

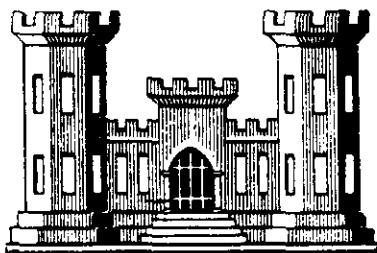
CONNECTICUT RIVER FLOOD CONTROL

**CHICOPEE FALLS  
LOCAL PROTECTION PROJECT**

CHICOPEE RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS

**DESIGN MEMORANDUM NO. 5**

**EMBANKMENTS AND FOUNDATIONS**



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SUBJECT: Chippewa Falls Low-level Protection Project, Chippewa River,  
Massachusetts - Design, Reservation No. 1 - Embankments  
and Foundations

DODD, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Boston, Mass., 22 May 1963

TO: Division Engineer, U. S. Army Engineer Division, New England

The date and procedures presented in the preceding 2nd endorsement  
are hereby approved.

FOR THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS:

  
MERRILL A. JOHNSON  
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SUBJECT: Chicopee Falls Local Protection Project, Chicopee River,  
Massachusetts - Design Memorandum No. 5 - Embankments  
and Foundations

U. S. Army Engr Div, New England, Waltham 54, Mass. 29 April 1963

TO: Chief of Engineers, ATTN: ENGCW-EZ, Department of the Army,  
Washington 25, D. C.

1. The Engineering Manuals mentioned in paragraphs 4 and 12 are:

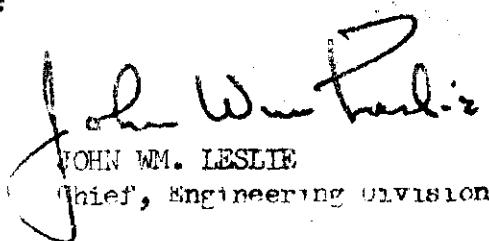
ER 1110-2-1803 "Subsurface Investigations, Soils".  
ER 1110-2-2300 "Earth Embankment".

Hereafter, this information will be inserted in similar Design Memoranda.

2. Comment as to the adequacy of the 6-foot bottom width of the foundation cut-off was inadvertently omitted in paragraph 13. It is planned to place the first layer of impervious fill with a thickness of 18 inches and compact it with 12 passes of the specified roller. In view of the relatively low heads and characteristics of the impervious fill, it is considered that this procedure will provide an adequate cut-off. Such construction eliminates the necessity for completely dewatering the bottom of the excavation prior to placement of the first lift and the need for using hand tampers or rollers to obtain compaction on smaller lifts.

3. Regarding the dike sections on Plates 17 and 17A, much thought was given to the zoning of these sections for ease of construction. The dikes as designed provide a cofferdam between the cut-off excavation and the river, which will aid in the dewatering and prevent erosion during construction. The dikes were designed to provide only two zones, each with sufficient width for satisfactory operation of spreading and compaction equipment. Such a design also does not require concurrent construction of the two fill zones.

FOR THE DIVISION ENGINEER:

  
JOHN WM. LESLIE  
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Office, Chief of Engineers, Washington 25, D. C. 21 March 1963

TO: Division Engineer, U. S. Army Engineer Division, New England

Design Memorandum No. 5, Embankment and Foundations for Chicopee Falls Project, Massachusetts, is approved subject to the following comments:

a. Paragraph 4 and Paragraph 12. The EM numbers of the particular Engineering Manuals for Civil Works Construction mentioned in these paragraphs should be given.

b. Paragraph 13, Plates 17 and 17A. Consideration should be given to making the bottom width of the cutoff at least 8 feet so that the fill can be compacted with standard compactors.

c. Plate 17 and 17A. Consideration should be given to simplifying the zoning of some of the sections shown on these plates. One suggestion would be a central core section instead of connecting the cutoff as shown with the riverside blanket since the cutoff cannot be made at the toe.

FOR THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS:

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For WENDELL E. JOHNSON  
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TO: Chief of Engineers  
ATTENTION: ENGCW-E  
Department of the Army  
Washington 25, D. C.

There is submitted for review and approval Design Memorandum  
No. 5 - Embankments and Foundations, for the Chicopee Falls Local  
Protection Project, Chicopee River, Massachusetts, in accordance  
with EM 1110-2-1150. The contract award for construction of this  
project is scheduled for April 1963, and an early receipt of your  
review comments will be appreciated in order that the plans and  
specifications may be completed on schedule.

FOR THE DIVISION ENGINEER:

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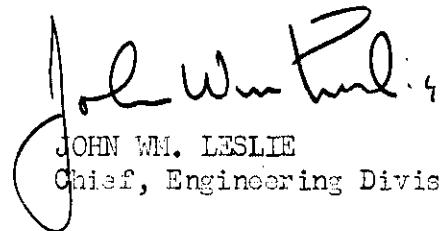
  
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FLOOD PROTECTION

CHICOOPEE FALLS

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A. INTRODUCTION

1. Location and Description of Project. - The Chicopee Falls Local Protection Project is located on the Chicopee River in the City of Chicopee, Hampden County, Massachusetts approximately two miles from its confluence with the Connecticut. The proposed local protection project extends from the Deady Memorial Bridge, westerly approximately one mile to a point downstream of the United States Rubber Company plant, and will protect a narrow, highly industrialized area which has been subjected to serious flooding in the past. The right bank has relatively high, natural slopes that do not require improvements, other than widening at certain portions to compensate for the loss in river section due to the proposed structures. The plan of protection consists of a continuous earth dike and flood wall system, about 4800 feet in length, along the left bank. Plan views, profiles and typical dike sections are shown on Plates Nos. 2 through 18.

2. Pertinent Data.

a. Purpose. - Flood Protection

b. River Elevations. - The Modified Standard Project Flood levels vary from approximately elev. 107 M.S.L. at the upstream end to 94 M.S.L. at the lower end of the project. The profiles are shown in the General Design Memorandum.

c. Earth Dikes.

1. Maximum height 28 feet

2. Length (2 sections) 740 feet and 2880 feet

3. General Notes. - Subsurface investigations and soils engineering studies undertaken for the design of this project are discussed in this memorandum. The subsurface investigations included programs of subsurface explorations and laboratory tests conducted to determine the distribution and characteristics of foundation and embankment materials, soil conditions pertinent to excavations and conditions affecting the design and construction of embankments and certain of the concrete structures. Soils engineering studies, based on the data obtained from these investigations, were carried out to develop safe and economical earthwork designs and construction methods. Specifically, this memorandum covers the design requirements for the earth dikes and their foundations, including seepage, stability, settlement and slope protection considerations. The details are shown on the typical dike sections. Also, studies were made of the right bank cut area from which earth fill materials will be selected for use in the dikes. Foundation studies were made for the pumping stations as well. Not included are the foundation studies and recommendations for the concrete flood walls, which are covered in Design Memorandum No. 7, "Flood Walls."

In connection with this project, separate special studies were made by the Architect-Engineer, in which the following specific problems were investigated:

(1) A condition survey of the brick chimney at the U. S. Rubber Company plant and recommendations for the design approach to be used for flood control structures in the vicinity of the chimney;

(2) A condition survey of the railroad embankment located on the left bank of the river, immediately downstream of the U. S. Rubber Company plant, together with a determination of the causes of existing settlement and erosion conditions and recommendations for correction and control of these problems;

(3) A condition survey of the right bank of the river throughout the entire length of the project with pertinent recommendations for measures to provide for stability and slope protection of the right bank where necessary.

The general conclusions and recommendations made in these studies are included in Section G, "Special Studies," of this memorandum.

(4) A condition survey of Mill Building No. 2, Chicopee Manufacturing Company, which is located close to the left bank in the vicinity of Station 22. Design requirements of the flood wall in the vicinity of this building are discussed in Design Memorandum No. 7, "Flood Walls".

#### B. SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATIONS

4. Subsurface Explorations. - Subsurface explorations were laid out and performed in accordance with the current criteria and practices described in the pertinent sections of the Engineering Manual for Civil Works Construction. The exploratory program completed to date consists of 49 drive sample borings, 12 uncased shallow drive-sample borings, 1 hand auger hole, 2 test trenches excavated by hand, 14 test trenches excavated by machine, 13 test pits excavated by hand and 4 test pits excavated by machine. The program completed to date is considered to be adequate for design purposes, with minor additional work anticipated. The geology of the site and area pertinent to the types and distribution of soils are described in Design Memorandum No. 2, "General". The location of all explorations completed to date are shown on Plate No. 21 of this report.

5. Laboratory Tests. - All laboratory soil tests, except as otherwise noted, were performed in accordance with the current laboratory test procedures for Civil Works Projects. All soil samples were classified visually according to the Unified Soil Classification System with the visual classification being confirmed by grain size analyses and Atterberg Limit determinations performed on samples considered to be representative of the major soil types encountered. Other tests performed on selected samples included determinations of permeability, natural moisture content, in-place density, and compaction tests. The compaction and permeability tests were performed on the components of the samples passing the No. 4 sieve.

6. Presentation of Data. - The results of subsurface investigations, except for Geological Sections, are presented in this memorandum. A summary of the results of the laboratory tests is presented in Appendix A. Compaction test reports are presented in Appendix B. Graphic logs of subsurface explorations completed to date are presented in Plates 22 thru 26. Work sheets were prepared showing soil

profiles based on the soils engineer's description of the soils and his interpretation of test results. For purposes of this report, however, the verbal presentation of the soil conditions along the project alignment was considered to be sufficient. Plates showing selected laboratory test data are included in this memorandum, one each for foundation soils and for impervious fill materials.

#### C. CHARACTERISTIC OF FOUNDATION MATERIALS

7. Foundation Bedrock. - A complete description of the foundation bedrock is included in the Geology Section of Design Memorandum No. 2, "General".

8. Description and Distribution of Earth Materials Along The Proposed Structures. -

a. General. - Filled land borders the left bank of the river the entire length of the project. The fill consists mostly of granular soils, intermixed with cinders, rubble masonry and wood. The portion of the earth dike from Sta. 9+57 to 16+94 and from Sta. 25+32 to 37+50<sup>t</sup> will be founded on this artificial fill. A foundation cutoff consisting of compacted impervious fill will be excavated as necessary to contact the underlying impervious natural soils. The remainder of the dike and the flood wall structures are to be founded on natural soil or rock as described below.

b. Sta. 4+00 to Sta. 8<sup>t</sup> (Flood Wall). - Along this section the bedrock, which is described in Design Memorandum No. 2, is generally exposed with little or no soil cover. Special requirements for treatment of the flood wall foundations are discussed in Design Memorandum No. 7, "Flood Walls". The flood walls will be founded on the bedrock.

c. Sta. 8+00 to Sta. 9+57 (Flood Wall). - Along this section the surface of the bedrock becomes progressively deeper in the downstream direction, such that it is not practical to found the flood wall structure on it. Also, the alignment of the wall projects into the higher filled land along the river bank. Overlying the bedrock is a stratum of compact red-brown glacial till, varying in thickness up to 18 feet. The flood wall will be founded on the undisturbed glacial till. This material is extremely well-graded, and classified in general as a gravelly, silty sand. Overlying the till is a man-made fill, 7 to 9 feet thick, generally consisting of compact gravelly sand and silty sandy gravel.

materials, intermixed, usually in pockets or layers, with fragments of brick, concrete, coal cinders or metal. The percentage of foreign materials in the fill is estimated to be approximately 10 to 15 percent.

d. Sta. 9+57 to Sta. 16+94 (Earth Dike). - Along this section the top of bedrock varies approximately from El. 65 to El. 73. The rock is red-gray calcareous shale, moderately hard, with many open mud-filled cracks. Overlying the rock is a stratum of red-brown glacial till, the surface of which is fairly horizontal at El. 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ . This material was found to be compact and of very low permeability. The till is intermixed, in part, with weathered shale rock fragments. Overlying the till is a depth of approximately 10 to 12 feet of man-made fill, similar to the fill described in Paragraph C. In most test pits the interface between the fill and the underlying natural soil was fairly obvious due to the change in color from brown to red-brown, in addition to the gradation change.

e. Sta. 16+94 to Sta. 25+32 (Flood Wall). - Along this section the top of bedrock rises from El. 71 $\frac{1}{2}$  initially to El. 76 $\frac{1}{2}$  at Sta. 19+40. For the remainder of the distance downstream of this point the top of rock remains at approximately El. 76. The rock is a red calcareous shale with many weathered and fractured zones throughout the depths sampled. Five borings in this reach were cored to depths of 15 to 20 feet into the bedrock. Pressure tests were conducted in two of the holes, the results of which are indicated on the Record of Exploration sheets. Overlying the rock in the vicinity of Sta. 17 is approximately 7 feet of till containing a considerable amount of boulders and weathered rock fragments. In the downstream direction, as the underlying surface of the bedrock becomes shallower, the amount of till decreases. The borings indicate that from Sta. 19 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 25 $\frac{1}{2}$  there is little or no till present. A zone up to 3 feet in thickness, of silty sandy gravels and gravelly sands underlies the man-made fill, and is just above the highly weathered bedrock surface.

Although a laboratory permeability test was run on a sample from boring BH-25, indicating an average value of  $8 \times 10^{-4}$  centimeters per second, this is not considered to be typical for the stratum along the entire distance under discussion, which is generally more pervious. The general depth of fill along this section is 9 to 12 feet, and consists of silty and gravelly sands, intermixed with cinders, ashes,

brick, mortar, wood and other miscellaneous items. The change with depth from fill to the underlying natural soil is sometimes difficult to detect. It is, however, usually typified by a change in color from brown and gray to reddish-brown.

f. Sta. 25+32 to Sta. 37+50+ (Earth Dike). - The centerline of this portion of the dike runs along the top of the land fill parallel to the shoreline. In the vicinity of Sta. 37+50, the alignment shifts riverward, such that the full dike section is located on the river side of the existing concrete retaining wall in the vicinity of the industrial buildings.

In this section the top of bedrock becomes progressively deeper, from El. 77 $\frac{1}{2}$  to El. 50 $\frac{1}{2}$  within these limits. The bedrock is a red, calcareous shale, becoming somewhat more sound as the depth of overburden becomes greater. In the vicinity of Sta. 28, the dike alignment crosses a filled penstock. Along the riverside edge of this area, within the limits of the dike, there are up to 4 feet of soft river deposits which will have to be excavated.

The foundation soils of the dike upstream of the filled penstock consist of approximately 10 feet of man-made fill, generally composed of compact silty sandy gravel with pockets and layers of brick, coal, concrete, metal and wood, which comprise up to an estimated 20 per cent of the total volume of fill; underlying the fill is a stratum of compact glacial till, to which the foundation cutoff will be excavated. Downstream of the filled penstock, the man-made fill is similar in description and includes a portion of an existing low earth dike which parallels the alignment. The surface of the underlying compact glacial till to which the foundation cut-off will be constructed maintains a fairly constant grade at Elevation 80, with the thickness becoming greater in the downstream direction. However, downstream of Sta. 35, as the alignment starts to move outward toward the river, the surface of the till becomes lower. At Sta. 37, it is at El. 70 $\frac{1}{2}$  and the bedrock is at El. 56. In the river, beyond the toe of the fill, a layer of silty, gravelly sand overlies the till.

g. Sta. 37+50 to Sta. 54+15 (Earth Dike). - Along this final section of earth dike, the alignment of the centerline parallels the shoreline, at a distance of approximately 50 feet away from the existing concrete retaining wall in the riverside direction. The top of the bedrock is generally at or below El. 50, and becomes considerably deeper at the downstream portion of this section. The material is a continuation of the calcareous shale, found further upstream, with the color changing to gray. The rock appears to be more sound than found elsewhere on the project, inasmuch as it has not been subjected to the same amount of weathering. The overburden consists of surficial river gravels underlain by 15 to 35 feet of compact red-brown glacial till consisting generally of gravelly, silty sand. Some portions of the till were found to be clayey and others sandy. In addition, in the vicinity of Sta. 48 to 50 there is a zone of stratified silts and clays below El. 50. This would not affect the stability or support capacity of the proposed structures. The surface of the till layer remains at a fairly constant level, downstream of Sta. 42, varying between El. 72 and 75. There is some indication that the till surface drops off with distance riverside of the left bank, as evidenced by BH-15, which indicated the top to be at El. 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The riverbed material overlying the till is a sandy gravel, silty in part, which is quite loose and is fairly pervious as evidenced by the permeability tests performed. The thickness varies from a maximum of 15 feet to an average of 5 feet, becoming thinner downstream.

9. Shear Strength. - No shear tests were performed on samples of foundation materials for this project. On the basis of examination of samples and their grain-size distribution curves, the exploration logs and experience with similar materials, the following minimum values of shear strength are estimated for the various foundation soils as follows:

	Angle of Internal Friction, " $\phi$ "	Cohesion "C"
	Degree	P.S.F.
Miscellaneous granular fill	25	0
Silty and sandy GRAVEL (GP and GP-GM) (River bottom, downstream of Sta. 37+50 $\frac{1}{2}$ )	32	0
Gravelly, silty, clayey, SAND and Gravelly silty SAND (SM-SC&SM) (Glacial Till)	*35	*0

\*These values are for the assumed "consolidated-drained" conditions.

10. Permeabilities. - Falling-head type permeability tests were run on representative samples of the glacial till as well as the overlying sandy gravels and silty sandy gravels. The samples were selected at locations along the proposed earth dike in order to establish the required minimum depths of foundation cutoff and to estimate the quantity of underseepage. Tests were not performed on man-made fill materials, inasmuch as the foundation cutoff will be required to penetrate through any fill to natural glacial till or bedrock.

Based on these tests sample examination and grain-size tests, the following average values of permeability are adopted for purposes of design.

	<u>Avg. Permeability, "k" (cm/sec)</u>
Man-made fill	$> 100 \times 10^{-4}$
Loose to mod. compact Sandy GRAVEL (River bed)	$> 100 \times 10^{-4}$
Loose to mod. compact Silty Sandy GRAVEL (River bed and below fill)	$> 5 \times 10^{-4}$
Glacial Till	$< 0.5 \times 10^{-4}$

11. Consolidation Characteristics. - No consolidation tests were performed on samples of foundation materials for this project. All materials recovered from the foundation soils for the proposed features have either very little or no compressibility. The soft compressible materials in the filled penstock area will be removed.

#### D. DESIGN OF EMBANKMENTS

12. Design Criteria. - Current design criteria, as set forth in the pertinent sections of the Engineering Manual for Civil Works Construction, have been followed in the design of the embankments for this project.

13. Embankments Section. - The typical embankment sections are shown on Plate No. 17. The sections selected for the dikes have been developed from investigations and studies of foundation conditions and of the characteristics of available construction materials. Gravel bedding and stone slope protection are provided on the river slope and seeded topsoil on the land slope. The weight of stone is selected to meet the minimum requirements consistent with the design flow velocities. Side slopes of 1 on 2 for the land side and 1 on 2½ for the river side are selected for overall stability.

The design river slope is considered to be the steepest on which the outer protective layers can be placed by practical methods. With reference to Plates 3 through 16, the grades of the bottom of the foundation cutoff are indicated. The foundation cutoff will be excavated through all man-made fills and pervious natural soils to form an impervious contact, at least 6 feet in width, with the underlying glacial till or bedrock. Where till is encountered the excavation will be advanced a minimum of 18 inches into the till. Where bedrock is encountered all loose materials which can be removed by hand or small machine methods will be removed prior to placing the compacted impervious fill. Any additional depth of excavation below the grades shown on the drawings will be as directed in the field.

Along portions of the dike, gravel fill is required to be placed below the existing river level to build up the dike section below the stone slope protection. For the reach of dike which is founded entirely on the river bed, downstream of Station 37+50, the gravel fill zone below the riverside slope is designed, as discussed in Paragraph 18, to provide a cofferdam during construction to permit unwatering and allow excavation of the foundation cutoff trench in the dry. Compaction will be required for that gravel material which is to be placed above water level.

