## JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

May 30, 2016

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans District Regulatory Branch Post Office Box 60267 New Orleans, LA 70160-0267

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DA Permit Number: MVN-2015-01796-WLL

State of Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Water Quality Certification Section Post Office Box 4313 Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313

Project Manager: Elizabeth Hill (225) 219-3225

WQC Number: WQC 160523-01

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to: [X] Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 U.S.C. 403); and/or [X] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 U.S.C. 1344).

Application has also been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in La. R.S. 30:2074(A)(3) and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L. 95-217; 33 U.S.C. 1341).

### WATER QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT IN ST MARTIN PARISH

<u>Name of Applicant</u>: St Martin Parish Government, c/o: Sellers & Associates, Inc., 148-B Easy Street, Lafayette, LA 70506.

<u>Location of Work</u>: Beau Bayou Water Management Unit, approximately 14 miles downstream from Butte Larose, Louisiana in St. Martin Parish, (Lat 30.145N, Long -91.595W), as shown on the attached drawings. Project is located in the Atchafalaya Basin Watershed H.U.C. 08080101.

<u>Character of Work</u>: Conduct mechanized clearing, snagging, excavation and placement of spoil material along 9 miles of existing channels within the Beau Bayou Water Management Unit. Vegetative debris and excessive overgrowth of woody vegetation and trees will be removed all for the purpose of restoring and opening channels for the purpose of restoring water quality, sheetflow, and circulation within the surrounding swamp and opening existing spoil banks to reduce un-natural ponding.

The proposed project will impact the following:

Total Direct Wetland Impacts (Fill, Excavation & Clearing): 51.6 acres

Total Excavation of Wetlands: 10.9 acres; 67,939 Cubic Yards

Total Excavation of Waterbottoms: 27.0 acres; 68,592 cubic yards

Total Fill in Wetlands: 34.1 acres; 102,515 cubic yards

Total Clearing of Forested Wetlands: 6.6 acres; 1,287 cubic yards

The applicant proposes to compensate for all unavoidable, project related impacts to jurisdictional wetlands through the purchase of mitigation credits from a Corps approved mitigation bank.

The comment period for the Department of the Army (DA) permit application and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC will close **20 days** from the date of this joint public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this DA permit and WQC request and must be mailed, so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters concerning the DA permit application must reference the applicant's name and the DA Permit Number.

and be mailed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the address above. Similar letters concerning the WQC must reference the applicant's name and the WQC Number and be mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at the address above. Individuals or parties may request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by writing or e-mailing the Project Manager listed above. Any request must be specific and substantively supportive of the requested extension, and received by this office prior to the end of the initial comment period. The Section Chief will review the request and the requestor will be promptly notified of the decision to grant or deny the request. If granted, the time extension will be continuous to the initial comment period and, inclusive of the initial comment period, will not exceed a total of 30 calendar days.

The application for this proposed project is on file with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and may be examined weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Copies may be obtained upon payment of costs of reproduction.

### **Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria**

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, 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 these being: 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 U.S. Army 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 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to make, 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 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.

No properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places are known to be near the proposed work. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistoric, or historical sites or data. Issuance of this public notice solicits input from the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

Based on the South Louisiana **S**tandard **L**ocal **O**perating **P**rocedure for **E**ndangered **S**pecies (SLOPES), as signed on October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, it has been determined that the combined 9 miles of channel excavation footprint is located in waters known to be utilized by the pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) and determined that the activity is not likely to adversely affect this species.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would not affect any species, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of such species, listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of <u>0</u> acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse

impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

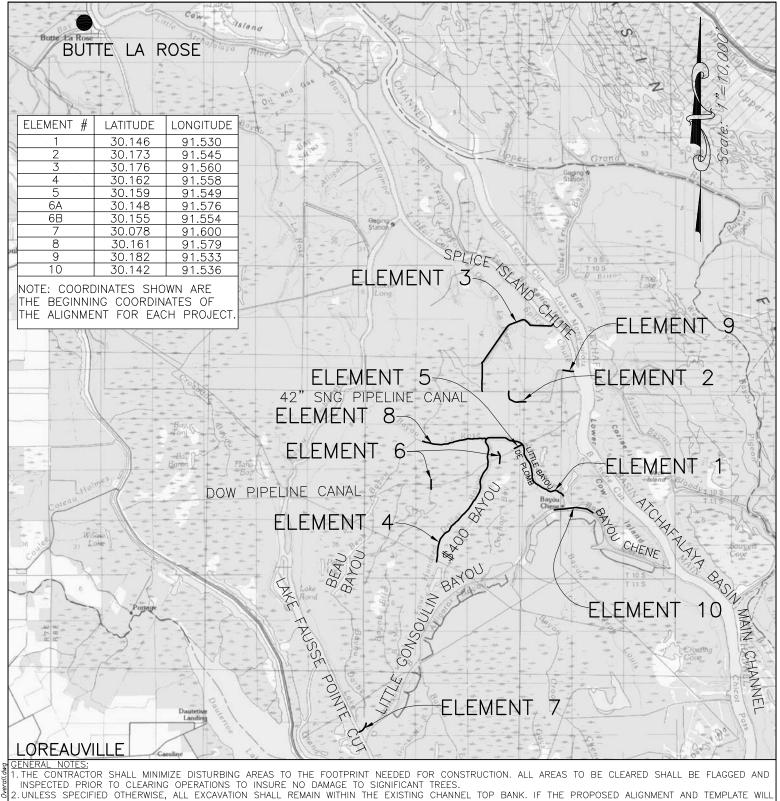
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water quality standards will be required from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality before a permit is issued.

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.

You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

Darrell S. Barbara Chief, Western Evaluation Section Regulatory Branch

Enclosure



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3. EXISTING FEATURES ARE ESTIMATED FROM LIDAR DATA. EXISTING TOP BANK SHALL BE FIELD DETERMINED AND ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY.

4. WITHIN AREAS MARKED FOR CLEARING & SPOIL DISPOSAL, ALL TREES AND WOODY VEGETATION NOT MARKED FOR PRESERVATION SHALL BE CUT SO THE REMAINING STUMP EXTENDS NO MORE THAN 12" ABOVE THE GROUND SURFACE. CLEARED MATERIAL SHALL BE STOCKPILED AND COVERED WITH EXCAVATED MATERIAL TO A DEPTH OF AT LEAST 2'

5. PLACEMENT OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL SHALL BE CONTAINED WITHIN THE CLEARING & SPOIL DISPOSAL AREAS. THE EXCAVATED MATERIAL BERM SHALL SLOPE BACK TO NATURAL GROUND AT A 2H:1V SLOPE, AND SHALL NOT BE CONTINUOUS FOR MORE THAN 400', UNLESS SPECIFIED OTHERWISE. THE EXCAVATED MATERIAL BERM SHALL HAVE GAPS WITH A MINIMUM OPENING OF 50' TO ALLOW THE FREE EXCHANGE OF WATER BETWEEN THE CHANNEL AND ADJACENT

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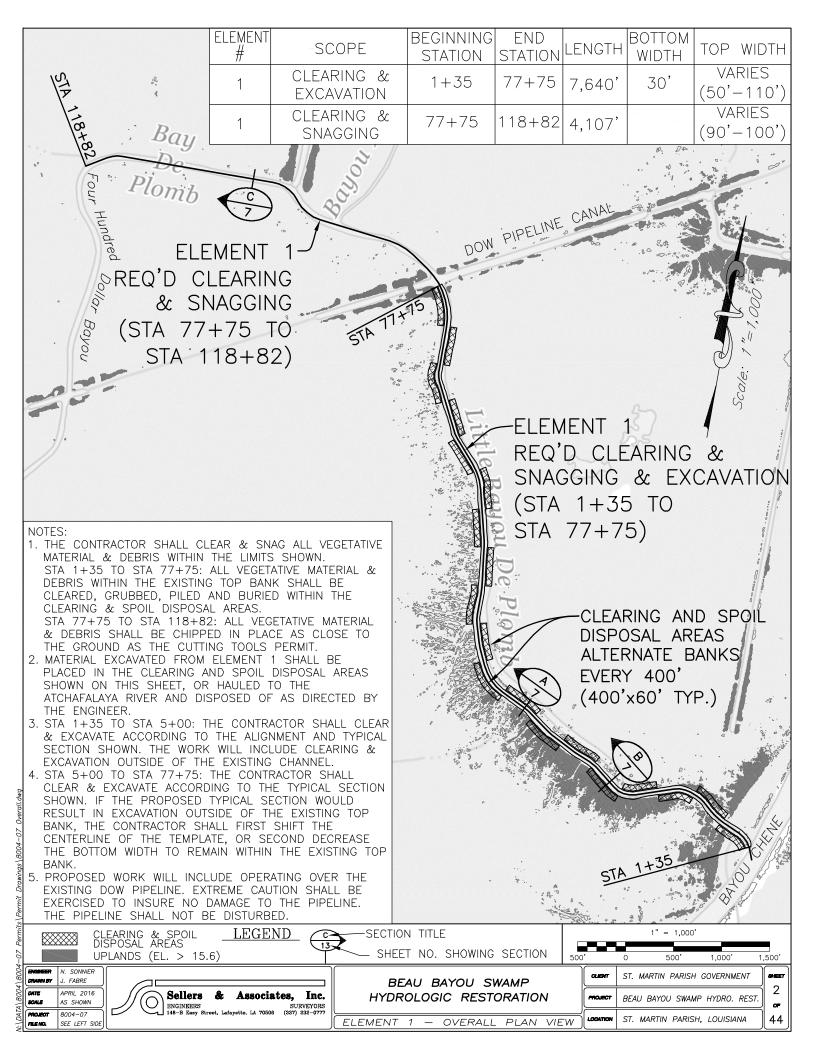
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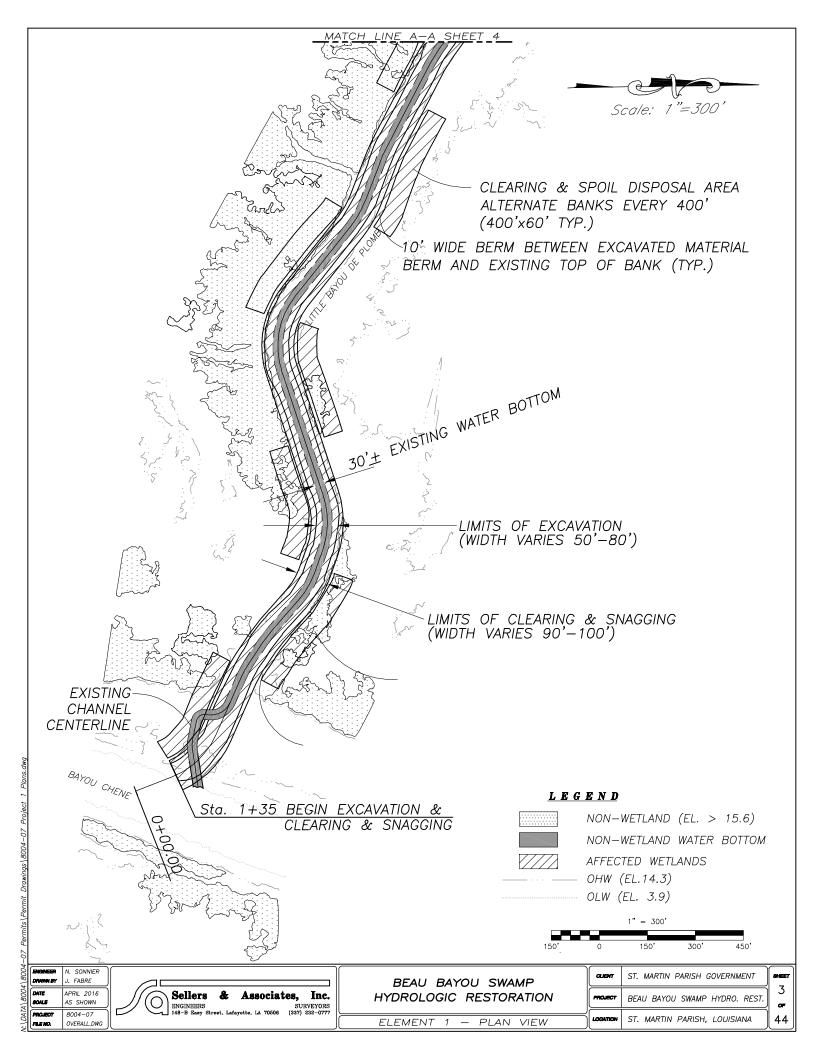


