



**LOCATION:** The proposed project would be located in Buckeye Lake at the Buckeye Lake State Park North Shore Boat Launch in Licking County, Ohio.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK:** To reduce traffic safety hazards at the ramp entrance on State Route 79, the applicant proposes to remove the existing 40' wide by 50' long concrete launch ramp and replace it with a new 59' wide by 67' long concrete launch ramp. The new ramp will provide one additional launching lane to expedite boat unloading and the increased length of the ramp will provide addition traction on the ramp to increase the efficiency and operation of the ramp. A temporary cofferdam will be installed around the end of the proposed launch ramp to facilitate construction of the new ramp. In addition, a floating courtesy dock, anchored with spud bars, will be installed adjacent to the new ramp. A permit is not required, from this office, for the floating dock.

Approximately 100 cubic yards of crushed rock and/or concrete will be installed as a base for the new ramp. Approximately 97 cubic yards of concrete will be required for the new launch ramp. Plans of the proposal are attached to this notice.

**WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:** A Section 401 Water Quality Certification is required for this project. It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain certification from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

**HISTORIC & CULTURAL RESOURCES:** The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and it has been determined there are no properties currently listed on the register in the area affected by the project.

A copy of this public notice will be furnished to the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office for their review. Comments concerning archeological sensitivity of the project area should be based upon collected data.

**THREATENED & ENDANGERED SPECIES:** This project is located within the known or historic range of the following species:

Indiana bat  
Bald eagle  
Eastern massasauga

The Huntington District has consulted the most recently available information and based on this information, the proposed project would not impact the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species, or result in the destruction or adverse modification of habitat of such species which has been determined to be critical. This public notice serves as a request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1972 (as amended).

**PUBLIC INTEREST:** Any person who has an interest that may be adversely affected by the issuance of a permit may request a public hearing. The request must be submitted in writing to the District Engineer on or before the expiration date of this notice and must clearly set forth the interest which may be adversely affected and the manner in which the interest may be adversely affected by the activity. This application will be reviewed in accordance with 33 CFR 320.331, the Regulatory Program of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and other pertinent laws, regulations, and executive orders. Our evaluation will also follow the guidelines published by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to Section 404(b) (1) of the CWA. Interested parties are invited to state any objections they may have to the proposed work. The decision whether to issue a 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 that reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors that may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; of those are 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. Written statements on these factors received in this office on or before the expiration date of this public notice will become a part of the record and will be considered in the final determination. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

**SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:** 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. For accuracy and completeness of the administrative record, all data in support of or in opposition to the proposed work should be submitted in writing setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition. 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.

**CLOSE OF COMMENT PERIOD:** All comments pertaining to this Public Notice must reach this office on or before the close of the comment period listed on page one of this Public Notice. If no comments are received by that date, it will be considered that there are no objections. Comments and requests for additional information should be submitted to:

North Regulatory Permit Section - CELRH-OR FN-2007-151-MUS  
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Huntington District  
502 Eighth Street  
Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070

Please note, the names and addresses of those who submit comments in response to this public notice become part of our administrative record and, as such, are available to the public under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Thank you for your interest in our nation's water resources. If you have any questions concerning this public notice, please contact Mr. David A. Frantz of the North Regulatory Section at 304-399-5210.

