

LOWER DUNGENESS RIVER
SECTION 544
ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

APPENDIX C
CULTURAL RESOURCES DOCUMENTATION

**DRAFT Detailed Project Report and
Environmental Assessment**



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November 15, 2010

Mr. Roger Kiers
WSDOT, Olympic Region
P.O. Box 47332
Olympia, WA 98512-7332

In future correspondence please refer to:

Log: 031809-11-FHWA

Property: US 101, Shore Rd to Kitchen-Dick Rd Widening

Re: Concurrence on Eligibility Determinations; Concurrence on Determination of Effect; More Information Needed on Effect to Archaeological Site 45CA650

Dear Mr. Kiers:

Thank you for contacting the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHHP) and providing the three cultural resources reports completed by Archaeological and Historical Services (AHS). The reports and associated historic property inventory forms have been reviewed on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer under provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended) and 36 CFR Part 800.

Regarding the eligibility of archaeological site 45CA650, I concur with your determination that the site is **eligible** for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Regarding the eligibility of the built environment resources identified in the report, we (myself in consultation with both Michael Houser and Russell Holter) concur with your consultant that the Dupuis Restaurant and the McDonnell Creek Diversion Dam **are eligible** for listing in the NRHP. We concur that the remaining 24 historic properties are **not eligible** for listing in the NRHP. However, Messrs. Houser and Holter feel that while the "Barn and milkhouse on SR 101" (Field Site no. 101SK-10) is **not eligible** for listing in the NRHP, it warrants attention as a property eligible or potentially eligible for listing in the Washington Register of Historic Places. The structure could also be considered for participation in the Washington State Barn Heritage program. Feel free to contact the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation for additional information on this program.

I concur that the current project as proposed will have **no adverse effect** on the two National Register eligible historic properties identified within the APE, based on the information provided in the reports and accompanying correspondence. However, I **cannot concur** with the determination of effect regarding archaeological site 45CA650 at this time. Primarily, I am uncomfortable with the determination that the minimal testing that occurred at Loci A, B, and C was sufficient to adequately characterize the site as a whole. Comparatively, your mitigation plans propose to impact more than two-thirds of the entire site area, an area where archaeological testing was limited to 2 loci and where intact deposits appear to



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remain. Since the site (as a whole) has been determined to be NRHP eligible, a more robust testing plan should be considered before any part of the site is impacted.

If additional information on the project becomes available, or if any archaeological resources are uncovered during construction, please halt work in the area of discovery and contact the appropriate Native American Tribes and DAHP for further consultation.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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September 7, 2011

Mr. Evan Lewis
Chief, Environmental & Cultural Resources Branch
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Post Office Box 3755
Seattle WA 98124-2255

In future correspondence please refer to:
Log: 090711-03-COE-S
Property: Dungeness River Ecosystem Restoration
Re: Determined Eligible

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Thank you for contacting our office. I have reviewed the materials your staff provided to our office and we concur with your professional opinion that the historic resource known as the Chang Property is eligible to the National Register of Historic Places. I look forward to further consultation regarding your determination of effect.

I would appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes or other parties that you receive as you consult under the requirements of 36CFR800.4(a)(4) and the survey report when it is available. These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36CFR800.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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January 15, 2015

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Environmental & Cultural Resources
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Seattle, Washington 98124

Re : Dungeness Ecosystem Restoration Project
Log No.: 090711-03-COE-S

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Thank you for contacting our department. We have reviewed materials you provided for the proposed Dungeness Ecosystem Restoration Project, Clallam County, Washington.

We concur with your determination of Adverse Effect. We look forward to further consultations and the draft Memorandum of Agreement. Please provide the draft in an unlock Word file.

We would appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes or other parties that you receive as you consult under the requirements of 36CFR800.4(a)(4).

These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer in compliance with the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations 36CFR800.4.

Should additional information become available, our assessment may be revised, including information regarding historic properties that have not yet been identified. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and a copy of these comments should be included in subsequent environmental documents.

Sincerely,

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REPLY TO
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Environmental and Cultural Resources Branch

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Cultural Resources
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AUG 17 2011

SUBJECT: Request for knowledge of or concerns with the Dungeness River Ecosystem Restoration Project

Dear Ms. Duncun:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District (Corps) and Clallam County as the project's non-federal sponsor, are conducting a feasibility study for ecosystem restoration between river miles one and two along the Dungeness River, near Dungeness Washington [Figure 1]. The study will focus on developing alternatives for setting a Corps' levee back in order to reconnect the floodplain and create more off channel salmon spawning habitat. The Corps has determined that the Dungeness Ecosystem Restoration Project is a federal undertaking that has the potential to cause effects to historic properties. The project is proposed under the authority of Section 544 of the Puget Sound and Adjacent Waters Restoration Program (PSAWR).

A final levee alignment has not been delineated; however, two potential alignments have been suggested by Clallam County [Figure 2]. Schematics of these alignments have been provided for your information. The Corps is defining the area of potential effect (APE) as the inundation area, the new levee alignment, and any associated access roads and staging areas. Both potential APEs are shown in Figure 2. Once the preferred alternative is selected a cultural resource inventory including subsurface testing will be completed.

