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From: Anthony Sawaia
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 11:05 AM
To: Oliver Allamby
Subject: FW: 10 Minnesota Rd LC Objections to date and requested response to clarifications from CRMC Staff.
Attachments: 25039 - Dock-Dock Plan 11-20-25.pdf
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Subject: Re: 10 Minnesota Rd LC Objections to date and requested response to clarifications from CRMC Staff.

Hi Anthony-

I spoke with Amy today - she was very helpful - so no need to call me back. She did say that we needed to submit our plan revisions that show the steps that provide lateral access. I have attached those here.

I am sorry that we didn't know to submit this now. We thought that was part of the rebuttal. If you could please tell Amy you have received this document that would be very helpful. Thank you.

Warmly,
Isabella

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On Nov 24, 2025, at 11:45 AM, Anthony Sawaia <asawaia@crmc.ri.gov> wrote:

Timothy and Isabella,

I am currently compiling all of the objections and will send all of them once organized.

CRMC did receive the correspondence from Mike Steers.

I want to reiterate your what is needed from you.

Firstly, you may send a response to the objections and more thoroughly state your case, choose to let the application stand as is, or propose updated plans which may alleviate some objections.

Next, CRMC is requiring further documentation which addresses how the proposed recreational boating facility meets Type 5 Water Classification standards and policies, see Section 1.2.1(F)(2)(a), etc. of the Redbook; *“The Council’s goals are to maintain a balance among diverse port related activities, including recreational boating, commercial fishing, restaurants, and other water enhanced businesses; to promote the efficient use of space; and to protect the scenic characteristics that make these areas valuable to tourism.”*

And how public lateral access (10’ from visible high tide line) will be allowed either over, under, or around the dock facility. I performed a site visit last week and confirmed that there is reasonable lateral access in the proposed dock location. See section 1.3.1(D)(11)(v).

And lastly, to show the established mooring field/navigation channels in relation to the proposed dock facility. Per Section 1.3.1(D)(11)(m) *“All residential and limited recreational docks, piers, and floats shall meet the setback policies and standards contained in municipal harbor management plans and/or harbor ordinances approved by the Council. However, in all cases, residential and limited recreational docks, piers, and floats shall be setback at least fifty (50) feet from approved mooring fields and three-times the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers authorized project depth from federal navigation projects (e.g., navigation channels and anchorage areas).”*

Note that Sakonnet Harbor is a U.S. Army Corp of Engineers federal navigation project. If the dock facility does interfere with navigation as described above, further action is required to modify the channels/anchorage areas.

I will send over the complete list of objections as soon as I can.

Thank you

Anthony

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Anthony,

Thanks for your email below. I am confirming receipt.

We will stand by for notice of the meeting which we understand will not be held until after the new year (in 2026).

Regards,
Tim

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A date has not been scheduled yet, I am sorry if I made it sound like one had been scheduled. We were discussing internally to have it at the December 9th meeting but due to the large number of objections and to give you enough time to respond accordingly the meeting likely wont be scheduled until after the new year.

You will be notified when the meeting is scheduled.

More objections have been received and I will forward those along to you shortly

Thank you

Anthony

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Anthony,

Has the date for a hearing been scheduled already? If so then we have not received any notice of it. If you could please clarify that for us, and if the hearing has been set, send us the notice with the date and time we would appreciate it.

Thanks,
Tim

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If you could reply within 2 weeks that would be great. If more time is needed then we would likely need to push out the scheduled hearing date with the Council so we can be sure all of your responses and any updates are received and reviewed by all pertinent parties.

Thank you

Anthony

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Good morning Mr Sawaia-
Thank you for sharing these letters.

What is the timing for us to submit a rebuttal to these letters? I know that public notice ends 11/21 but we would like to know what the timing is for us to respond since we have just received these. Thank you very much.

Warmly,
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On Nov 17, 2025, at 9:47 AM, Anthony Sawaia <asawaia@crmc.ri.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

Attached are the objections for the proposed dock we have received so far. The Public Notice period ends on November 21st and it is likely more objections will come in and I will send them your way.