  
Ginger Mullins  
Chief, Regulatory Branch

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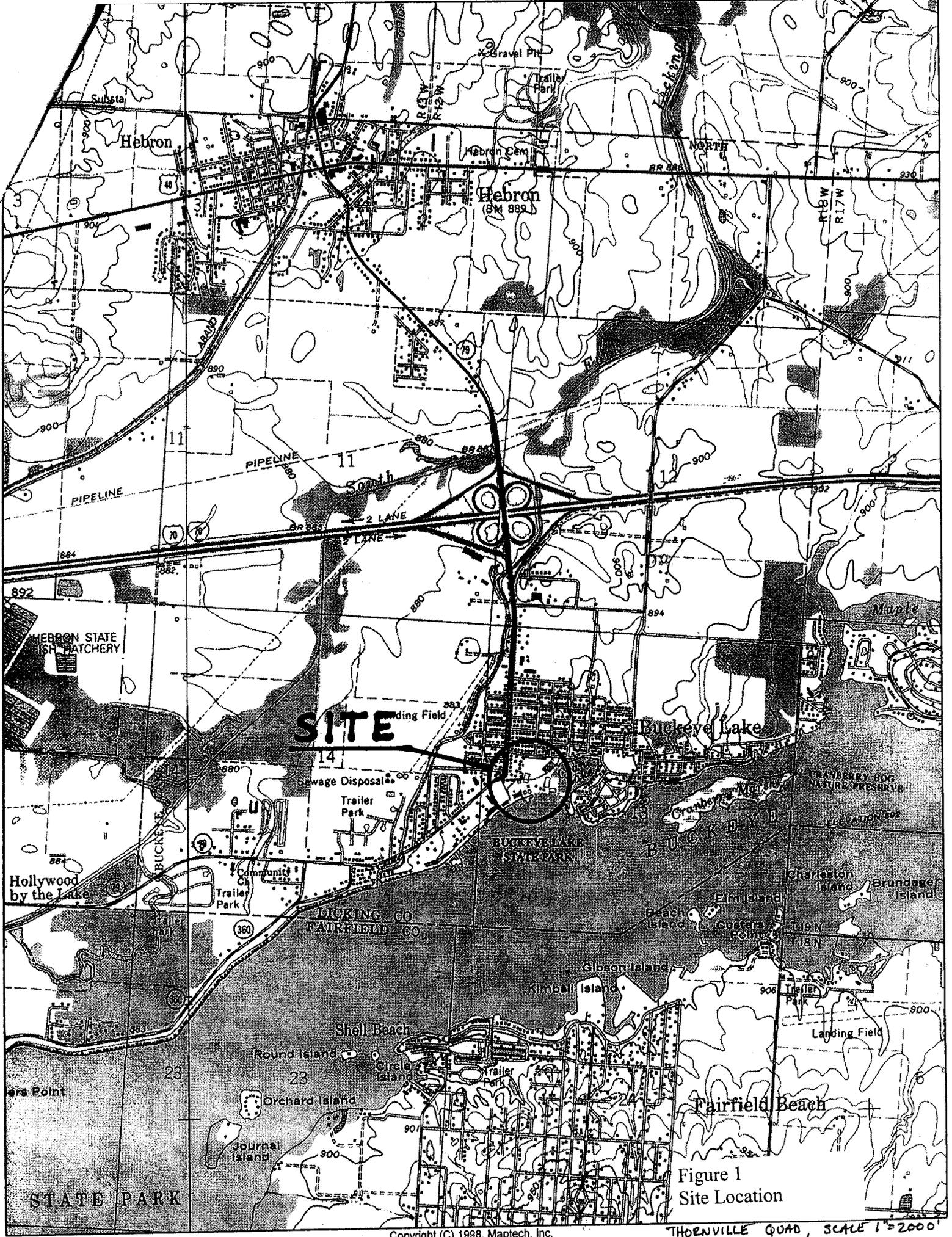