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The Corps is seeking your assistance in identifying other properties that may be of religious or cultural significance, and we look forward to working with your office to avoid, minimize or mitigate any potential impacts to the known historic properties within the project area. Please be assured that the Corps will treat any information you decide to share with us with the highest degree of confidentiality

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (206) 746-4466 or via e-mail at Danielle.L.Storey@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,



Danielle Storey, Archaeologist
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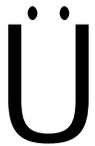
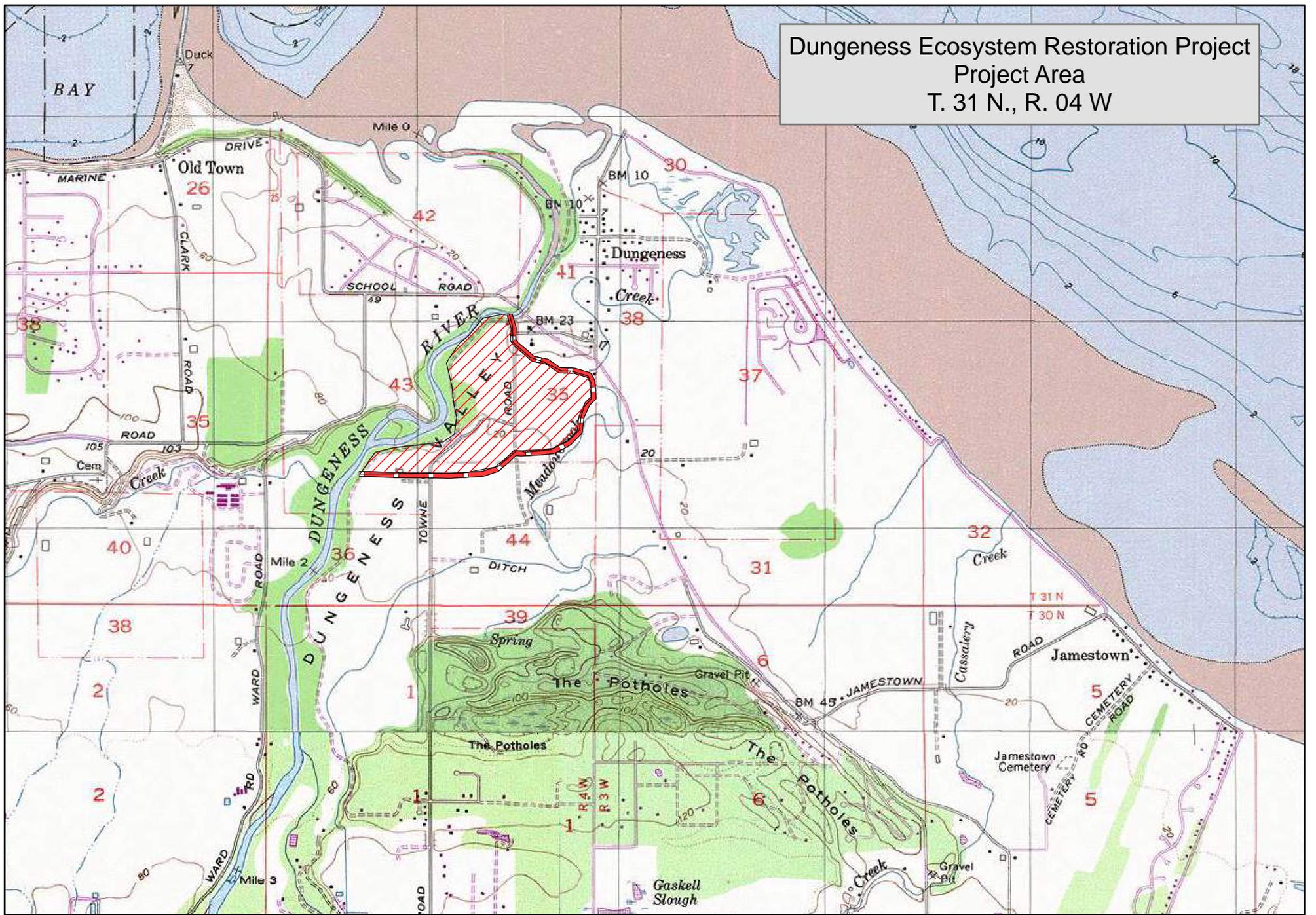
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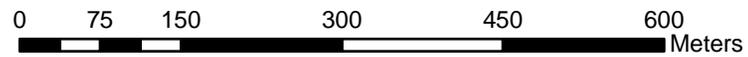
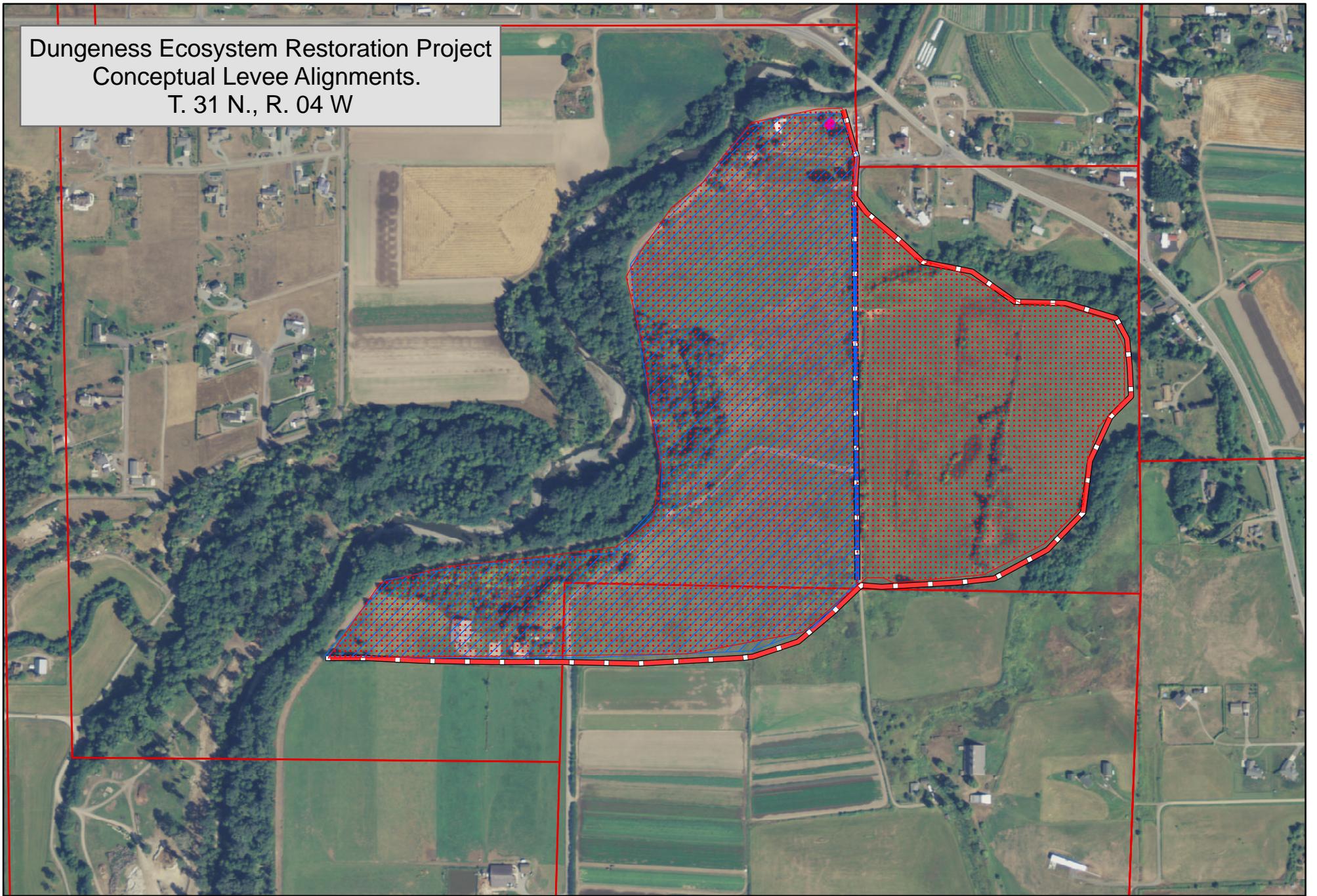