#### 14. Characteristics of Embankment Materials.

a. General. - Impervious and random fill materials will be obtained from required excavations. A borrow area adjacent to the required channel relocation excavation will be provided to supply random and impervious materials in the event that a shortage occurs. The impervious fill will consist of glacial till which is located within the zone of excavation for the required river widening and channel downstream of Sta. 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ . The random fill will be obtained from the sandy materials overlying the till, from selected portions of the river-widening excavation at the bend further downstream and from the various foundation and cutoff trench excavations along the dikes and flood walls. Gravel fill will be provided by the contractor from approved sources.

b. Compacted Impervious Fill. - The glacial till is a well graded gravelly, silty, clayey sand (SM-SC) with at least 20 per cent by weight passing the No. 200 sieve. Typical gradations and other test data on this material are summarized on Plate No. 20. The results of two Standard Proctor Compaction tests on typical samples indicate the average maximum dry density of the minus No. 4 portion to be 127.5 pounds per cubic foot at an optimum moisture of 10.3

per cent. The natural moisture content of total samples of this material was found to vary from 7 to 12 per cent. The deposit becomes more clayey below Elev. 80± (approximate river level) with a corresponding increase in moisture content. Therefore, some difficulty may be encountered in using this deepest material directly. It is estimated that the till, when compacted, will have a coefficient of permeability in-place equal to or less than  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  cm/sec. and will develop an angle of internal friction of at least 35 degrees.

c. Compacted Random Fill Sections. - A relatively wide range of natural soils and fill will be obtained from the required excavation on the project, the major sources of which will be the right bank river widening and channel relocation and the foundation and cutoff trench excavations. They range in gradation from sandy gravels to sandy silts. Any granular materials which contain no organic or decaying matter, are essentially non-plastic in nature, and contain no gravel sizes larger than 2/3 the allowable lift thickness will be usable. Where necessary, the contractor will be required to separate the unsuitable portions of materials obtained from required excavations in order that as much as possible can be utilized for the random fill. During placement of these materials the contractor will be required to spread the materials in such a way that a reasonably well-graded mixture of grain sizes will be obtained.

d. Dumped Gravel Fill, Compacted Gravel Fill and Gravel Bedding. - Gravel fill and bedding materials to be placed on the riverside slope, including portions to be placed below water, will consist of bank-run gravelly sand and/or sandy gravel containing from 40 to 60 per cent by weight passing the No. 4 mesh sieve and no more than 15 per cent (of the fraction passing the No. 4 sieve) passing the No. 200 sieve. This material will be provided by the contractor from approved sources.

e. Slope Protection. - Although there will be rock excavation required for the foundations of the flood walls on this project, none of this material is considered suitable for use as slope protection stone. Therefore, the contractor will have to provide materials from approved sources. The river design flood average velocities range from 8 feet per second to an extreme of 23 feet per second in the vicinity of Station 23. The latter occurs at a point which is to be protected by a flood wall.

In the process of selecting the proper stone slope protection sizes, three separate size ranges, with layer thicknesses of 12, 15 and 18 inches, were initially selected as required to fulfill the design criteria for corresponding velocity ranges as given in the Civil Works Engineer Bulletin No. 52-15. However, upon investigation of local sources of stone it was concluded that the production of these specific size ranges would involve the setting up of special crushing and screening operations which, for relatively small quantities required, would not be justified economically.

A sound, angular quarry-run stone which can be placed in an 18-inch layer has been selected for dike slope protection throughout the total length of the project, except for special areas where heavier stone is required. The stone must be well-graded from fine to maximum sizes. The maximum allowable through dimension will be 18 inches, and not more than 15 per cent by weight shall pass a 6 inch opening.

15. Seepage Control.

a. Embankment Seepage. - During the relatively short periods of high water levels, no significant seepage is likely to develop. Although the compacted till blanket is relatively thin, it will be of low permeability. In order to decrease the possibility of emergence of seepage flow at the landslide toe, a perforated drain and filter is provided to intercept and control it.

b. Foundation Seepage. - Upstream of Sta. 37<sup>f</sup> the earth dikes are founded on artificial fill with the remainder downstream on natural soils. In most cases the artificial or natural soils exhibit varying degrees of permeability in ranges which cannot be tolerated. Inasmuch as relatively impervious glacial tills are usually located at depths of 5 to 10 feet below the surface, foundation cutoff trenches will be excavated to penetrate the underlying soils approximately 18 inches and will be backfilled with compacted impervious fill. The resulting seepage will be of no significance.

16. Embankment Stability. - In view of the low height of the dikes, the conservative side slopes, and function of these structures, detailed stability analyses were not considered necessary. Experience with similar glacial till materials indicate that the design sections will be stable under all river stage conditions.

17. Embankment Settlement. - It is anticipated that any settlement of the embankment foundation and the embankment materials will not be significant.

18. Construction Considerations.

a. Dikes on Land. - Upstream of Sta. 37 $\frac{1}{2}$  the dikes are to be placed essentially on top of the filled land along the shore, with the slope protection extending over the existing slope to the river bottom. During excavation of the cutoff trench, it will be dewatered as necessary by open pumping. A small amount of slope trimming and excavation at the toe of slope will be required below water. Gravel fill materials which are to be placed at the toe below water level will require no compaction.

b. Dike in the River. - Downstream of Sta. 37 $\frac{1}{2}$  the dike alignment shifts outward into the river bed. In order to permit excavation for the foundation cutoff and placement of impervious materials in the dry, a cofferdam is required. In this reach, the gravel fill zone below the riverside slope will serve as the cofferdam, and is to be placed initially in the wet. Compaction will be required above the river water level. After constructing temporary transverse cofferdams, the enclosed area will be dewatered by means of wellpoints placed along the gravel fill, supplemented as necessary by sump pumping procedures. The discharge from existing sewer lines will be intercepted and carried outside the work area during this period. Excavation and compaction of the cutoff will then be performed in the dry, and the remainder of the dike constructed in the usual manner. The cofferdam will be incorporated into the final dike section.

c. Right Bank Cut Area. - The major portion of all earth materials excavated from this area will be utilized in the dike construction. After stripping and wasting the existing topsoil and forest debris, the upper 5 to 10 feet of overburden will generally be suitable for use in the random fill sections. The underlying glacial till will be used for the impervious sections of the dike. Both materials will be excavated and transported across the river bed by means of a construction causeway to be provided by the contractor.

No appreciable amount of stockpiling is anticipated, except for those materials which may be excavated in the wet. Waste areas will be designated on the adjacent low land downstream of the main cut area.

In order to prevent the advance of the direct river flow into the cut area as excavation is carried to full depth, the contractor will be required to leave an unexcavated barrier of soil along the existing toe of slope as necessary, until such time as the major portion of the material usable for dike fill has been excavated and removed from below the river water level.

19. Distribution of Earth Fill Materials. - The distribution of on-site earth materials is estimated to be as follows:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Est. Available Volume (C.Y.)</u>	<u>Balance Factor</u>	<u>Design In-place Volume (CY)</u>
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Glacial Till material for impervious dike fill:

1. Channel re-location, right bank	112,000*	2/3	95,000
2. On-site borrow area			<u>12,000</u>
Req'd Vol. 87,000			

\*Does not include 30,000 C.Y. below elevation 78.0 probably too wet for use.

Granular soils for random dike fill:

1. Channel re-location right bank	61,000	2/3	41,000
2. Foundation excavations	43,000	3/4	32,000
3. Downstream channel widening	22,000	1/5	<u>4,000</u>
Total = 77,000			
Req'd Volume			68,000

In addition, the following off-site borrow materials will be required:

Gravel Fill and Gravel Bedding	-	44,200 C.Y.
18" Stone Slope Protection	-	20,000

#### E. PERMANENT CUT SLOPES

20. Slope Design. - The cut slopes along the right bank, downstream of Sta. 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ , are generally excavated in compact glacial till, except for the upper 5 to 8 feet of excavation in silty, sandy materials. The design includes a 15 foot wide berm at Elev. 81, five feet above the adjacent excavated channel bottom. The design slope below this berm is 1 on 2 carried to the bottom of the channel, and a 1 on  $2\frac{1}{2}$  slope extends upward, the full height of slope. The maximum height of slope is approximately 45 feet above the berm in the vicinity of Dike Sta. 42. The berm provides access along the river edge, slightly above normal flow levels, for maintenance purposes and also serves as a shelf for retention of materials in the event that minor sloughing occurs on the slope. The surface of the berm is pitched slightly toward the river to facilitate runoff.

21. Slope Protection. - Topsoiling and seeding will be included for all slopes and the berm above normal river level. Throughout most of the cut areas exposed material below maximum flood levels will be the compact glacial till. It is considered that these slopes, particularly after establishment of vegetation, will resist the design stream erosion forces. Further protection is not justified in this area.

Further downstream, slopes up to a height of 10 feet above the berm will be cut through relatively loose sandy materials. This area will also be topsoiled and seeded. However, even though these slopes will be considerably less resistive to the design stream flows, and some losses of materials may be expected, no further protection appears warranted in view of the fact that no appreciable blockage of the stream or danger to life or property is anticipated.

At specific locations along the cut area, conduits or stone paved ditches will carry concentrated surface runoff over the face of the slope.

## F. FOUNDATIONS FOR PUMPING STATIONS

22. Oak Street Station. - This structure is located adjacent to the river side of the existing retaining wall opposite dike Station 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ . It spans the width of the 20-foot berm and the westerly wall intersects the land side dike slope approximately 10 feet below the crest. The foundation has overall dimensions of 29 by 29 feet at Elev. 71 $\frac{1}{2}$ . At this level, the box type foundation will bear on natural granular soil, and will be approximately three feet above the surface of the compact glacial till stratum. The height of the structure will be approximately 30 feet, about half of which will be below final grade.

In view of the depth of embedment of the structure and the fact that the bearing capacity of these natural foundation soils is far in excess of the design loadings, no stability or settlement problem exists. The surrounding backfill material will be the gravel and the random fill, as required for the dike section, compacted by hand methods in the immediate vicinity of the structure.

23. Main Street Station. - This structure is located adjacent to the land side of the flood wall at Sta. 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ . The overall dimensions of the foundation at the sump floor are 21 by 30 feet, bearing at Elev. 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ . The base slab will be widened riverward as necessary for overall stability and to match adjacent wall footings. The height of structure is approximately 30 feet, the lower half of which is below final grade. The foundation extends approximately five feet into highly fractured shale to sound shale bedrock.

There are no bearing capacity or settlement problems. It is anticipated that stability requirements of the flood wall monolith of which the station is a part will require rock anchors for the foundation.

## G. SPECIAL STUDIES

24. Existing Brick Chimney. - A separate Special Study was made by the Architect-Engineer to evaluate the effects, if any, of the proposed construction on the foundation support for the existing 220-foot high brick chimney at the U.S. Rubber Company plant, opposite dike station 49+20. In addition to the earth dike, the centerline of which is approximately 70 feet

from the chimney base, the Oak Street Pumping Station will be located some 25 feet away, on the river side of the existing retaining wall. The effects of excavation required for these structures, the additional soil stresses in the foundation, vibratory construction forces and groundwater level changes were considered.

It was concluded that none of these factors would be expected to affect the supporting capacity of the chimney foundation, provided that precautionary measures are taken in the event that sheet piling is driven to support the excavation for the pump station. A formal report is under preparation.

25. Railroad Embankment. - A separate Special Study Report, entitled "Special Study of Railroad Embankment," dated October, 1962, was prepared by the Architect-Engineer to evaluate the condition of the railroad embankment, immediately downstream of the U. S. Rubber Company plant, and determine the effects, if any, of the proposed construction. The embankment has had a history of settlement and loss of materials due to erosion. Three borings were made in the area to investigate the subsurface conditions.

It was concluded that the problems consist of settlement which is attributable to the presence of soft materials in the track fill; to marginal stability, which is attributable to compressible natural soils approximately 15 feet below the track; and to poor surface drainage, which causes slope erosion. None of these conditions will be worsened by the project. Stream erosion, which has in the past resulted in extensive slope failures, would be considerably lessened by the project due to channel widening and reduced velocities in this vicinity.

26. Natural Slopes Along Right Bank. - A separate Special Study Report, entitled "Special Study, Slope Protection In Project Limits," dated October 1962, was prepared by the Architect-Engineer to evaluate the condition of the right bank throughout the project limits and to make pertinent design recommendations regarding slope protection measures, if necessary. The areas of cut slopes downstream of Station 33<sup>t</sup> are discussed elsewhere in this memorandum. Upstream of this point, the height of natural slope is generally 50 to 75 feet above the river bottom, and varies from 1 (vertical) on 1.3 (horizontal) to 1 on 1.6 with a few somewhat steeper slopes near the river edge due to stream erosion. Specific comments were made for typical areas and stability checks were made at a representative critical section.

It was concluded that, although sloughing and erosion may occur at certain areas, there is no apparent overall stability problem which would result in any major blockage of the river or damage to existing property. No slope protection measures are considered to be warranted or necessary. These conclusions are confirmed by the fact that these slopes have endured severe floodings up to the levels indicated for the 1955 flood.

27. Mill Building No. 2, Chicopee Manufacturing Company. - A fourth separate Special Study covering the condition of the building, and pertinent design requirements for the flood wall in the vicinity of this structure was made by the Architect-Engineer, and is discussed in Design Memorandum No. 7, "Flood Walls." A formal report is under preparation.

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EXPL. NO.	TOP ELEV. FT.	SAMPLE NO.	DEPTH FT.	SOIL SYMBOL	MECHANICAL ANALYSIS			ATT. LIMITS		SPECIFIC GRAVITY	COMPACTION DATA			NAT DRY DENSITY LBS/CUFT	OTHER TESTS			
					GRAVEL	SAND	FINE	LL	PL		STND AASHO	OPT. WATER WT. % DRY WT	MAX DRY DENS. LBS/CUFT	PVD LBS/CUFT	NO. 4 TOTAL	NO. 4 TOTAL	SHEAR CONSOL	PERM
BH-18	94±	J-5	10.0-15.0	SC	8	64	28	.005										
BH-19	99±	J-4	5.0-10.0	SM	30	44	26	.007										
	B-9		15.0-19.0	SM	35	45	20	.020										
BH-20	109±	B-6	7.5-10.0	SM	13	62	25	.010										
	B-12		20.0-25.0	SM	19	57	24	.011										
BH-21	87.9	J-3	8.5-10.0	GP-SM	44	49	7	.13										
BH-22	89.7	J-5	10.0-13.2	GP	48	48	4	.30										
BH-23	88.5	J-3	10.0-11.8	SR-SM	42	50	8	.11										
BH-25	88.1	J-4	7.2-10.0	SM	30	53	17	.022										
	J-5		10.0-12.1	GP-GM	51	40	9	.12										
BH-26	89.5	J-7	16.7-18.9	GC	42	38	20	.006										
BH-27	91.1	J-4	8.8-10.0	SM	8	48	44	-										
	J-5		10.0-12.0	SM	16	51	33	.011										
	J-7		15.0-16.0	SM	16	53	31	.015										
	J-9		19.0-19.8	SM	18	57	25	.010										
BH-31	71.6	J-3	1.3-5.0	CL	13	36	51	.0017										
	J-4		5.0-8.6	SM-SC	17	47	36	.0015	19	13								
BH-37	74.4	J-3	5.0-8.0	GP-GM	59	30	11	-										
	J-4		8.0-10.0	SC	6	49	45	<.001										
	J-5		10.0-13.0	SC	0	12	88	<.001										
	J-6		13.0-15.0	CL	0	12	88	<.001	36	20								
	J-7		15.0-17.5	ML					-	-								

\* PROVIDENCE VIBRATED DENSITY TEST.