Figure 1  
Site Location

NORTH SHORE LAUNCH RAMP

OVERALL SITE PLAN

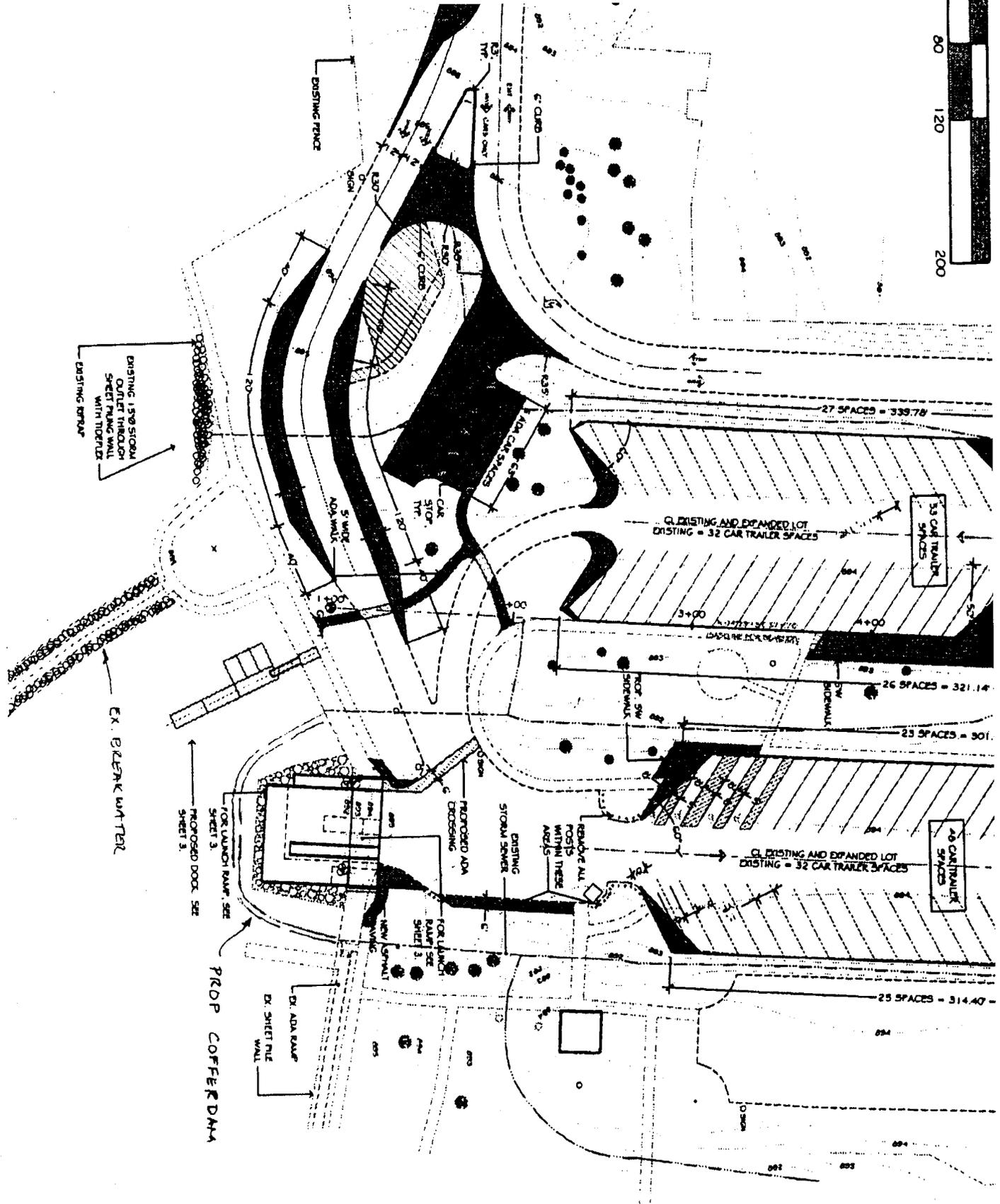


Figure 2  
Overall Site Plan