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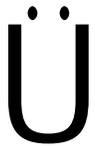
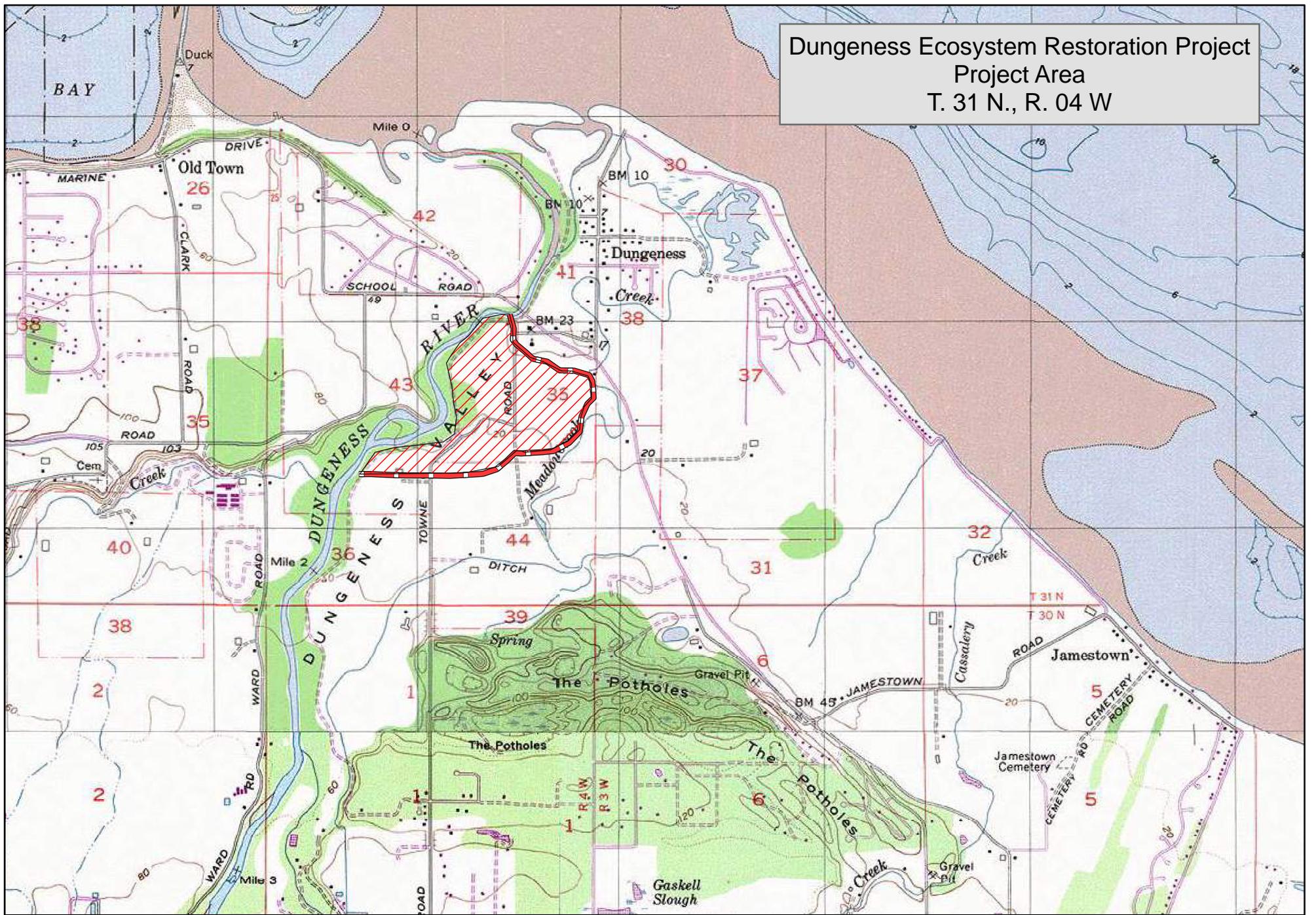
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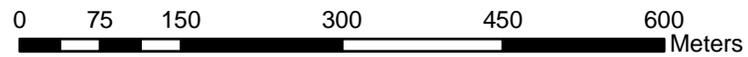
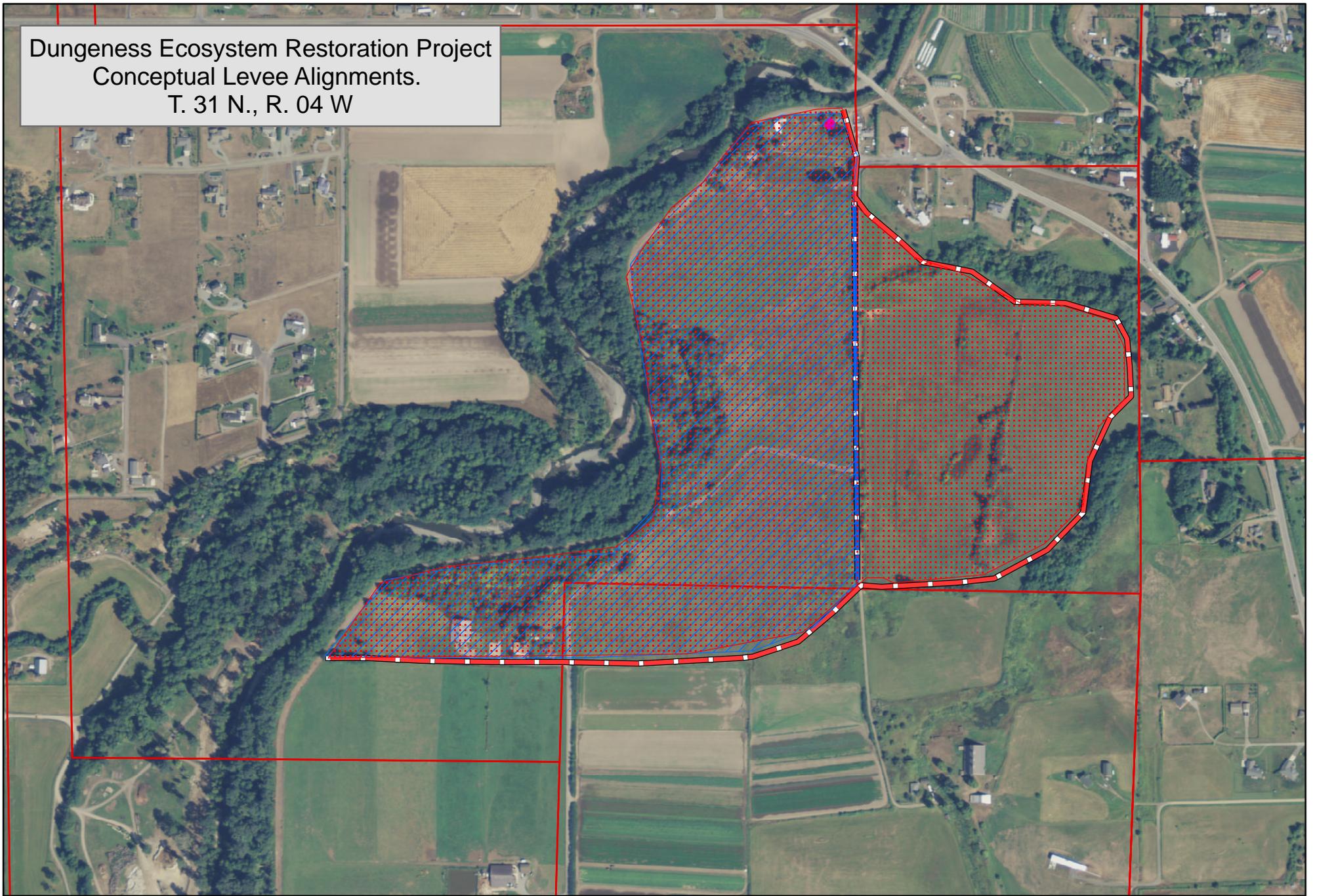