You may respond to the objections, revise the application, or let the applications stand as is.

Additionally, since this proposed dock is within Type 5 waters, which have different priority uses, can you please address why this dock should be permitted within type 5 waters and how it fits within the standards for type 5 water usage.

And lastly, could you explain if this proposed dock affects lateral access and clarify the height of the dock on the cross section within this public lateral access area. Which is 10' landward of the visible high tide line. Please look at the Shoreline Public Access FAQs on our website here; <https://www.crmc.ri.gov/faqs.html#:~:text=This%20right%20allows%20individuals%20to,in%20your%20town%20or%20city>

Some relevant snippets from the FAQs follow:

What is lateral shoreline access?

Lateral shoreline access refers to the public's right to move along the shoreline, typically between the high tide line and the water's edge. This right allows individuals to walk along the beach, fish, or leave the shore to swim.

What did the 2023 legislation change regarding lateral access?

In June 2023, Rhode Island enacted a law that expanded the public's lateral access area. The law established that the public may exercise their rights up to 10 feet landward of the "recognizable high tide line"—the line marked by seaweed, scum, or other debris left by the tide. This change aimed to provide a clearer, more visible boundary for public access, replacing the previous reliance on the mean high water line, which was difficult to determine without scientific equipment.

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Are there any restrictions on this expanded access?

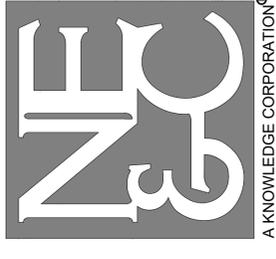
Yes. The law specifies that public access does not extend to areas where no passable shore exists, nor does it permit use of land above the vegetation line, lawns, rocky cliffs, sea walls, or other legally constructed shoreline infrastructure. Additionally, there is no entitlement for the public to use amenities privately owned by others, such as cabanas, decks, or beach chairs.

Please at least respond to the proposed dock within the Type 5 water and how it fits within that water usage and address whether the dock affects shoreline lateral access. Please send a response within 14 days of receipt of this email to avoid any delays with scheduling a hearing.

