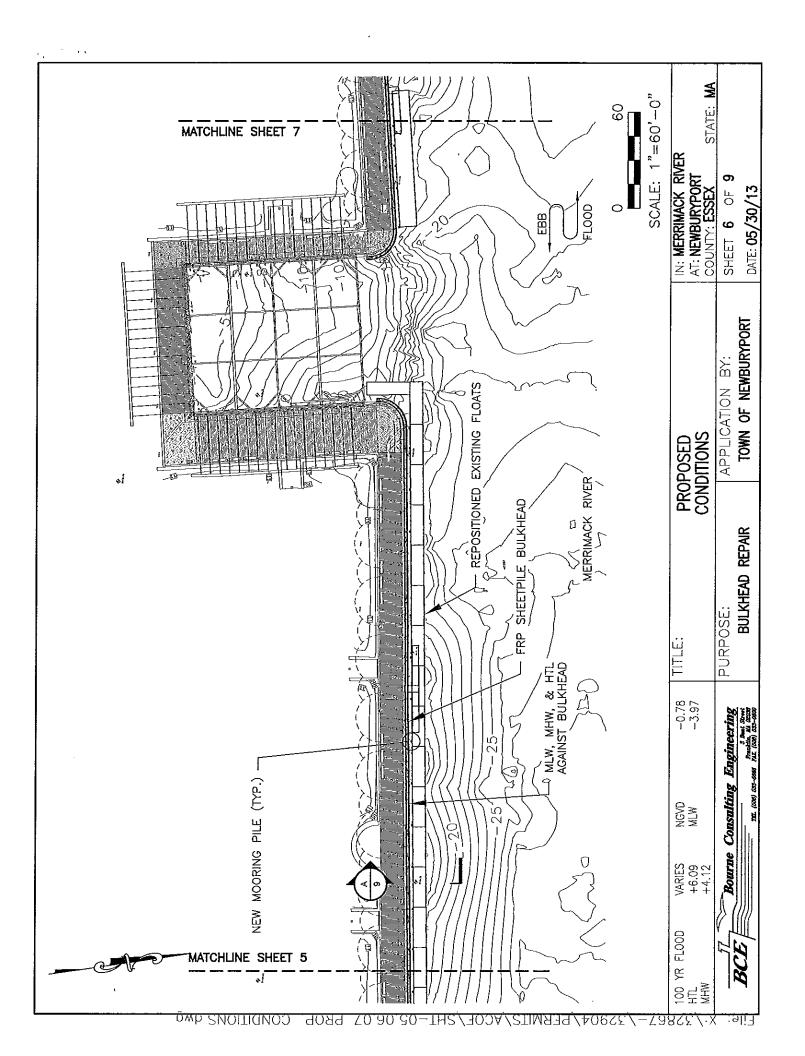


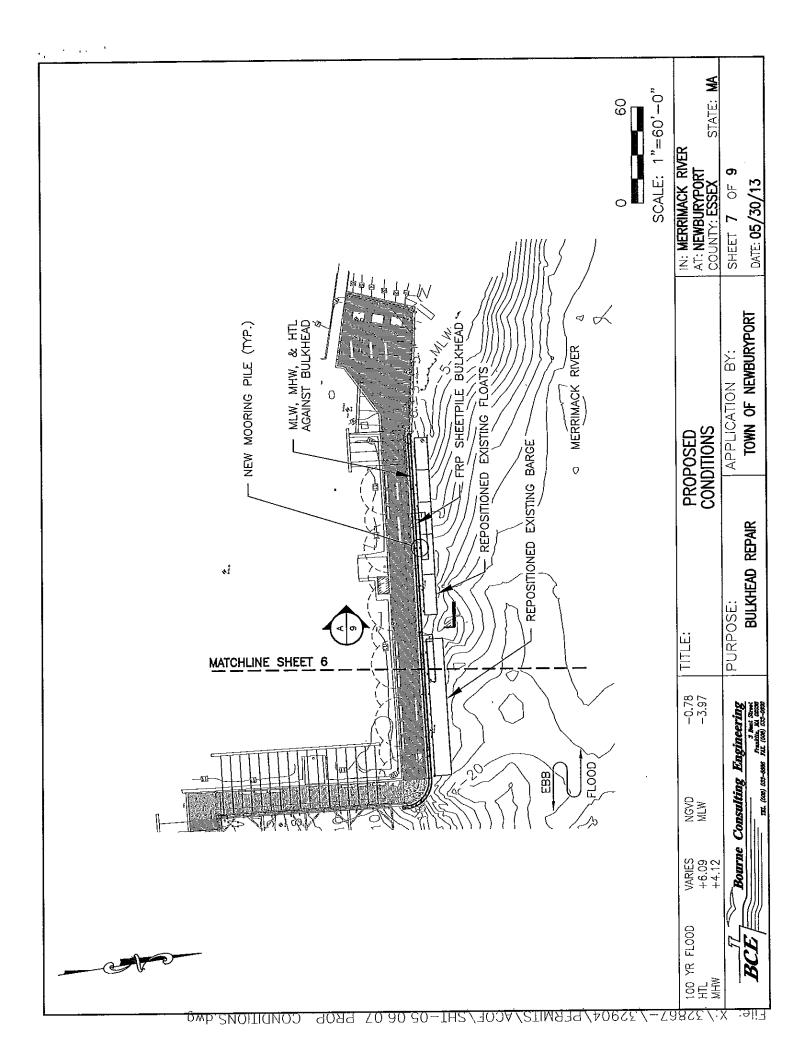


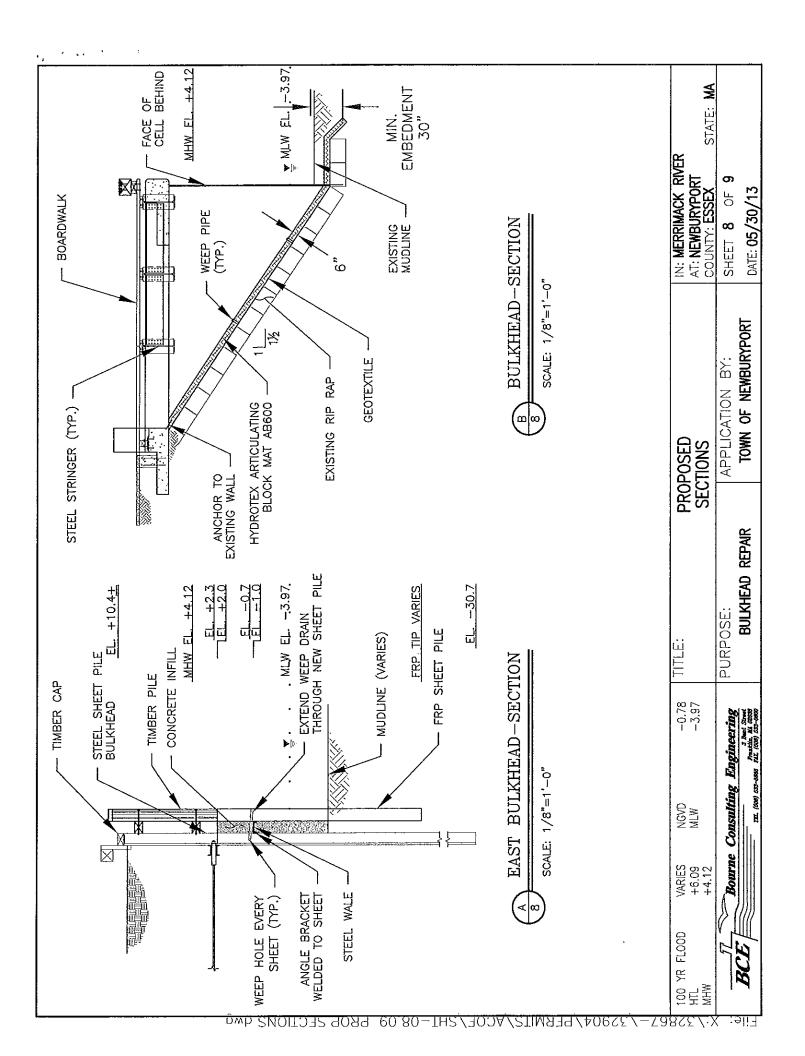


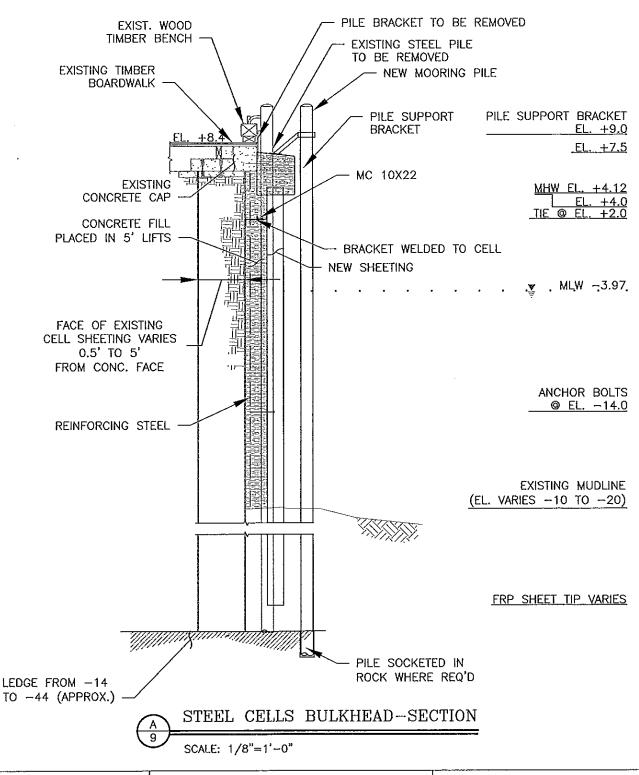












PURPOSE:  BULKHEAD  REPAIR	PROPOSED SECTIONS	APPLICATION BY: TOWN OF NEWBURYPORT
2 100 YR FLOOD VARIES HTL +6.09 MHW +4.12 NGVD -0.78 MLW -3.97	BOURNE Consulting Engineering  * Best Stock  PR. (669) 653-6669 FLE (669) 653-6669	IN: MERRIMACK RIVER AT: NEWBURYPORT COUNTY: ESSEX STATE: MA SHEET 9 OF 9 DATE: 05/30/13

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## GENERAL PERMIT WORK-START NOTIFICATION FORM

(Minimum Notice: Two weeks before work begins)

* MAIL TO: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,	New England District *
* Permits and Enforcement Branc	
* Regulatory Division	*
* 696 Virginia Road	
* Concord, Massachusetts 01742-	2/31