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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AMONG 332.12.008

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**THE U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION, THE WASHINGTON STATE
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE, THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, THE
WASHINGTON TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION, CLALLAM COUNTY, THE
WASHINGTON RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE,
AND THE JAMESTOWN S'KLALLAM TRIBE**

**REGARDING MITIGATION OF ADVERSE EFFECTS FOR THE LOSS OF THE HISTORIC
SCHNEIDER BARN AND CHANG HOUSE, CLALLAM COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) in partnership with Clallam County is proposing to set a federal levee back between river miles one and two along the Dungeness River, near Dungeness Washington in order to reconnect the floodplain and create more off channel salmon spawning habitat; and

WHEREAS, the project is subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 470, and its implementing regulations (36 C.F.R. 800, 33 C.F.R. 25 Appendix C); and

WHEREAS, the project will require removal of two structures fifty years of age, the Chang House and Schneider Barn, both of which are located within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) as defined during Section 106 consultation between the Corps and the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP); and

WHEREAS, consultation has determined that the Chang House and Schneider Barn are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under criteria A and C for their respective associations with the growth and development of the lower Dungeness River Valley during the late nineteenth century and early twentieth century and as an increasingly rare example of a settlement era dairy barn in the Dungeness River Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Corps has consulted with DAHP in accordance with Section 106 to resolve the adverse effects of the project on these historic properties; and

WHEREAS, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and Clallam County acquired the properties with the intention to restore the habitats associated with the Dungeness River floodplain; and

WHEREAS, Clallam County has been funded by the Recreation and Conservation Office to remove these structures to facilitate the levee setback and floodplain restoration project; and

WHEREAS, Clallam County and WDFW will take the lead to initiate the process for the removal of the Schneider Barn and the Chang House pursuant to the WA Trust for Historic Preservation and the Heritage Barn Register; and

WHEREAS, the obligation that Washington State agencies have under Governors Executive Order 05-05 (EO 05-05) EXO 0505 for this undertaking will be satisfied upon fulfillment of this agreement; and

WHEREAS, Execution of this MOA and implementation of its terms is evidence that the Corps has afforded the Council an opportunity to comment on the undertaking and its effects on historic properties, and that Corps has taken into account the effects of the undertaking on historic properties;

NOW, THEREFORE, parties to this MOA agree that the project shall be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations in order to mitigate the loss of the two historic properties.

I. STIPULATIONS

Clallam County and WDFW shall ensure the following are carried out:

1. The Schneider barn and Chang House shall be deconstructed for salvage of usable features and materials, all of which will be used for barn or other appropriate restoration.
2. Materials and components (windows, doors) shall be carefully removed and sorted according to type and dimension. A list of approximate materials, sizes, and dimensions shall be developed and provided by WDFW.
3. All aspects of salvage shall be administered by the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation (Trust), including user agreement documents, distribution of the salvage material, along with the material itself.
4. The salvaged materials will be stored on Clallam County or WDFW property in a safe area suitable for holding lumber materials until a mutually agreed upon recipient is found. The agency shall facilitate recipient access to the materials, and shall establish times and days when materials may be picked up.
5. Following attempts to interest the public in the salvage, the Trust or other not-for-profit entity will be allowed to advertise materials for bid, with all proceeds dedicated to historic preservation organizations (historic preservation is defined for these purposes as the identification, evaluation, protection, and rehabilitation of historic structures and buildings.)
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II. DURATION This agreement shall become effective on the date of the last signature, and will become null and void if its terms are not carried out within (3) three years from the date of its execution.

III. DISPUTE RESOLUTION Should any party to this agreement object at any time to any actions proposed or the manner in which the terms of this MOA are implemented, the Corps shall consult with the objecting party (ies) to resolve the objection. If the Corps determines, within 30 days, that such objection(s) cannot be resolved, they will:

Forward all documentation relevant to the dispute to DAHP. Upon receipt of adequate documentation, DAHP shall review and advise the Corps on the resolution of the objection within 30 days. Any comment provided by DAHP, and all comments from the parties to the MOA, will be taken into account by the Corps in reaching a final decision regarding the dispute.

If DAHP does not provide comments regarding the dispute within 30 days after receipt of adequate documentation, the Corps may render a decision regarding the dispute. In reaching its decision, The Corps will take into account all comments regarding the dispute from the parties to the MOA.

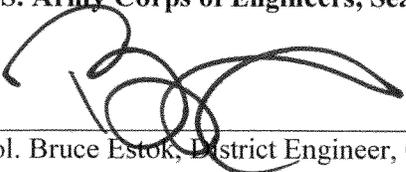
IV. AMENDMENTS AND NONCOMPLIANCE. If any signatory to this MOA, including any invited signatory, determines that its terms will not or cannot be carried out or that the amendment to its terms must be made, that party shall immediately consult with the other parties to develop an amendment to this MOA pursuant to Section 106. The amendment will be effective on the date a copy signed by all of

the original signatories is filed with DAHP. If the signatories cannot agree to appropriate terms to amend the MOA, any signatory may terminate the agreement in accordance with Stipulation V below.