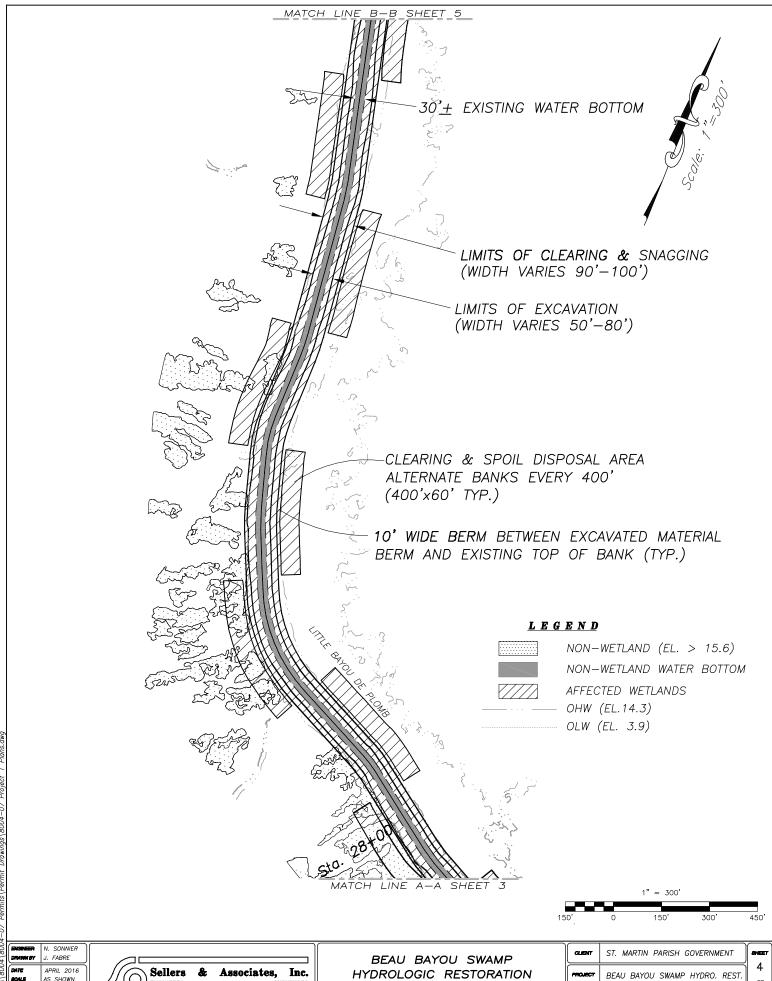
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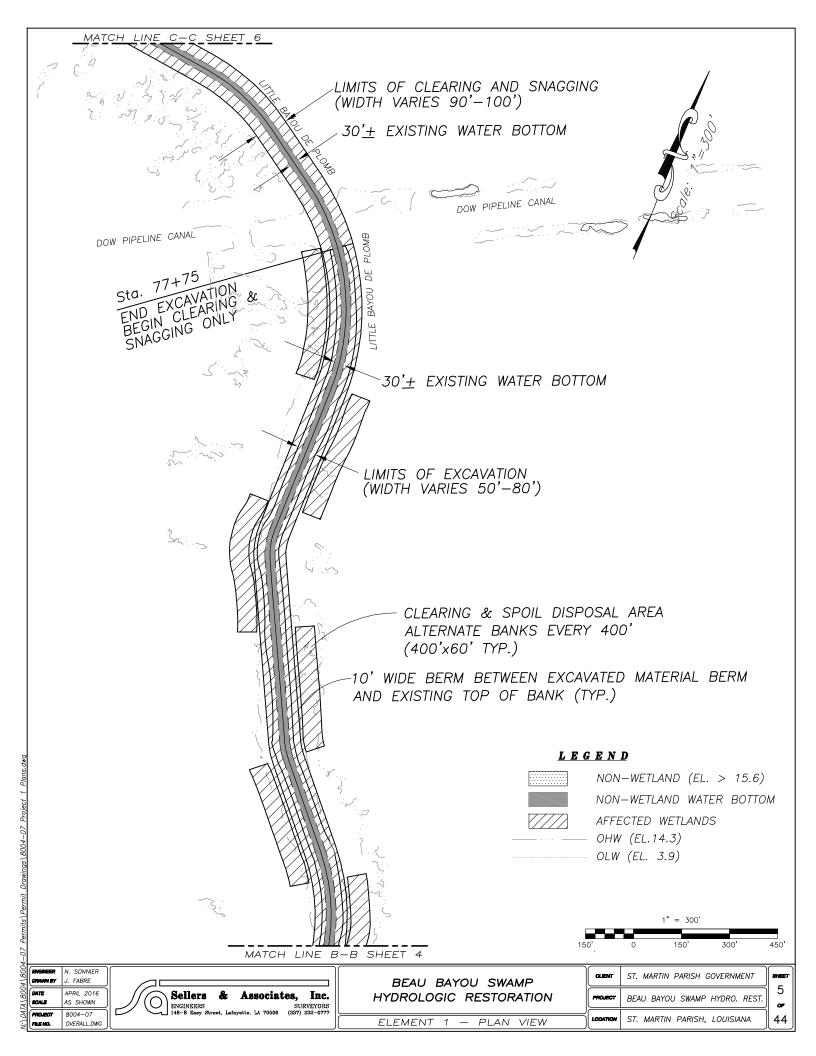


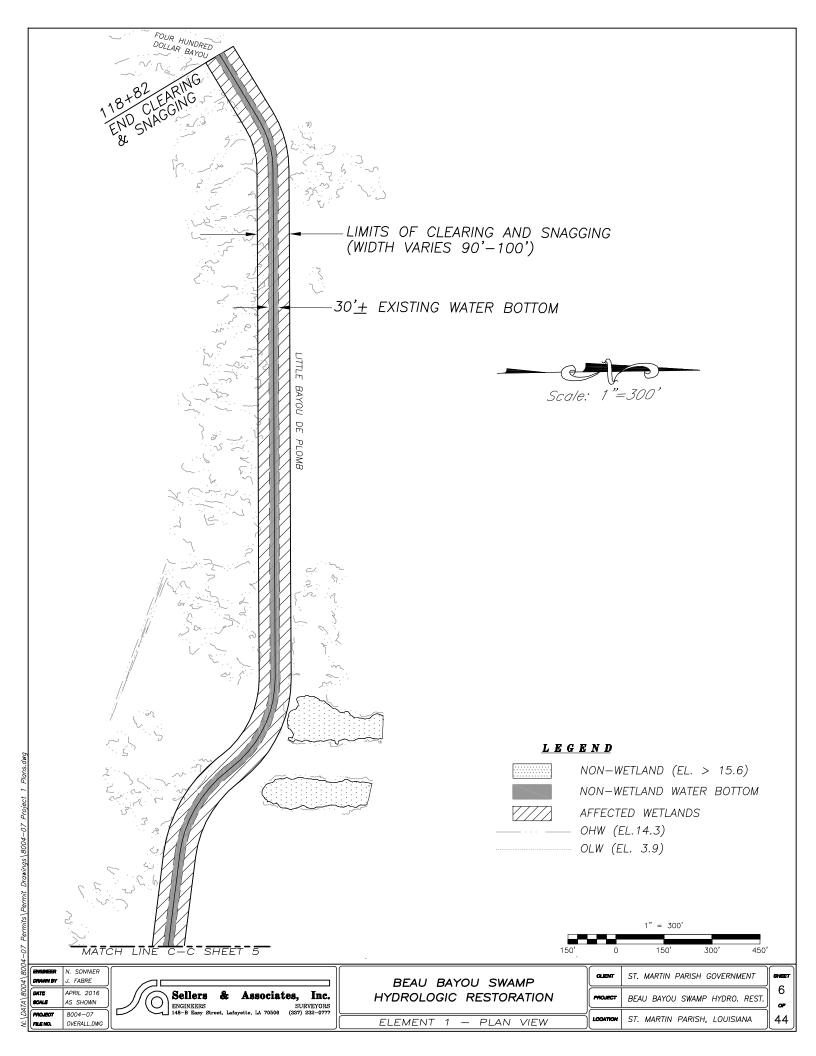
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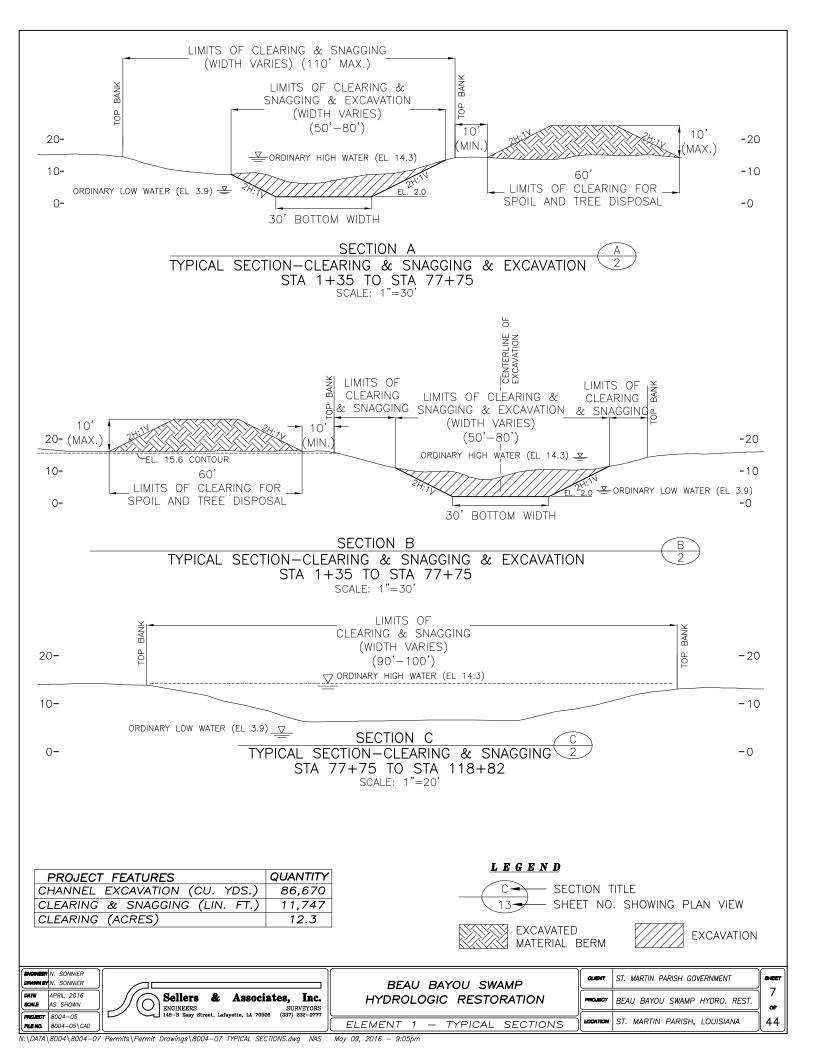
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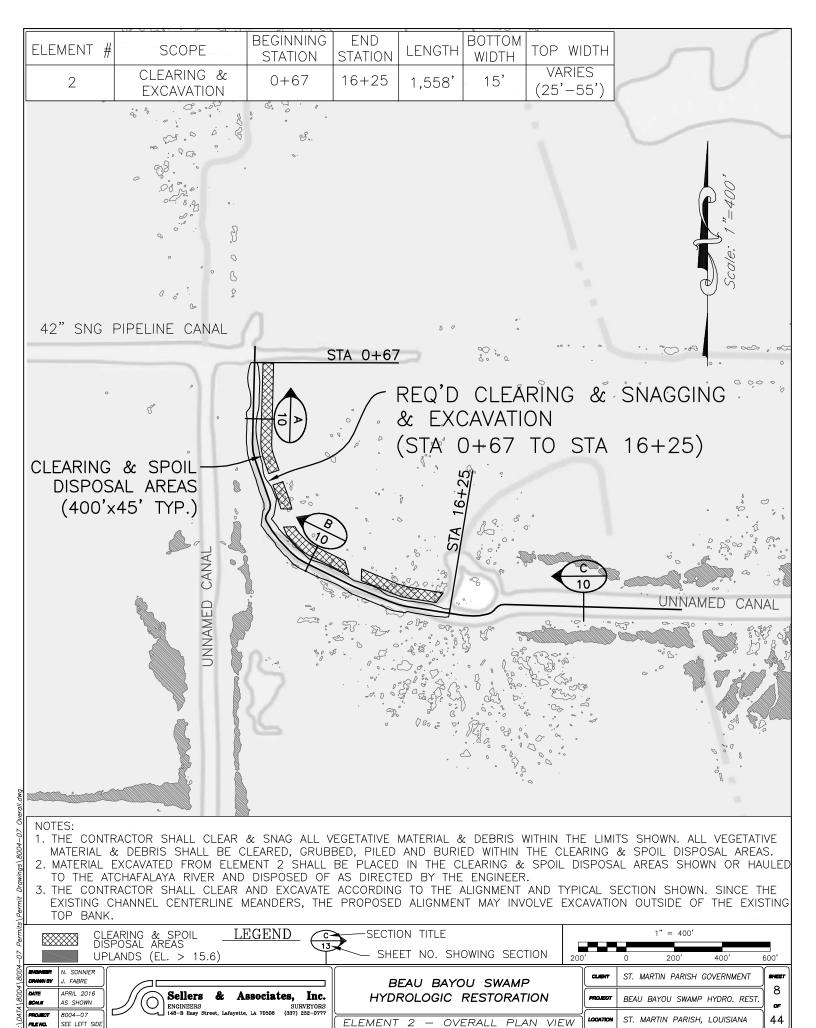
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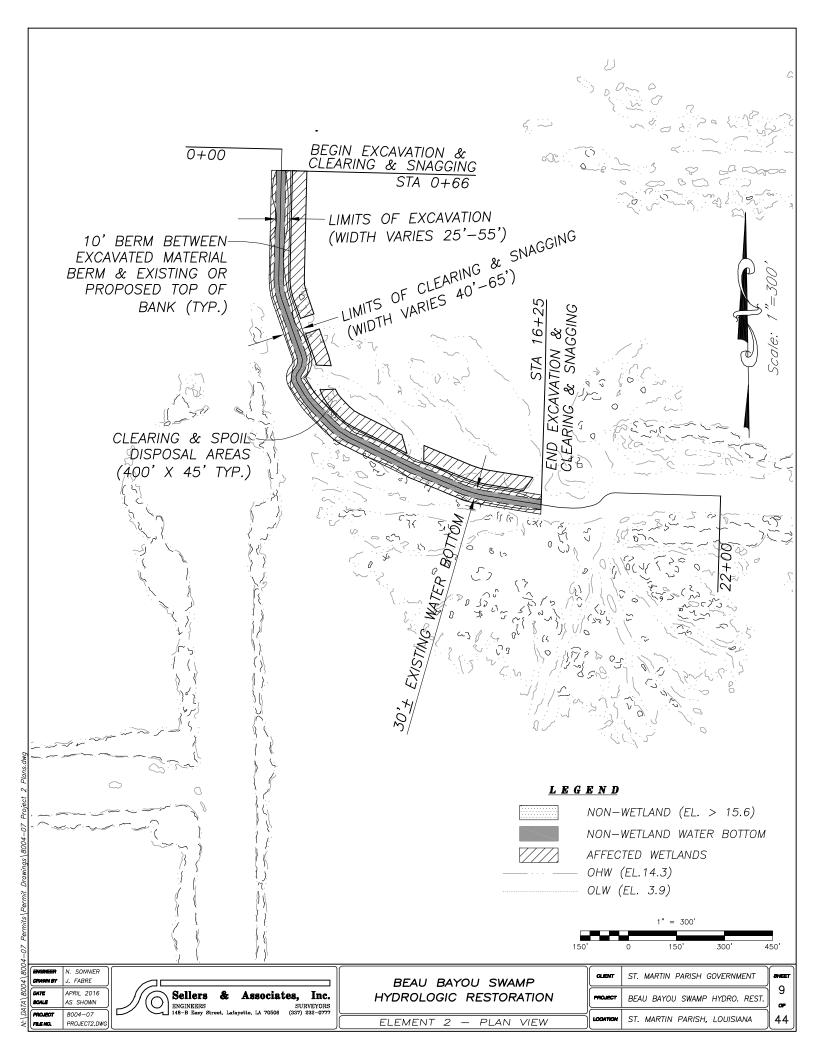
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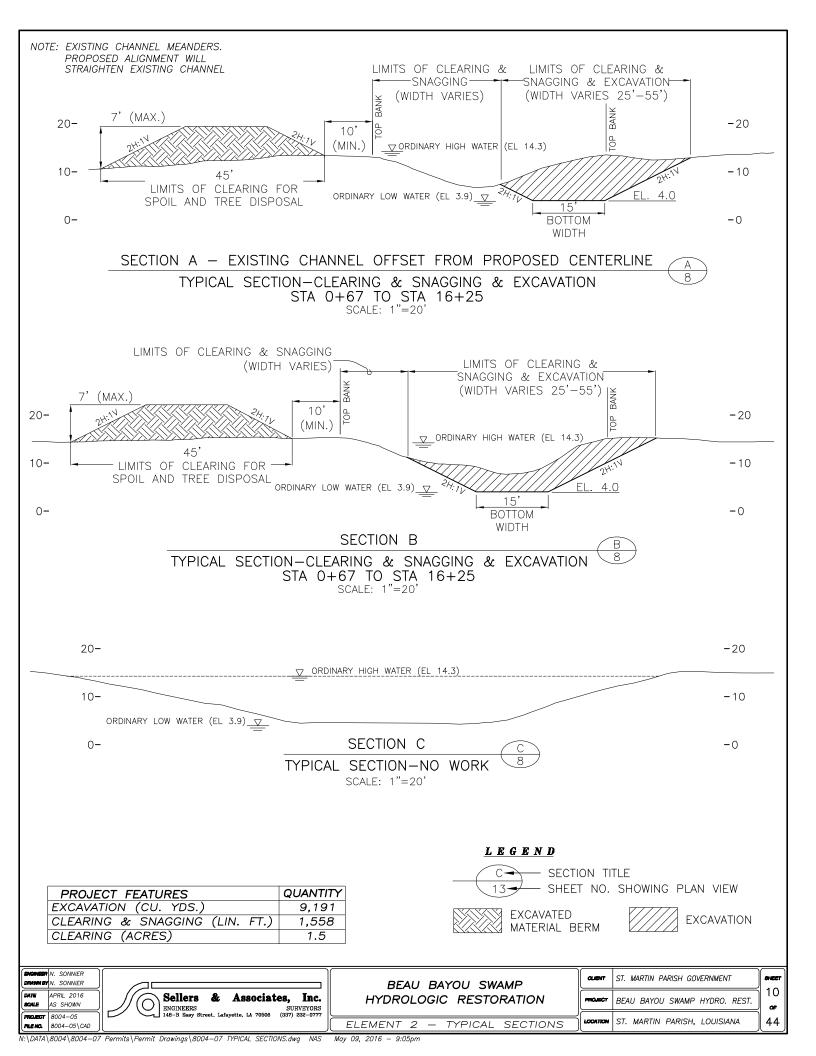