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BH-39	73.2	J-2	5.0- 7.8	GP	5246	2	.32											
		J-3	7.8-10.0 GP-GR	GP	5340	7	.15											
		J-4	10.0-13.5	SM	2749	24	-											
BH-40	104.7	J-7	10.5-11.6	ML						28	24	27.8						
		J-9	15.0-18.2	ML						31	27	37.4						
BH-41	75.0	J-2	1.2- 5.0	GP	5841	1	.49											
		J-4	5.3-7.4	SM	1648	36.0025												
		J-6	8.1-10.0	SM														
		J-7	10.0-15.0	SM	1648	36.004				17	14	7.1						
		J-8	15.0-20.0	SM														
BH-42	103.2	J-5	15.0-20.0	ML						35	26	24.0						
		J-7	20.8-25.0	ML	1829	59.0025				31	24	26.8						
BH-44	83.7	J-3	10.0-14.0	GP	5641	3	.32											
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		J-6	18.8-20.0	ML-CL	730	63.0011				20	15	11.9						
		J-7	20.0-22.0	SM-SC	2844	28	-											
BH-45	104.5	J-4	10.0-14.5	CL	723	70.001				29	19	21.6						
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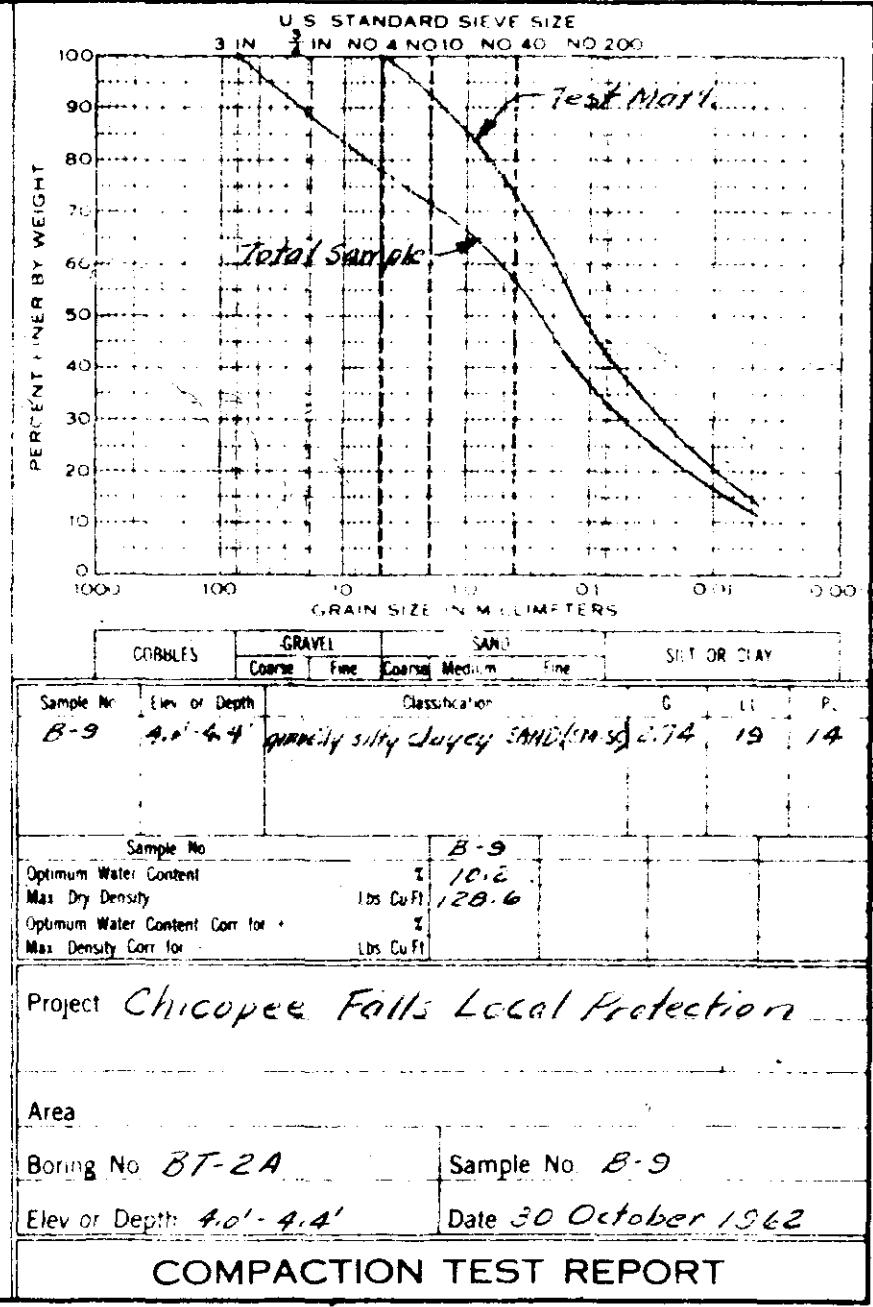
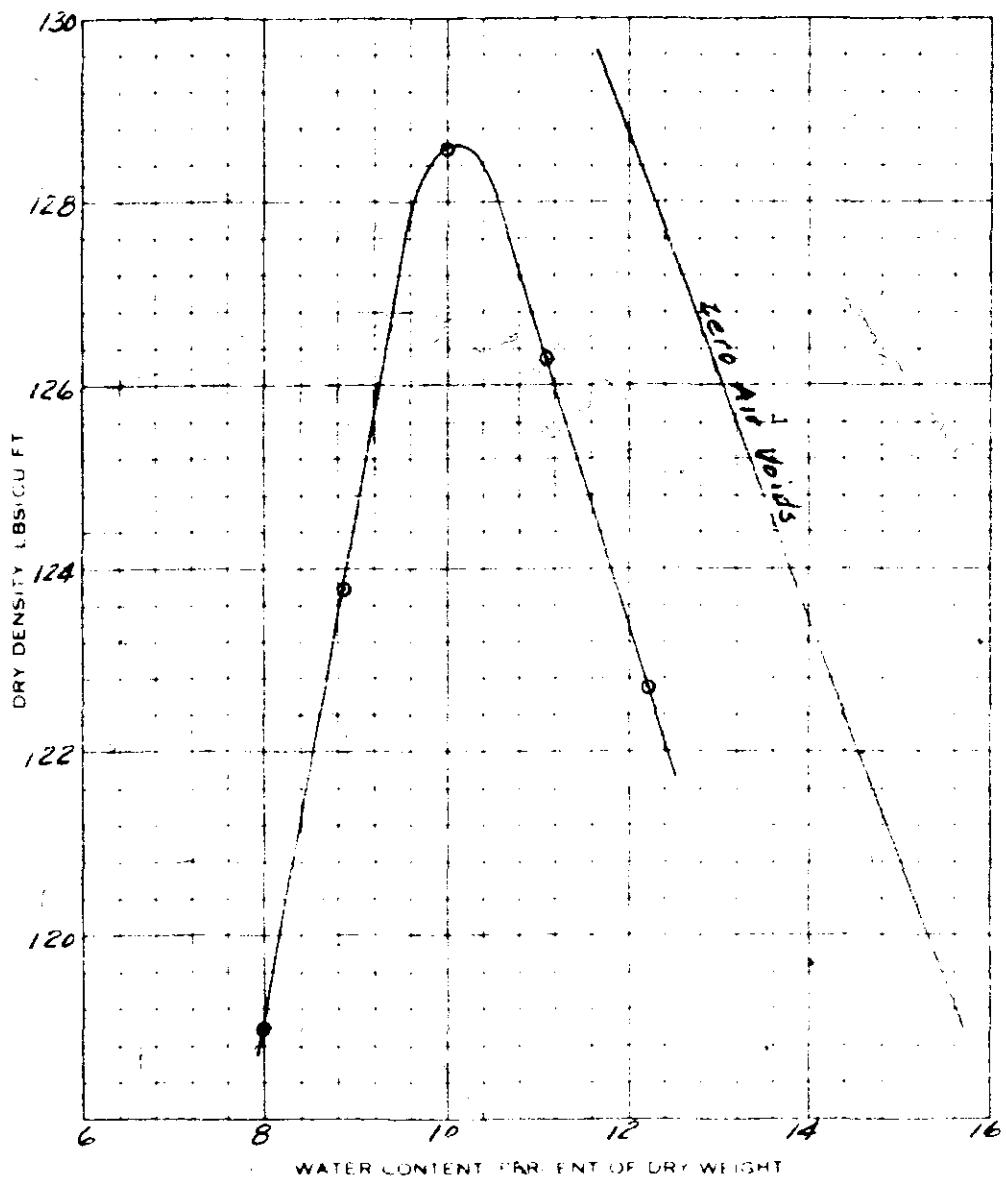
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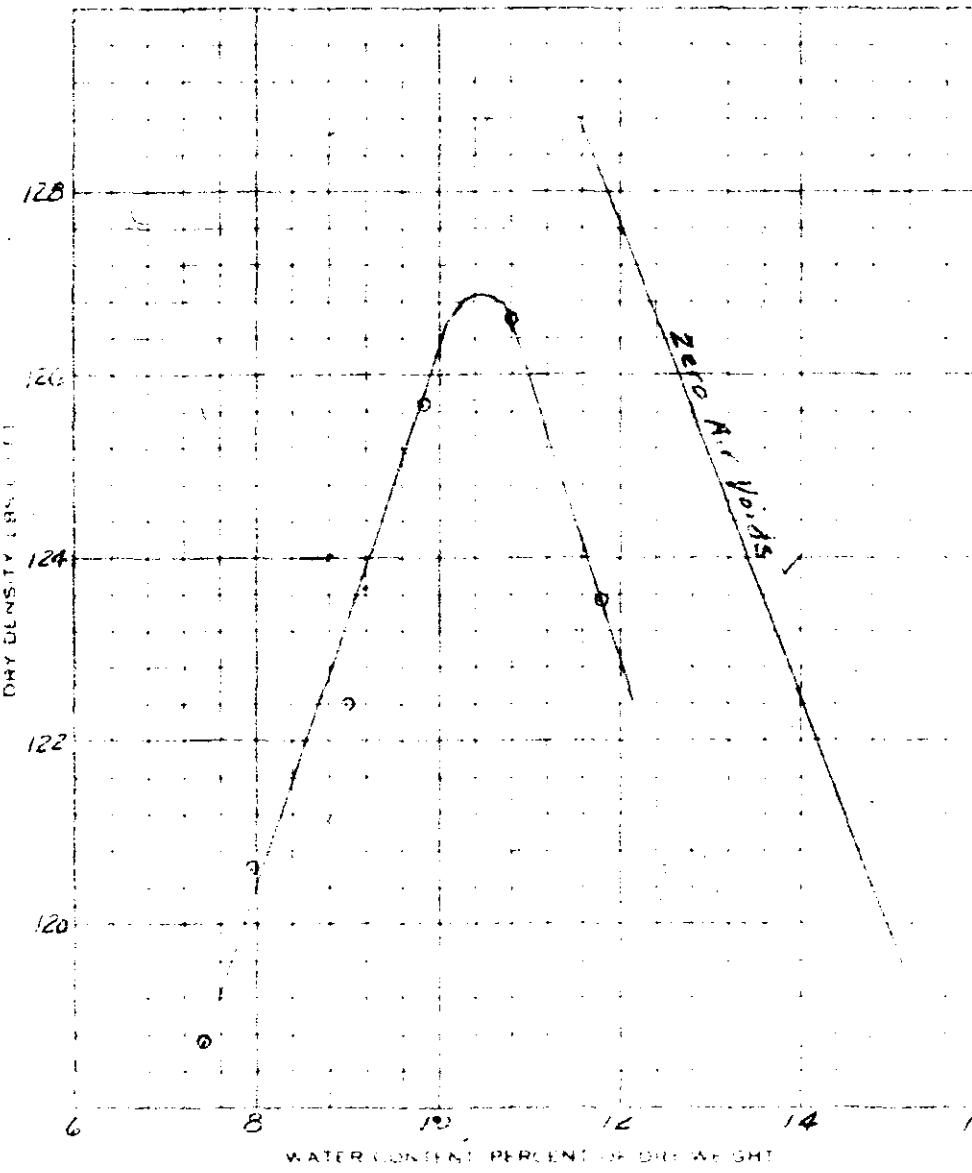
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		J-1115	5.0-17.5	SM	563	32	.003						7.9				
		J-1925	0-27.0	SM	860	32	.001						7.6				
BD-3	114.5	J-6	10.0-13.5	SM	857	35	.001					7.4		#*	PVD LBS/CUFT	TOTAL NO.	SHEAR CONSL PERM
		J-1015	0-18.0	SM	757	36	<.001						7.1				
		J-1825	0-29.0	ML	935	56	<.001						7.1				
		J-2230	0-32.0	SM	080	20	.030						6.4				
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		J-2735	0-36.0	GC									22.6				
		J-2836	0-38.0	CL	06	94	<.001										
BT-2A	112.8	B-9	4.0-4.4	SM-SC	2244	34	.003		19	14	2.74	10.2	128.6	#*	PVD LBS/CUFT	TOTAL NO.	SHEAR CONSL PERM
		J-6R	4.0-4.4										13.2	15.2			
		J-8R	4.0-4.4										11.0	13.6			
BT-10	98.7	B-9	5.8-6.2	SM-SC	1652	32	.003		20	15	2.71	10.4	126.9	#*	PVD LBS/CUFT	TOTAL NO.	SHEAR CONSL PERM
		J-6R	5.8-6.2										9.8	11.2			
		J-8R	5.8-6.2										15.2	16.6			
BTT-1	114.5	J-2R	8.8-9.2	SM-SC								8.8	10.7	#*	PVD LBS/CUFT	TOTAL NO.	SHEAR CONSL PERM
		J-4R	8.8-9.2										7.8	8.6			
BTT-2	97.5	J-2R	10.1-10.5	SM-SC								8.8	8.1	#*	PVD LBS/CUFT	TOTAL NO.	SHEAR CONSL PERM
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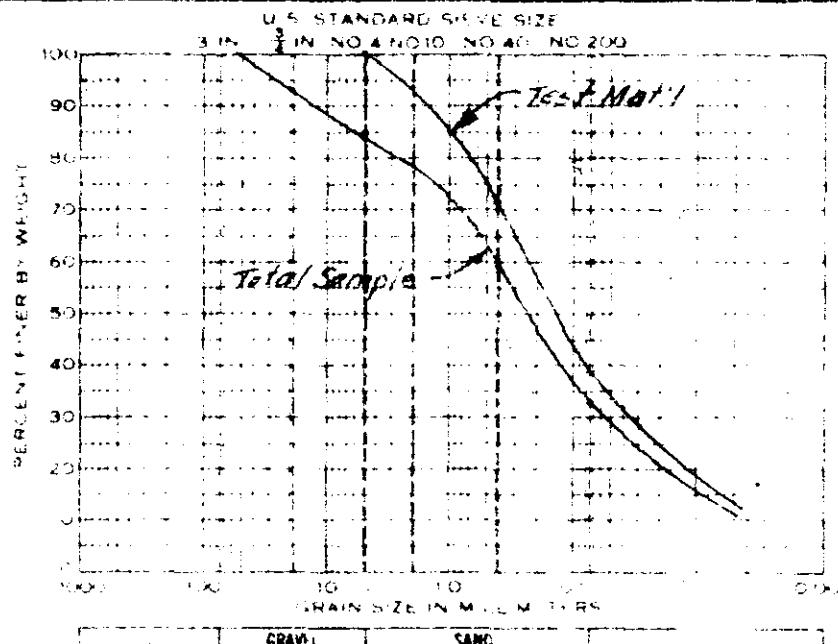
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Dry Density 1.581 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

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Sample No.	Elev or Depth	Classification	Cobbles	Gravel	Sand	Silt + Clay
			Courte	Fine	Coarse	Medium
8-9	58'-6.2'	gravelly silty clayey sand (SM-S)	2.11	2.00	2.11	1.15