V. **TERMINATION.** If an MOA is not amended following the consultation set out in Stipulation IV, it may be terminated by any signatory. Should the MOA be terminated, the Corps shall either consult in accordance with 36 C.F.R. 800.6 to develop a new MOA, or request the comments of the Council pursuant to 36 C.F.R. 800.7. Within 30 days following termination, the Corps shall notify the signatories which of these two options it intends to pursue.

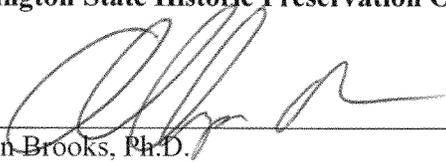
SIGNATORIES:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District



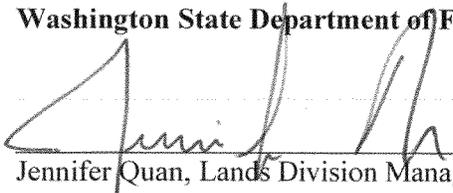
Col. Bruce Estok, District Engineer, Commanding Date 15 Nov 2012

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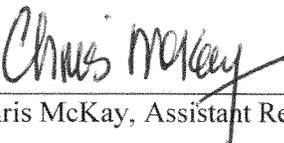
Allyson Brooks, Ph.D. Date 10/15/12

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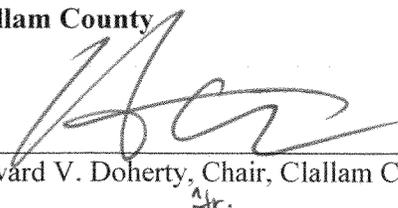
Jennifer Quan, Lands Division Manager Date 9/13/12

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



Chris McKay, Assistant Regional Director, Migratory Birds and State Programs Date 9.25.2012

Clallam County



Howard V. Doherty, Chair, Clallam County Commissioners Date 09/04/2012

CONCURRING PARTIES:

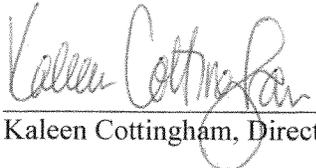
The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation



Jennifer Meisner, Executive Director

Date 10/18/12

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office



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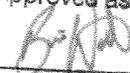
Date 10/12/12

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe



W. Ron Allen, Chair

Date 10/4/12

Approved as to form only by:


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SUBJECT: Determination of eligibility for the Schneider (Mapes) Barn for the Dungeness River Ecosystem Restoration Project

Dear Dr. Brooks:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District (Corps) and Clallam County, as the project's non-federal sponsor, are conducting a feasibility study for an ecosystem restoration project between river miles one and two along the Dungeness River, near Dungeness Washington. Currently the Corps and Clallam County are developing alternatives for setting a Corps' levee back in order to reconnect the floodplain and create more off channel salmon spawning habitat.

Two historic structures are located adjacent to the levee within the project area. In August of 2011, the Corps submitted a historic property inventory form (HPIF) for one of these properties know as the Chang house and determined that the property was eligible for the National Register under criteria A and C. Your office concurred with the Corps' finding.

Recently, the Corps completed an inventory of the second structure known as the Mapes or Schneider Barn. The Corps has prepared an HPIF for the Schneider Barn and it has been submitted electronically. The Corps has determined that the Schneider Barn is eligible for the National Register under criteria A and C for its association with the growth and development of the lower Dungeness River Valley's dairy industry during the late nineteenth century and early twentieth century and as an increasingly rare example of a historic-age dairy barn in the Dungeness River Valley.

We invite you to concur with our determination. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Danielle Storey of my staff at (206) 746 4466 or by email at Danielle.L.Storey@usace.army.mil

Sincerely,



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In future correspondence please refer to:

Log: 012612-03-COE-S
Property: Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife Schneider Barn
Re: Determined Eligible

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Your staff recently contacted our office regarding the abovementioned undertaking. I have reviewed the materials they provided to our office and we concur with their professional opinion that the historic property, mentioned above, is eligible to the National Register of Historic Places. I look forward to further consultation regarding your determination of effect.

I would appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes or other parties that you receive as you consult under the requirements of 36CFR800.4(a)(4) and the survey report when it is available. These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36CFR800.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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SUBJECT: Initiation of Section 106 consultation, identification of the area of potential effect, and determination of eligibility for the Chang Property for the Dungeness River Ecosystem Restoration Project

Dear Dr. Brooks:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District (Corps) and Clallam County as the project's non-federal sponsor, are conducting a feasibility study for ecosystem restoration between river miles one and two along the Dungeness River, near Dungeness Washington [Figure 1]. The study will focus on developing alternatives for setting a Corps' levee back in order to reconnect the floodplain and create more off channel salmon spawning habitat. The Corps has determined that the Dungeness Ecosystem Restoration Project is a federal undertaking that has the potential to cause effects to historic properties. The project is proposed under the authority of Section 544 of the Puget Sound and Adjacent Waters Restoration Program (PSAWR).