Thank you

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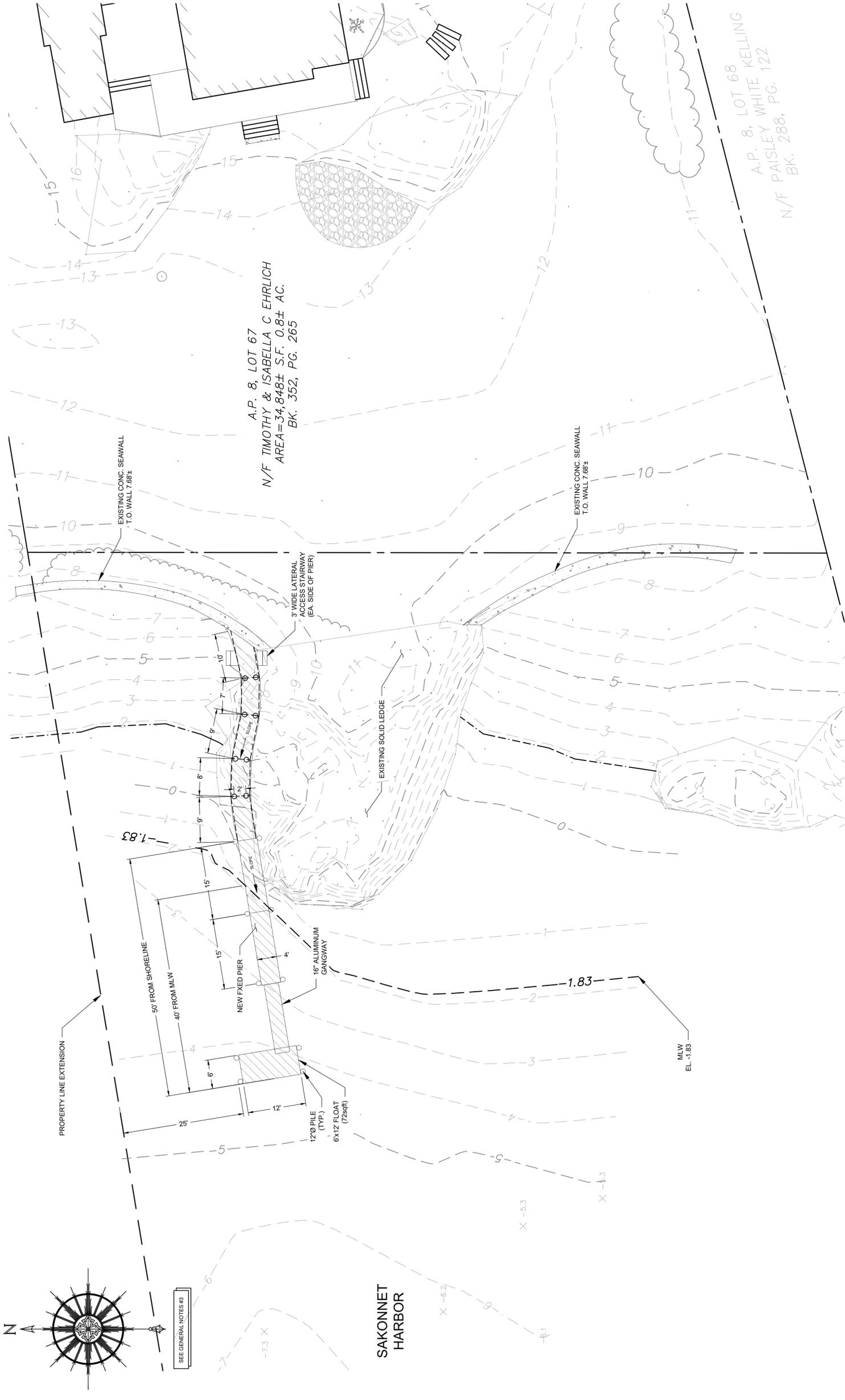
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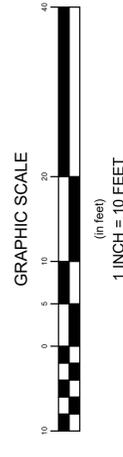


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o	SPOT ELEVATIONS
o	WATER GATE
o	UTILITY POLE
o	GRANITE/CONCRETE BOUND
o	WELL
o	4" TREE
o	10" TREE



REFERENCE:

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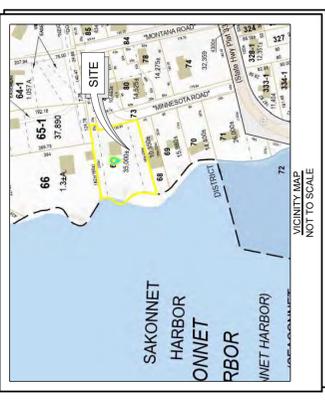
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PLAN REFERENCES:

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- ALL WORK SHALL CONFORM TO THE LATEST EDITION OF THE OSHA CODE, THE RHODE ISLAND STATE BUILDING CODE AND THE REFERENCED STANDARDS INCLUDED THEREIN THAT ARE APPLICABLE TO THIS PROJECT.
- ALL WORK SHALL CONFORM TO THE STIPULATIONS PROVIDED IN BOTH THE COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (CRMC), AND THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ASSENTS.
- THE CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY ALL DIMENSIONS AND CONDITIONS AT THE SITE AND REPORT ANY DISCREPANCY TO THE ENGINEER BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH THE WORK.
- THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING LOGS OF DRIVEN PILES AND RECORDING THE RESULTS OF THE LOGS. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS STATED ON THE PLANS. CONTRACTOR WILL VERIFY ABILITY TO DRIVE PILES BEFORE STARTING WORK.
- PILE EMBEDMENT SHALL BE A MINIMUM DEPTH OF 10 FEET INTO COMPETENT SAND BELOW EXISTING RIVERBED.
- PILE HAMMERS SHALL BE AIR, STEAM, OR DIESEL POWERED. THE HAMMER SHALL BE SUITABLY SIZED TO THE PILE BEING DRIVEN. DRIVING OF EACH PILE SHALL BE CONTINUOUS ONCE COMMENCED UNTIL THE PILE HAS ACHIEVED ITS MINIMUM SPECIFIED PENETRATION OR RESISTANCE. JETTING OF PILES AND SPLICING OF PILES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.