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Area

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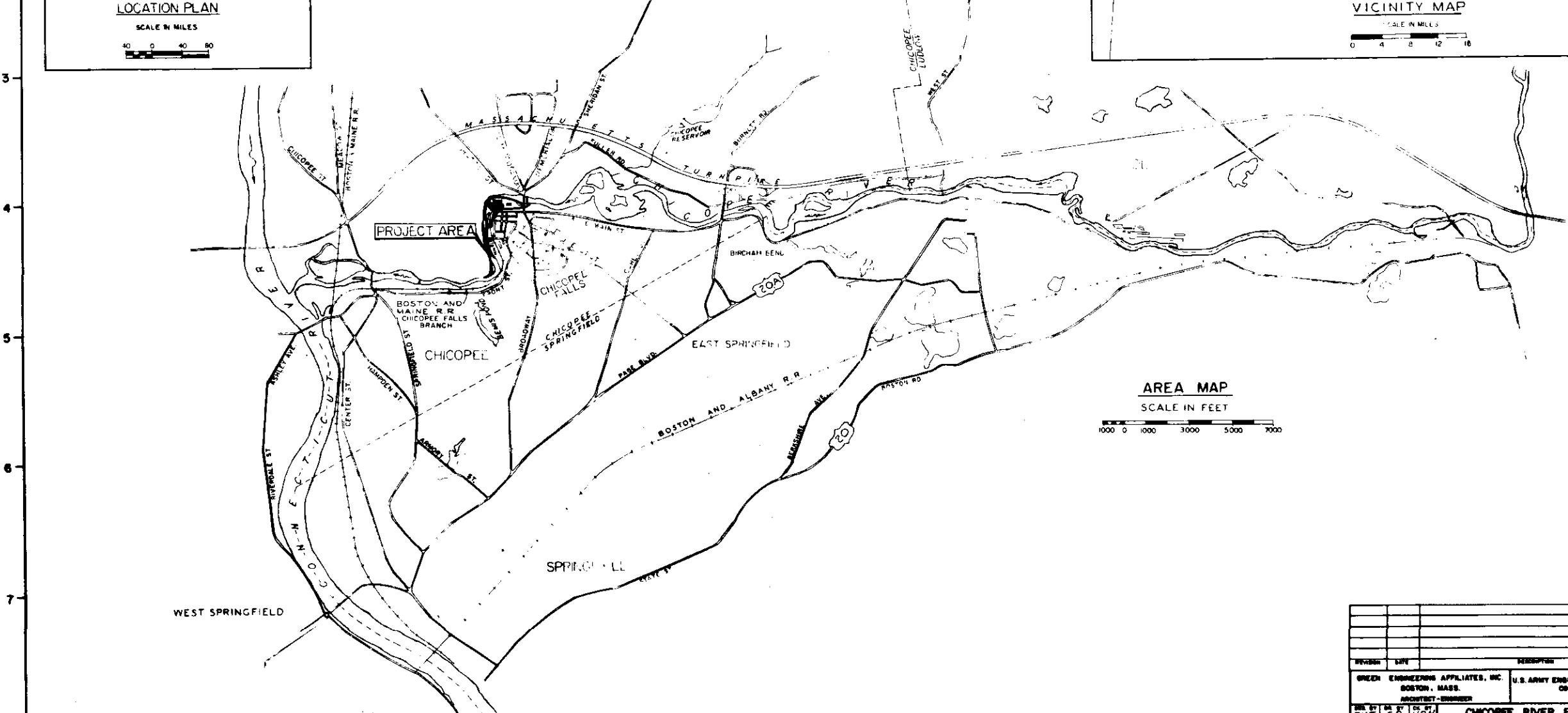
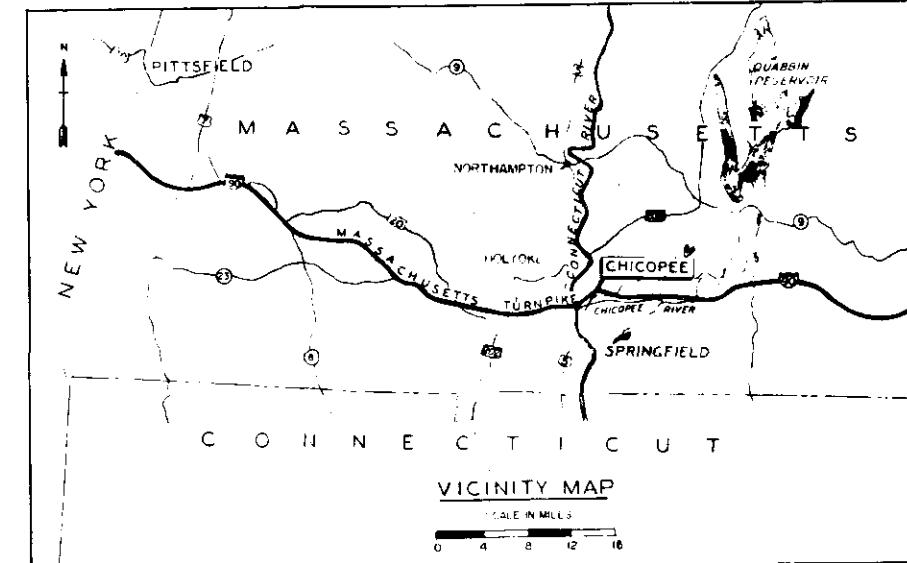
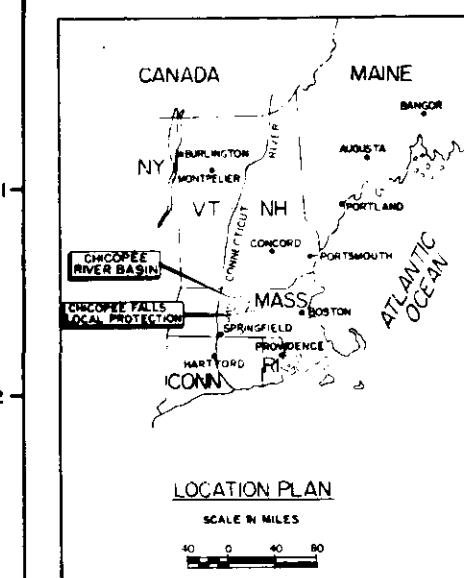
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LOCATION PLAN	
CHICOOEE RIVER MASSACHUSETTS	
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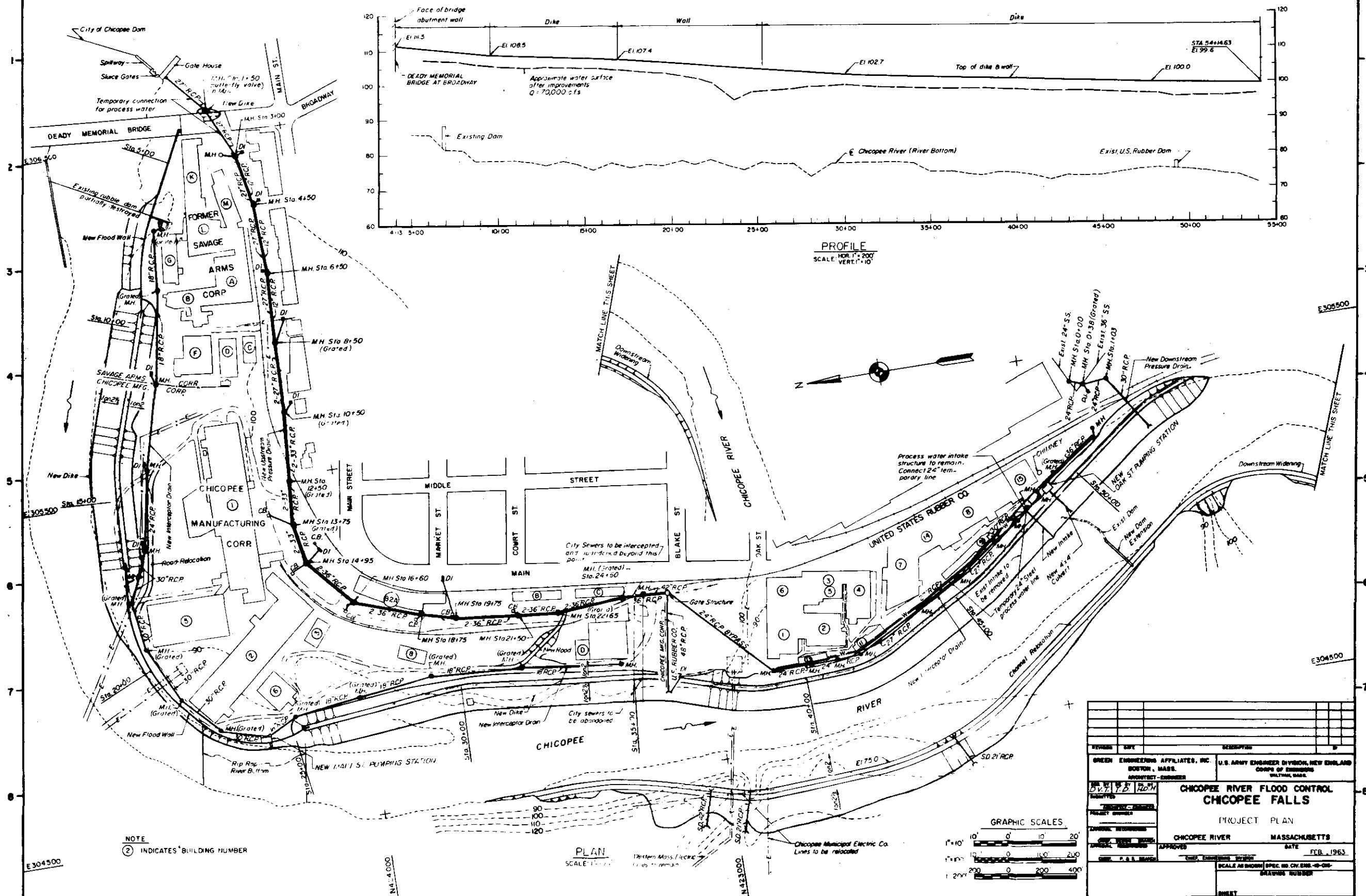
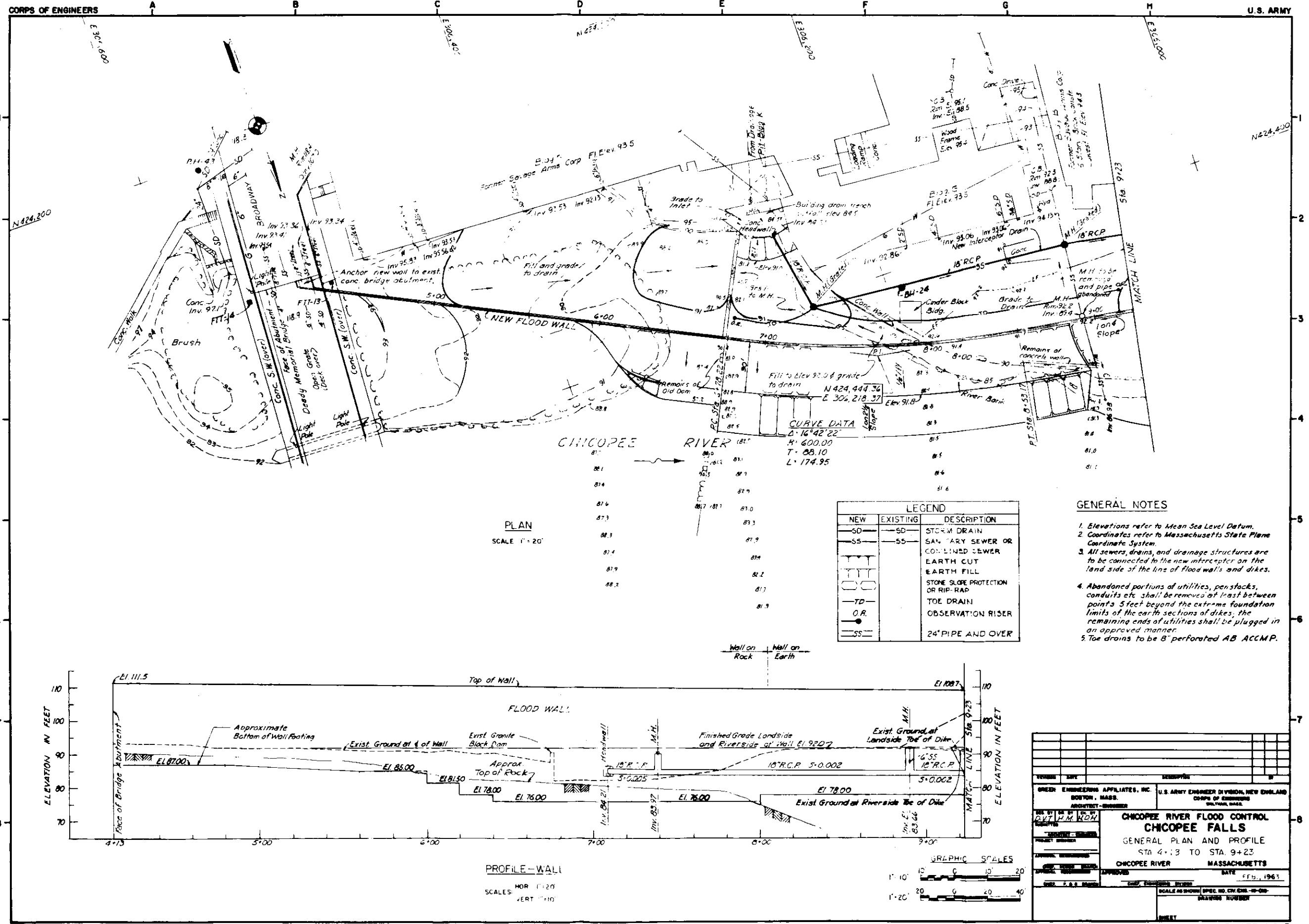
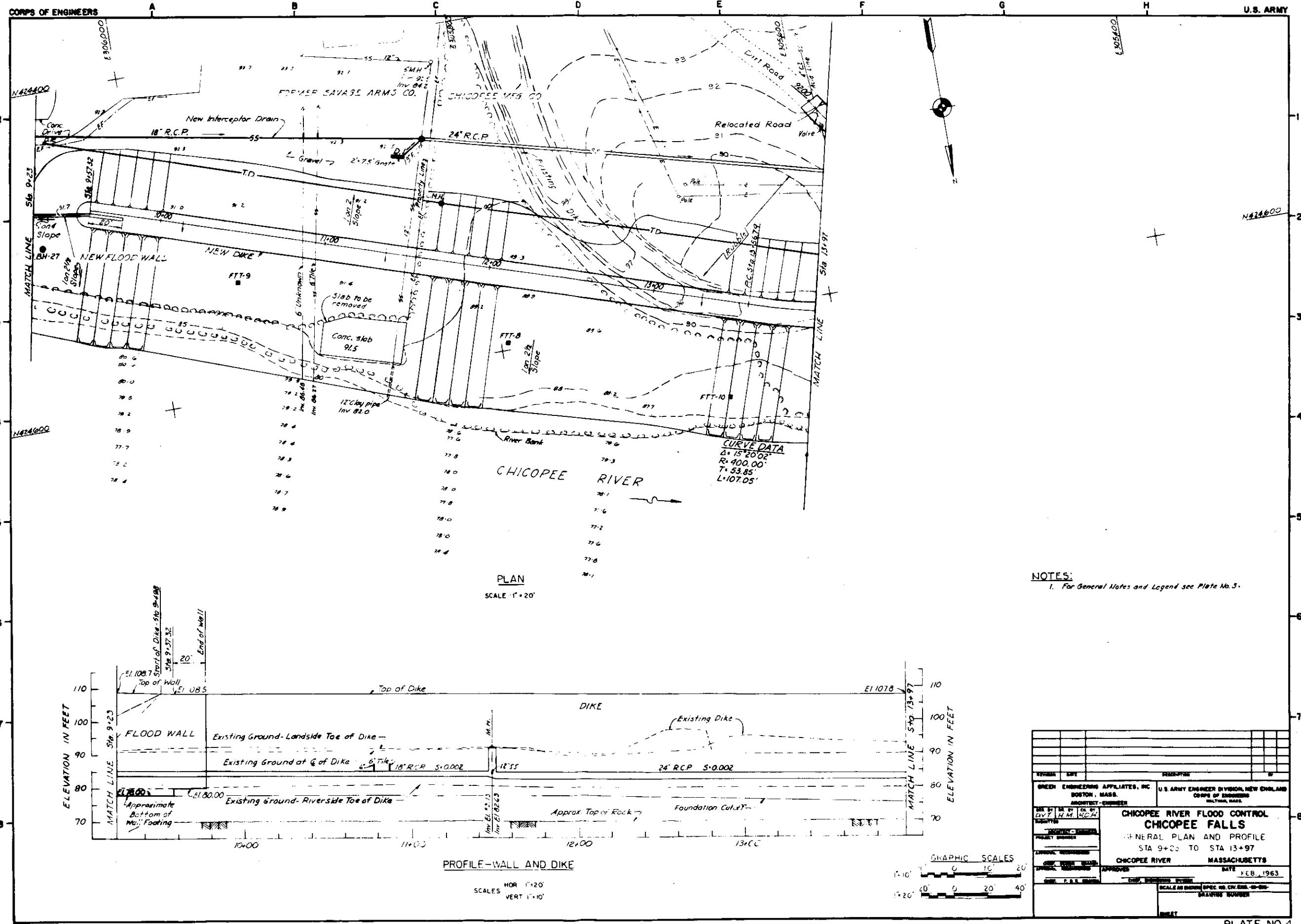
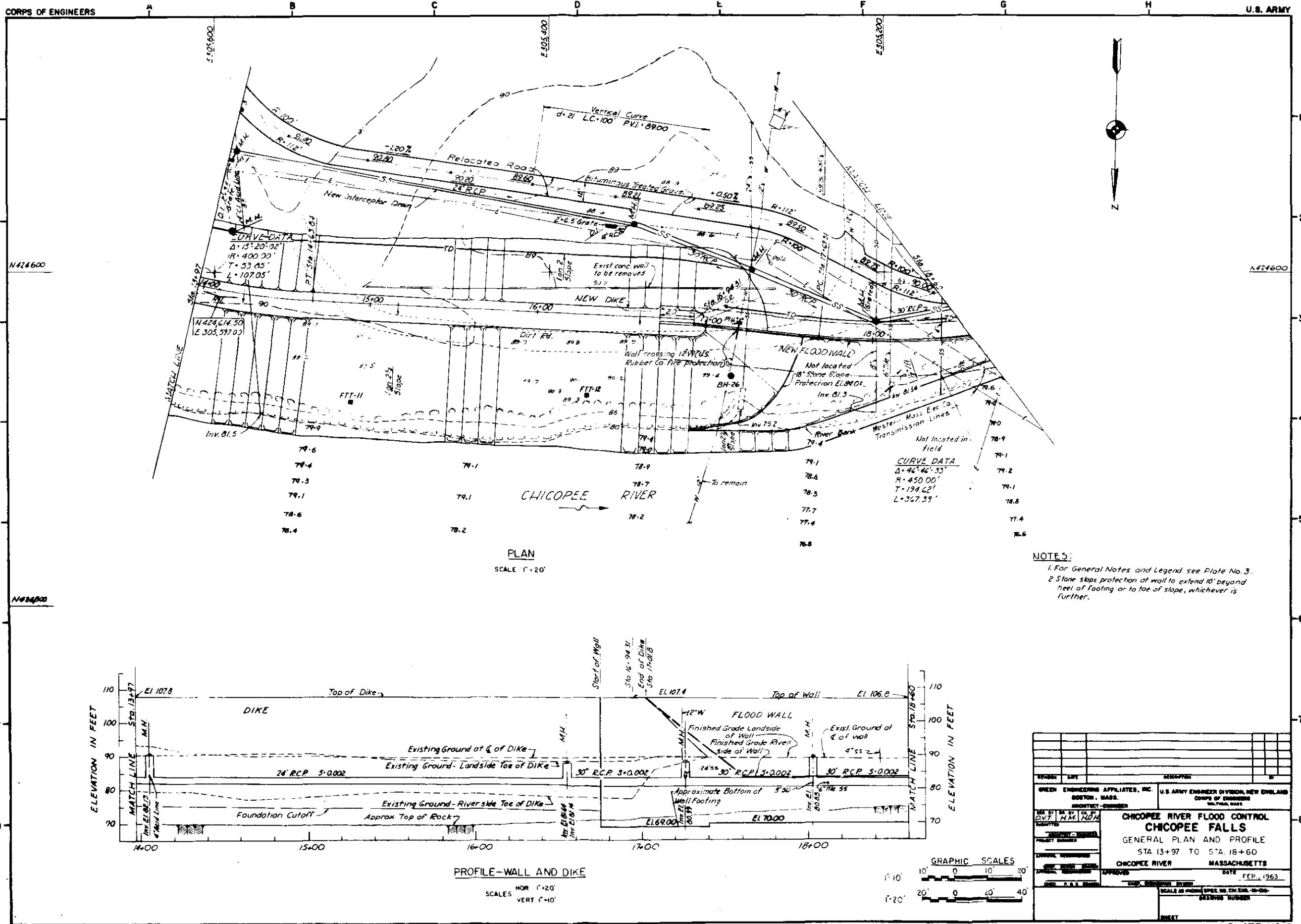
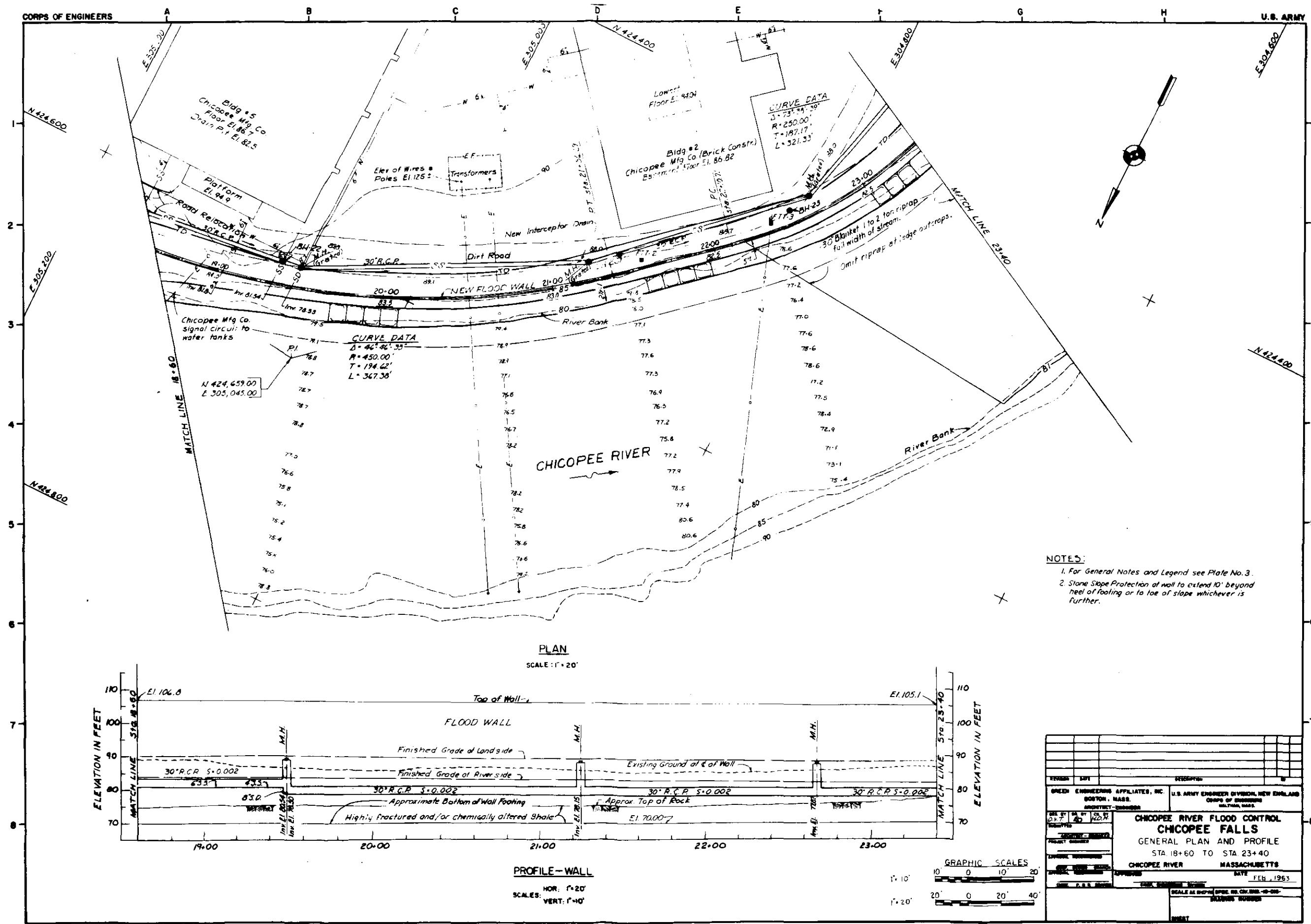


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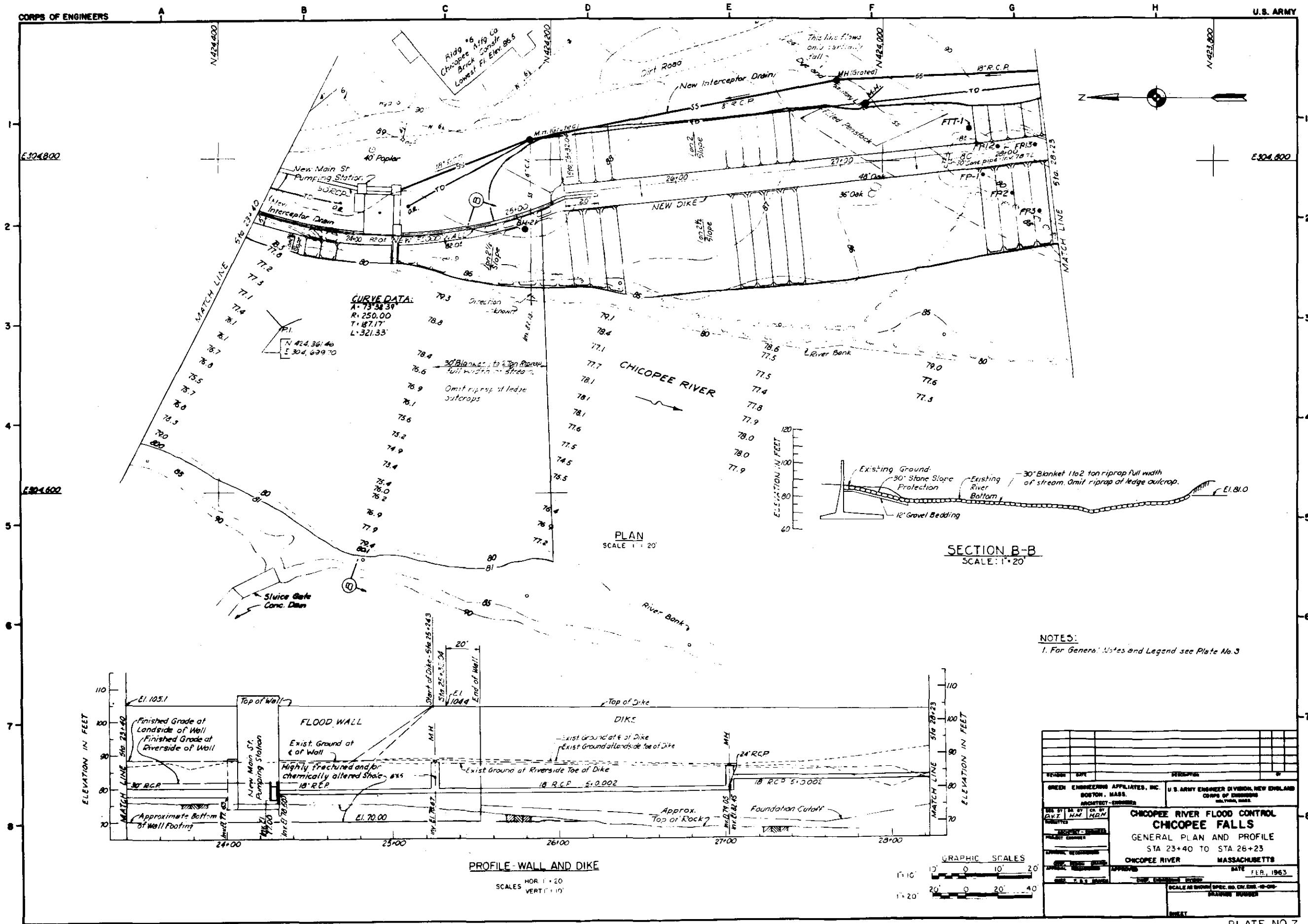


