

# BOSTON HARBOR DEEPENING PROJECT OVERVIEW

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# DISCUSSION POINTS

- History of Boston Harbor
- Rational For Deepening
- Shareholders & Contractors
- Project Design
- Funding
- Summary Statistics
- Execution of Works
- Phase 1 – CAD Cell & Upper Harbor
- Phase 2 – Deepening
- Phase 3 – Fixed Rock
- Challenges & Lessons Learned



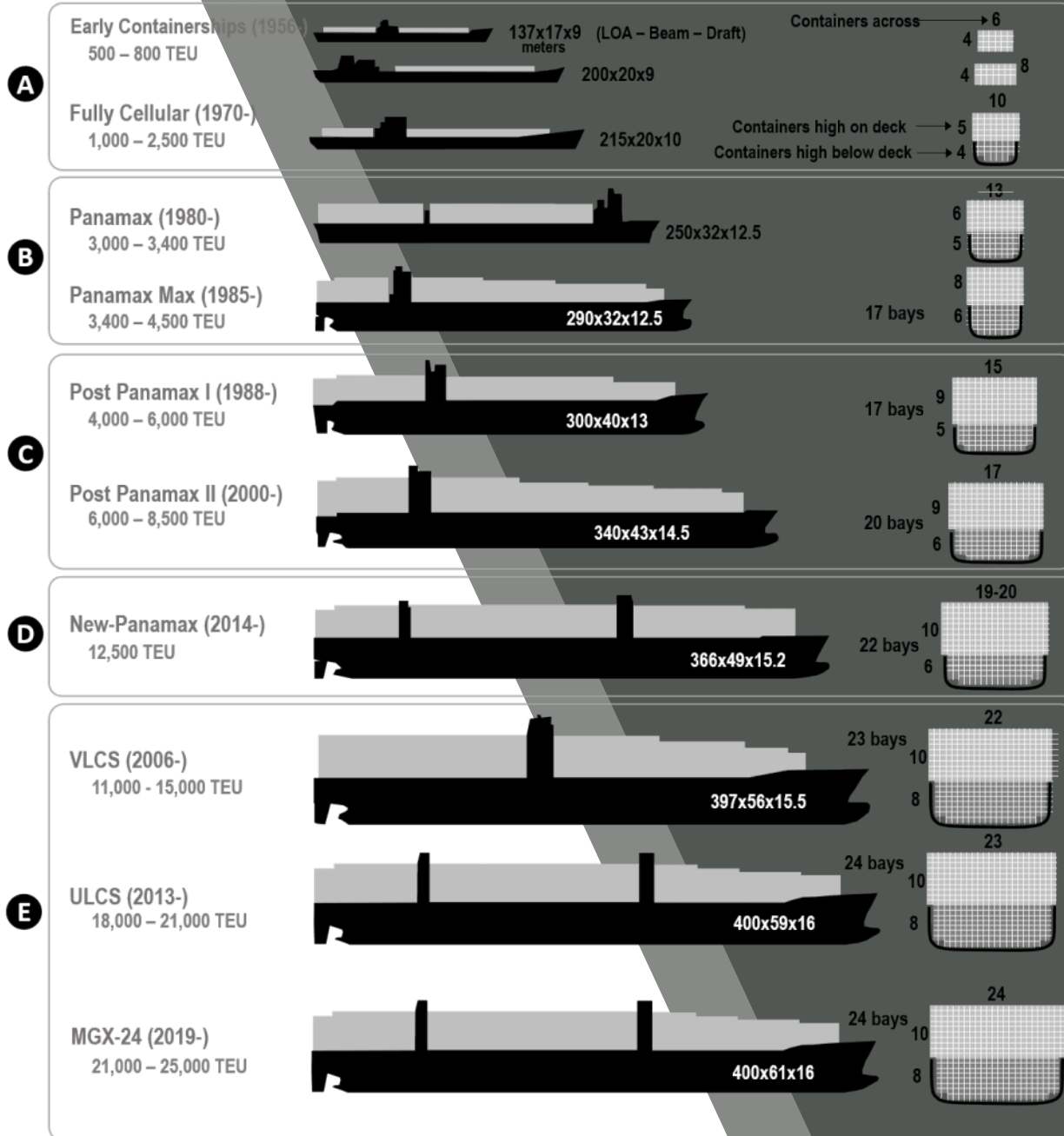


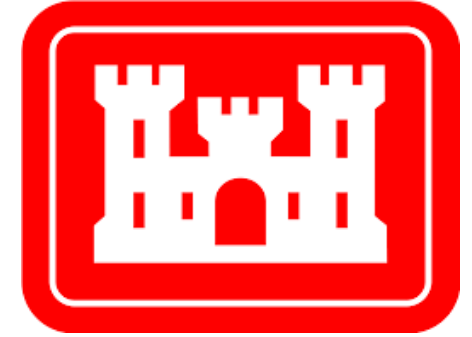
# HISTORY OF BOSTON HARBOR & PROJECT BACKGROUND

- Discovered in 1614 and was the primary port of New England until the Mid-19th Century
- Growth of Container Service & Cruise Ships
- Inner Harbor (Ted Williams Tunnel Inshore)
  - Various Dry Bulk Commodities & Commerce (Automotive, Road Salt, Cement, etc.)
  - LNG & Liquid Bulk Terminals
- Outer Harbor (Ted Williams Tunnel Offshore)
  - Conley & Black Falcon Terminals (Container & Cruise Terminals)
  - Shipyards
- \$350M Partnership Between Massachusetts Port Authority (MassPort) and the US Army Corps of Engineers (New England District)

# RATIONAL FOR DEEPENING

- Access for larger TEU Containerships w/o Having to Traverse During High Tides
- Increased Percentage of Cargo for New England being Shipped Directly to Boston vs. New York / New Jersey Harbor Then Trucked
- Reduction in Truck Traffic in New England
- Largest Port Serving MA, NH & VT

