

**US Army Corps
of Engineers**
Rock Island District

PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Mr. Ralph Jones

Date: October 15, 2004
Expires: November 4, 2004

CEMVR-OD-P-2004-1253

Section 10

Public Notice US Army Corps of Engineers

1. Applicant. Mr. Ralph Jones, 128 Island Avenue, East Moline, Illinois 61244.
2. Project Location. Mississippi River, approximate river mile 490.5 in Section 19, Township 18 North, Range 1 East, in East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.
3. Project Description. The applicant proposes to continue maintenance dredging activities at an existing boat harbor. The applicant's stated purpose of the project is to maintain adequate depths for recreational boats at a previously dredged harbor. An area approximately 100 feet long and 50 feet wide (maximum width) will be mechanically dredged to a depth of 7 feet below flat pool elevation. The excavated material will be spread adjacent to the harbor in a previously authorized disposal site and stabilized. The dredge material will be removed by truck over time to allow for future maintenance dredging operations.
4. Agency Review.
 - a. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers. The Department of the Army application is being processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).
 - b. State of Illinois. The project plans have been submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for review.
5. Historical/Archaeological.

The Corps consulted with the District geographic information systems (GIS) archeological site and survey databases current as of May 2004. The query determined that there were no previously recorded archeological sites within the permit area and that the area had not been surveyed. The permit area is located at the site of an existing small boat harbor along the currently active channel and immediate shoreline of the Mississippi River where all impacts are judged by the Corps to be limited to recent alluvium with little or no potential for historic properties. Therefore, it is the opinion of the Corps that issuance of the permit will have no effect on historic properties because "the nature, scope, and magnitude of the work, and/or structures to be permitted are such that there is little likelihood that a historic property exists or may be affected" (33 CFR Part 325, Appendix C.3.b).
6. Endangered Species. District staff have performed a preliminary review of this application for the potential impact on threatened or endangered species pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as amended. Based upon the information provided and available at this time, our preliminary determination is that the proposed activity would have no effect on federally-listed endangered or threatened species or critical habitat. While no consultation has been initiated with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) at this time, we are further coordinating this application with the FWS and the respective resource agencies through this public notice. Accordingly, our preliminary determination is subject to change should further information become available.

7. Public Interest Review. The decision whether to issue the Corps 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, cultural values, 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 production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

8. Who Should Reply. 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. These statements should be submitted on or before the expiration date specified at the top of page 1. These statements should bear upon the adequacy of plans and suitability of locations and should, if appropriate, suggest any changes considered desirable.

9. Public Hearing Requests. 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. A request may be denied if substantive reasons for holding a hearing are not provided.

10. Reply to the Corps. Comments concerning the Corps permit should be addressed to the District Engineer, US Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, ATTN: OD-P, Clock Tower Building - Post Office Box 2004, Rock Island, Illinois 61204-2004. **Mr. John G. Betker (309/794-5380)** may be contacted for additional information.

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John G. Betker
Project Manager
Regulatory Branch