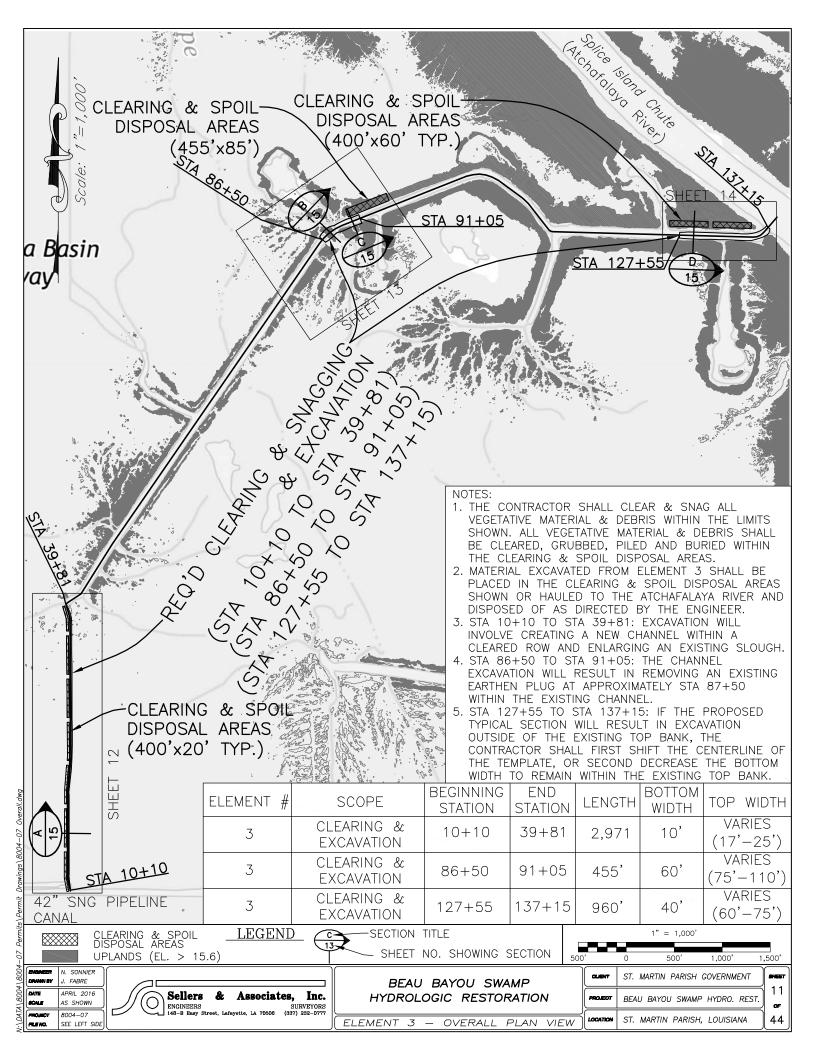


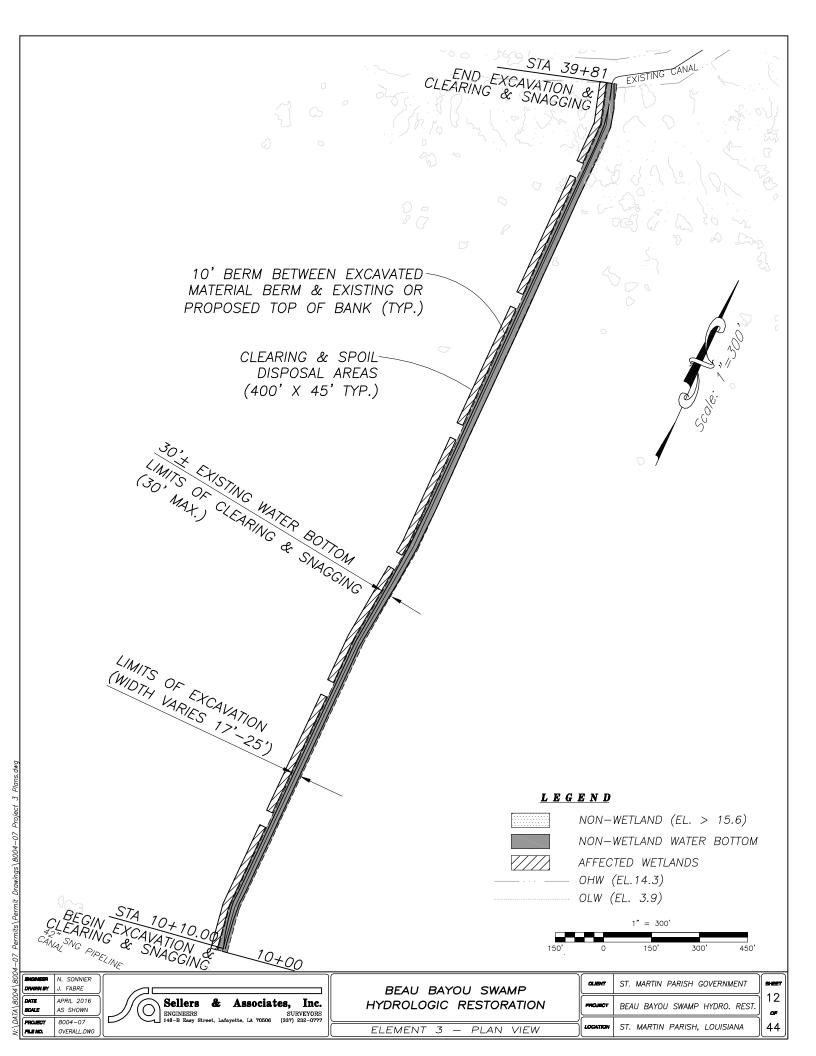


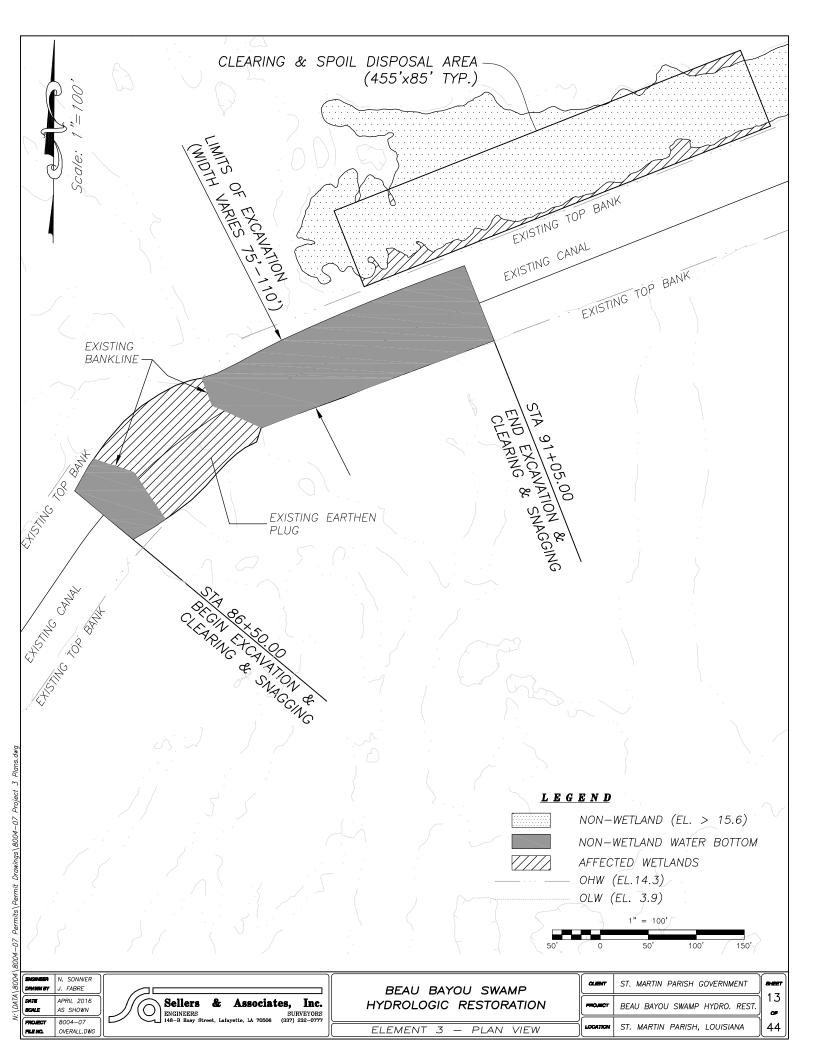


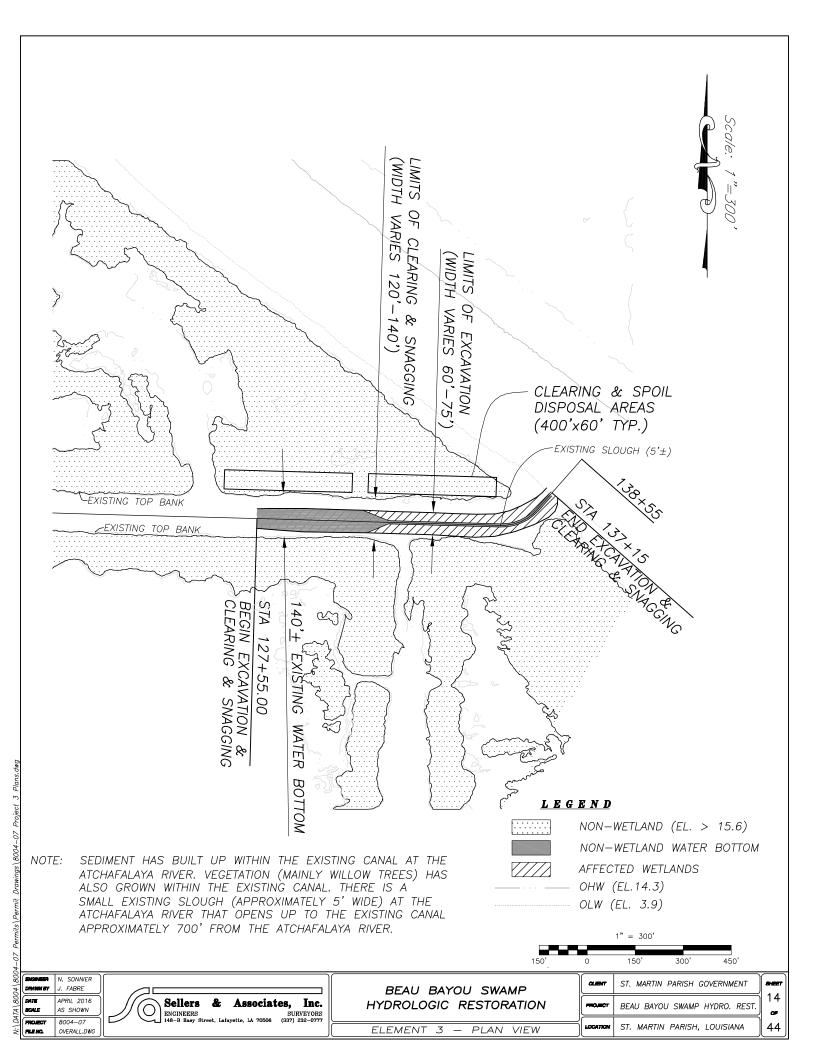


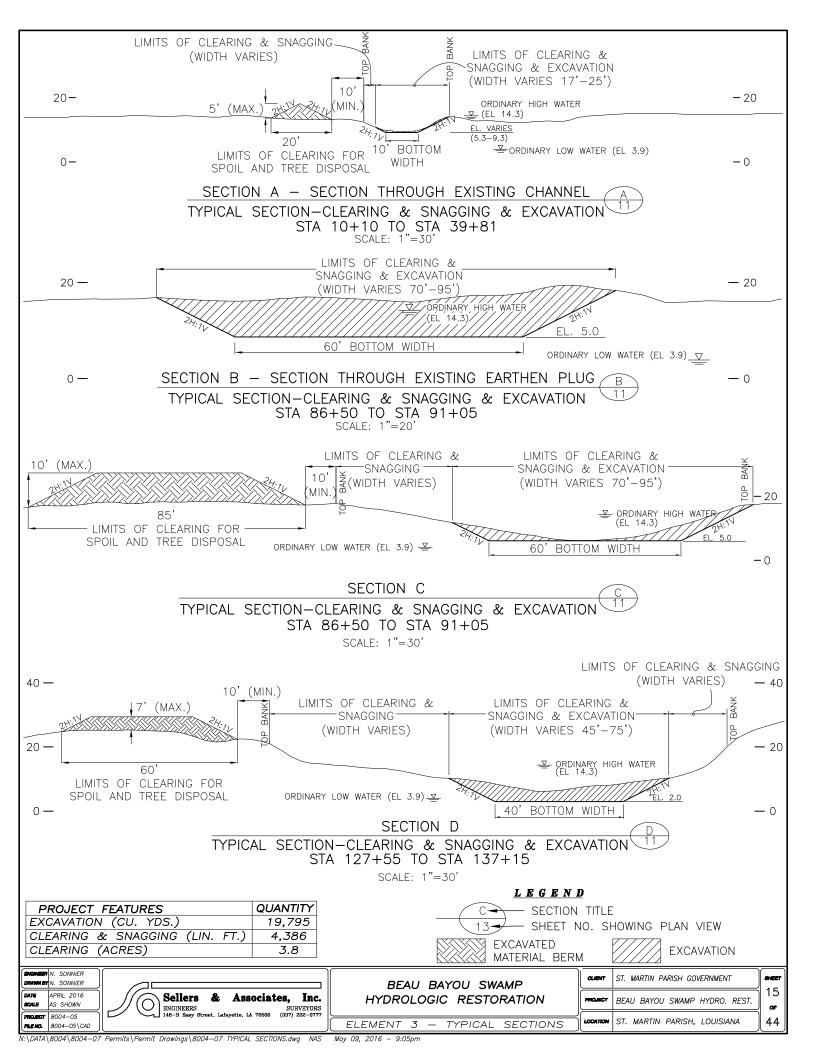


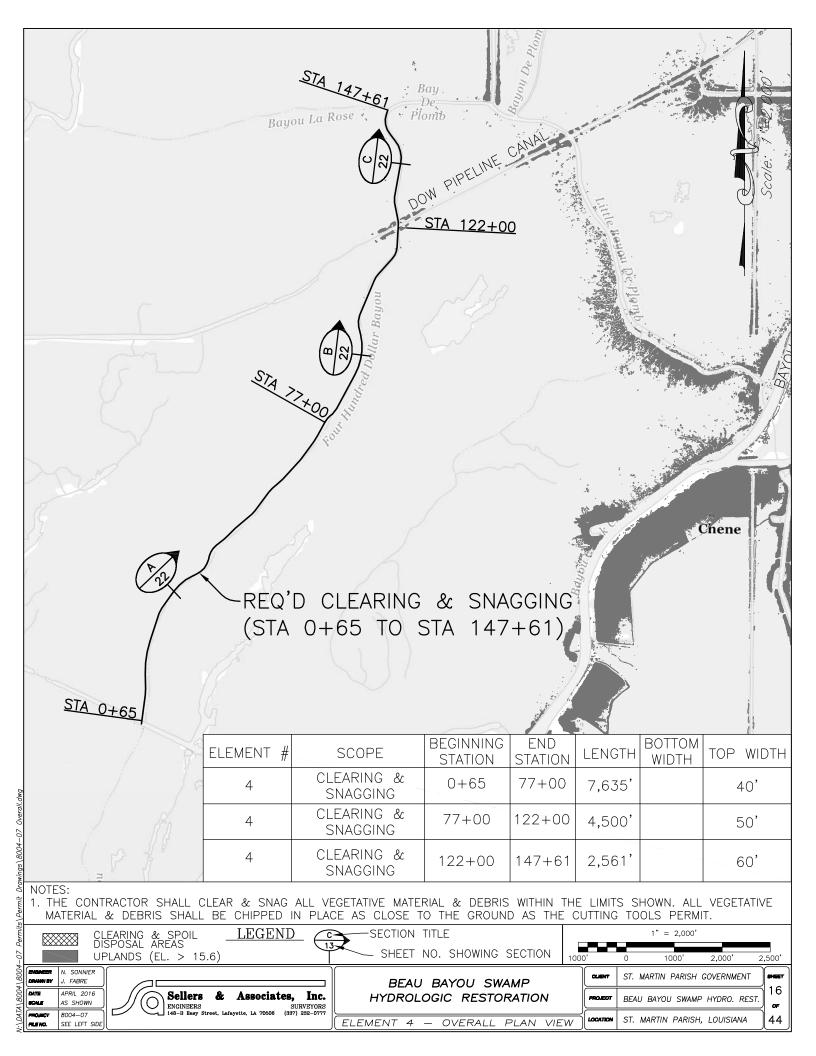


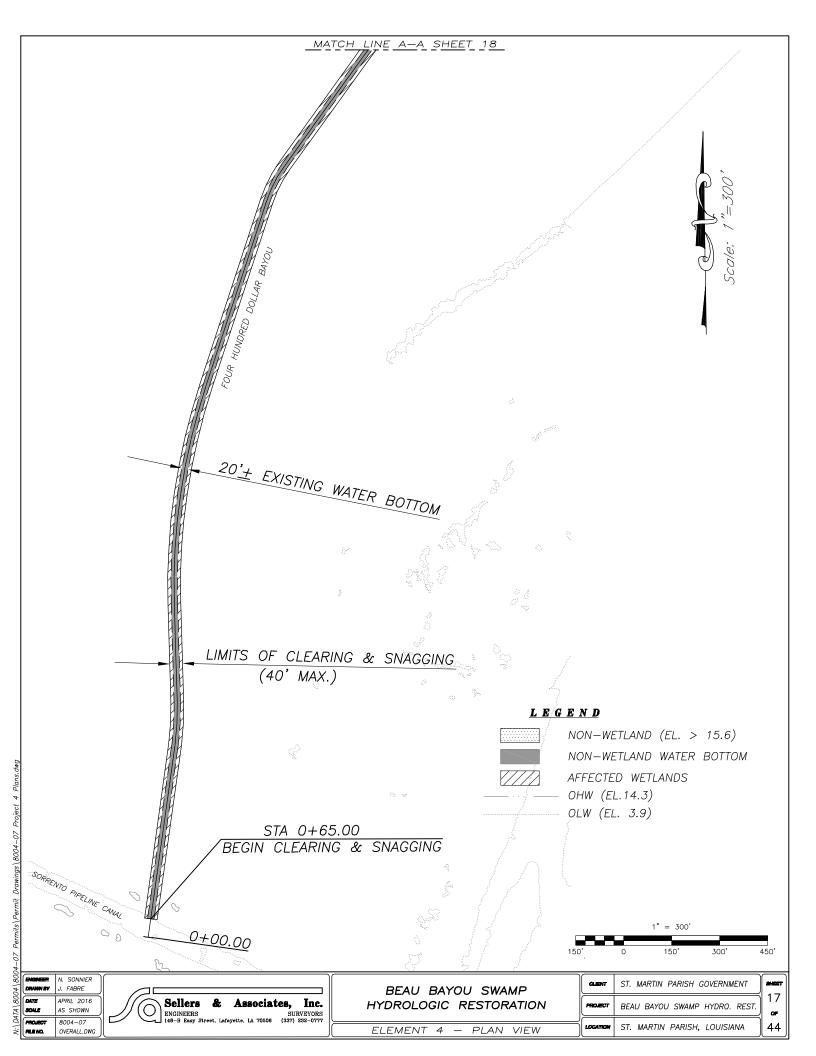


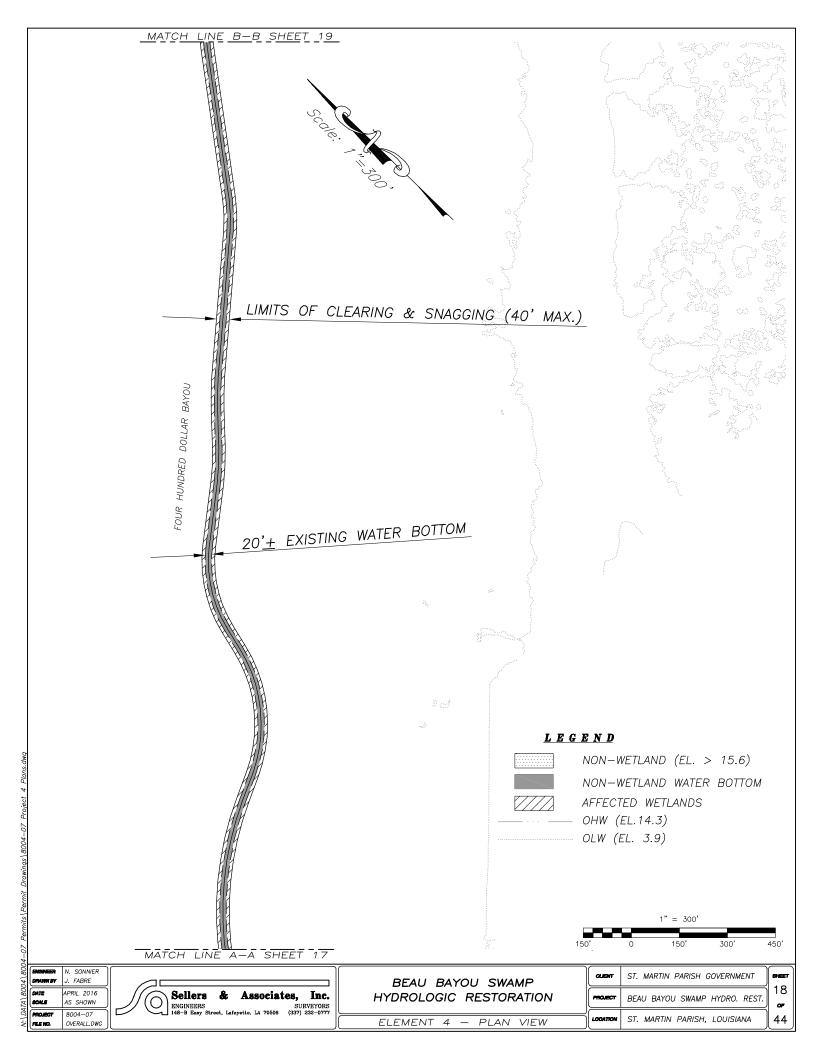


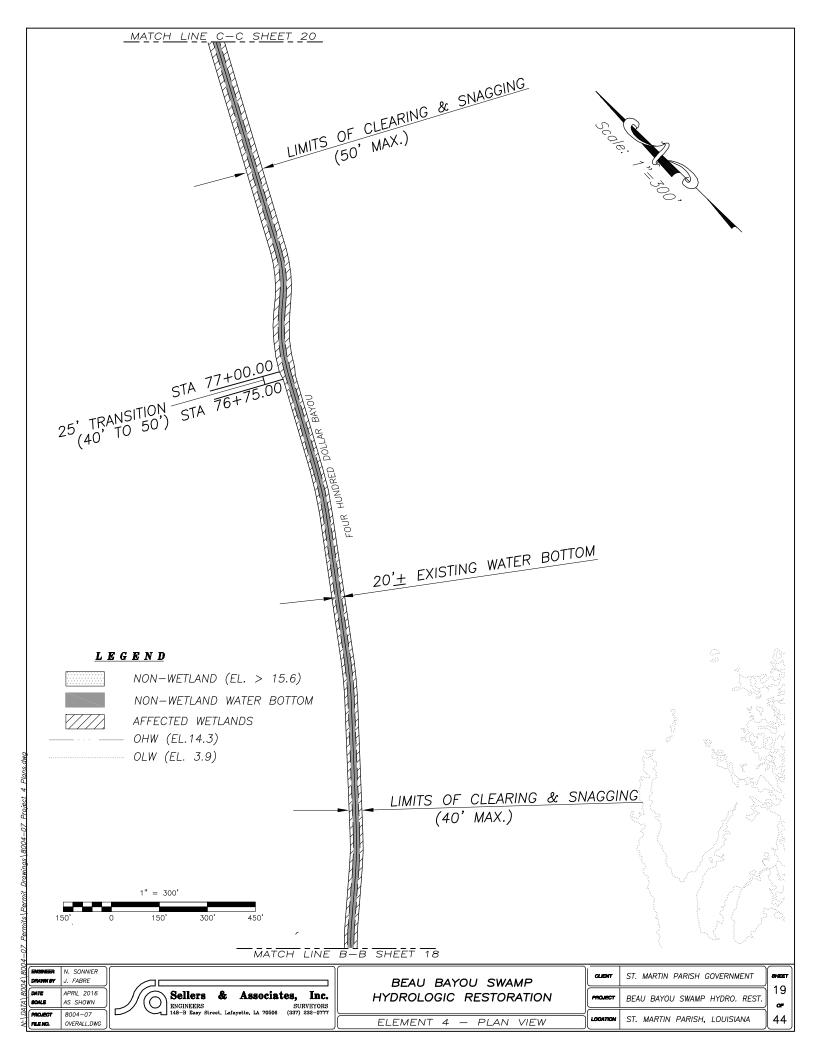


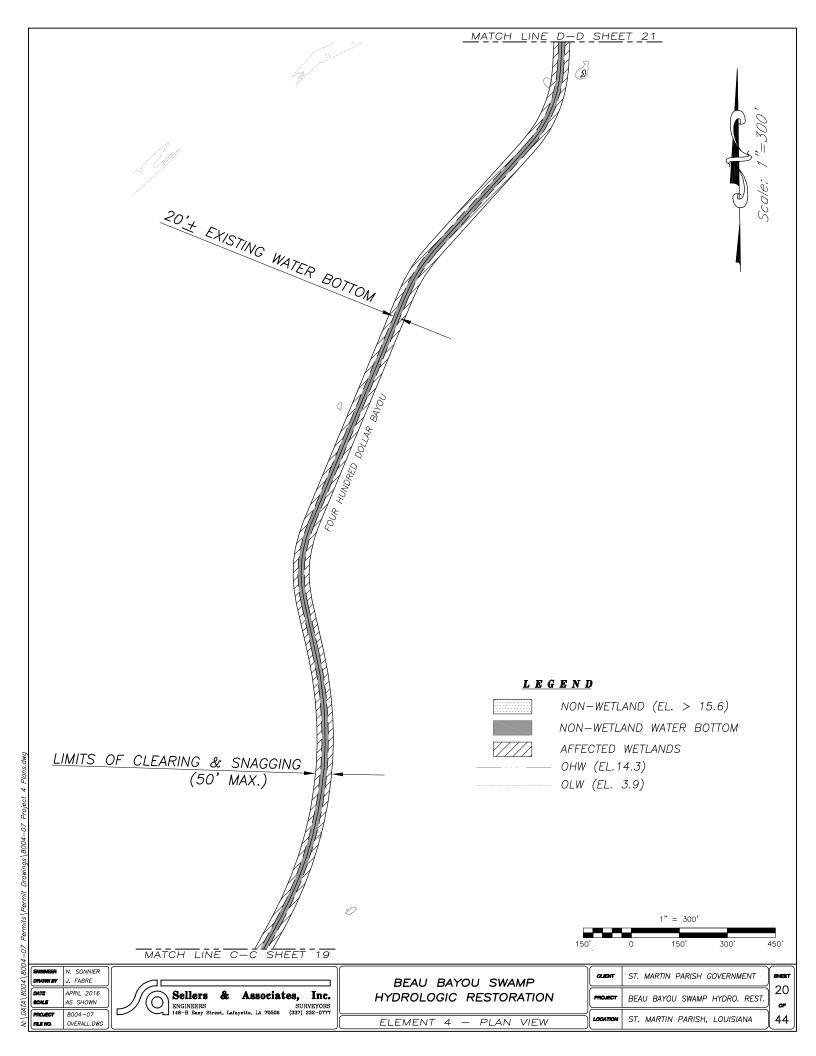


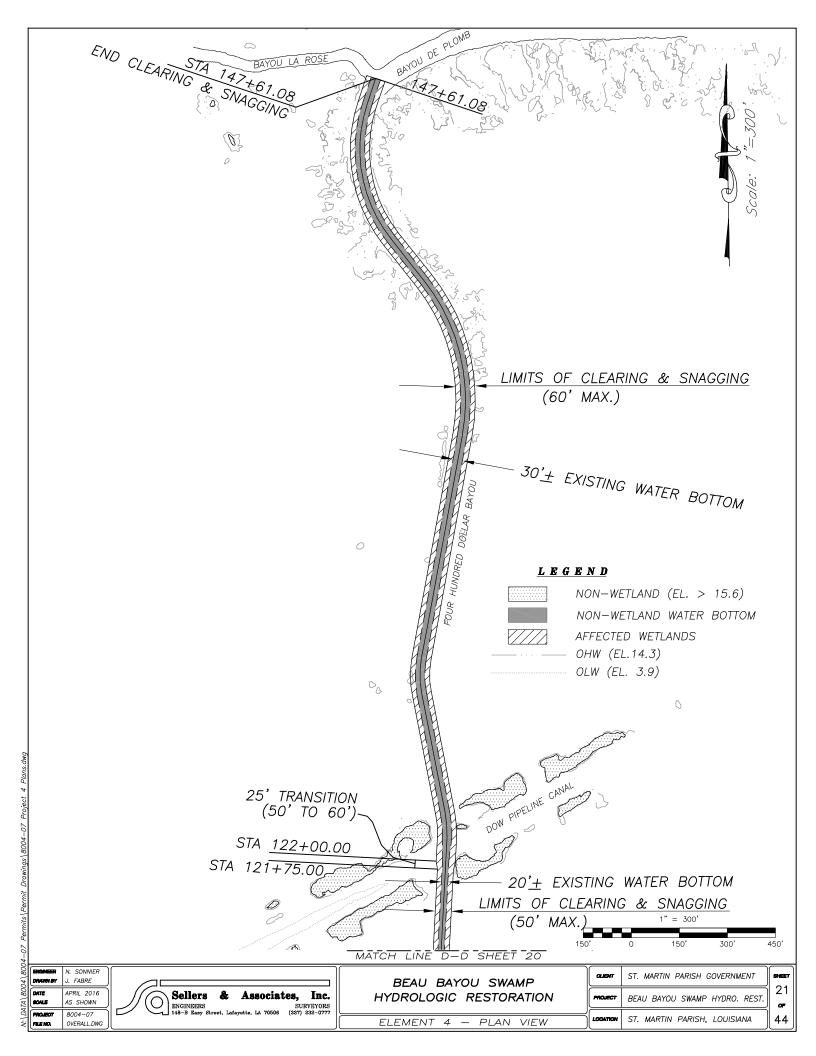


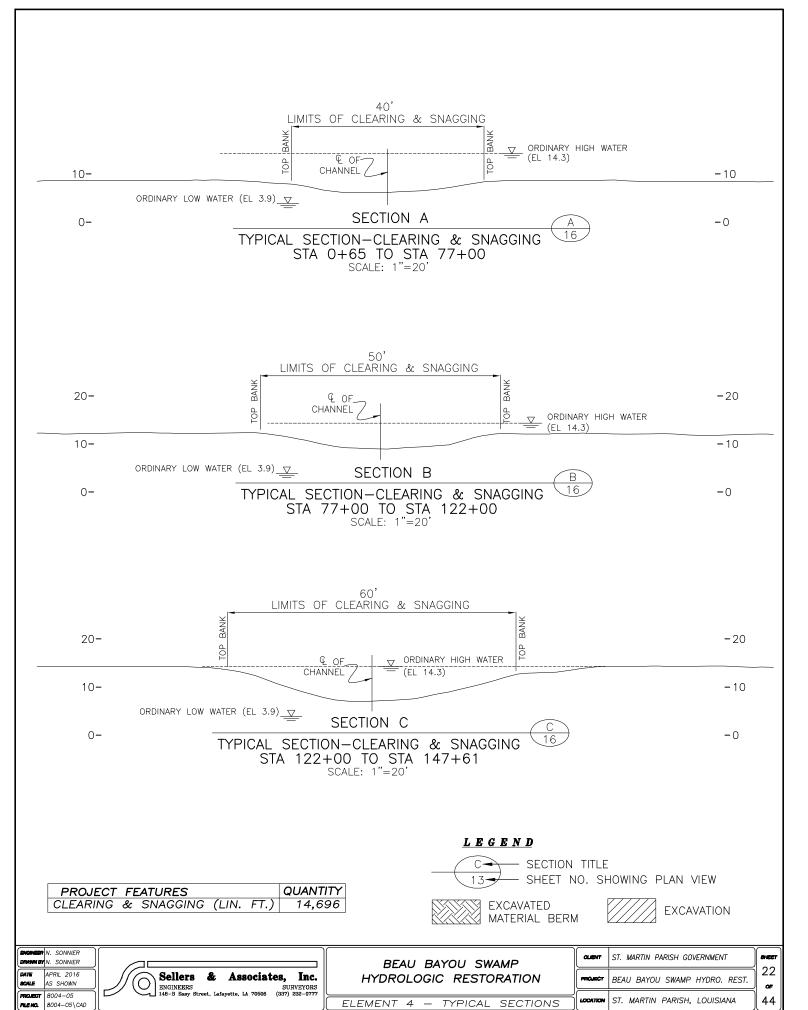


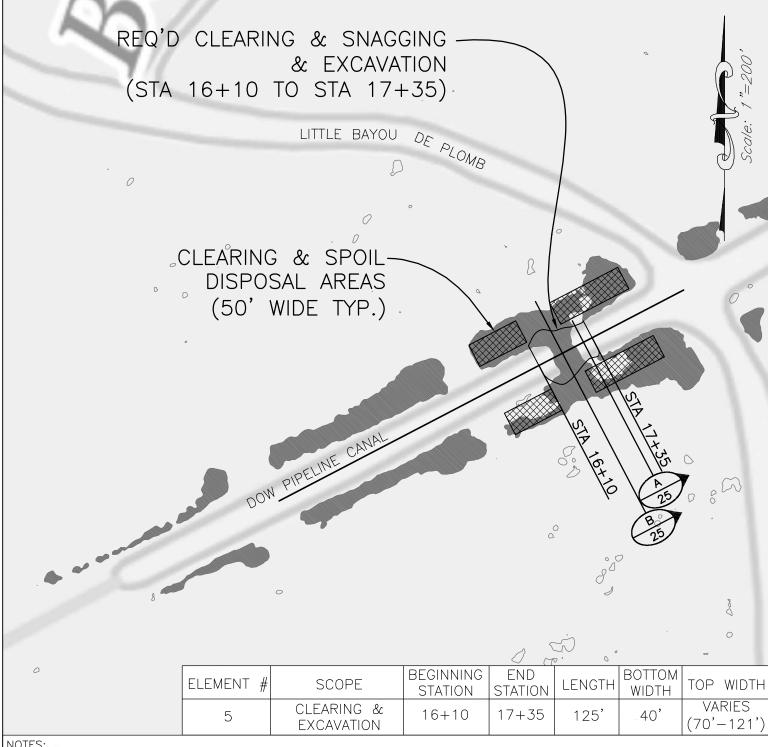






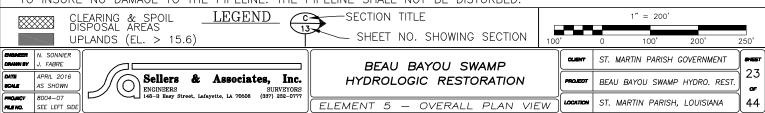