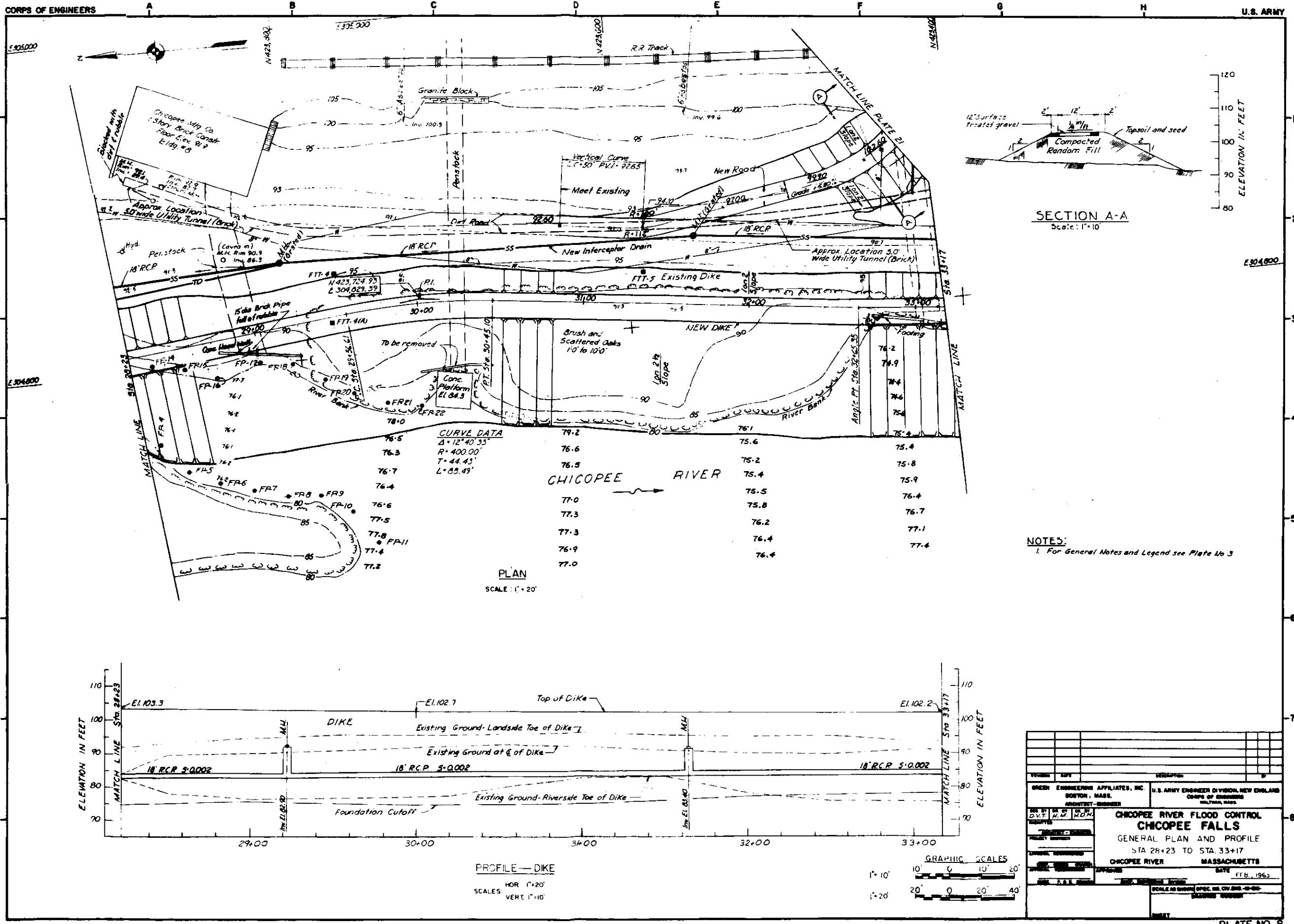
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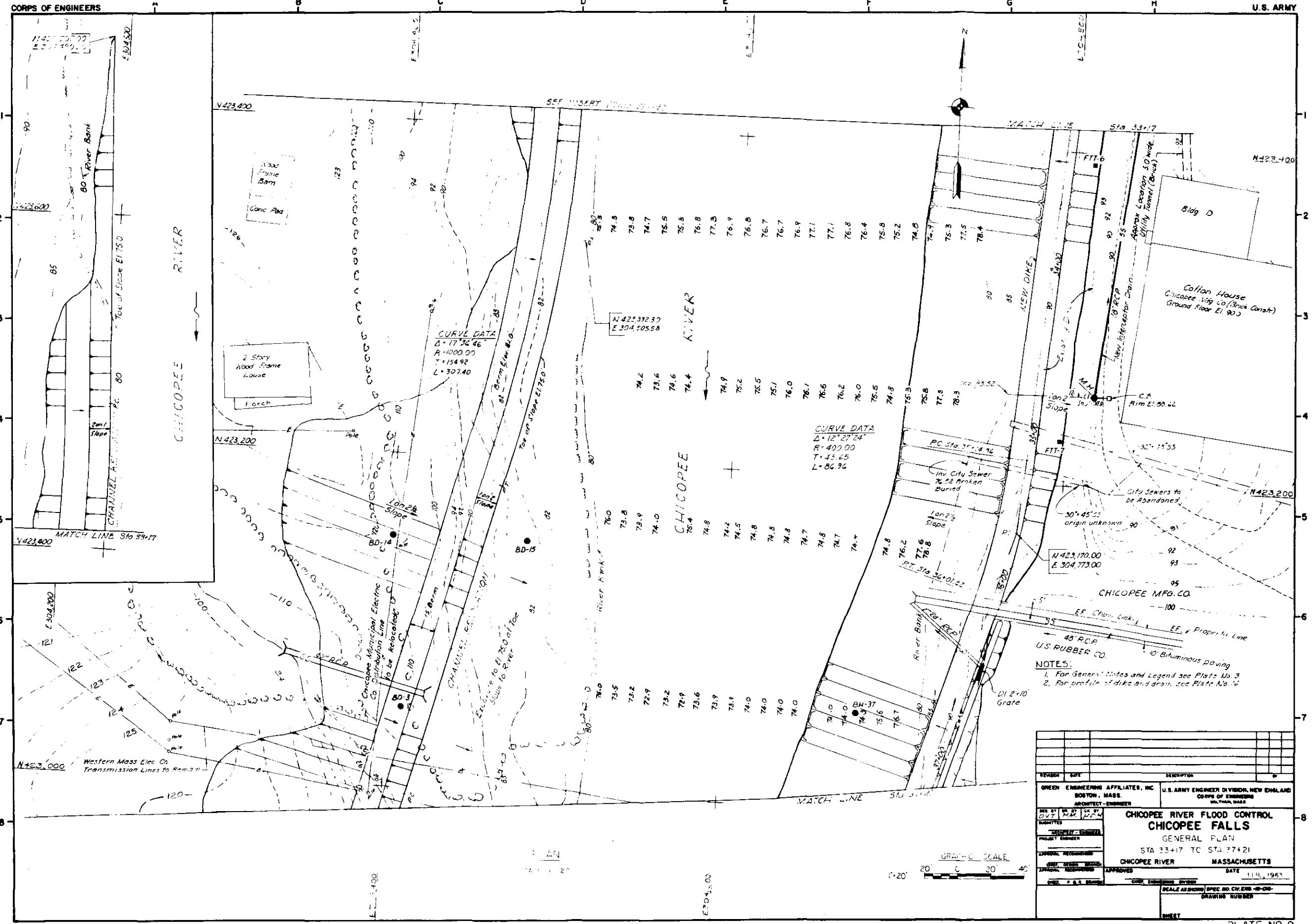
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  2. Stone Slope Protection of wall to extend 10' beyond heel of footing or to toe of slope whichever is further.

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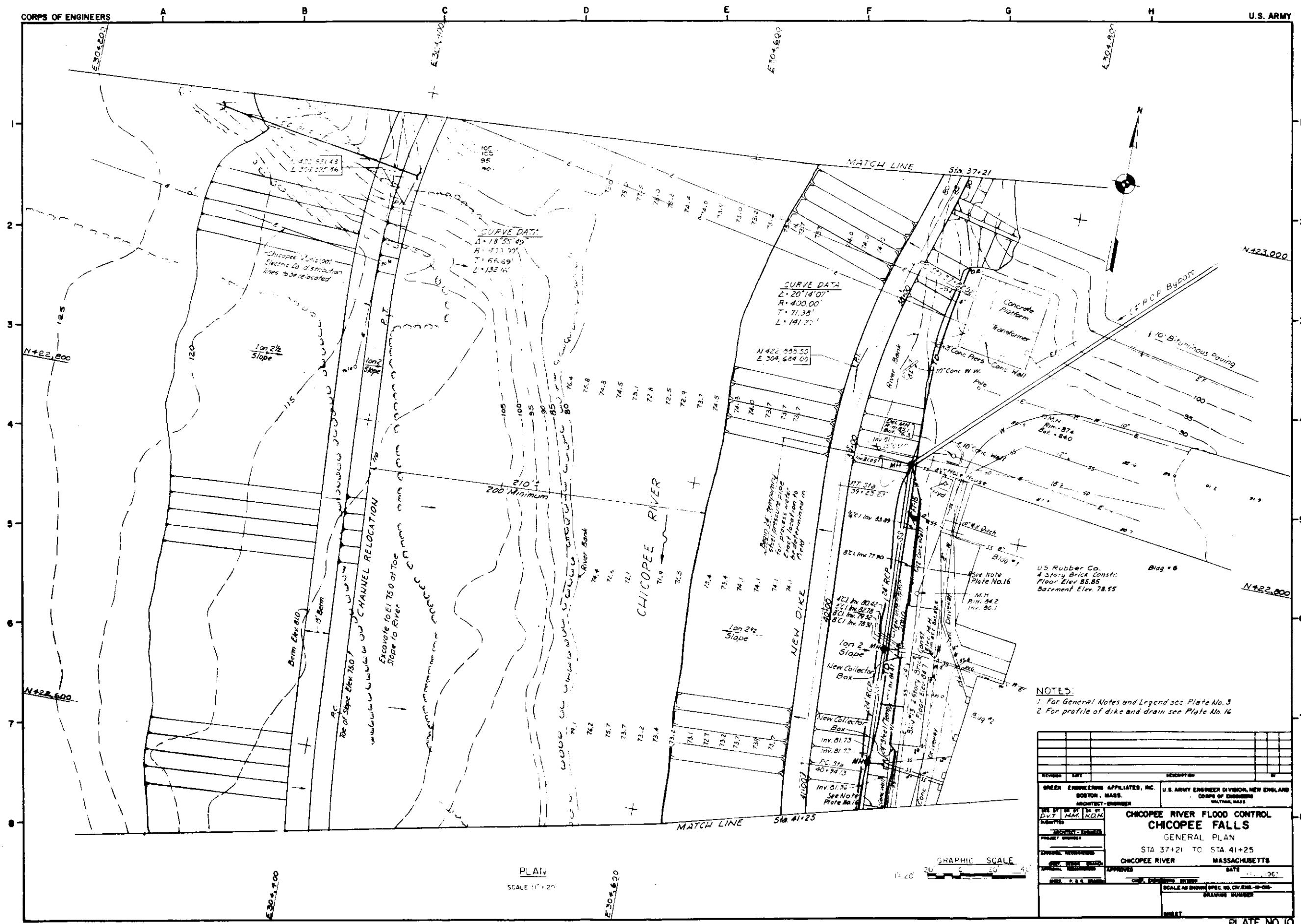
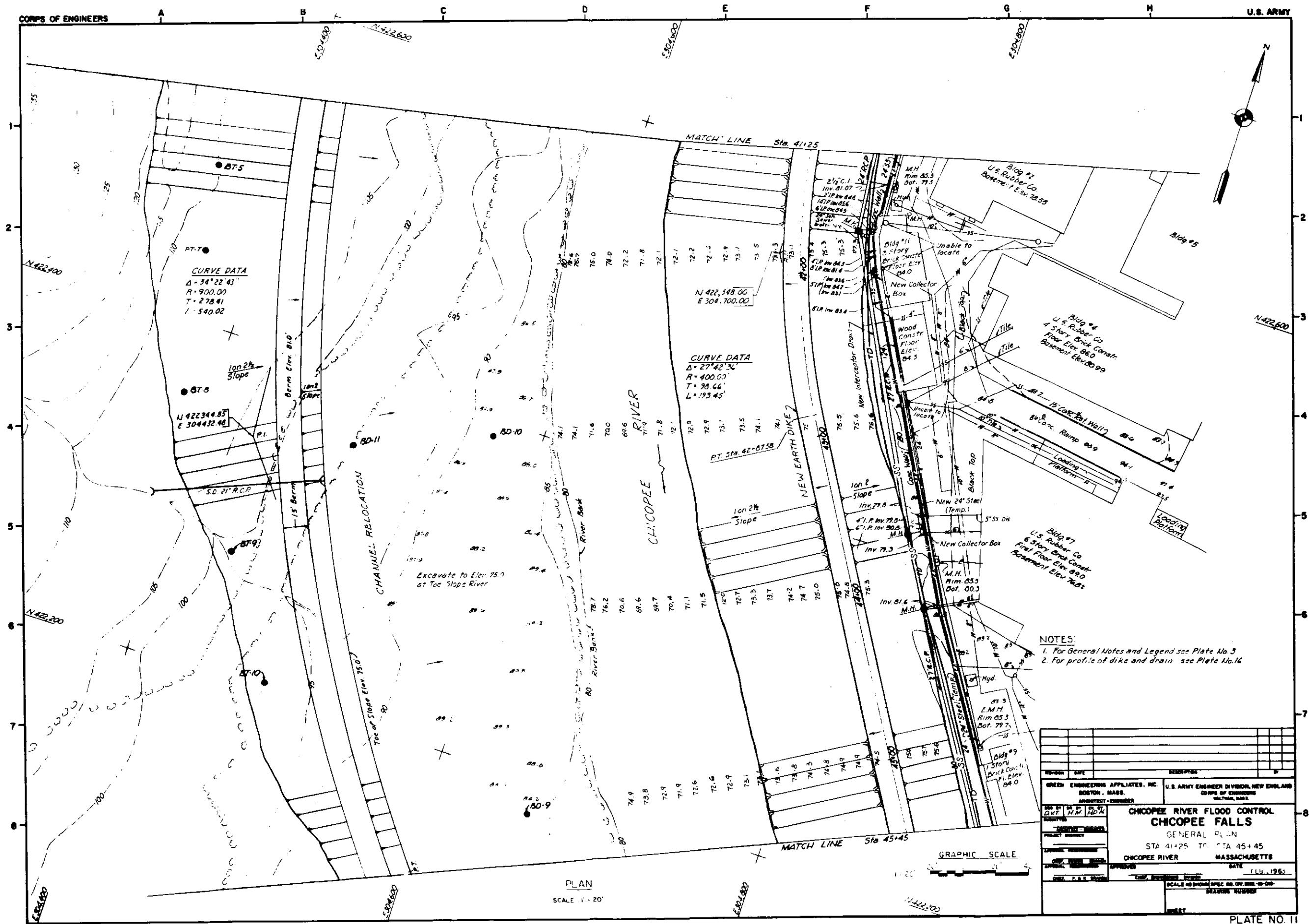


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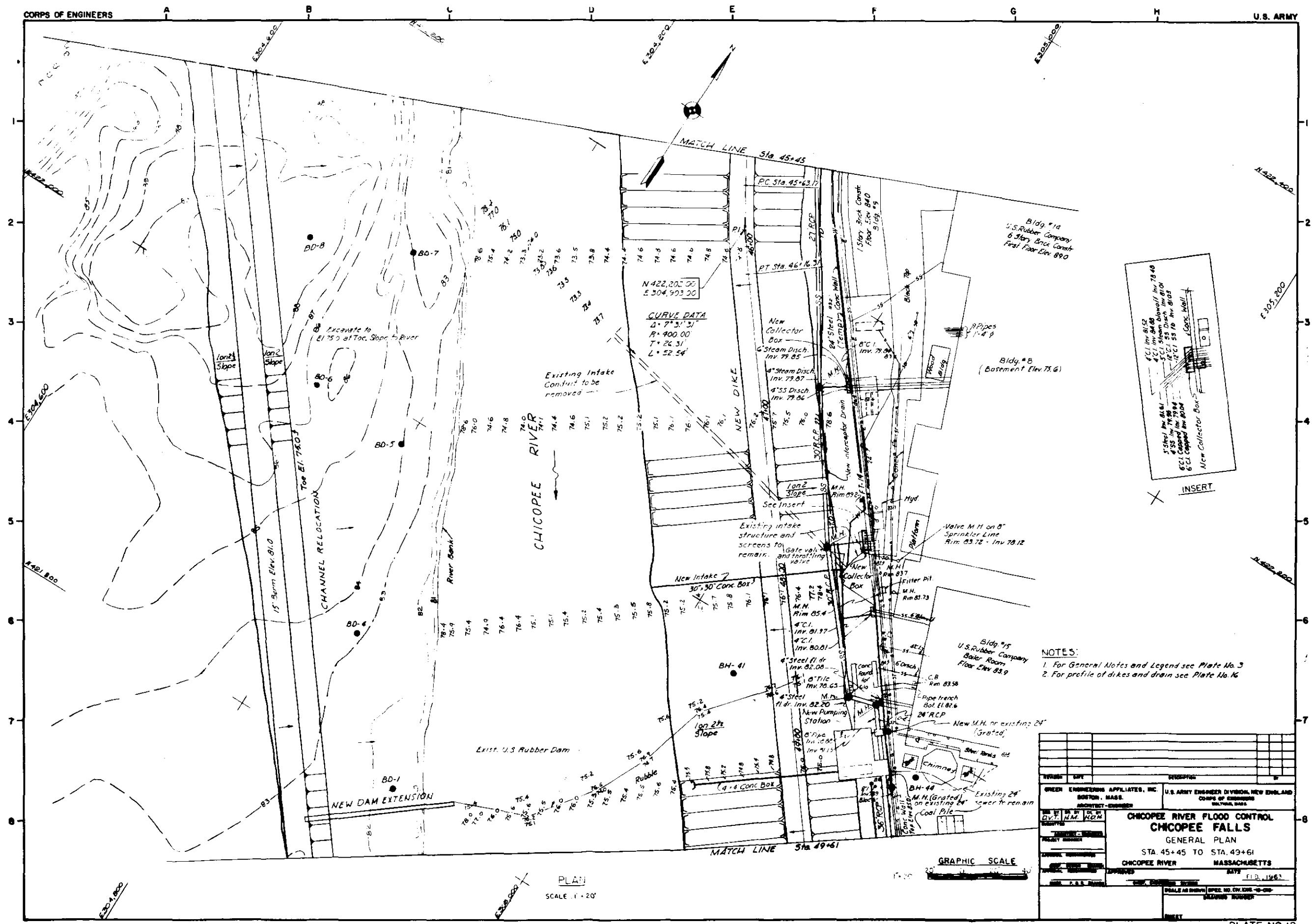
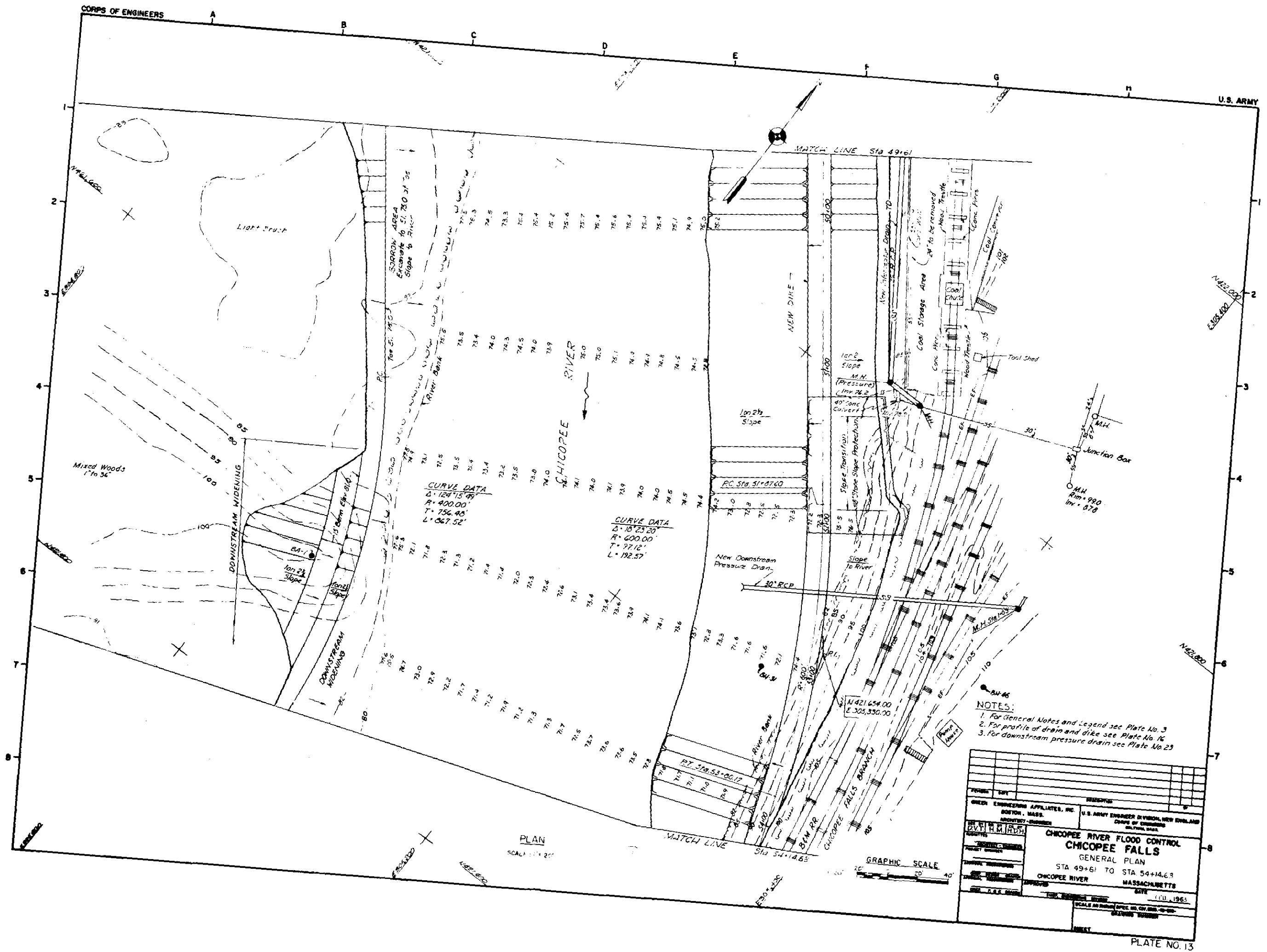