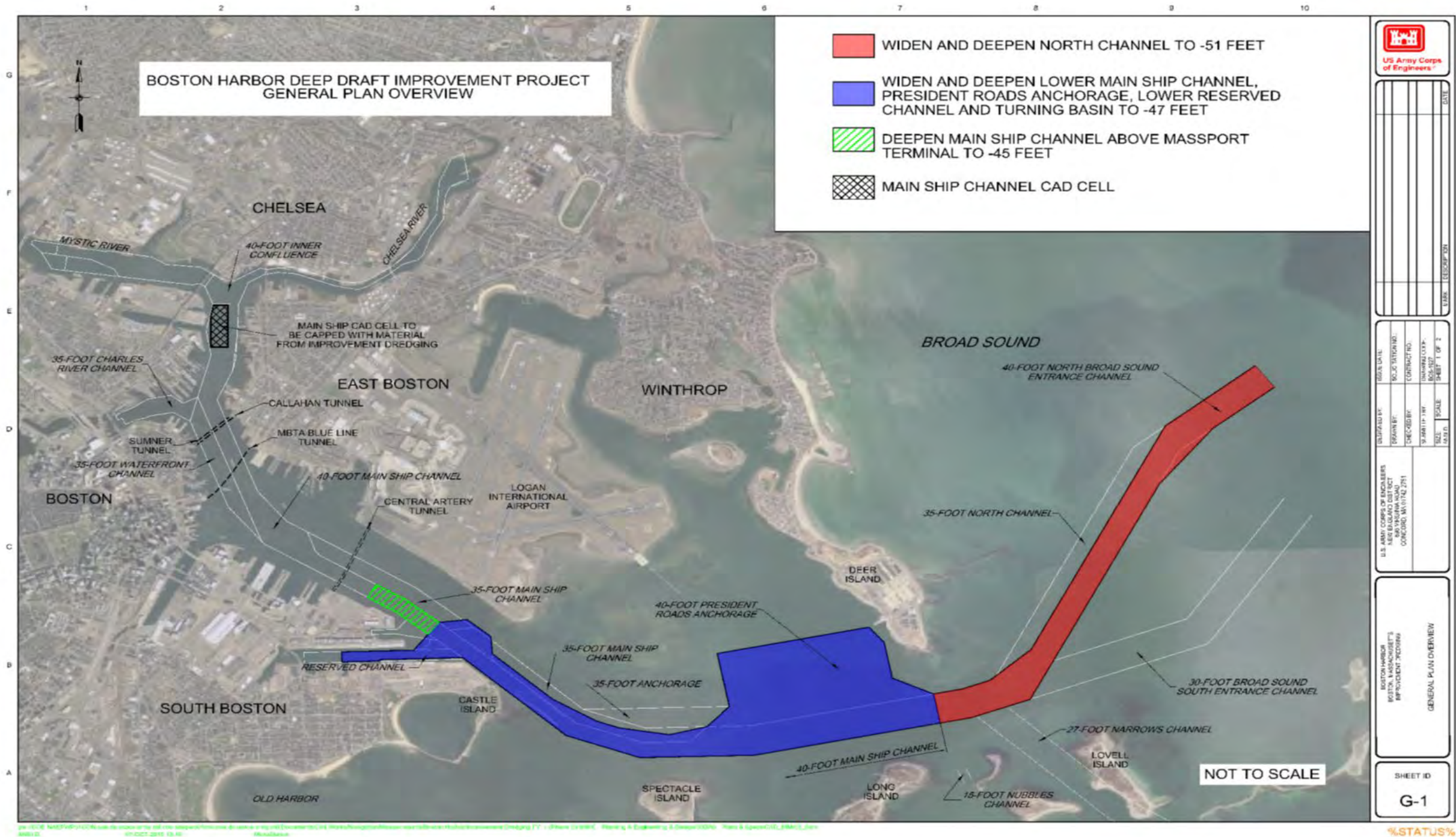




## Primary Stakeholders & Contractors

- Massachusetts Port Authority (MassPort)
- US Army Corps of Engineers – New England District
- Phase 1 – Great Lakes Dredge & Dock
- Phase 2 – Cashman / Dutra Joint Venture
- Phase 3 – Great Lakes Dredge & Dock





**US Army Corps of Engineers**

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DESIGNED BY:	NO. OF SHEETS:
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SCALE:	PROJECT NO.:
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U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
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**BOSTON HARBOR  
DEEP DRAFT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
GENERAL PLAN OVERVIEW**

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**G-1**

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# PROJECT PHASING & CONTRACTING