A final levee alignment has not been delineated; however, two potential alignments have been suggested by Clallam County [Figure 2]. Schematics of these alignments have been provided for your information. The Corps is defining the area of potential effect (APE) as the inundation area, the new levee alignment, and any associated access roads and staging areas. Both potential APEs are shown in Figure 2. Once the preferred alternative is selected a cultural resource inventory including subsurface testing will be completed.

The Corps and Clallam County have begun gathering information about known cultural resources within the project area. One eligible prehistoric site, 45CA650, is located within the larger proposed inundation area and two unrelated historic structures, the Chang House and the Schneider Barn, are within the smaller proposed inundation area. These structures would need to be removed before the existing levee is breached. Prior to the Corps' involvement in the project, Clallam County retained the services of Artifact's Consulting, Inc. to record the Chang property as part of a requirement under Executive Order 05-05. Prior to the completion of the EO 05-05 process, the Corps and Clallam County entered into an agreement to pursue the project under the PSAWR program; thus, making the entire project a federal undertaking and subject to the Section 106 process.

A Historic Property Inventory Form (HPIF) was prepared for the Chang Property and has been submitted electronically. The Corps has determined that the Chang Property is eligible under Criteria A and C due to associations with the region's late nineteenth century Euro American settlement and agricultural development, and for design values and features expressive of that period. Removal of the current levee would require removal or deconstruction of the Chang property or if the property was left in

place would result in major damage to the structure. The Corps has determined that any alternative that removes the existing levee would result in an adverse effect.

The Corps is currently completing a historic structures survey of the entire inundation area to Towne Road which will include completion of an HPIF for the Schneider Barn. While the Corps is aware that it would be preferable to have a full inventory of all of the standing structures prior to consulting on eligibility and project effects, Clallam County must utilize their mitigation funds prior to December of 2011; hence, the Corps is moving forward with submitting the work already completed.

We invite you to concur with our determinations and we look forward to working with your office to avoid, minimize or mitigate any potential impacts. The Corps is consulting with the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe and the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe concurrently with this letter. If you are aware of other interested parties who should be included in the Section 106 process, please let us know. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Danielle Storey of my staff at (206) 746 4466 or by email at Danielle.L.Storey@usace.army.mil

Sincerely,



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Environmental and Cultural Resources Branch