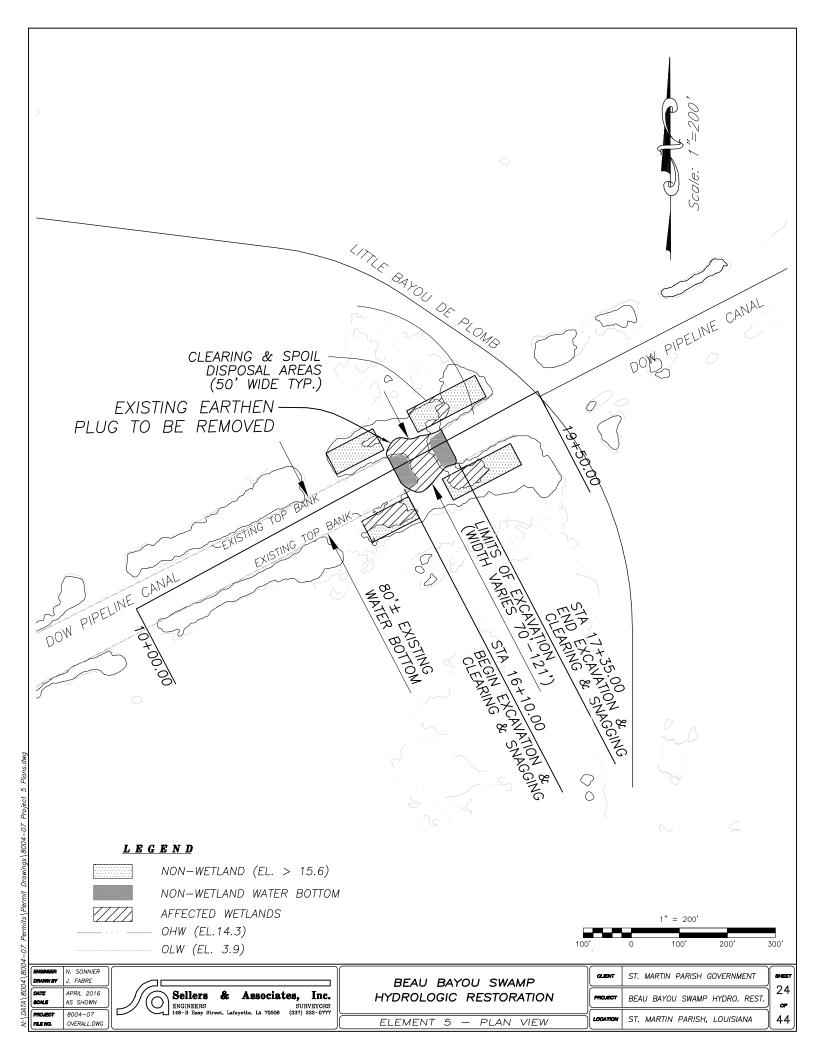


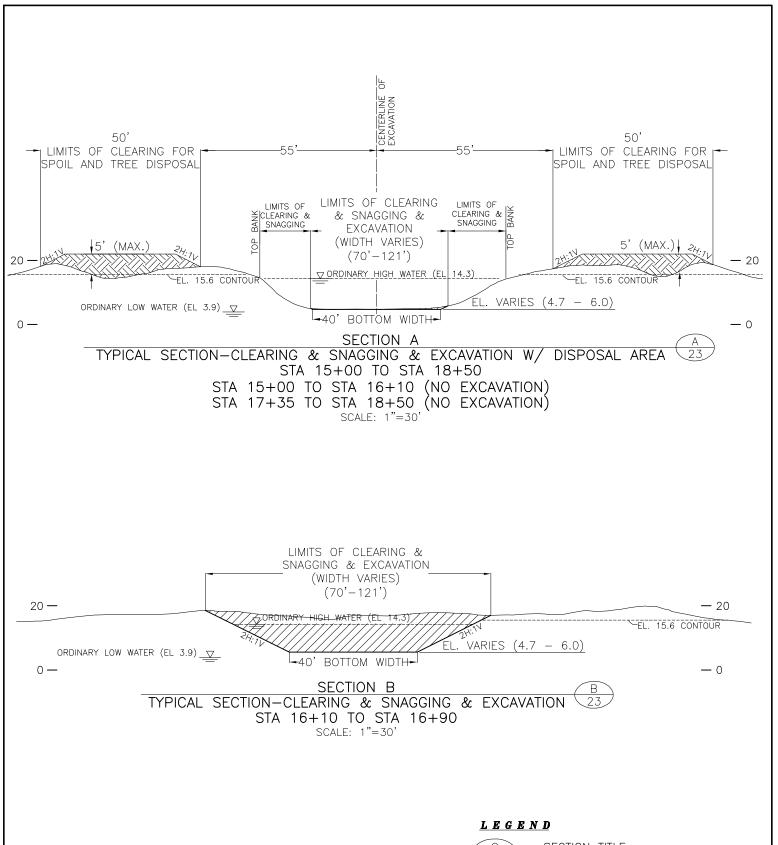


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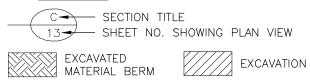
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- 2. MATERIAL EXCAVATED FROM ELEMENT 5 SHALL BE PLACED WITHIN THE CLEARING & SPOIL DISPOSAL AREAS SHOWN ON THIS SHEET, OR HAULED TO THE ATCHAFALAYA RIVER AND DISPOSED OF AS DIRECTED BY THE ENGINEER.
- 3. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL CLEAR AND EXCAVATE ACCORDING TO THE TYPICAL SECTION SHOWN. THE EXCAVATION WILL RESULT IN REMOVING AN EARTHEN PLUG WITHIN THE EXISTING CHANNEL AT APPROXIMATELY STA 16+50. IF THE PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION WOULD RESULT IN EXCAVATION AND/OR CLEARING OUTSIDE OF THE ADJACENT CHANNEL TOP BANK, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL FIRST SHIFT THE CENTERLINE OF THE TEMPLATE, OR SECOND DECREASE THE BOTTOM WIDTH TO REMAIN WITHIN THE TOP BANK OF THE ADJACENT CHANNEL.
- 4. PROPOSED WORK WILL INCLUDE EXCAVATION OVER THE EXISTING DOW PIPELINE. EXTREME CAUTION SHALL BE EXERCISED TO INSURE NO DAMAGE TO THE PIPELINE. THE PIPELINE SHALL NOT BE DISTURBED.