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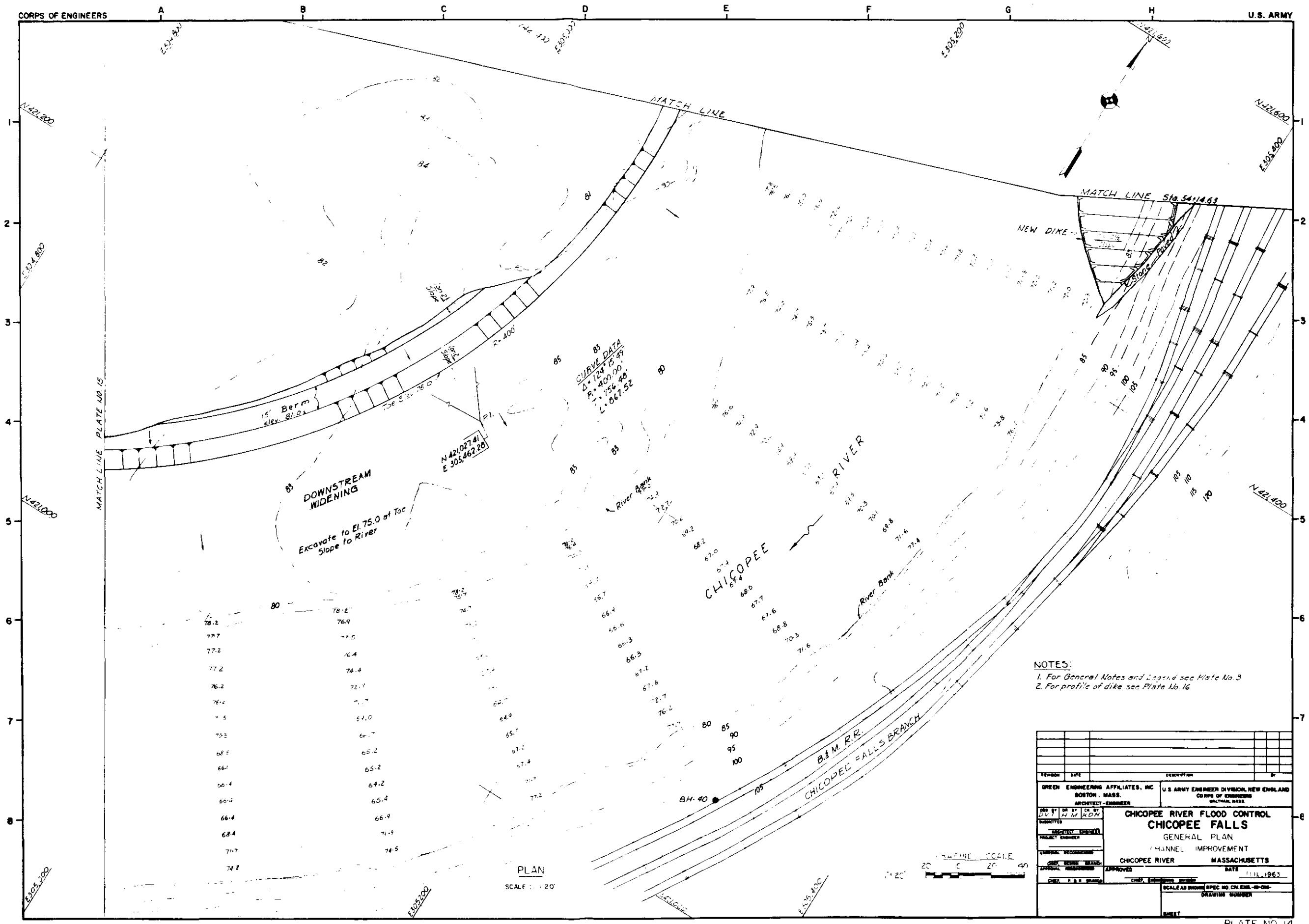
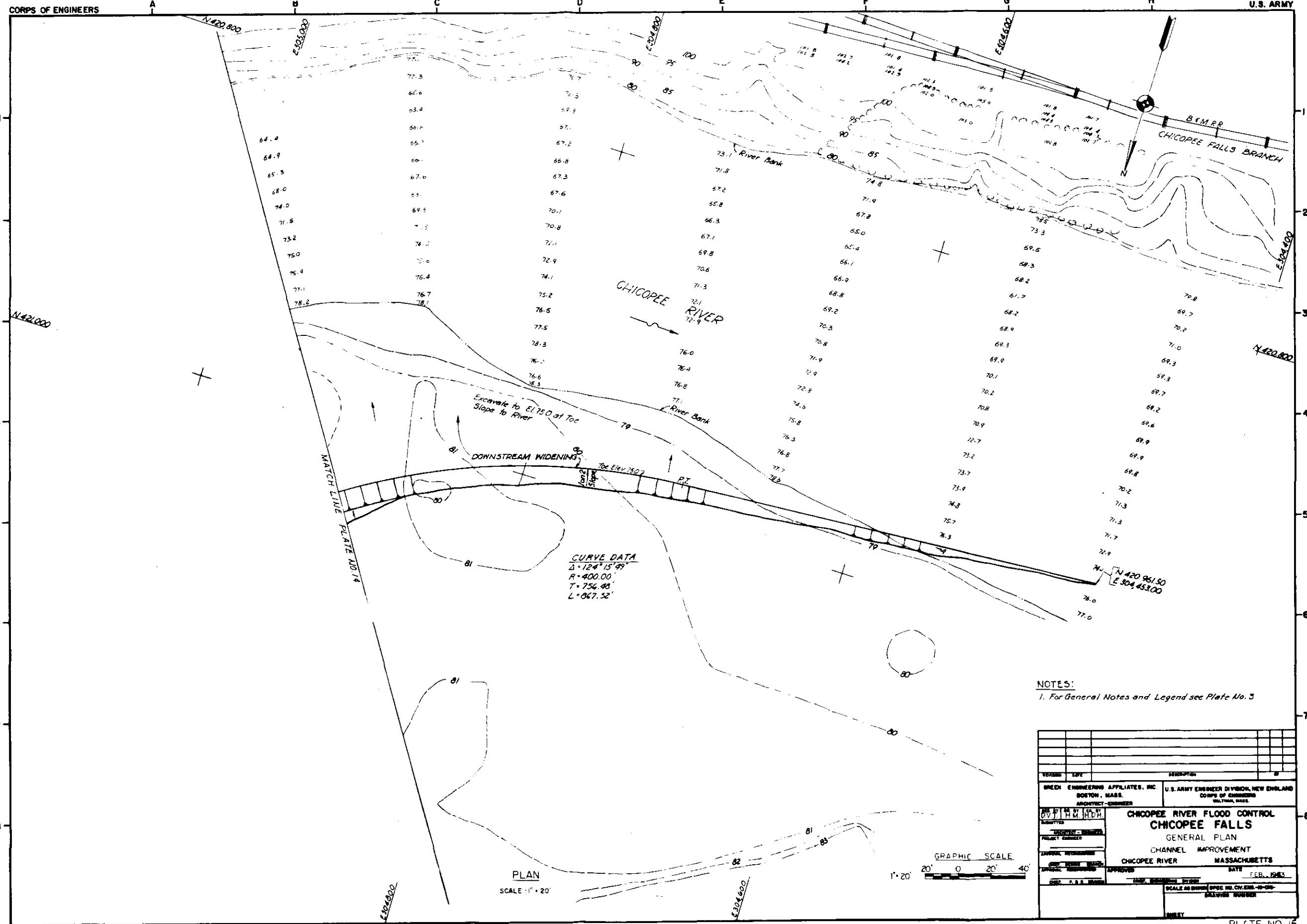
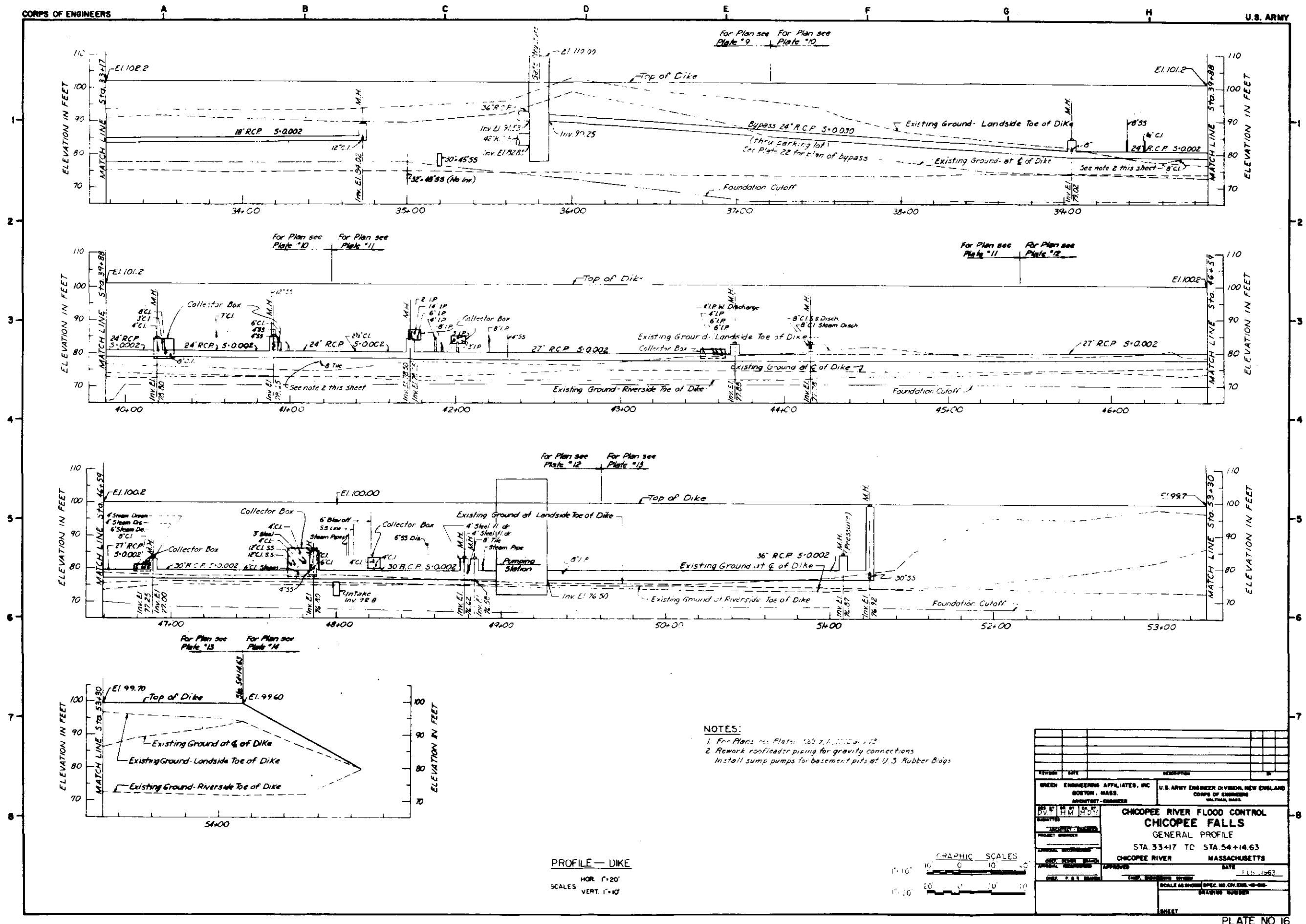


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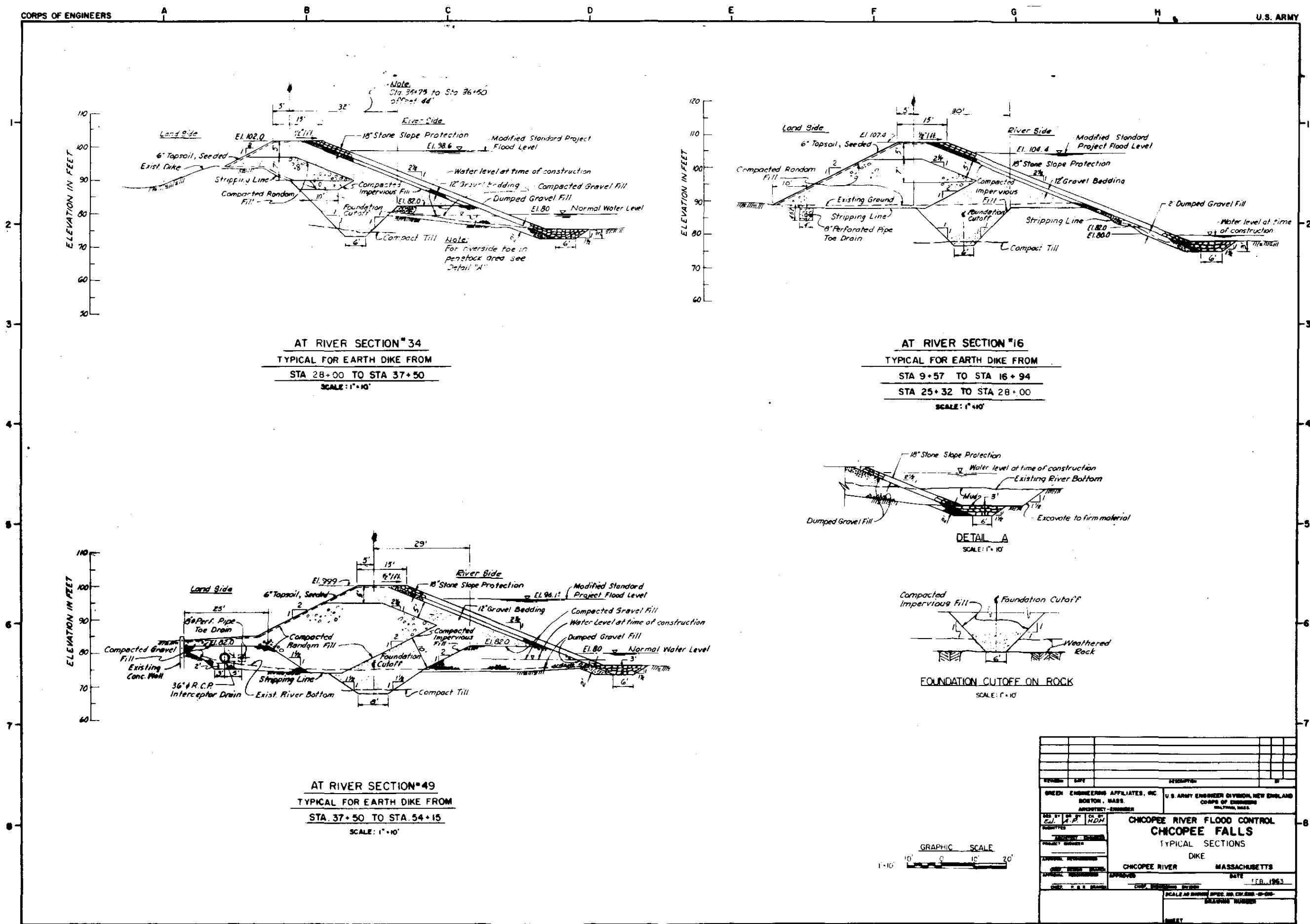


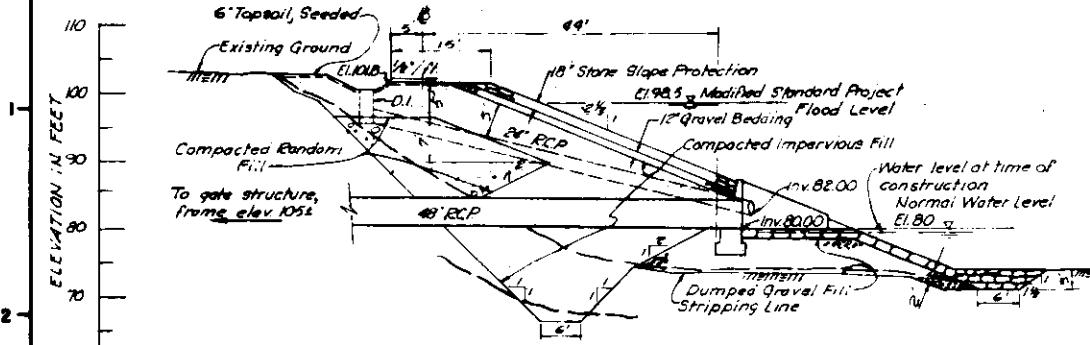


## NOTES

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Install sump pumps for basement pits at U.S. Rubber Bldgs