## Original Design Development

Feasibility: 2004 – 2014

Design: 2014 - 2020

## Phase 1 – Maintenance Dredging & CAD Cell Creation

Procurement: Summer 2016

Execution: Fall 2016 – Winter 2017/2018

## Phase 2 – Deepening & Widening

Procurement: Spring 2018

Execution: Summer 2018 – Fall 2020

## Phase 3 – Rock Removal

Procurement: Winter 2020/2021

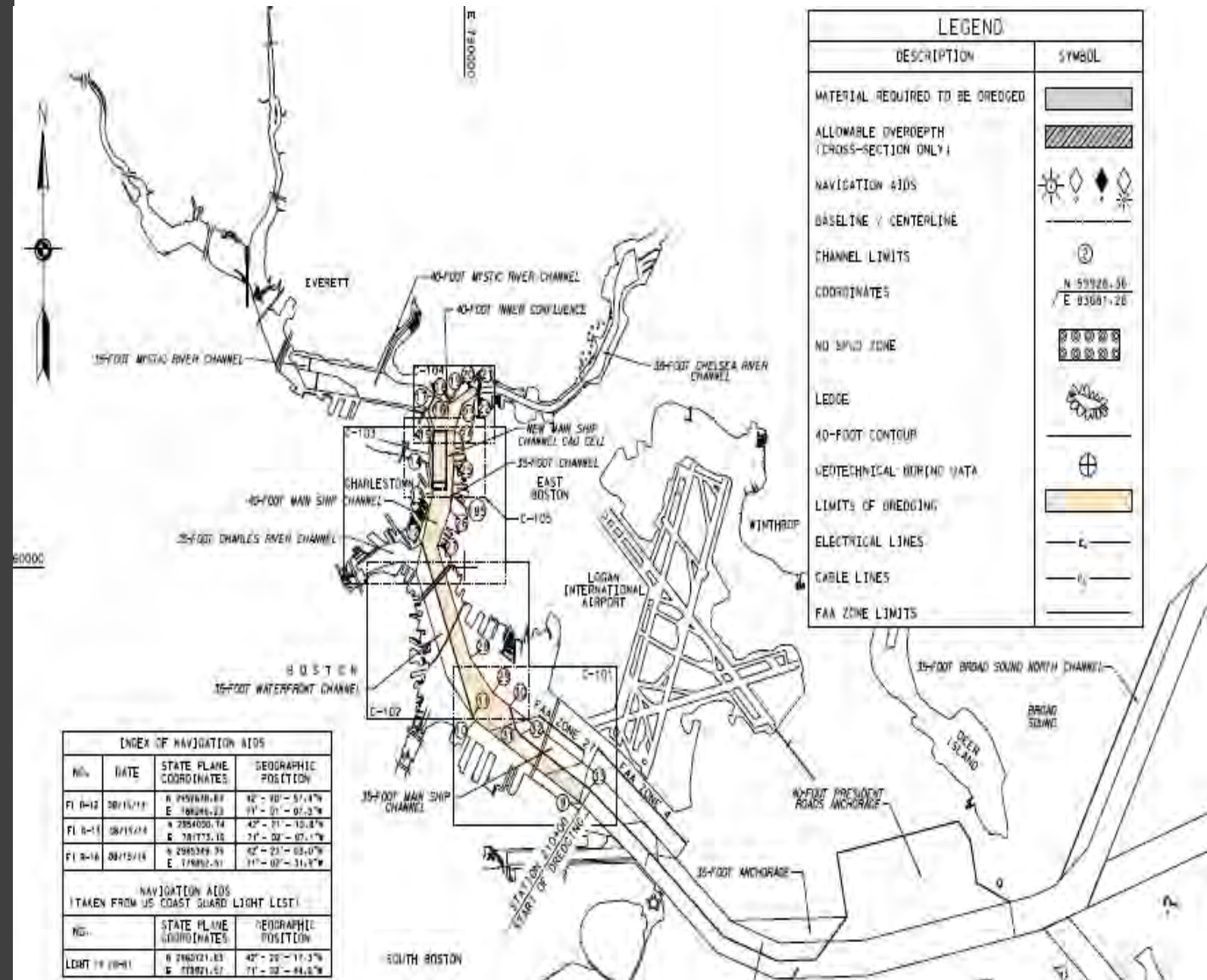
Execution: Spring 2021 - Ongoing



# PHASE 1 – CAD CELL & INNER HARBOR

## Scope

- Construction of a New Confined Aquatic Disposal Cell (1.0M CYD Capacity)
- Material Excavated from CAD Cell & Disposed of Offshore
- 805K CYDS Maintenance Material from Inner Harbor
- Work Started July 2018 & Completed in November 2020





# PHASE 1 – CAD CELL & INNER HARBOR

## Dredging Assets

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- Dredge 54





# Scope

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- BOSTON HARBOR DEEP DRAFT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
GENERAL PLAN OVERVIEW**
- CHelsea**
- EAST BOSTON**
