



November 28, 2012

PUBLIC NOTICE D8 DWB-840

All interested parties are notified that an application dated November 2, 2012, has been received from the Minnesota Department of Transportation by the Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District, for approval of location and plans for the construction of the proposed Minnesota TH 36/Wisconsin TH 64 Highway Bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States. The proposal calls for the existing bridge at river mile 23.4 to remain in place and be converted to pedestrian traffic only.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: St. Croix River, Mile 22.0, between Oak Park Heights in Washington County, Minnesota and the town of St. Joseph in St. Croix County, Wisconsin.

CHARACTER OF WORK: Construct a fixed highway bridge and associated approaches.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

<u>Existing Bridge</u>	<u>Proposed Bridge</u>
Horizontal: 135.0 feet measured normal to the flow of the river.	Horizontal: 572.0 feet measured normal to the flow of the river
Vertical: 57.0 feet above normal pool elevation 674.69, mean sea level.	Vertical: 107.09 feet above normal pool elevation 674.69, mean sea level.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as lead federal agency, approved on November 6, 2012, a reevaluation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), previously approved on November 13, 2006. FHWA also approved the project's Record of Decision (ROD) at that time. The Coast Guard anticipates adopting the reevaluated FEIS and preparing an associated ROD. Approximately 50,030 cubic yards of fill material will be excavated and approximately 50,275 cubic yards of fill will be placed below the 100-year flood elevation of 692.5 feet, m.s.l. The project will be located in the base floodplain. Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) of the Clean Water Act was approved by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency on September 27, 2012 and by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on September 19, 2012.

The existing Minnesota TH 36/Wisconsin TH 64 Highway (Stillwater) Lift Bridge is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) dated May 15, 2006, was executed in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act of 1966. The existing bridge will remain in place and be used for pedestrian traffic once the new bridge is opened to vehicle traffic. It is anticipated approximately 9.84 acres of wetlands will be impacted by the project. One federally threatened/endangered species (Lampisili higginsii mussel) may be affected by in-stream work. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved project mitigation plans for affected endangered species and concluded Section 7 consultation on August 1, 2012. The project is not expected to impact minority and low income populations, or Environmental Justice concerns.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:

Interested parties are requested to express their views, in writing, on the proposed bridge. Give sufficient details to establish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition to the proposal. Comments will be received for the record at the Office of the Commander (dwb), Eighth Coast Guard District Bridge Branch, Room 2.107f, 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2832 through January 7, 2013. Any comments received will be made part of the project case record.

Location map and plans are attached.