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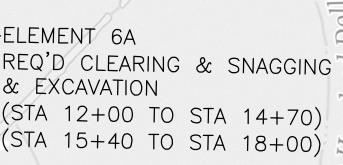
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ELEMENT 6B

REQ'D CLEARING &

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6A	CLEARING & EXCAVATION	12+00	18+00	530'	50'	VARIES (50'-70')
6B	CLEARING & EXCAVATION	53+00	61+00	730'	50'	VARIES (50'-75')

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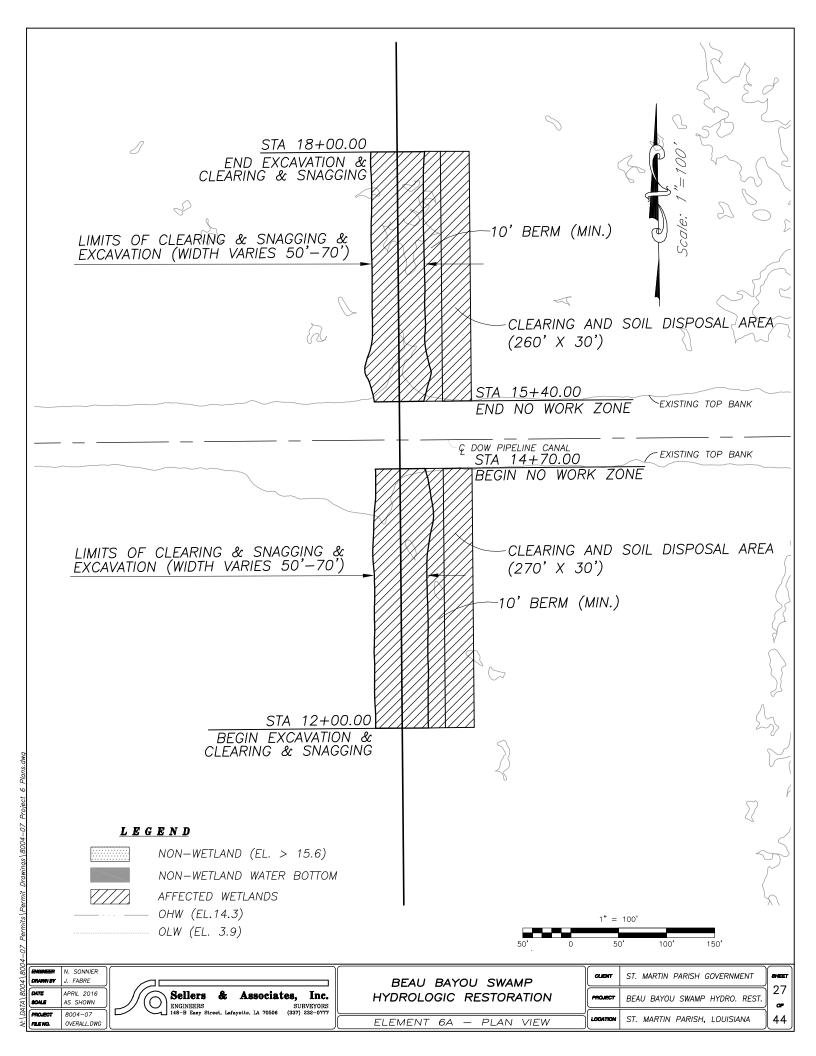
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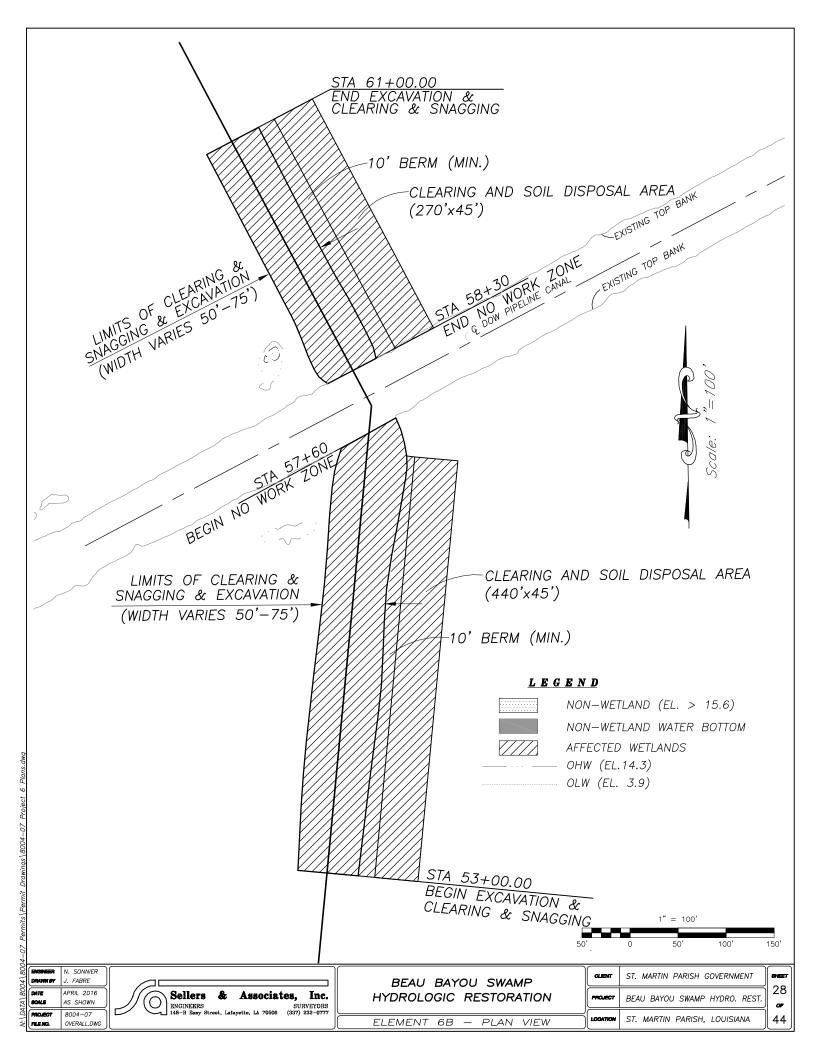
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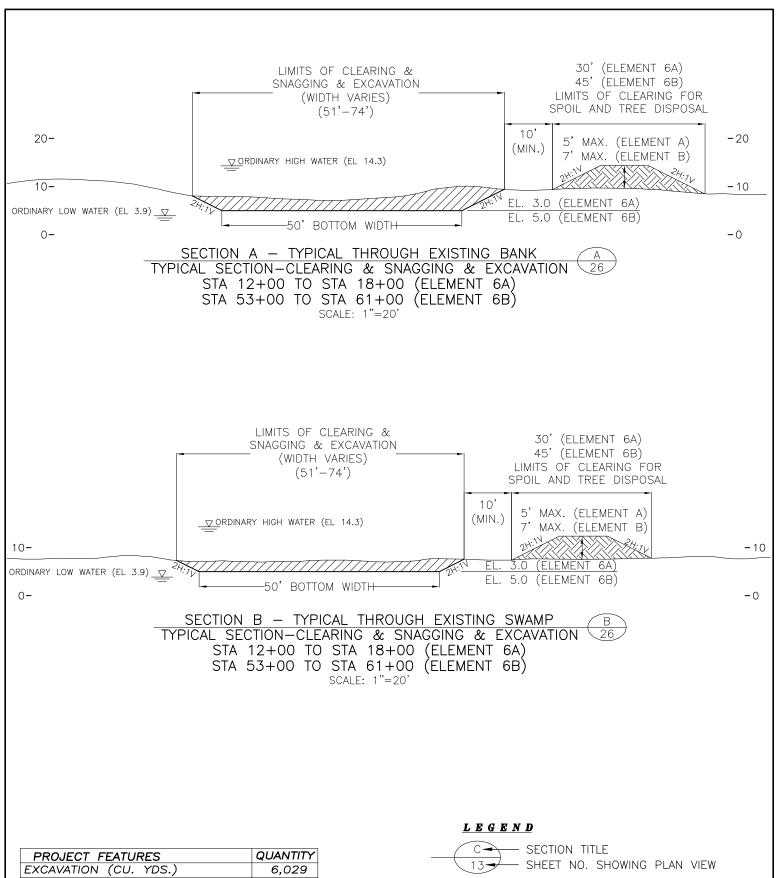
WILL INVOLVE EXCAVATING THROUGH AN EXISTING SPOIL BANK AND VIRGIN CUT THROUGH THE SWAMP.

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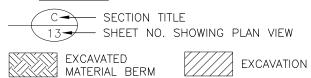
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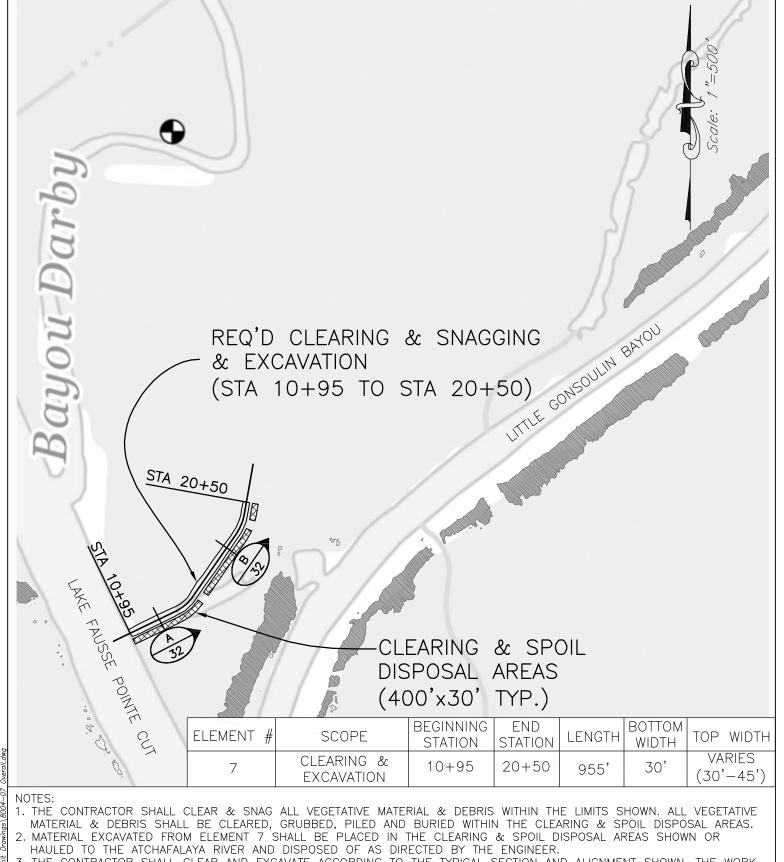




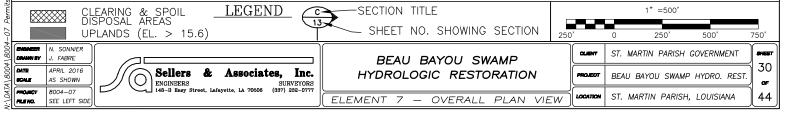
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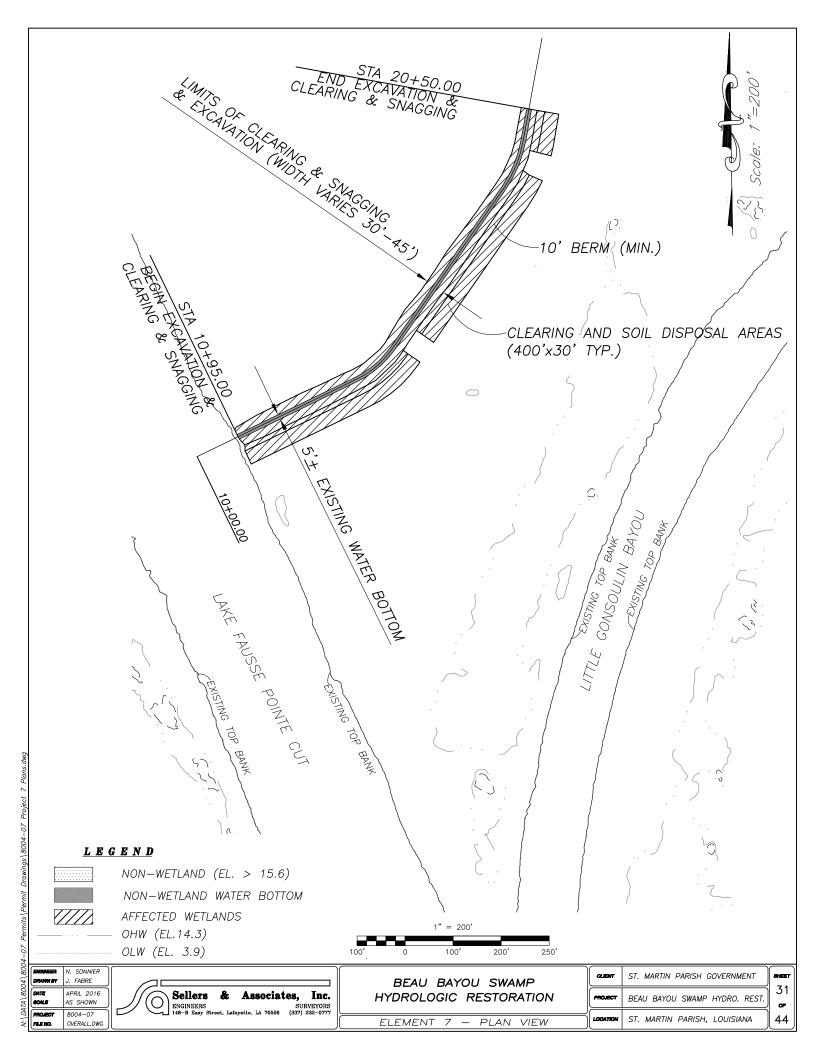