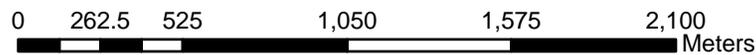
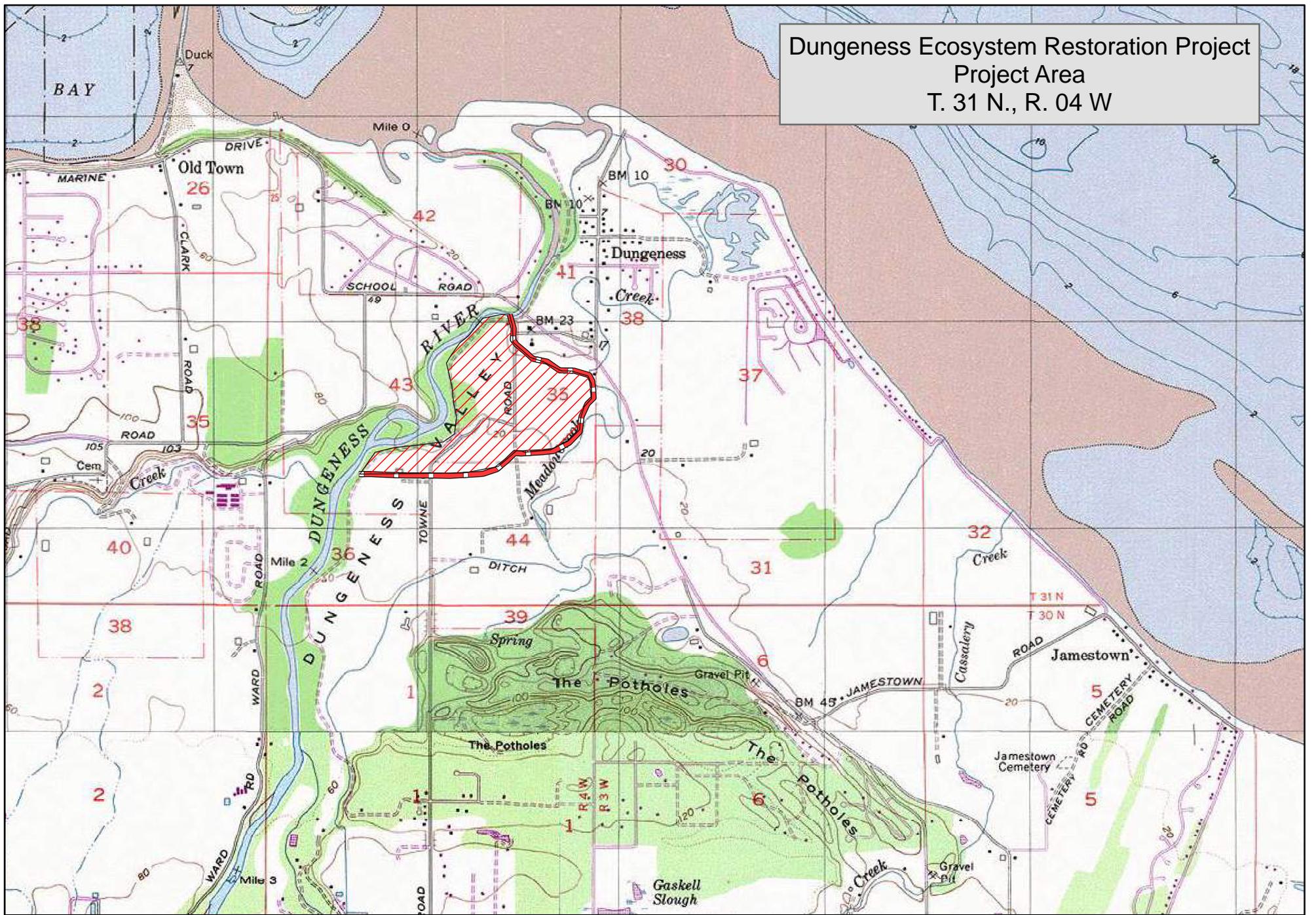
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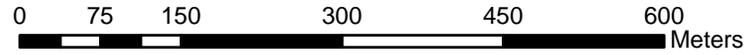
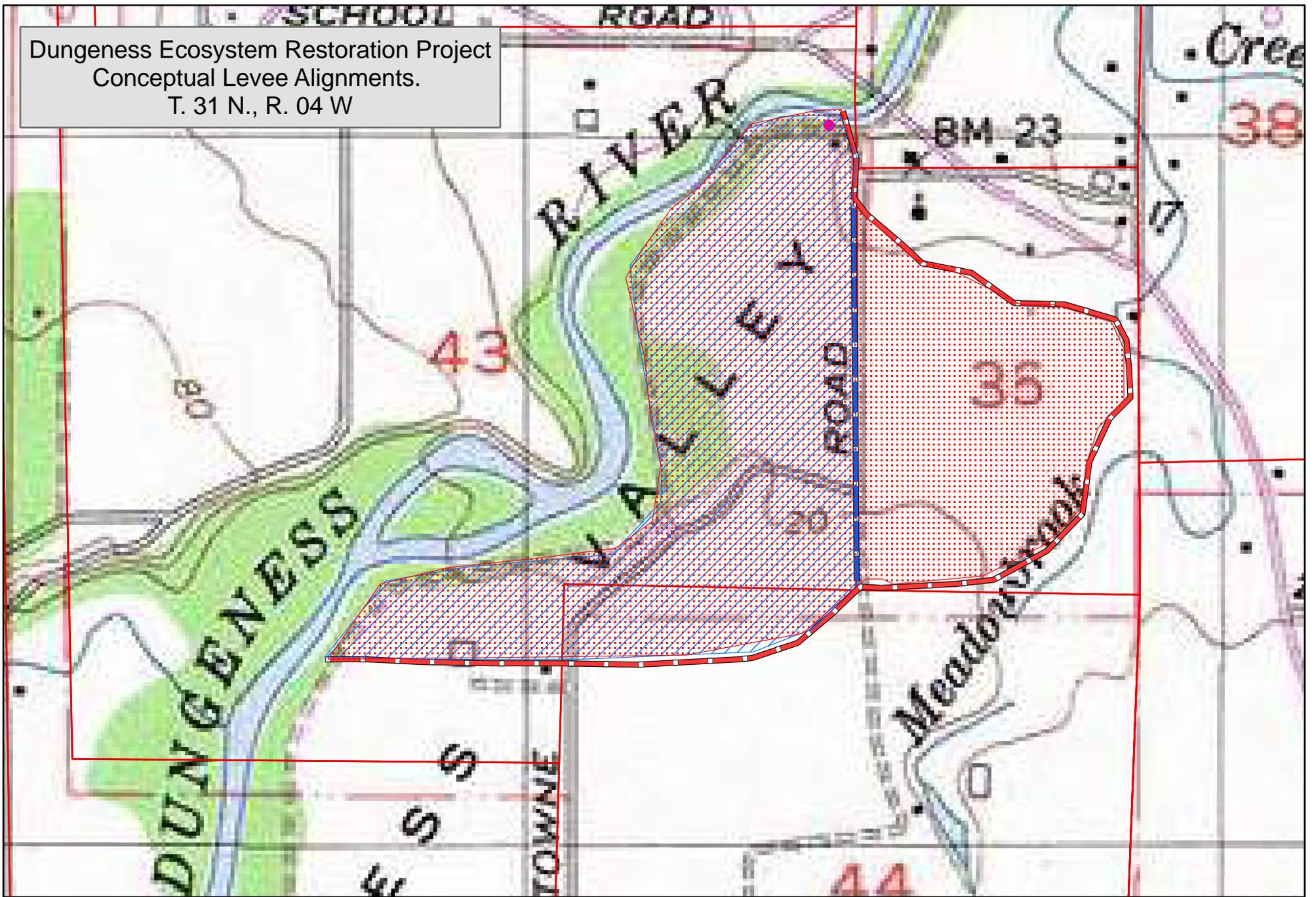
Dungeness Ecosystem Restoration Project
Project Area
T. 31 N., R. 04 W



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Figure 1

Dungeness Ecosystem Restoration Project
Conceptual Levee Alignments.
T. 31 N., R. 04 W



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Legend

-  APE for Levee Alignment to Towne Road
-  ChangHouse
-  APE for Levee Alignment to Anderson Road
-  Levee Alignment