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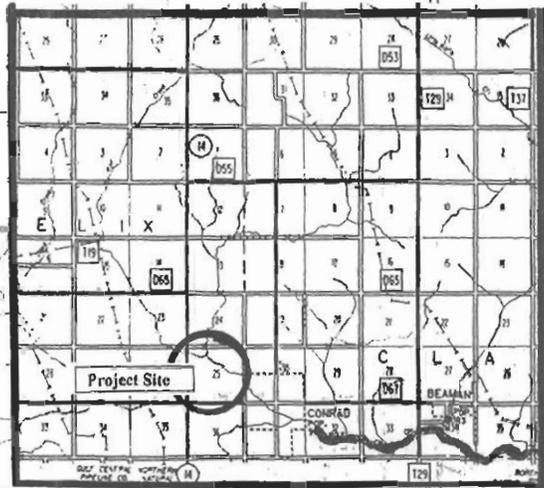
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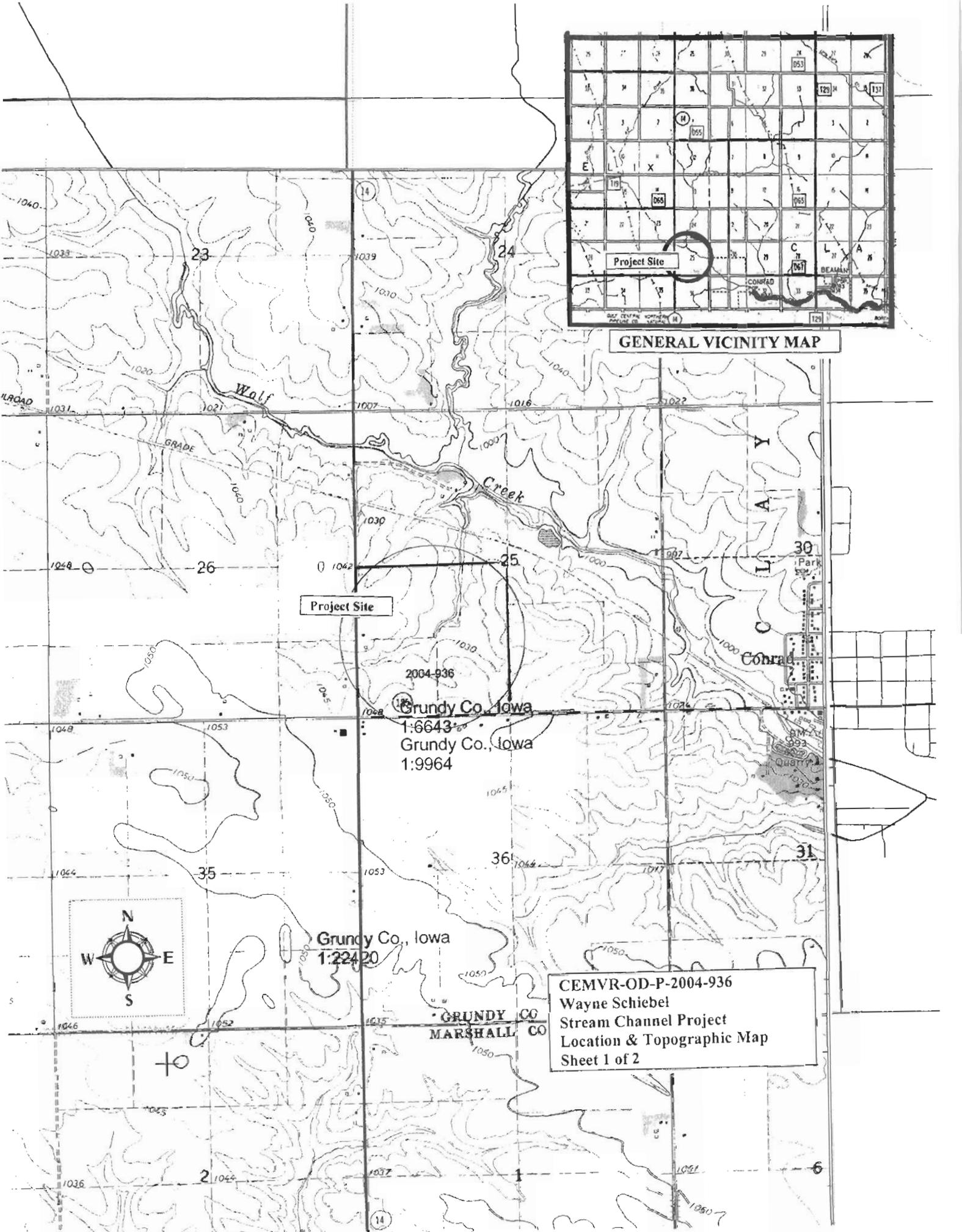
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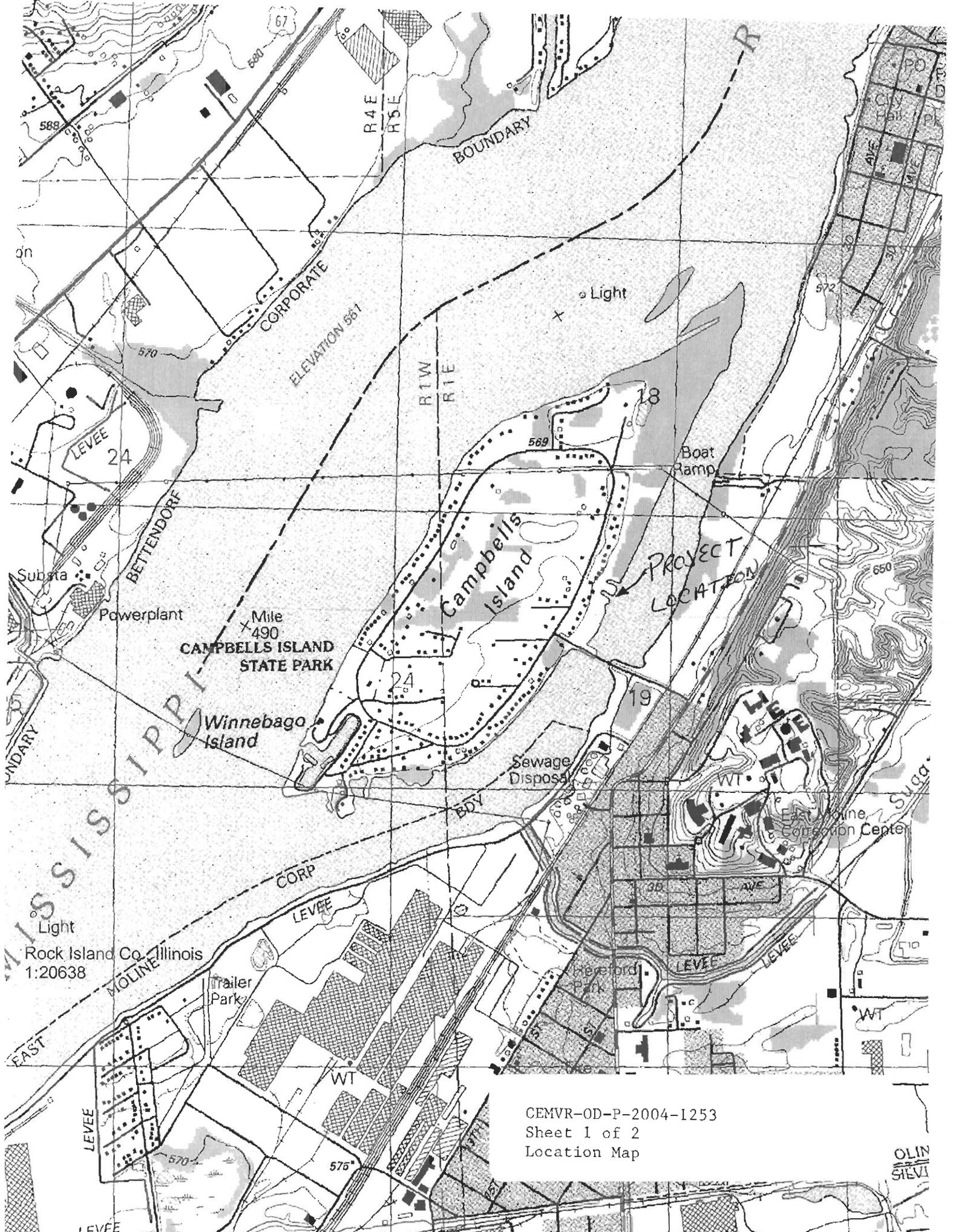