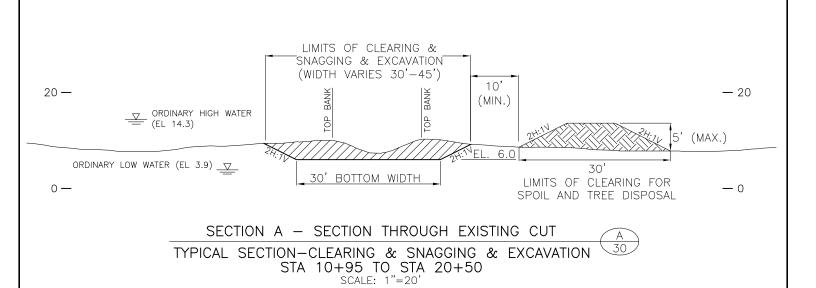
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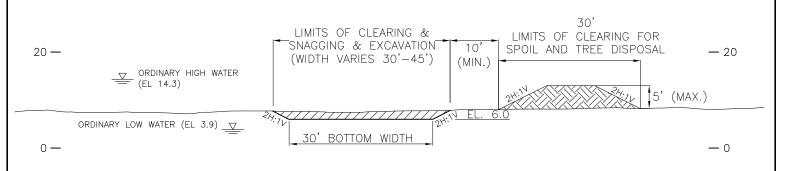


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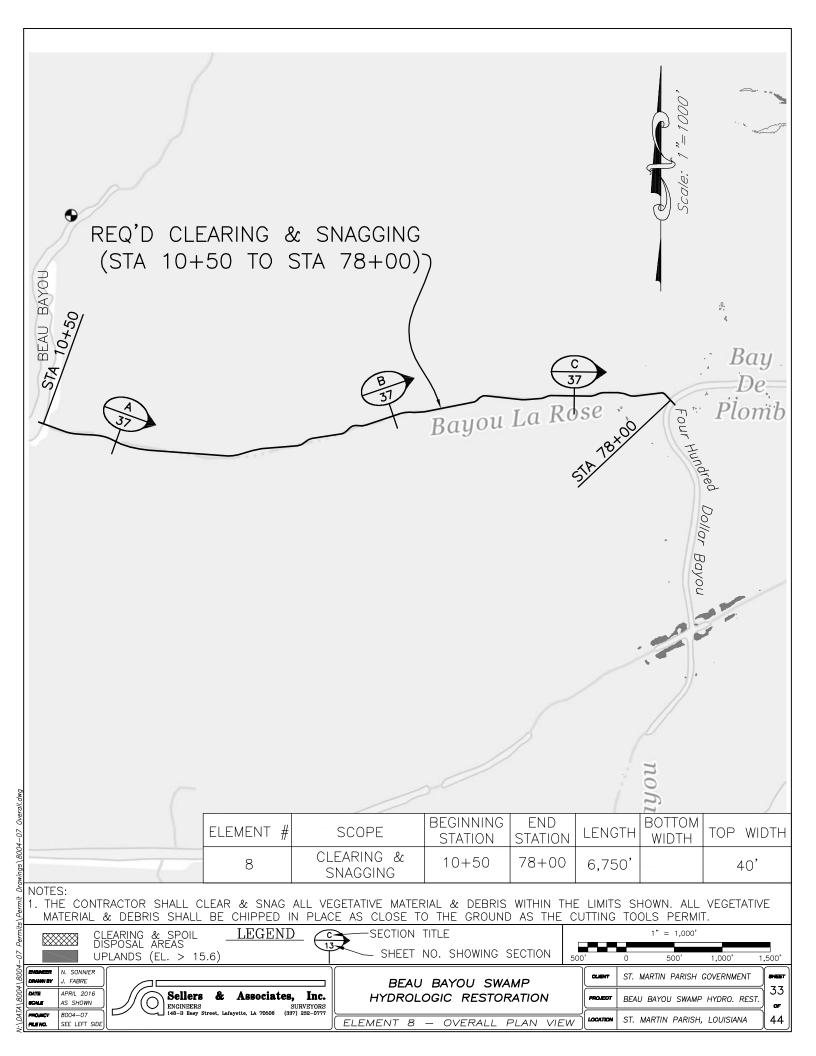
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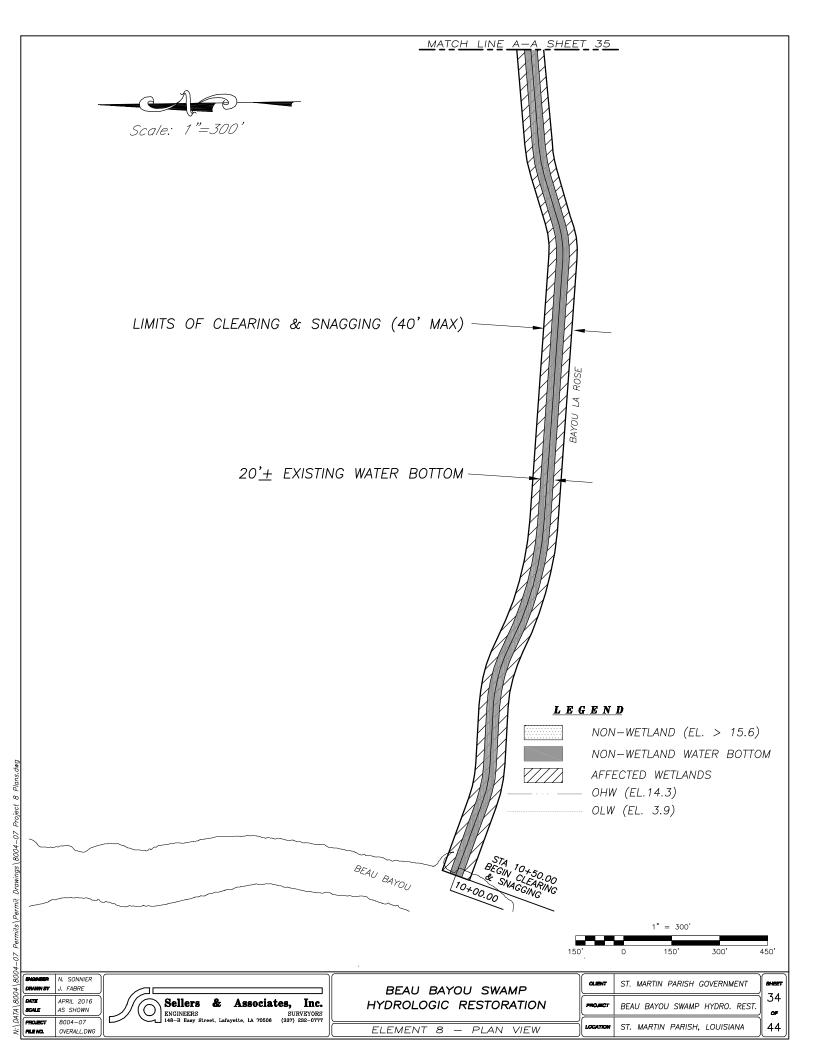
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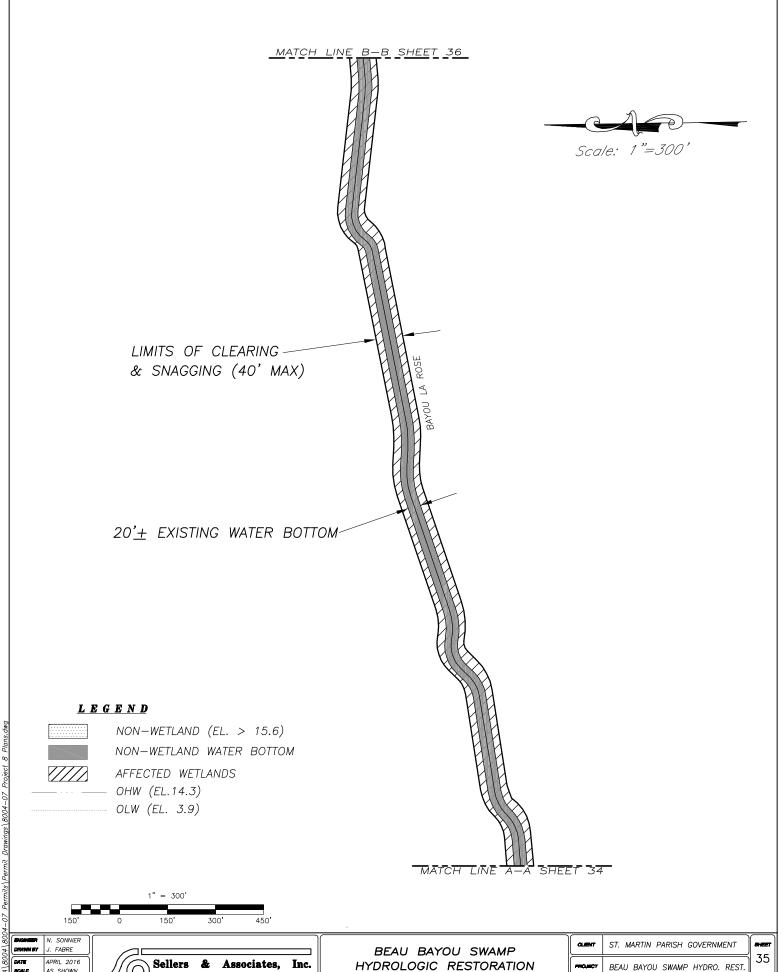
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CLEARING (ACRES)	0.8



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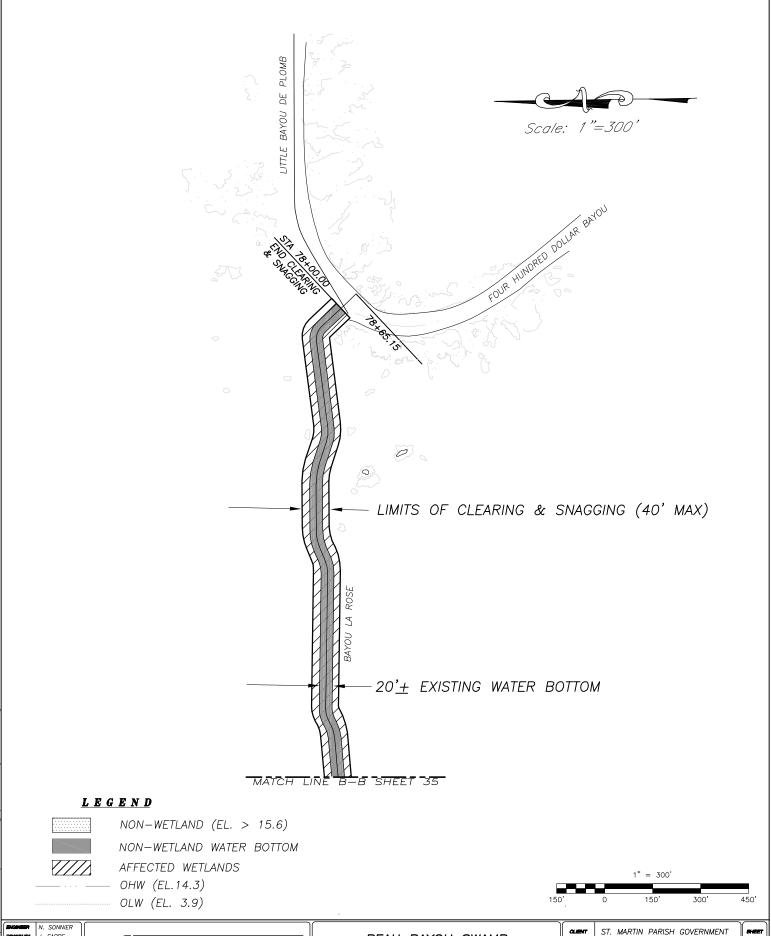


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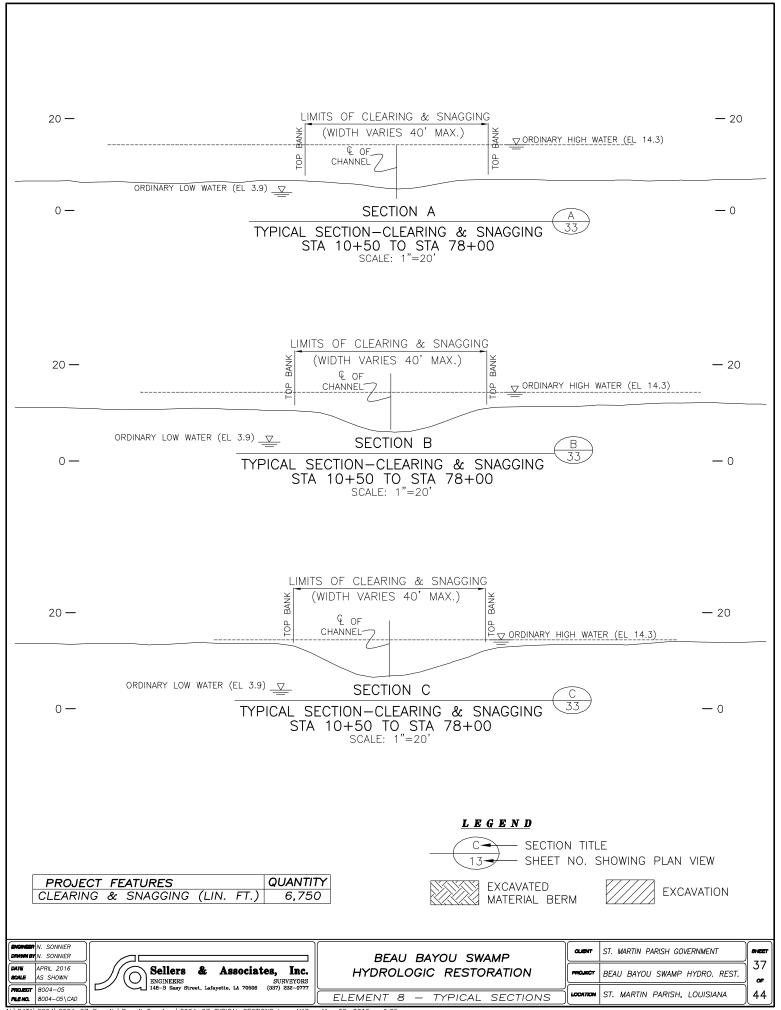
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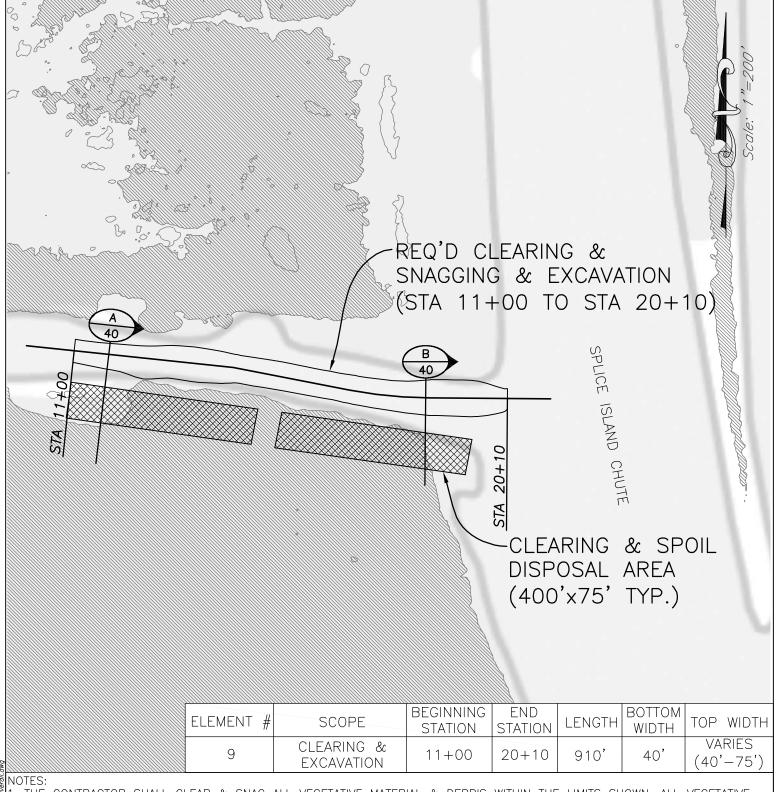
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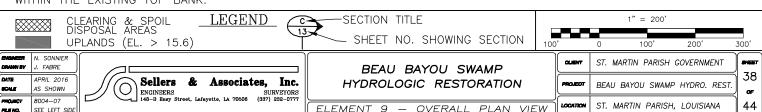