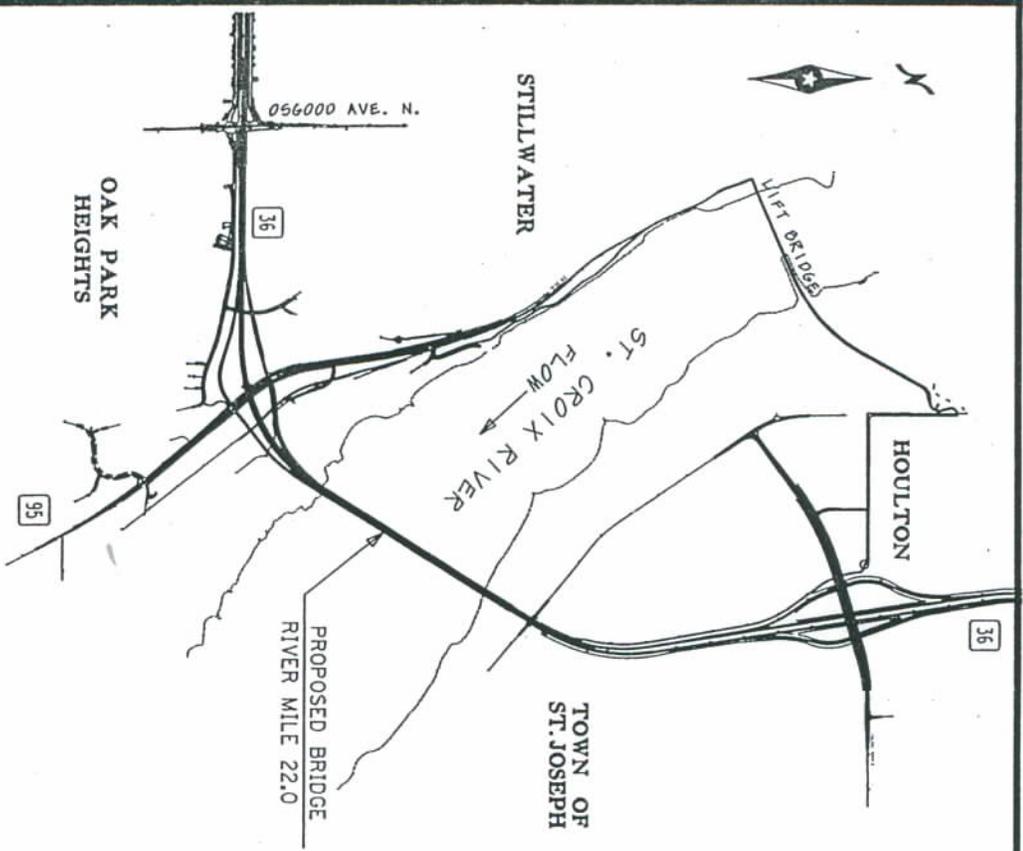
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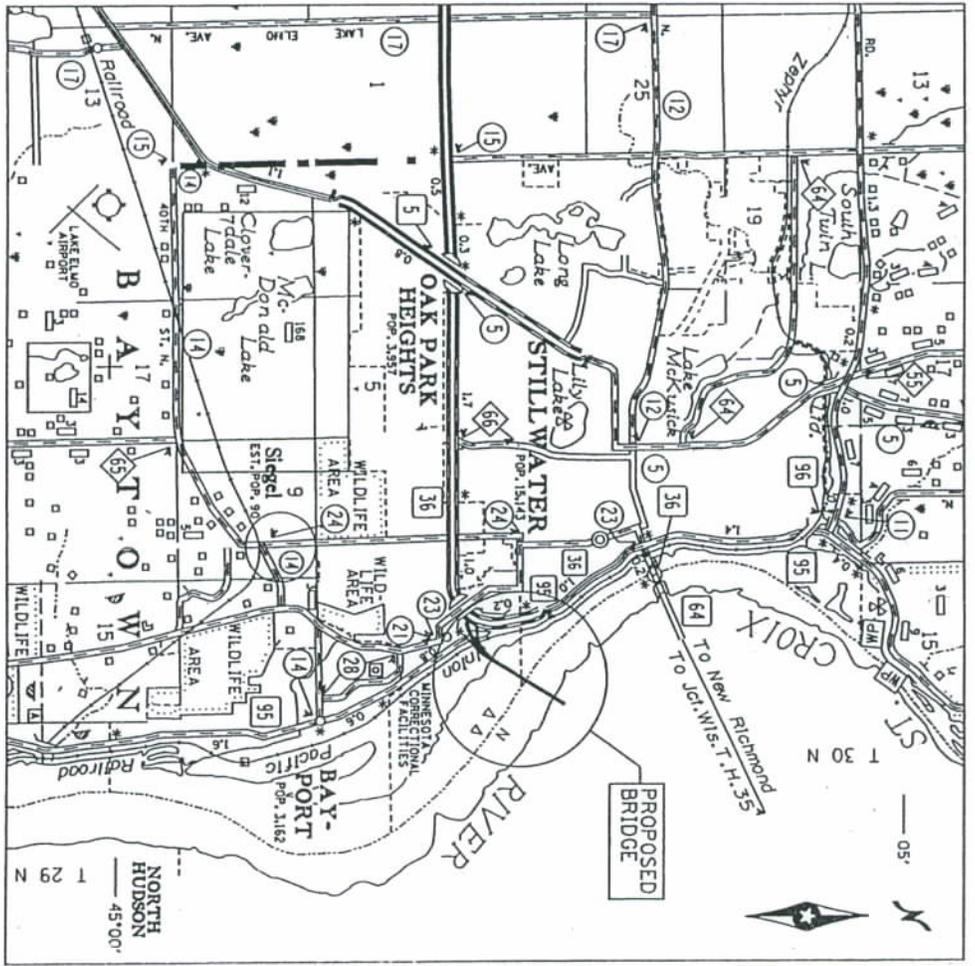