- WINTHROP**
- SOUTH BOSTON**
- OLD HARBOR**
- SPECTACLE ISLAND**
- LONG ISLAND**
- LOVELL ISLAND**
- DEER ISLAND**
- BROAD SOUND**
- CHelsea RIVER**
- CHARLES RIVER**
- 40-FOOT INNER CONFLUENCE**
- MAIN SHIP CAD CELL TO BE CAPPED WITH MATERIAL FROM IMPROVEMENT DREDGING**
- CALLAHAN TUNNEL**
- MBTA BLUE LINE TUNNEL**
- CENTRAL ARTERY TUNNEL**
- LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**
- 40-FOOT MAIN SHIP CHANNEL**
- 35-FOOT MAIN SHIP CHANNEL**
- RESERVED CHANNEL**
- 40-FOOT PRESIDENT ROADS ANCHORAGE**
- 35-FOOT ANCHORAGE**
- 40-FOOT MAIN SHIP CHANNEL**
- 15-FOOT NUBBLES CHANNEL**
- 27-FOOT NARROWS CHANNEL**
- 30-FOOT BROAD SOUND SOUTH ENTRANCE CHANNEL**
- 35-FOOT NORTH CHANNEL**
- 40-FOOT NORTH BROAD SOUND ENTRANCE CHANNEL**
- NOT TO SCALE**
- LEGEND:**
- WIDEN AND DEEPEN NORTH CHANNEL TO -51 FEET
  - WIDEN AND DEEPEN LOWER MAIN SHIP CHANNEL, PRESIDENT ROADS ANCHORAGE, LOWER RESERVED CHANNEL AND TURNING BASIN TO -47 FEET
  - ▨ DEEPEN MAIN SHIP CHANNEL ABOVE MASSPORT TERMINAL TO -45 FEET
  - ▩ MAIN SHIP CHANNEL CAD CELL