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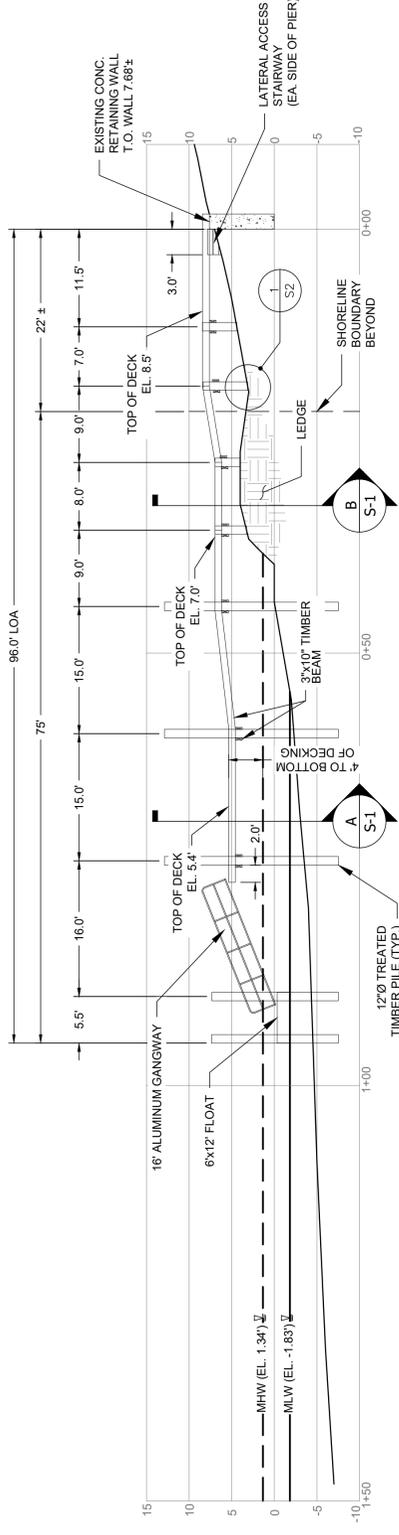
- PILE CAPS SHALL BE WHITE FIBERGLASS ATTACHED TO SIDES OF PILES
- ALL TIMBER MATERIAL SHALL BE TREATED
- ALL TIMBER PILES, BEARING AND BATTER SHALL HAVE A 12inch DIAMETER BUTT AND A 10inch DIAMETER TIP.
- ALL BOLTS AND THREADED RODS TO BE A490 (HIGH STRENGTH) HOT-DIPPED GALVANIZED MATERIAL
- ALL STEEL SHALL BE A36 GRADE OR BETTER
- ALL STEEL SHALL BE HOT-DIPPED GALVANIZED
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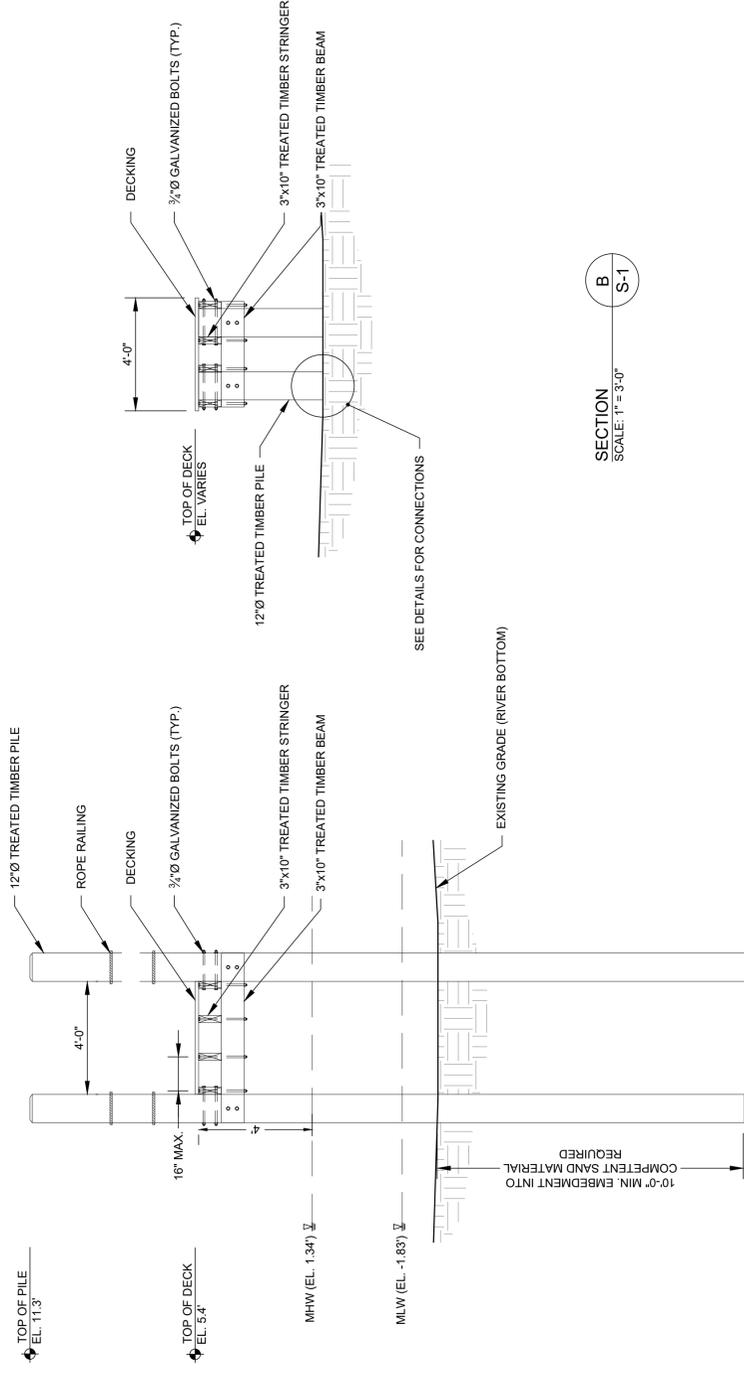
- ALL SECTIONS OF CRMC 300.1.3.1D RELATED TO BOAT LIFTS AND FLOAT LIFT SYSTEMS WILL BE MET.