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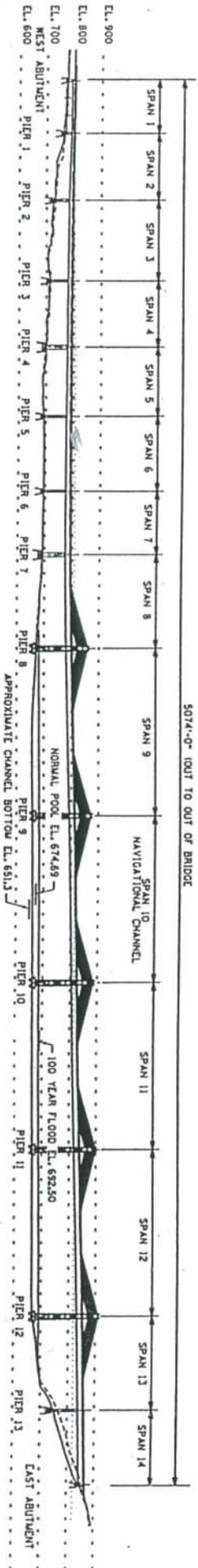
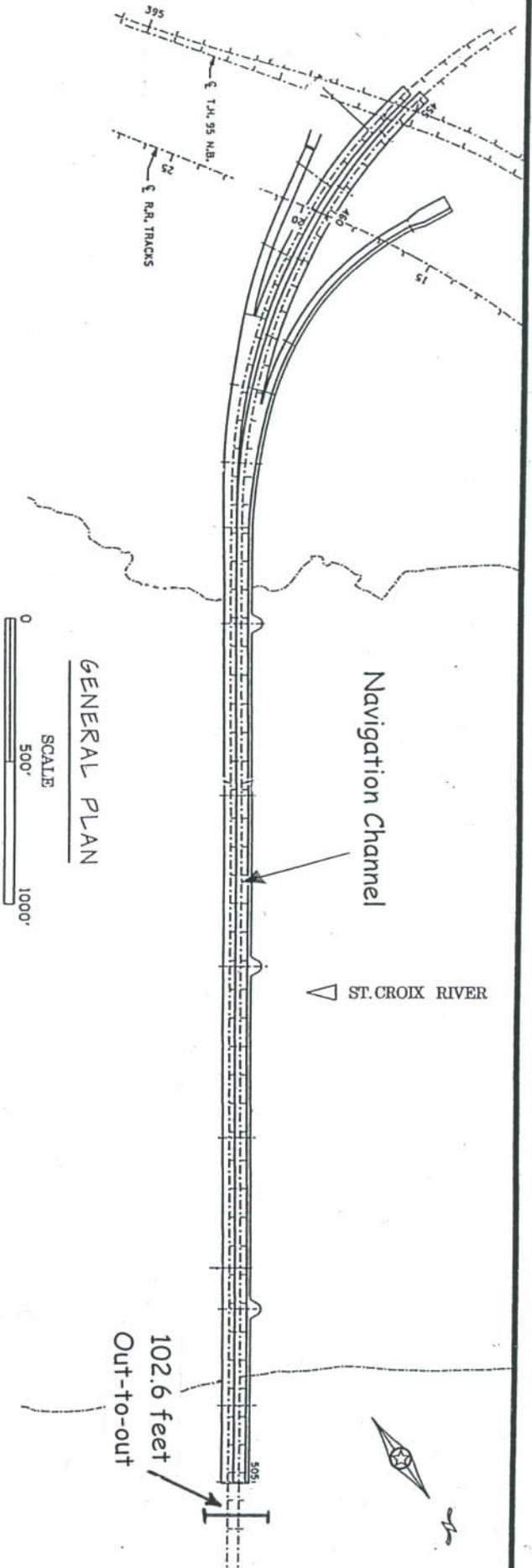
LOCATION MAP