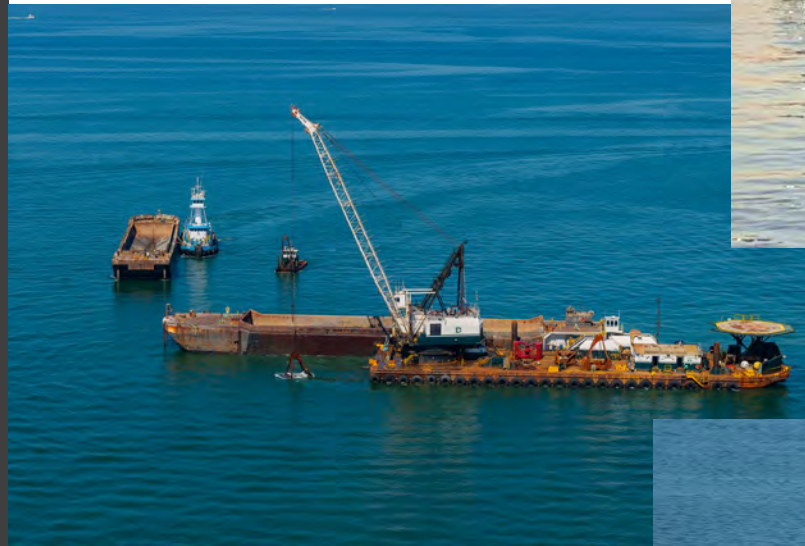
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# PHASE 2 – DEEPENING & WIDENING

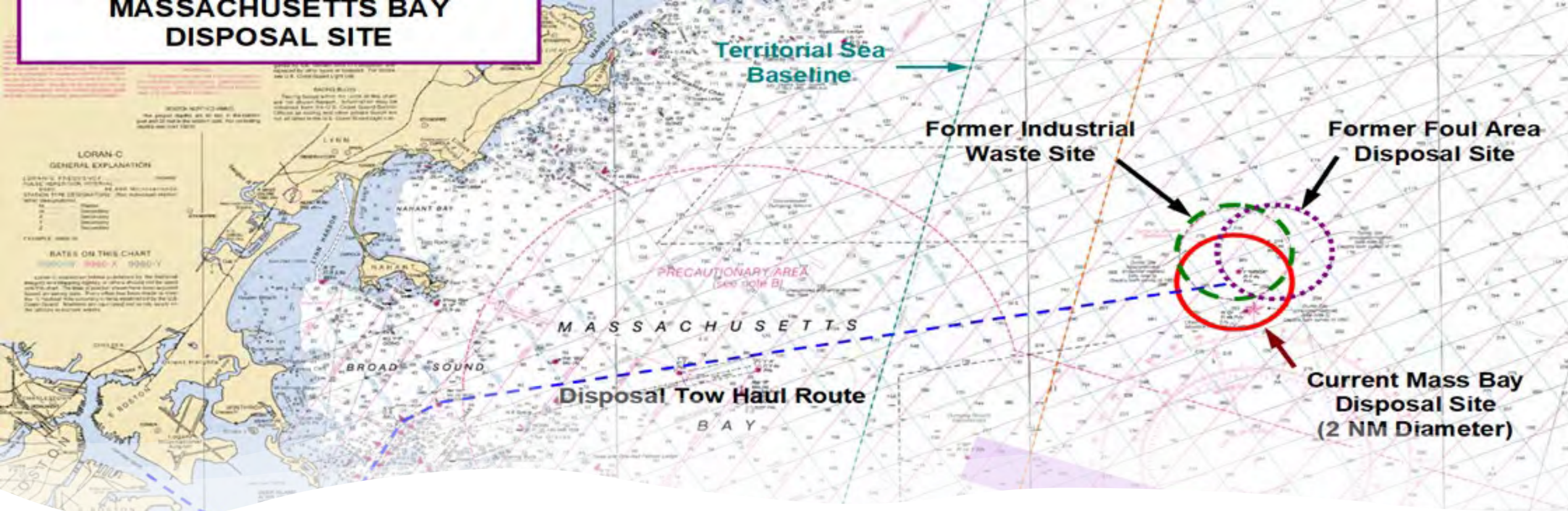
## Dredging Assets

- Clamshell Dredge – Dale Pyatt
- Clamshell Dredge – F.J. Belesimo
- Clamshell Dredge – Paula Lee
- Excavator Dredge – Capt. AJ Fournier
- 6 x Split Hull Dump Scows
- 8 x Towing & Tending Tugboats
- 2 x Survey Vessels
- 3 x Crew Boats