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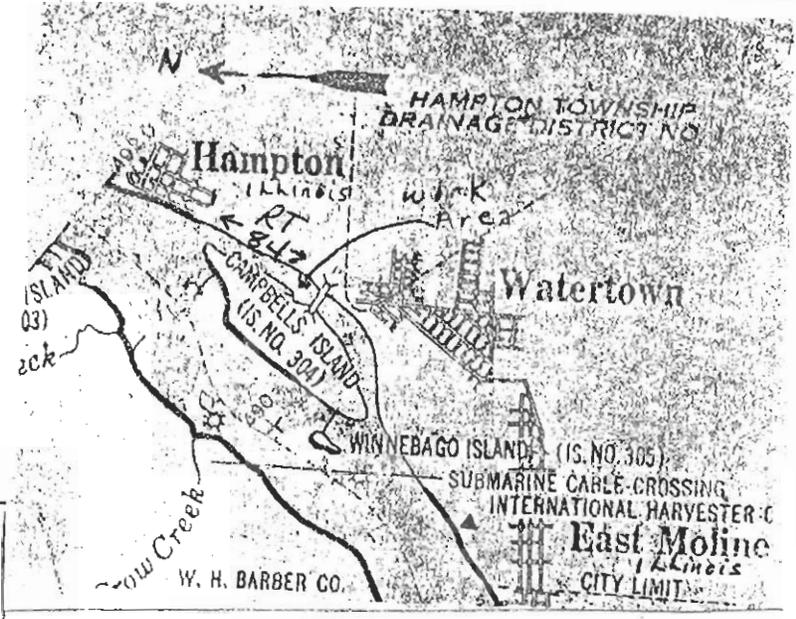
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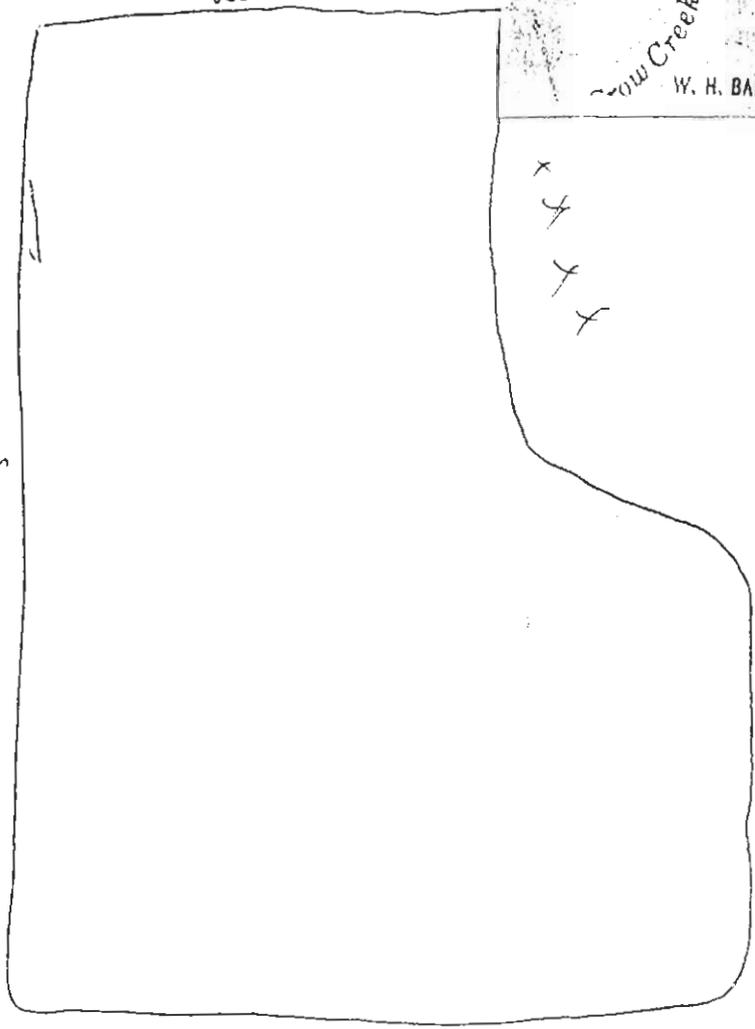
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Location Map

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 Area to be Dredged
 Location 128 Island Ave
 East Moline, IL
 Hampton Township
 Rock Island County
 Easterly Bank
 Campbells Island
 Mile 490.6 upper
 Mississippi River