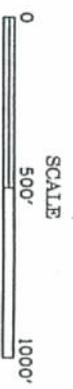
VICINITY MAP



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GENERAL ELEVATION

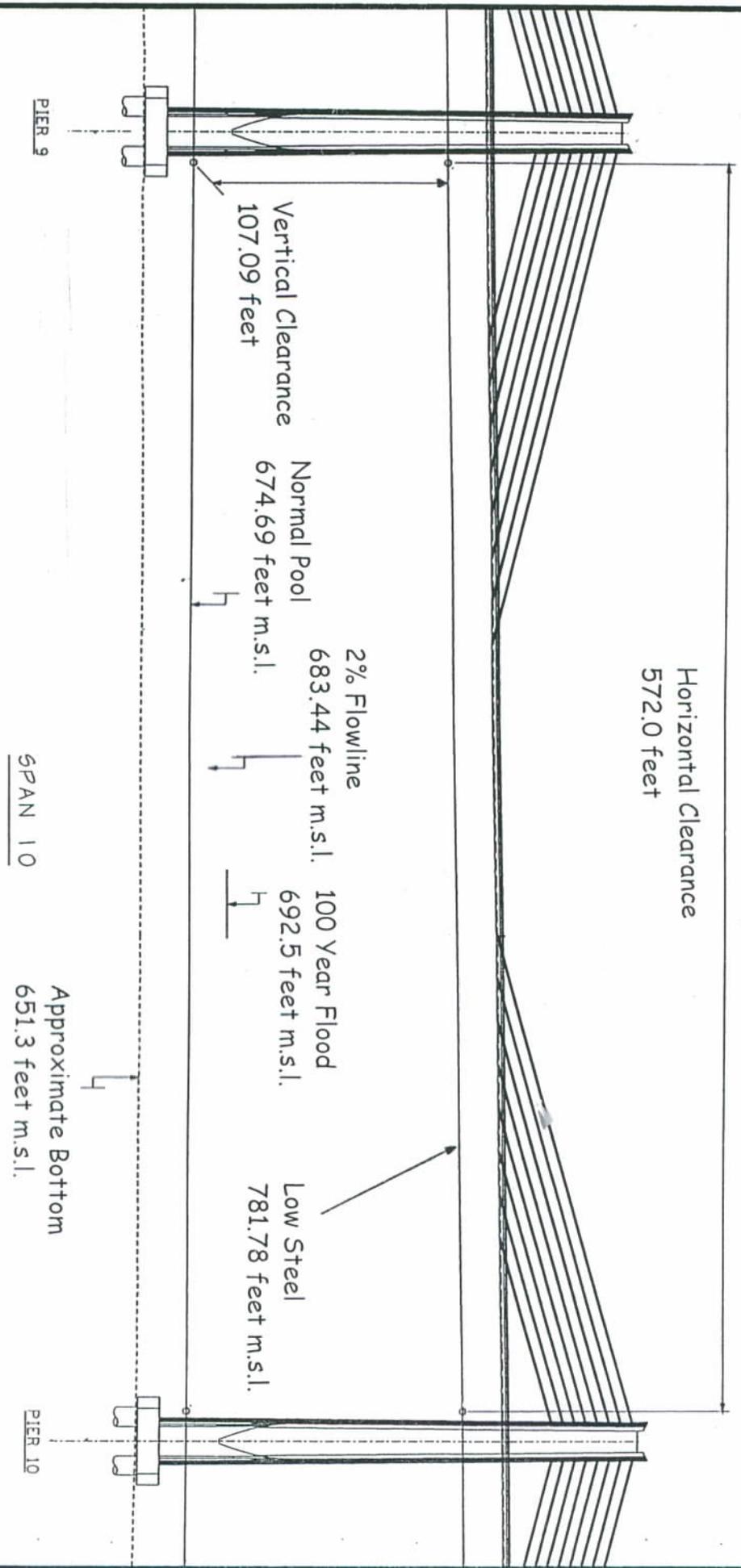


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Navigation Channel Detail



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