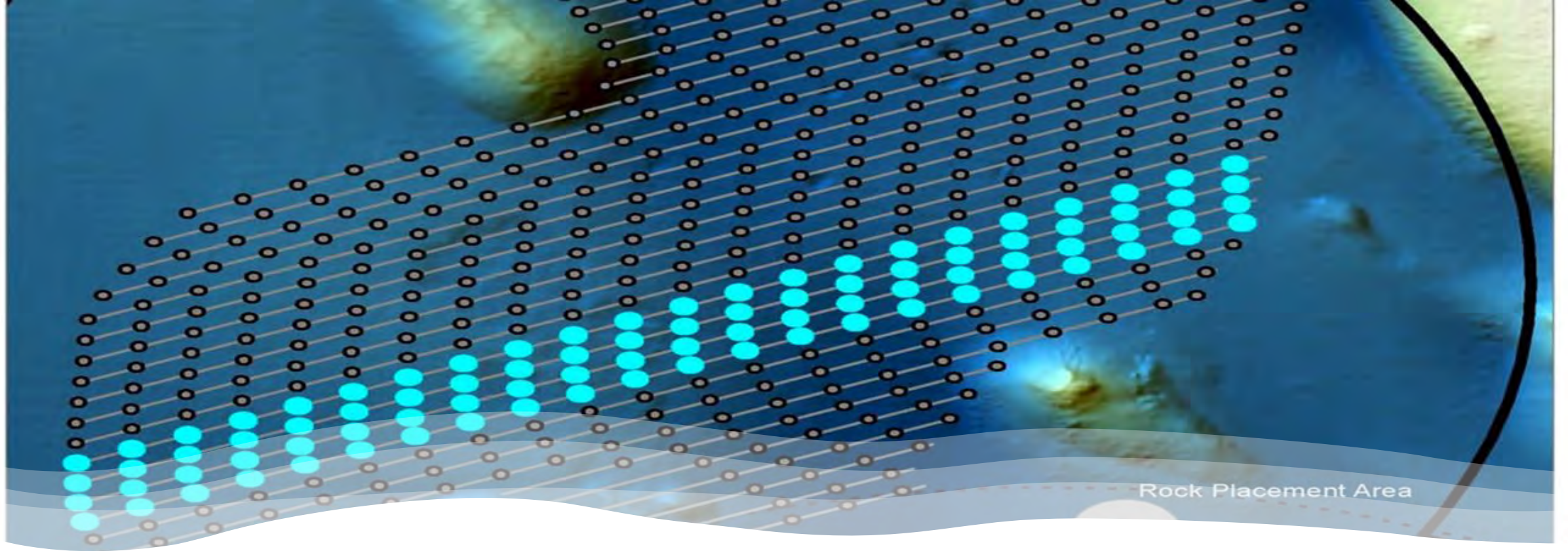
# MASSACHUSETTS BAY DISPOSAL SITE



## MASS BAY DISPOSAL SITE

- Previously a Medical & Industrial Waste Dumping Site from the 1950's
- 20 Miles Due East of Boston Harbor