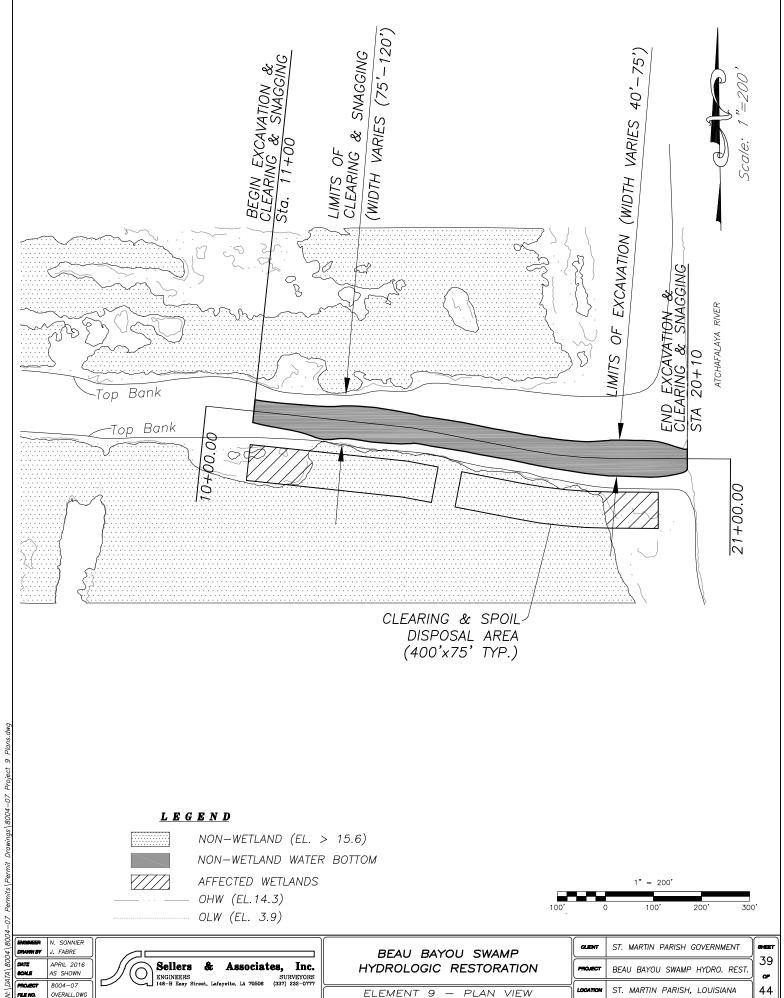


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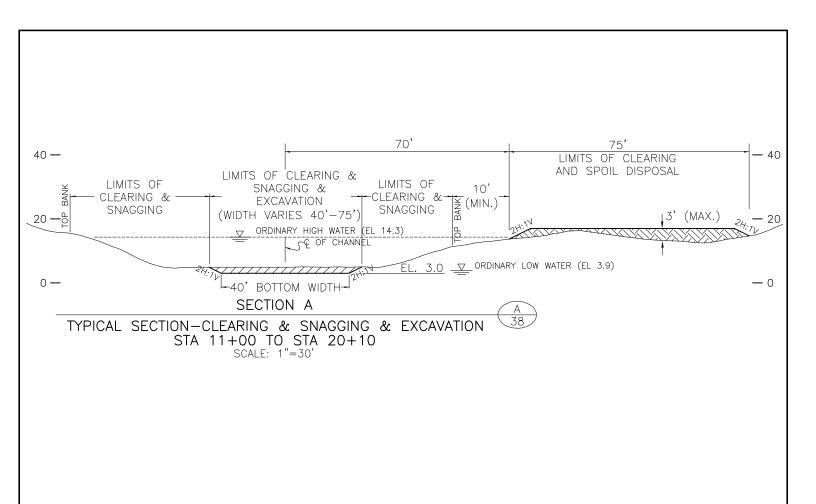
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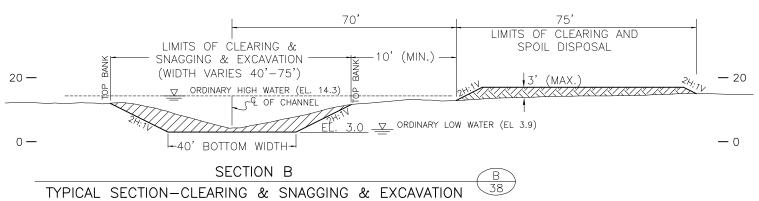




ELEMENT 9 -

PLAN VIEW





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QUANTITY

### LEGEND

TYPICAL SECTIONS

**EXCAVATED** 

MATERIAL BERM



- SECTION TITLE

- SHEET NO. SHOWING PLAN VIEW

GENERAL EXCAVATION (CU. YDS) 4,690 CLEARING & SNAGGING (LIN. FT.) 910 1.6

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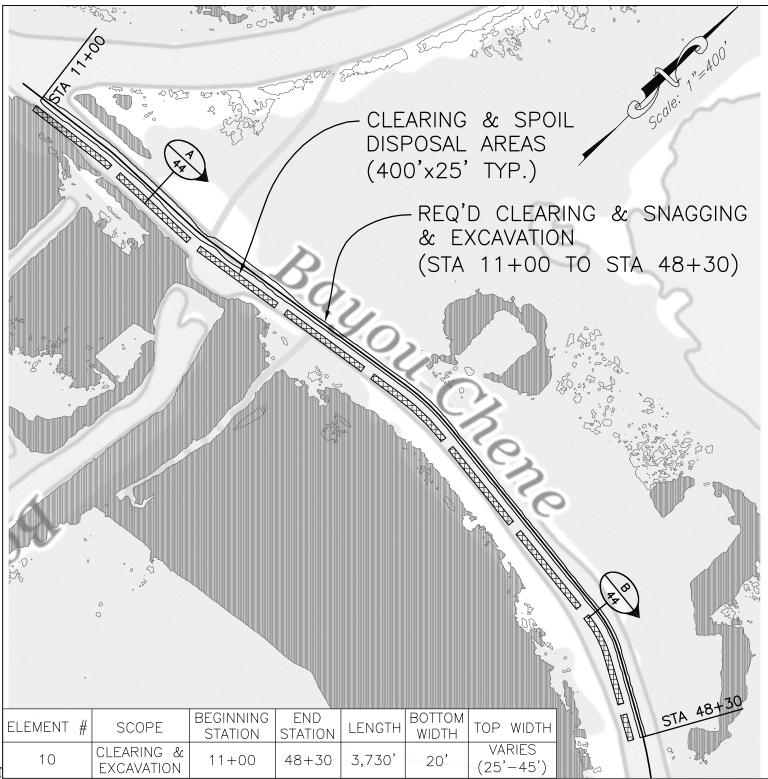
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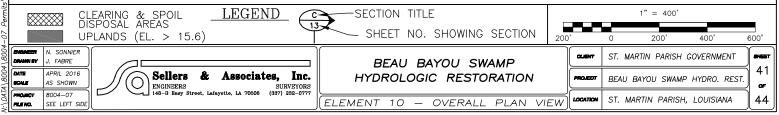
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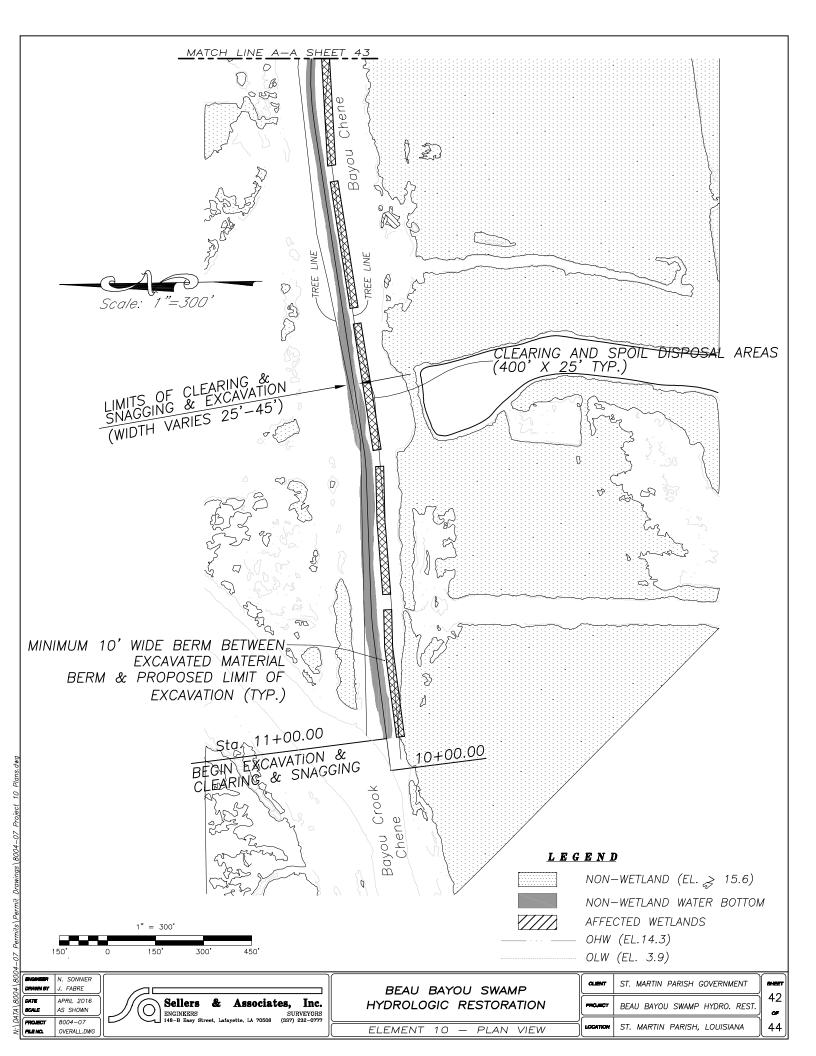
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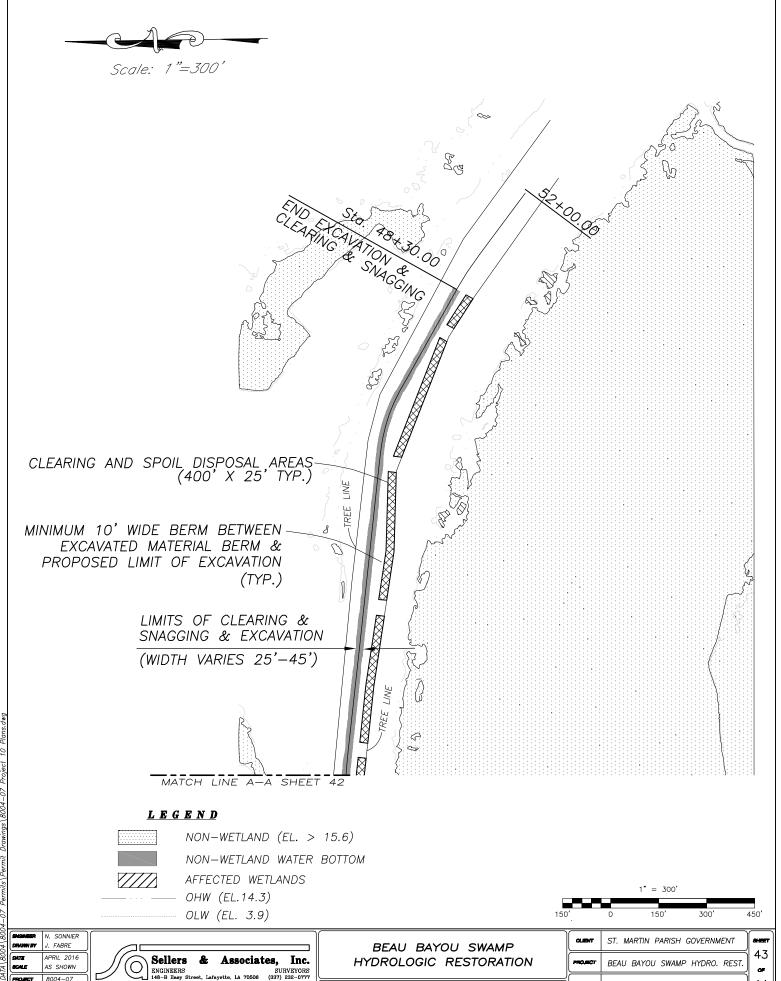


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ELEMENT 10 - PLAN VIEW

ST. MARTIN PARISH, LOUISIANA

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