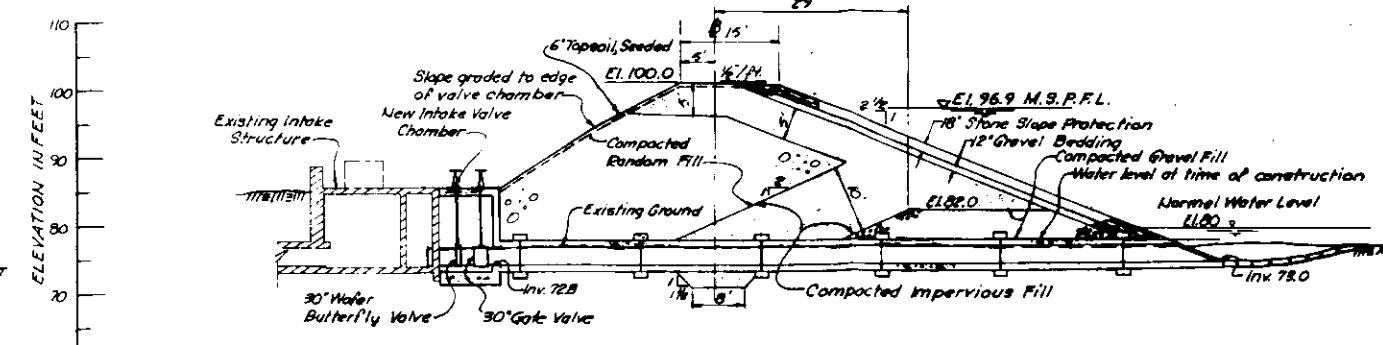
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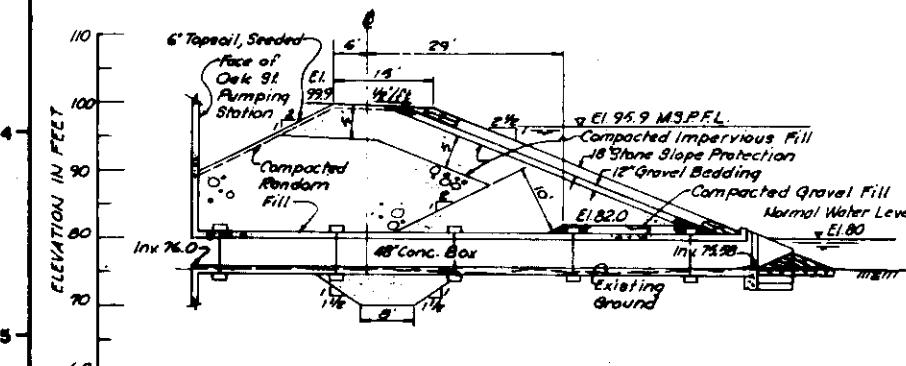
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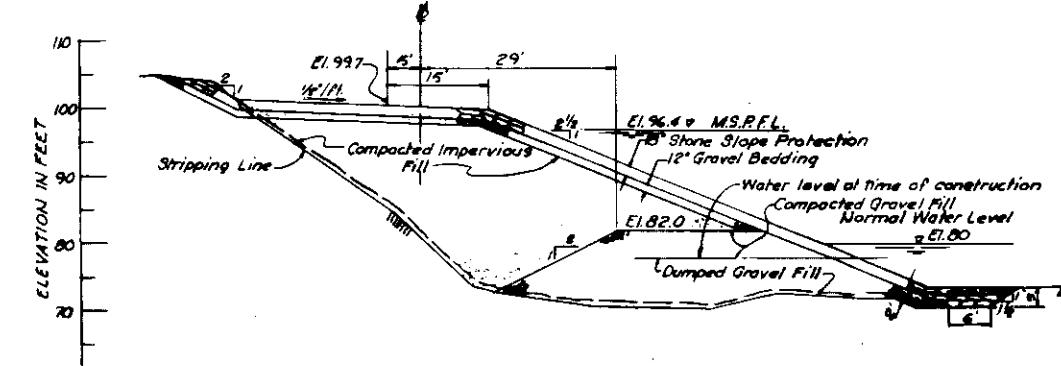
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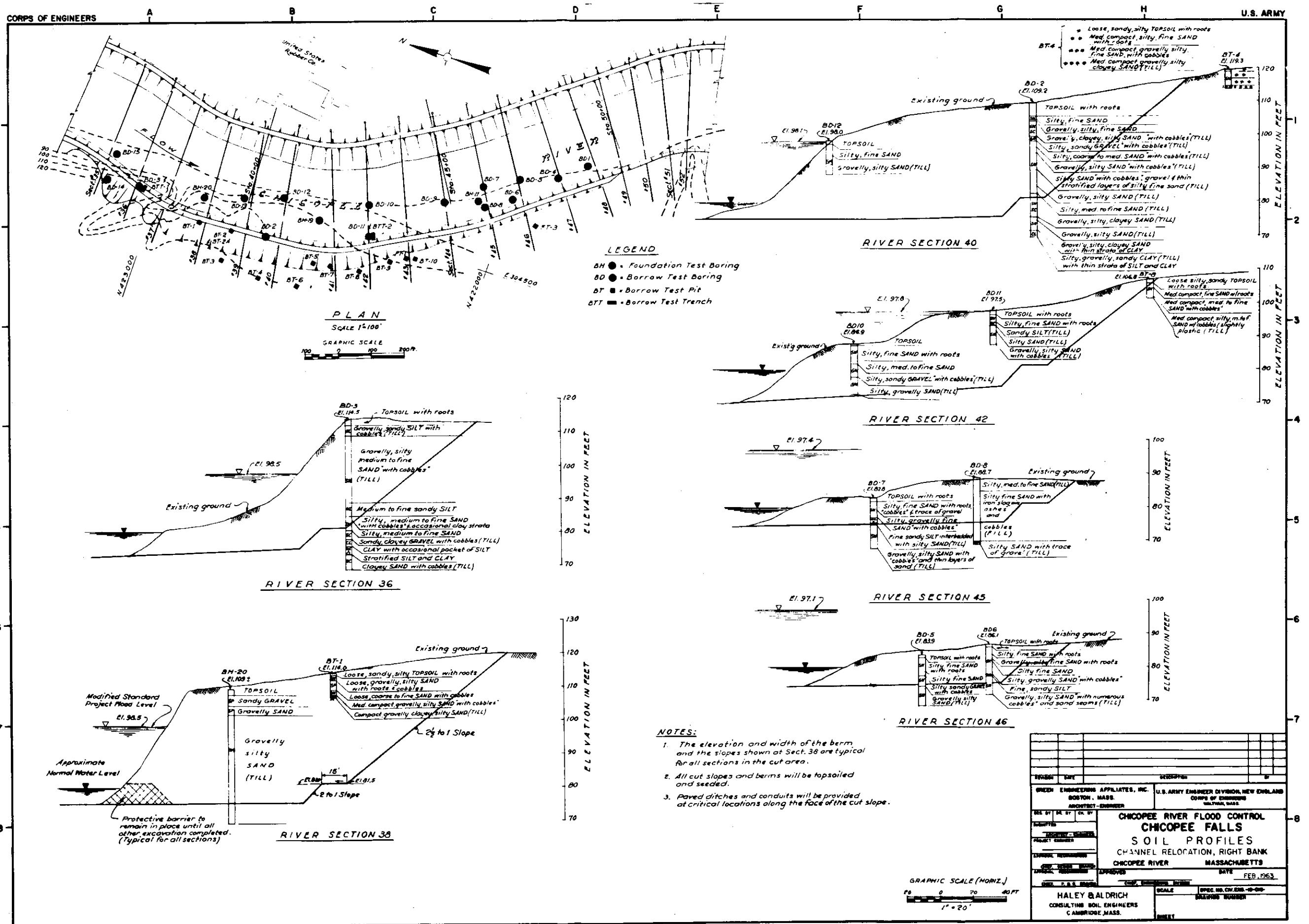
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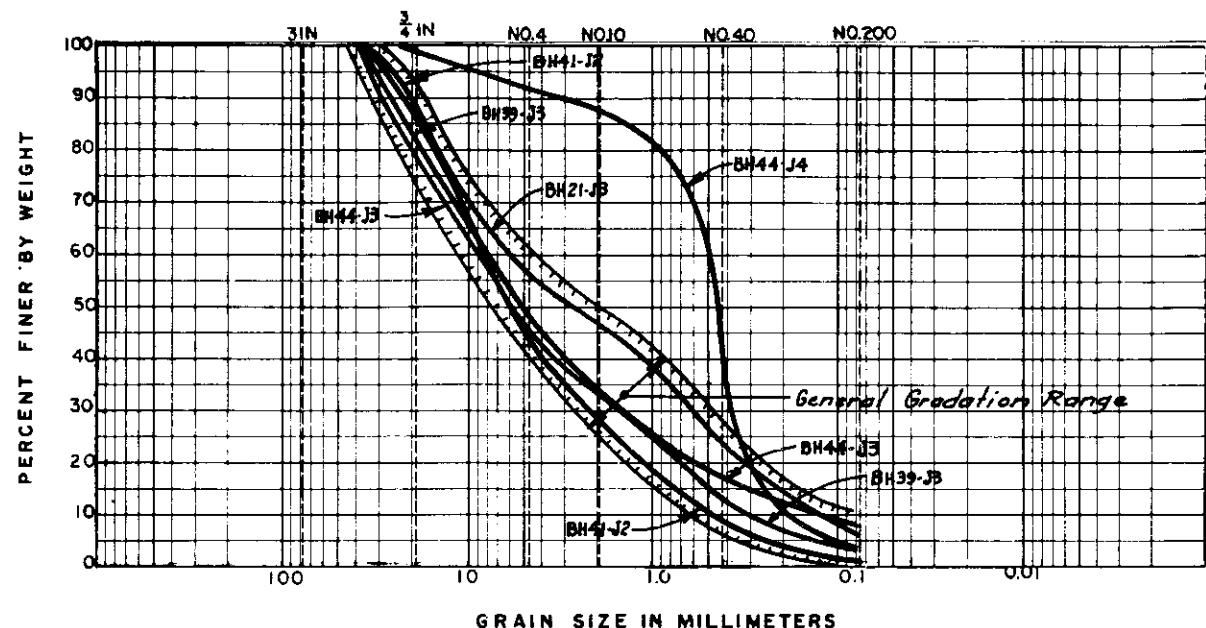
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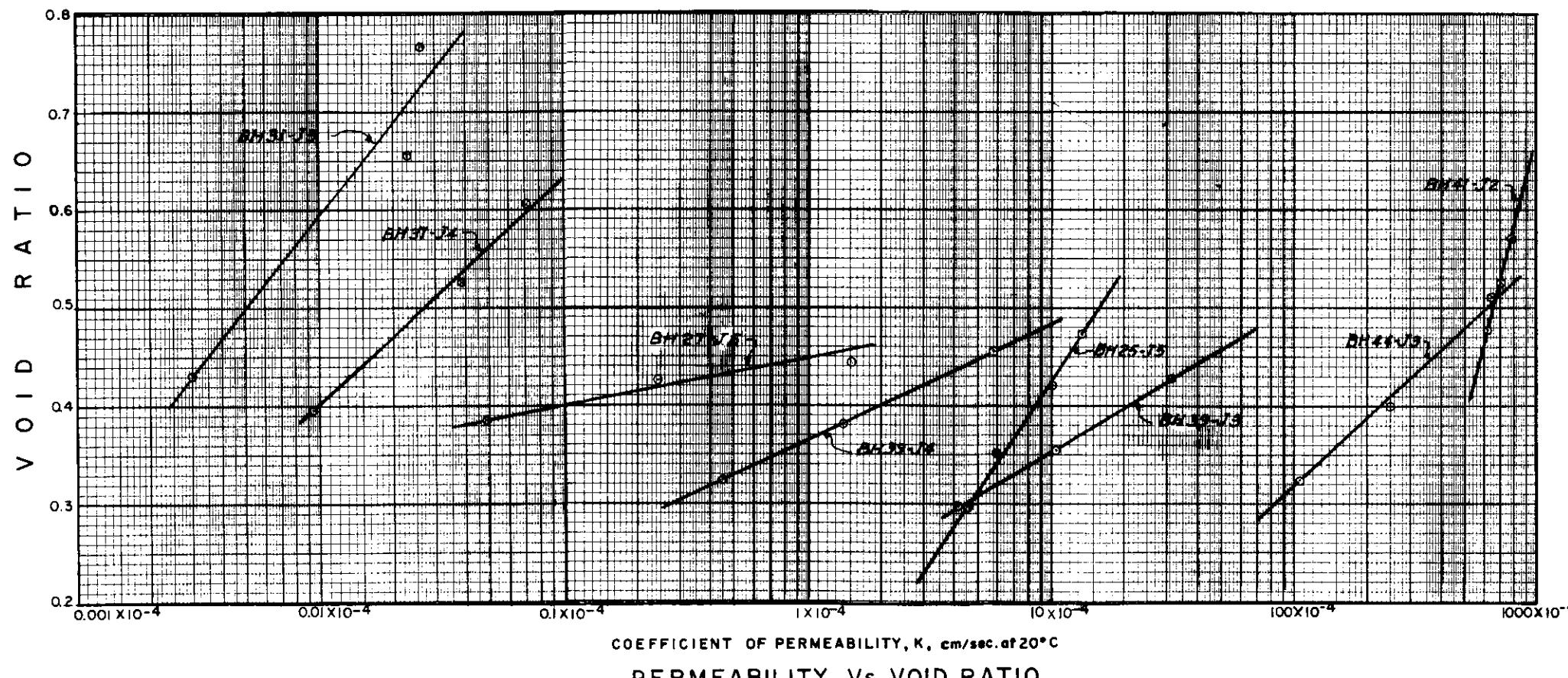
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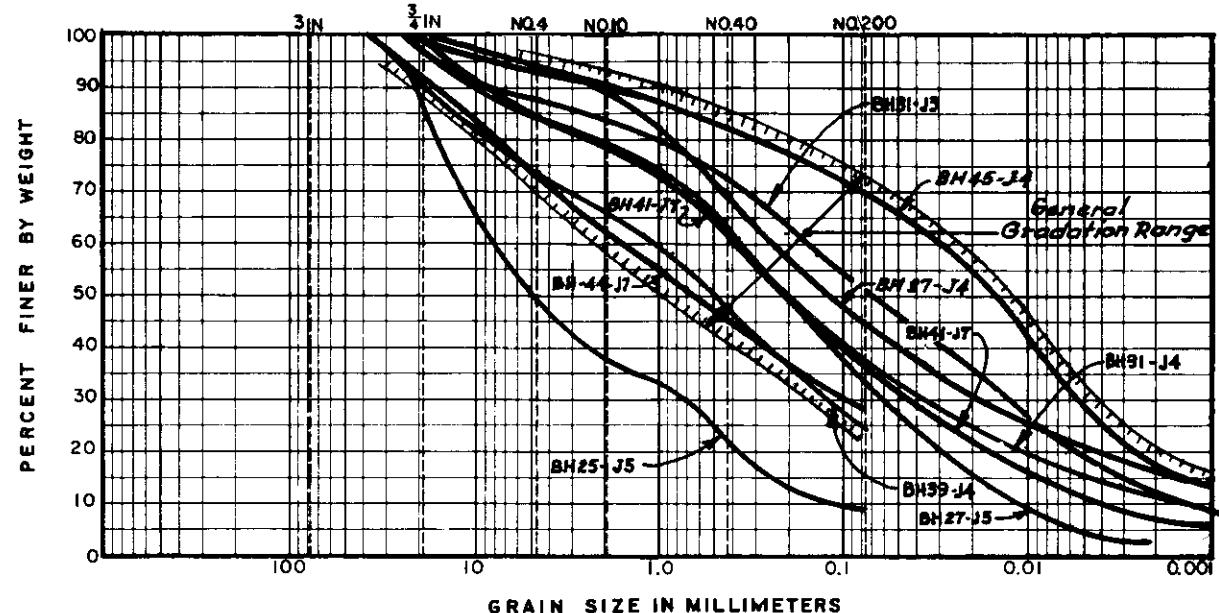
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TYPICAL GRADATIONS - NATURAL GRANULAR SOIL



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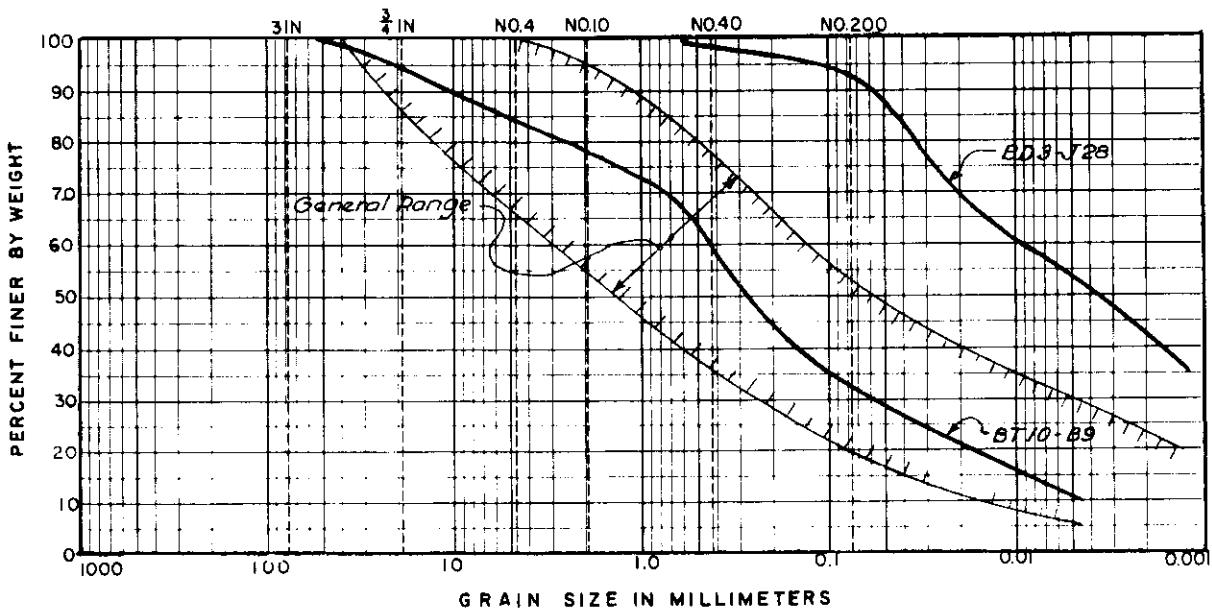
TYPICAL GRADATIONS - GLACIAL TILL

NOTES ON PERMEABILITY TESTS:

1. Samples BH41-J2, BH44-J3 and BH39-J3 are typical for the sandy gravels at the river bottom, downstream of Sta. 40.
2. Sample BH25-J5 is a loose silty, sandy gravel, immediately overlying the bedrock, Sta. 22.
3. The remaining samples are typical for the glacial tills below the dike foundations.

CHICOOEE RIVER FLOOD CONTROL  
CHICOOEE FALLS, MASS.  
**SELECTED LABORATORY  
TEST DATA  
FOUNDATIONS**

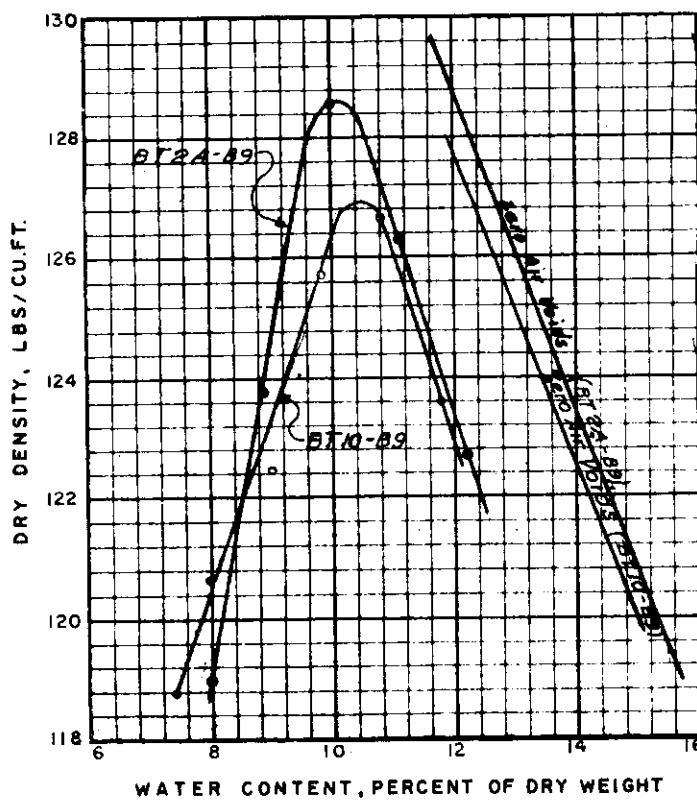
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GRADATION RANGE

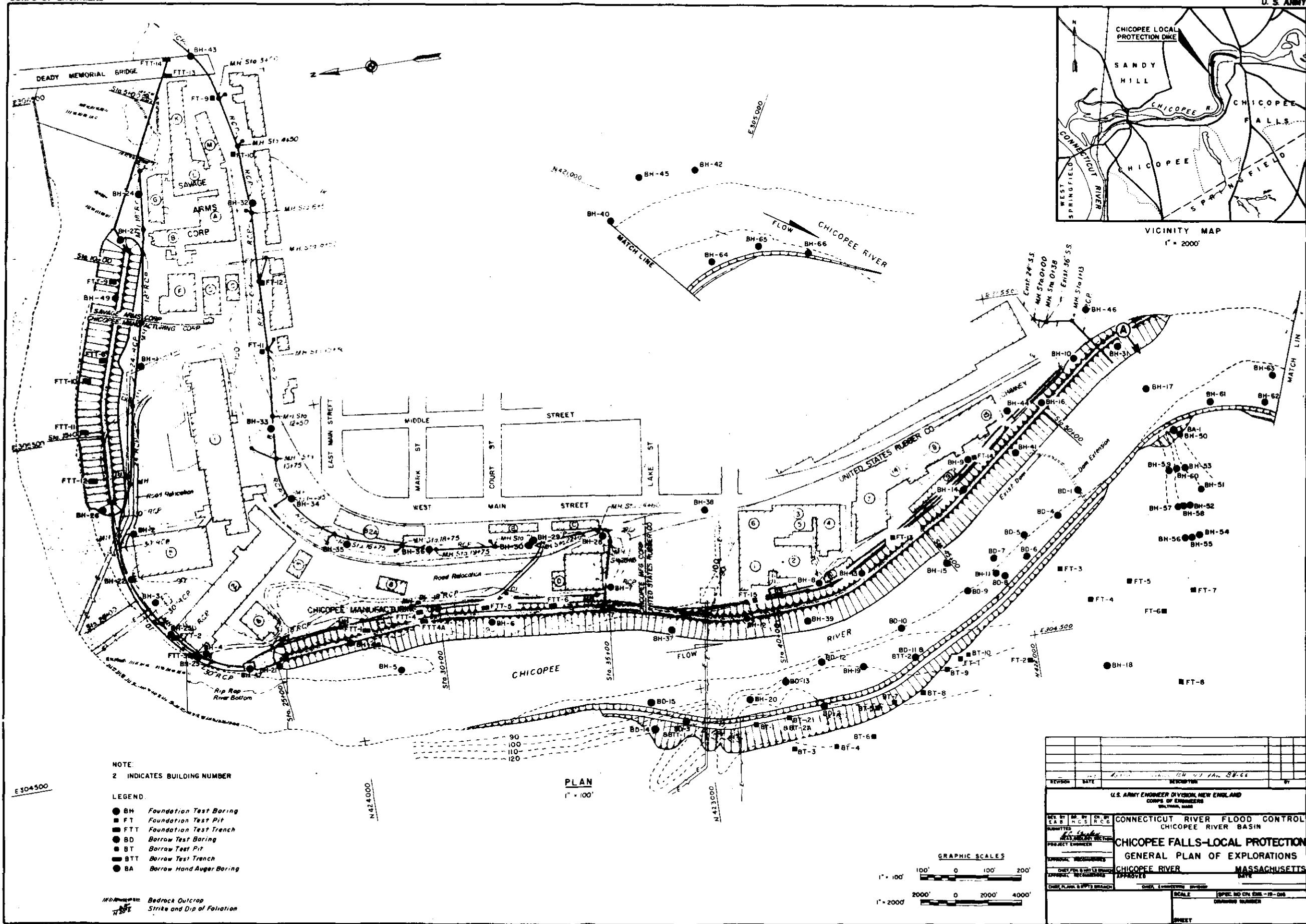
Test curves from the following samples of glacial till fall within the "General Range" of gradation:

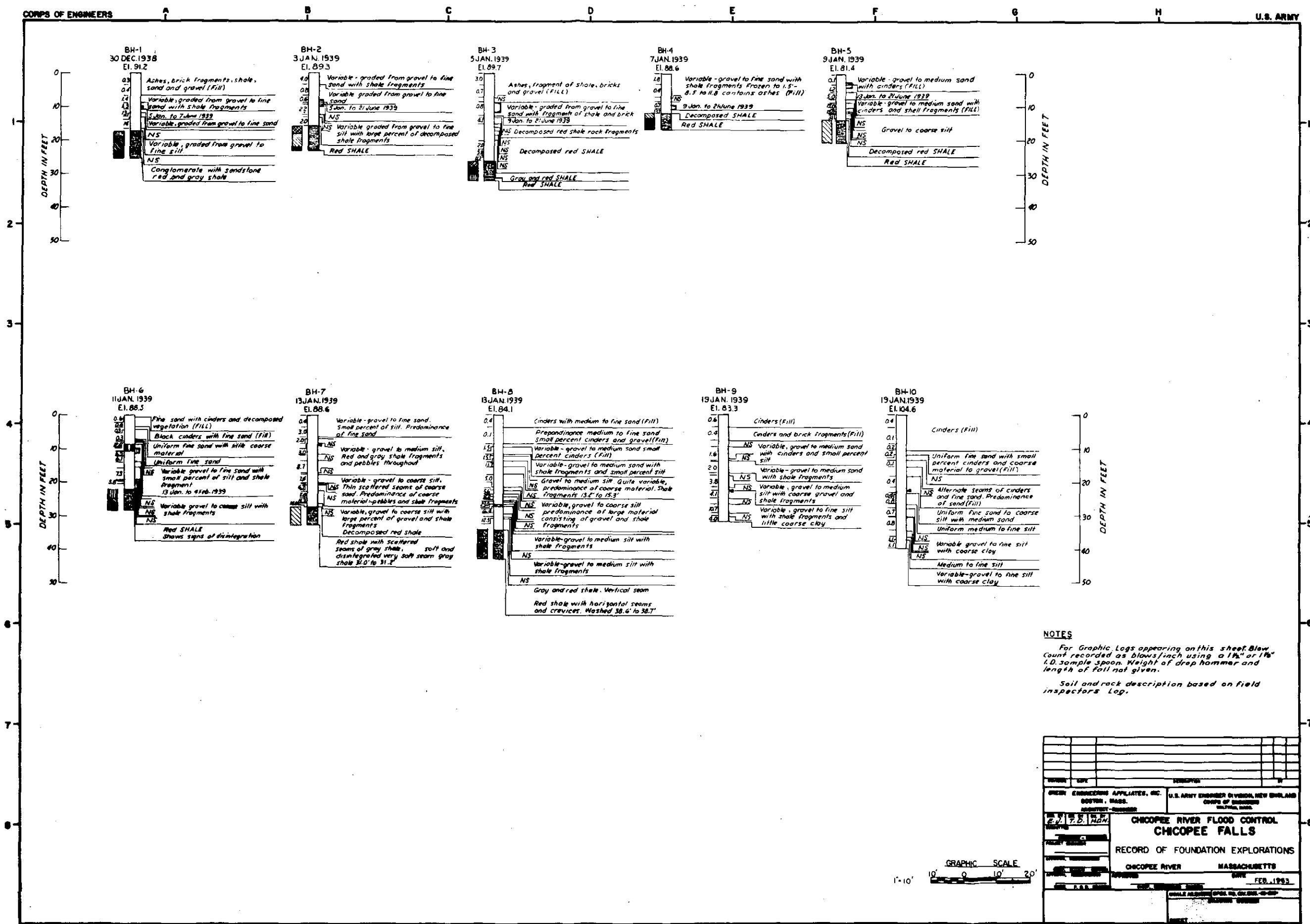
Bor. No.	Sample No.	Depth (Ft.)
BH-19	J-4	5.0 - 10.0
BH-19	B-9	15.0 - 19.0
BH-20	B-6	7.5 - 10.0
BH-20	B-12	20.0 - 25.0
BD-2	J-4	5.4 - 10.0
BD-2	J-11	15.0 - 17.5
BD-2	J-19	25.0 - 27.0
BD-3	J-6	10.0 - 13.5
BD-3	J-10	15.0 - 18.0
BD-3	J-18	25.0 - 29.0
BD-3	J-22	30.0 - 32.0
BT-2A	B-9	4.0 - 4.4
BT-10	B-9	5.8 - 6.2

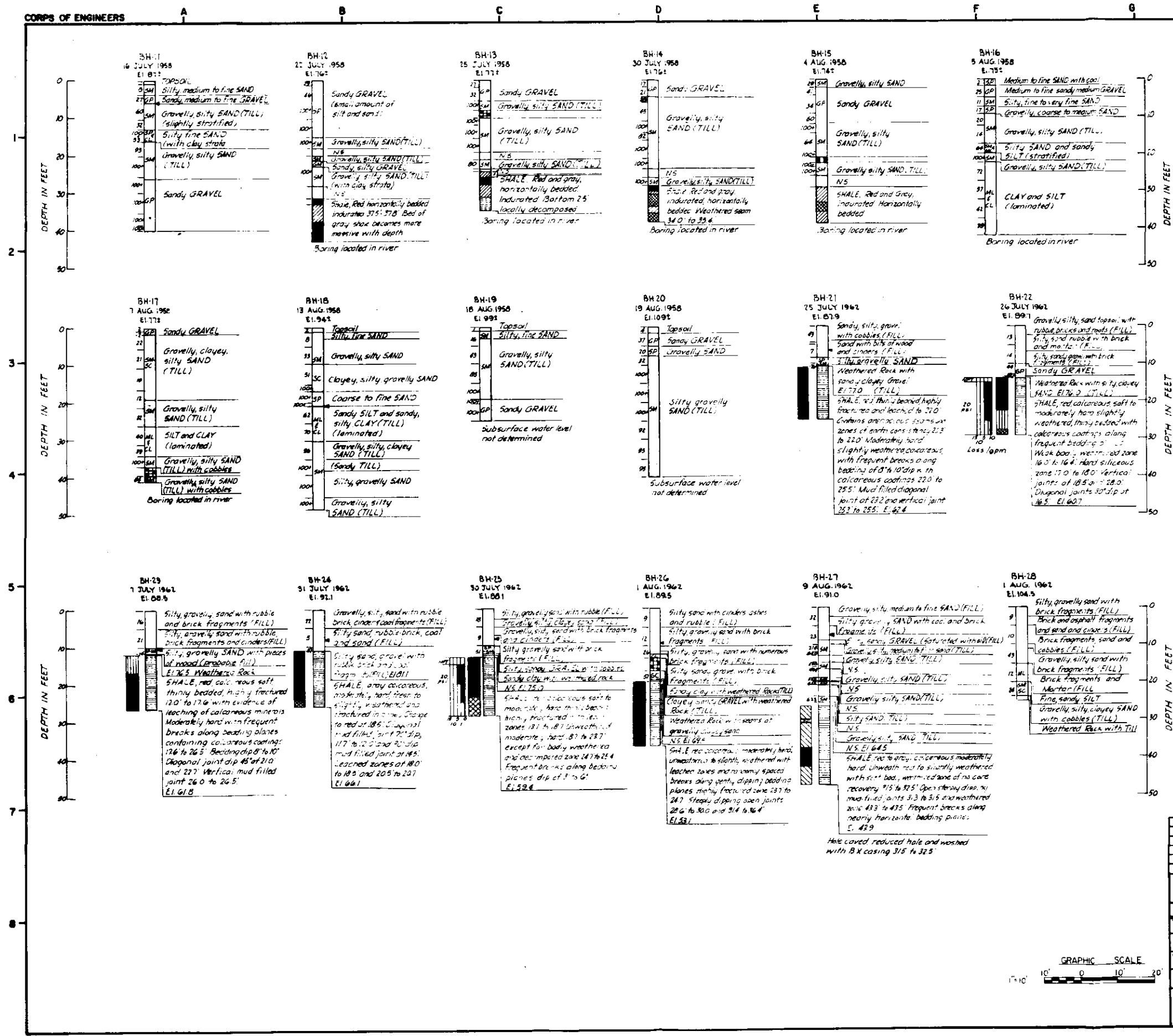


STANDARD AASHO COMPACTION TEST

**CHICOOEE RIVER FLOOD CONTROL  
CHICOOEE FALLS, MASS.**  
**SELECTED LABORATORY  
TEST DATA**  
**IMPERVIOUS DIKE FILL  
(RIGHT BANK BORROW AREA)**







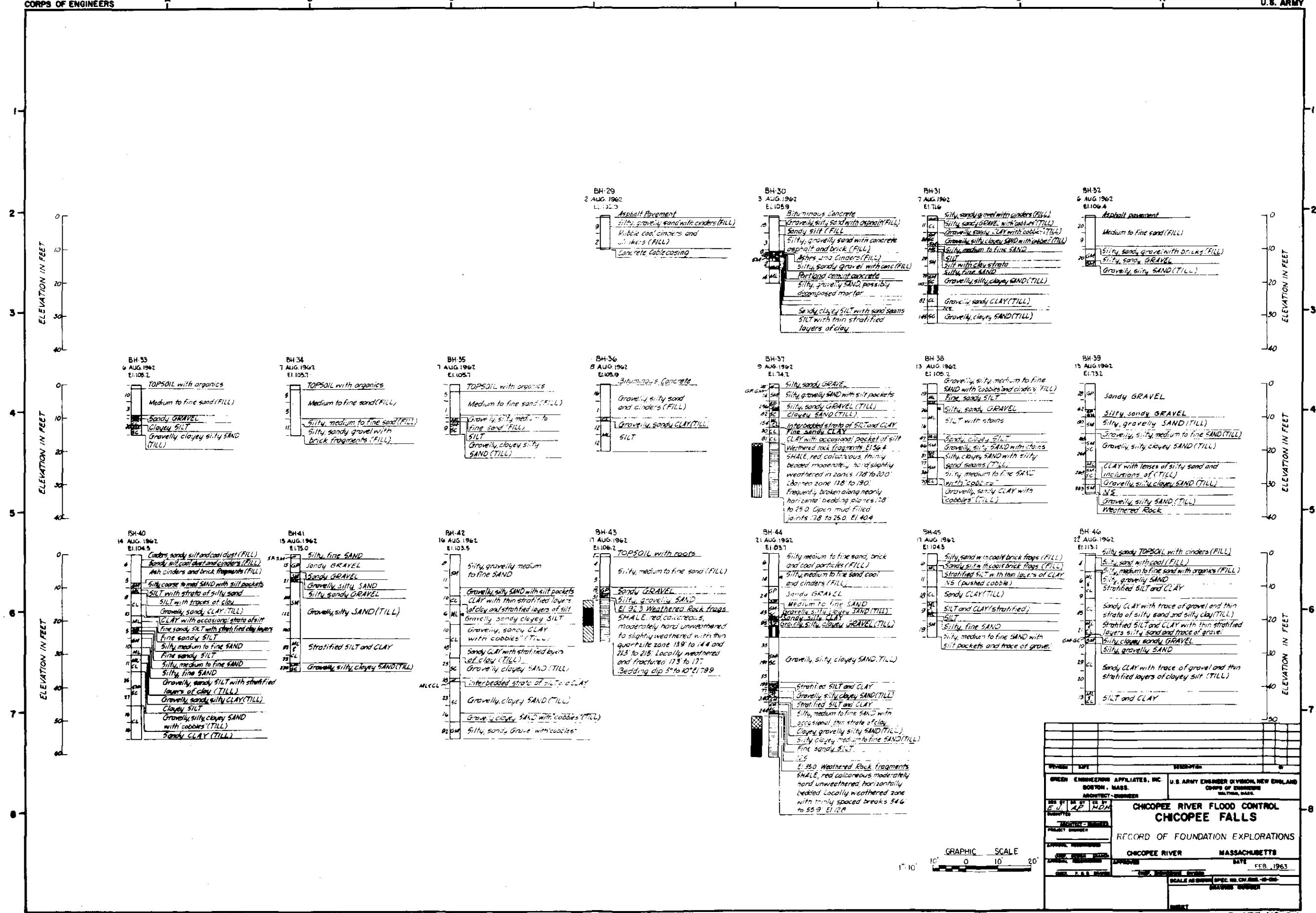
**LEGEND FOR GRAPHIC LOGS**

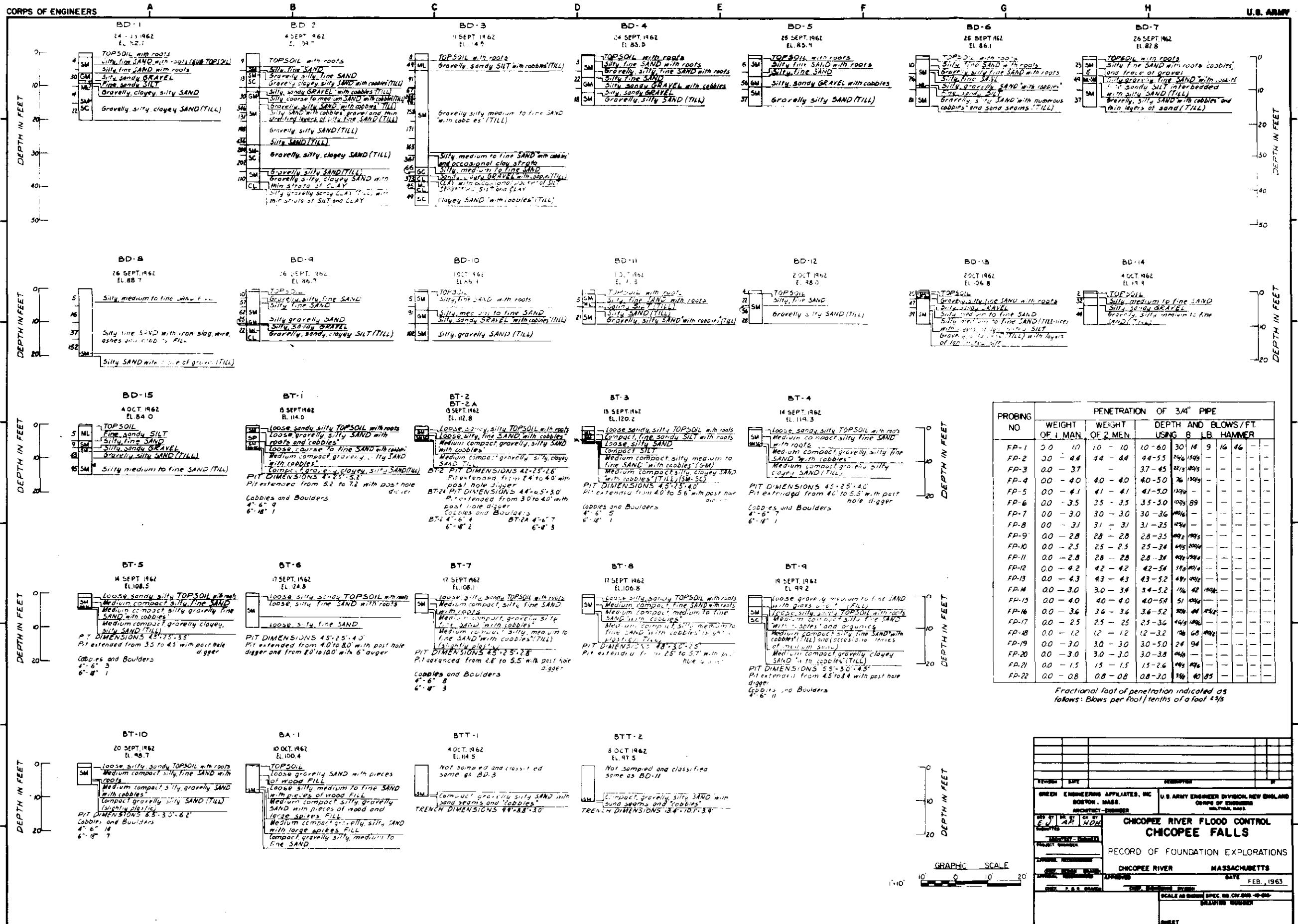
<b>BH</b>	<i>Foundation Test Boring</i>
<b>FT</b>	<i>Foundation Test Pit</i>
<b>FTT</b>	<i>Foundation Test Trench</i>
<b>BD</b>	<i>Borrow Test Boring</i>
<b>BT</b>	<i>Borrow Test Pit</i>
<b>BTT</b>	<i>Borrow Test Trench</i>
<b>BA</b>	<i>Borrow Hand Auger Boring</i>
<b>25 JULY 1962</b> <i>Date exploration completed</i>	
<b>EI. 87.9</b>	<i>Elevation of ground surface during time of exploration</i>
<b>NR</b>	<i>Subsurface water level in boring at time of exploration</i>
<b>SP</b>	<i>Group letter symbol according to Unified Soil Classification System</i>
<b>NR</b>	<i>No recovery or unsatisfactory soil samples recovered</i>
<b>NS</b>	<i>Not sampled. Hole advanced by Core-drilling, blasting and/or wash boring due to operational difficulty</i>
<b>76</b>	<i>Blows per foot of penetration considered most representative for each sample drive using a 30 or 350 pound hammer with a free fall of about 18" on a 1% I.D. or 2" O.D., 2" ID or 2 1/8" O.D.; 2 1/2" I.D. or 3" O.D. size sample spoon equipped with a beveled and sharpened drive shoe</i>
	<i>Cobble or boulder (Core-drilled)</i>
	<i>Cobbles and boulders, continuous or nested (Core-drilled and/or blasted and chopped)</i>
	<b>EI. 80.0</b> <i>Elevation of Bedrock Surface</i>
	<i>Rock symbol</i>

	Rock core recovery	0-25%
	Rock core recovery	25-50%
	Rock core recovery	50-75%
	Rock core recovery	75-90%
	Rock core recovery	90-100%

EL 65.0 Elevation of bottom of exploration

**NPT** No Pressure Test Performed  
**PSI** Constantly maintained pressure for 1 to 5 minutes. Volume loss in gallons per minute under constant pressure, tested continuously in 5-foot sections. Scale extended from 0 gpm to 1 gpm for clarification of low pressure losses.





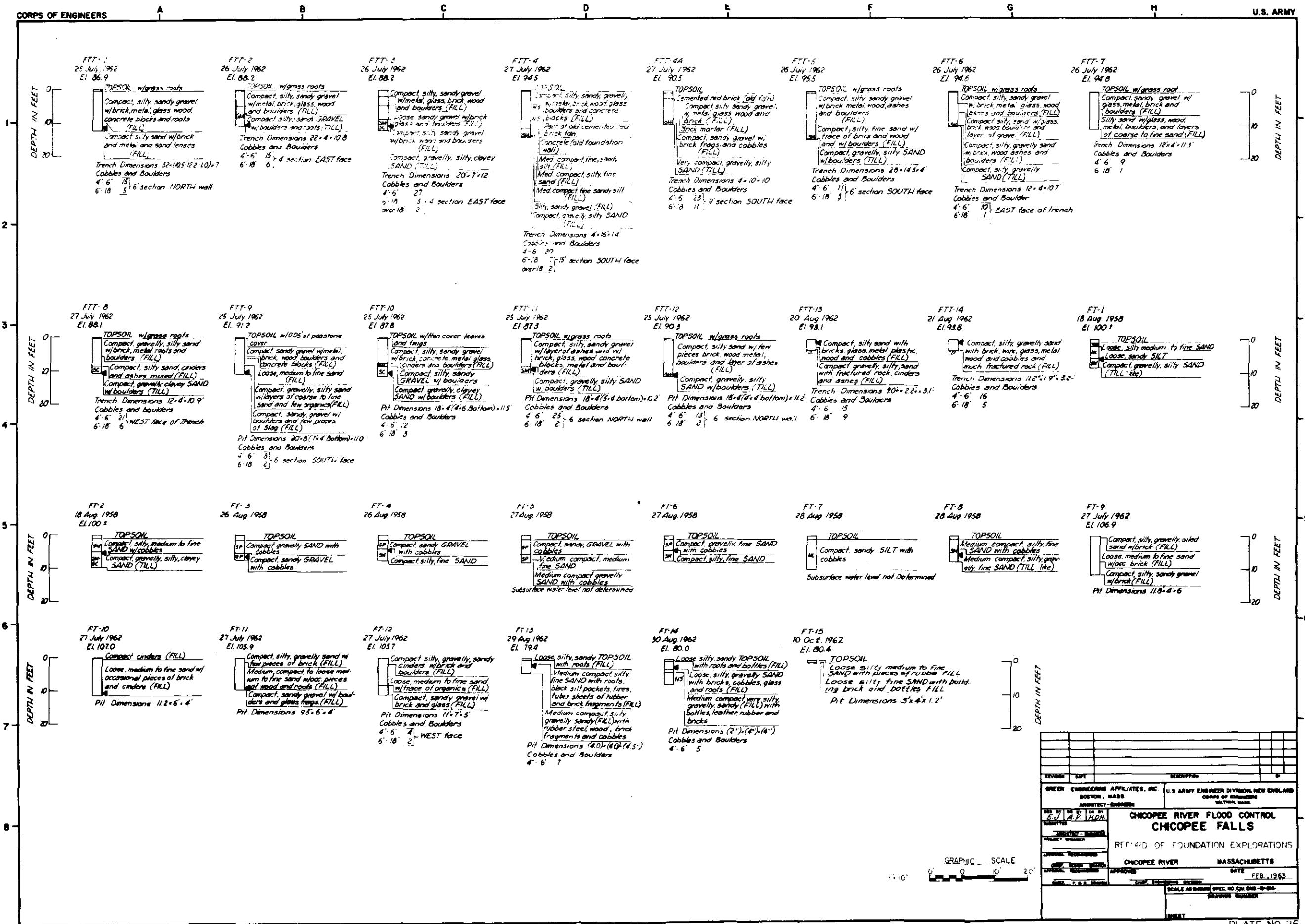


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