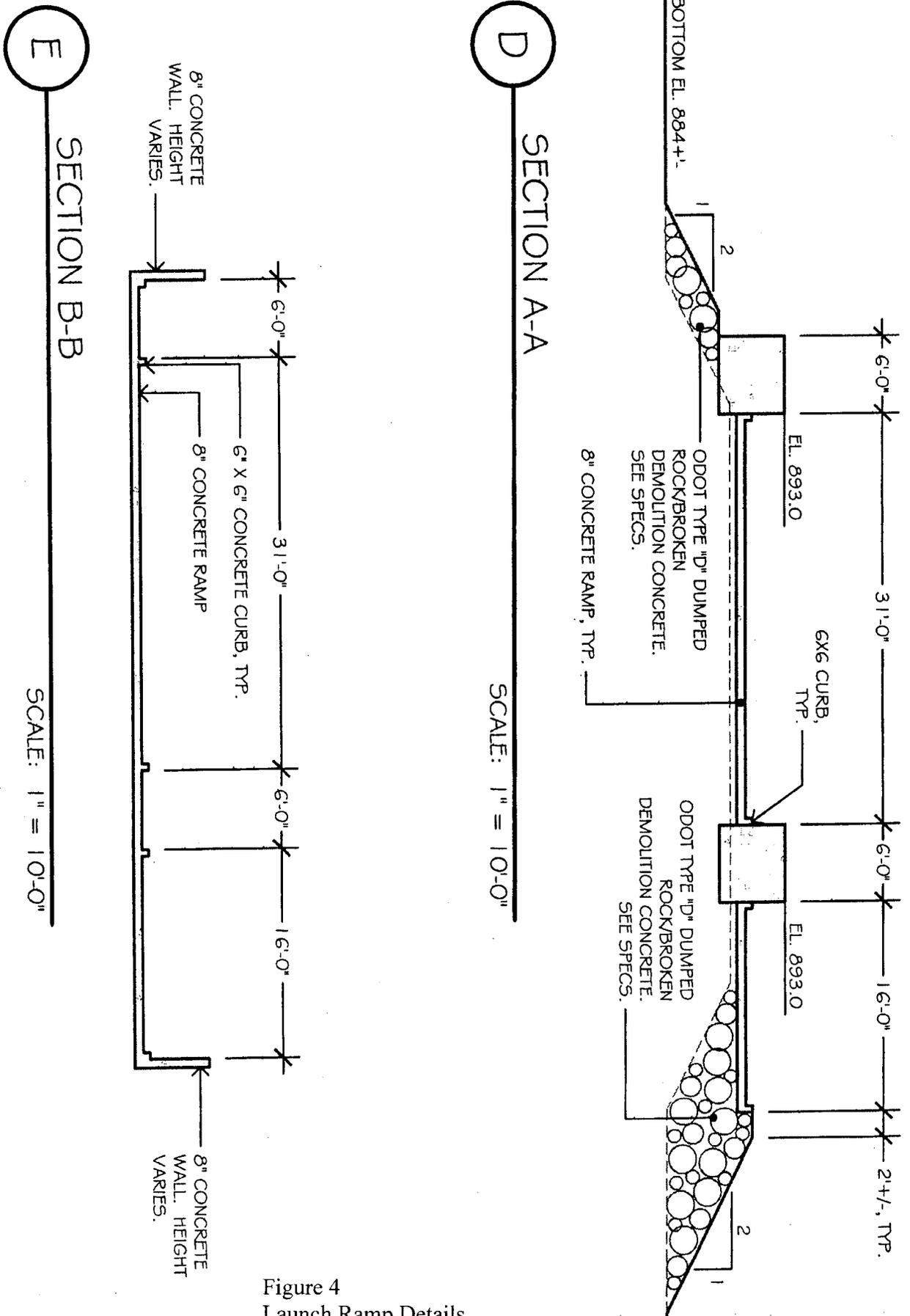


Figure 4  
Launch Ramp Details

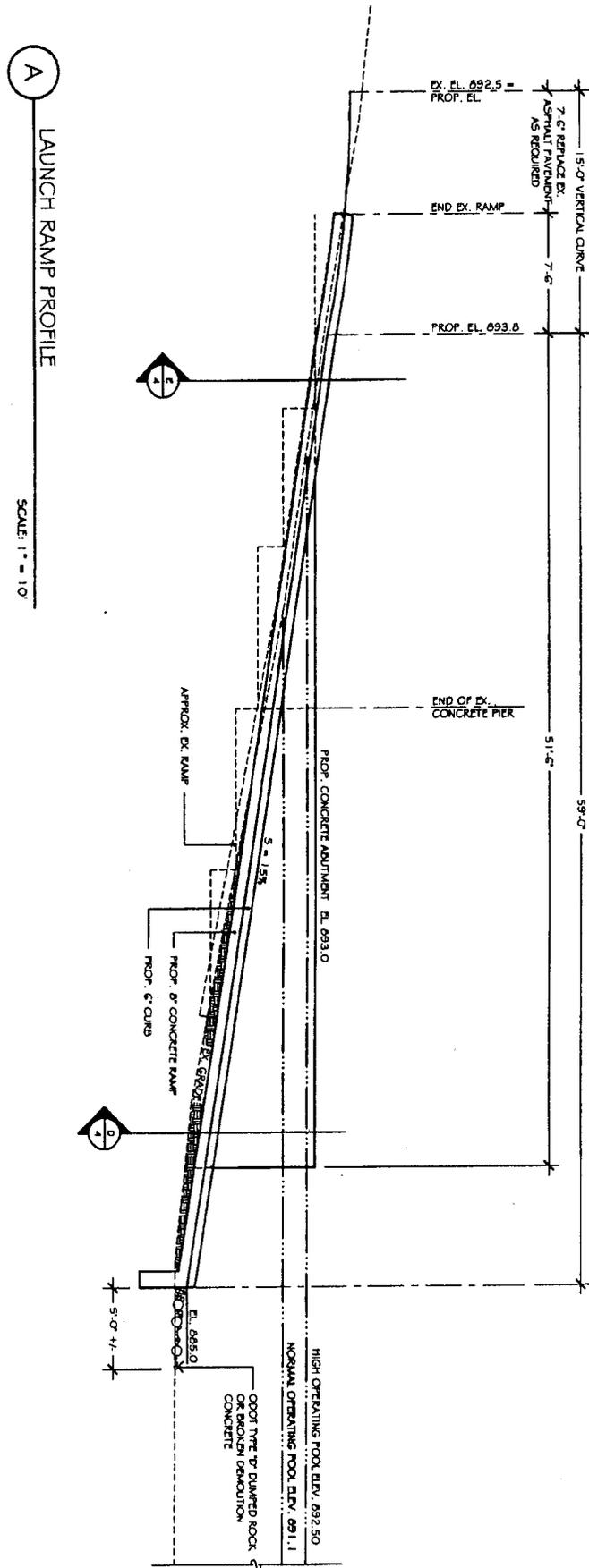


Figure 5  
Launch Ramp Details