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The people (e.g., contractor) listed below will do the conditions and limitations.	ne work, and they understand the permit's
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE	
Name of Person/Firm:	
Business Address:	
Telephone Numbers: ()	(
Proposed Work Dates: Start:	Finish:
Permittee/Agent Signature:	Date:
Printed Name:	Title:
Date Permit Issued:	Date Permit Expires:
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FOR USE BY THE COR	PS OF ENGINEERS
PM: Gardner	Submittals Required:
Inspection Recommendation:	

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(Minimum Notice: Permittee must sign and return notification within one month of the completion of work.)

## **COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION FORM**

Permit Number: NAE-2013-1320		
Project Manager Gardner		
Name of Permittee: Newburyport Offic	e of Development	
Permit Issuance Date: September 6	5, 2013	
	to the following address upon completion of the activity. You must submit this after the mitigation is complete, requires separate submittals.	
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* MAIL TO: U.S. Army Corps of En		
* Permits and Enforcement Branch A  * Regulatory Division		
* Regulatory Division * 696 Virginia Road		
* Concord, Massachusetts 01742-2751		
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Corps of Engineers representative. If you permit suspension, modification, or revocational suspension of the corps of the	ed by the above referenced permit was completed in ns of the above referenced permit, and any required	
Signature of Permittee	Date	
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