DOCK PROFILE

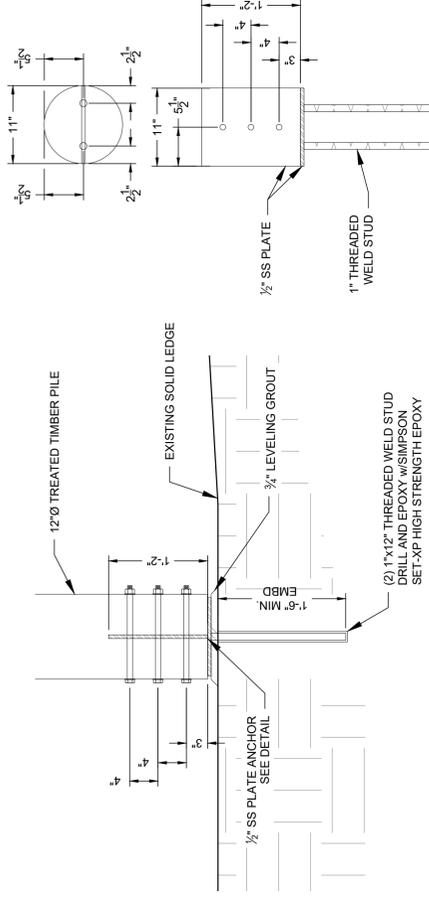
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