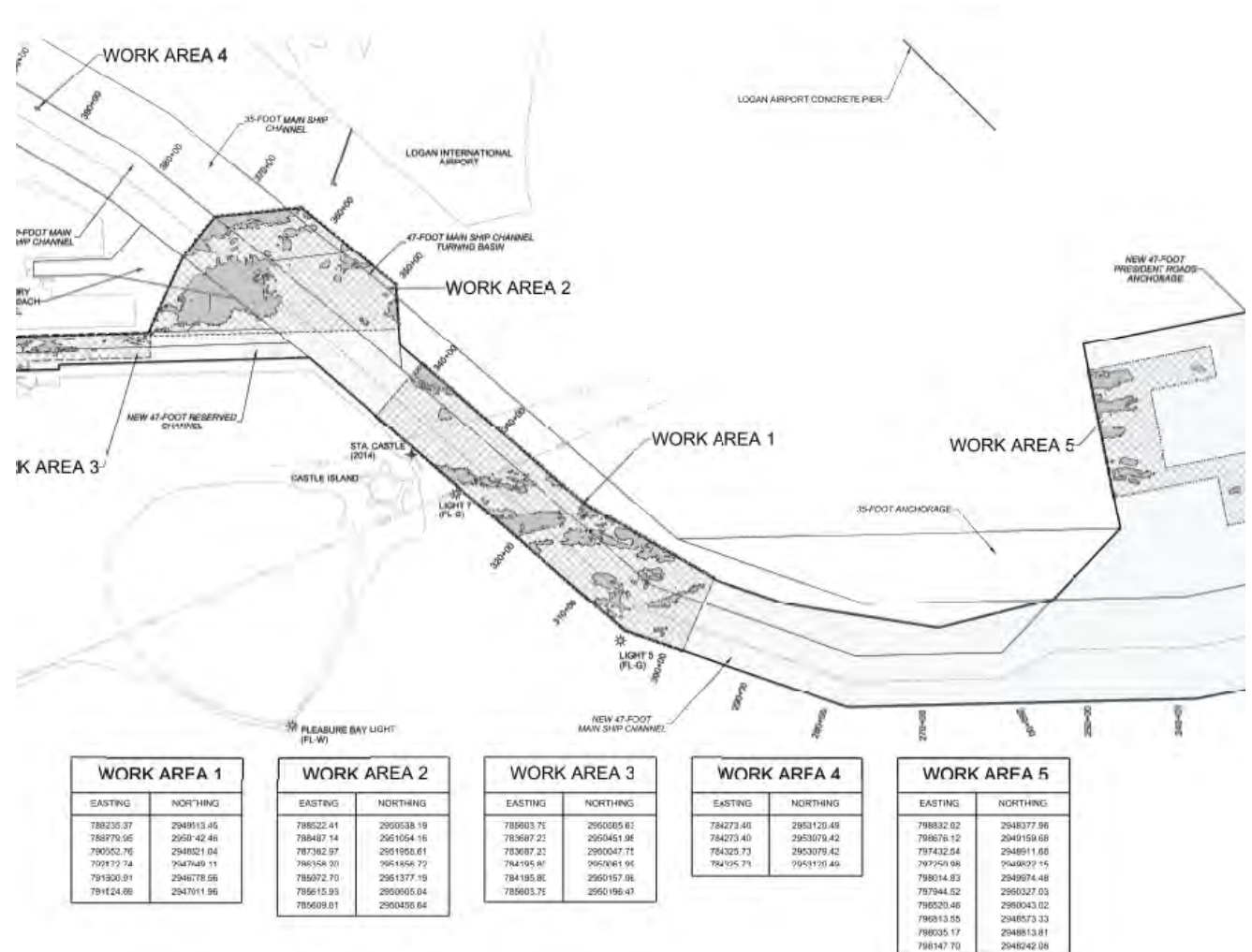
# MASS BAY DISPOSAL SITE

- Utilizing Suitable Dredged Material to Encapsulate the Area via an Engineered Dumping Pattern
- Step #1 – Dike Around the Area
- Step #2 – Cover the Area within the Dike
- Development & Implementation of Scow Geofence System (SGS) to Prevent Mis-Dumps and Improve Quality Control
- Continual Bathymetric Survey to Confirm Correct Placement Location and Adjust Dumping Locations

# PHASE 3 – FIXED ROCK

## Scope

- Approximately 500K CYDS of Fixed Rock
- Drill, Blast & Mechanically Dredge
- Distributed Over 2 Miles of Channel
- Disposal at Mass Bay Disposal Site w/ Capping (20+ Mile Haul Distance)
- Work Started May 2021







## PHASE 3 – FIXED ROCK Dredging Assets

- Dredge # New York
- Dredge # 131
- Drill Boat Apache



# CHALLENGES & LESSONS LEARNED



Working in Close Proximity to Logan International Airport (FAA Restrictions)



Existing Utilities and Historical Harbor Elements



Weather



Vessel Traffic



Coordination w/ Other Contractors / Contracts



Hard Material / Fixed Rock – Quantification and Variance Between Theoretical and Actual



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

