

DREDGING, DEWATERING, AND DISPOSAL OF MARINE SEDIMENTS FROM RESIDENTIAL CANALS IN ST. JOHN'S COUNTY, FL USING GEOTEXTILE TUBES

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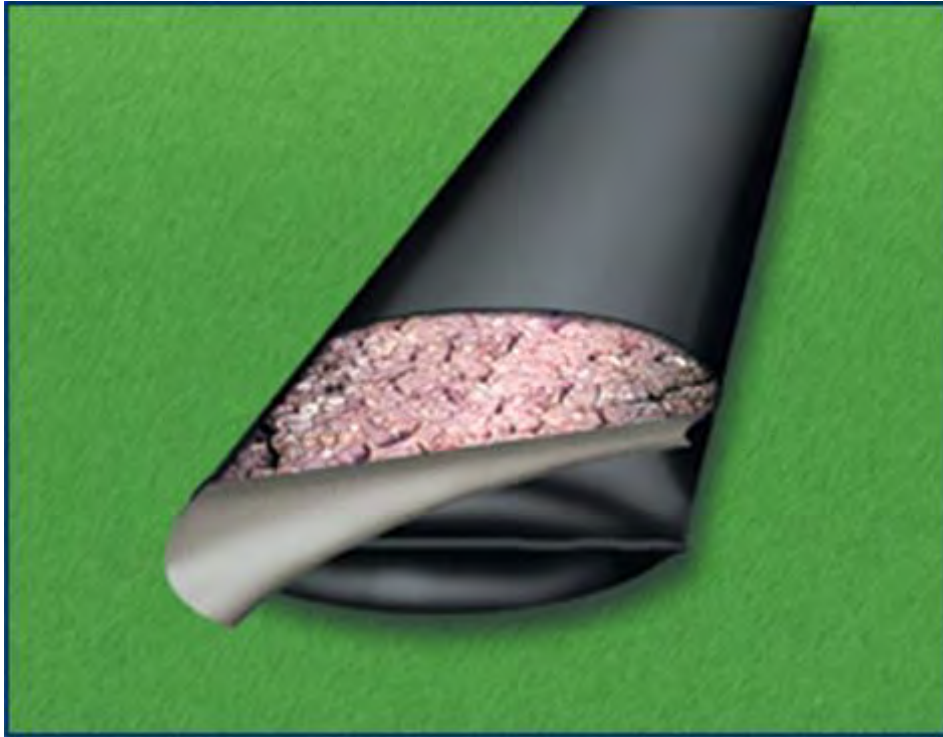
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Wastewater stream pumped into geotextile tube.
Dewatering capacity determined by tube circumference & length.

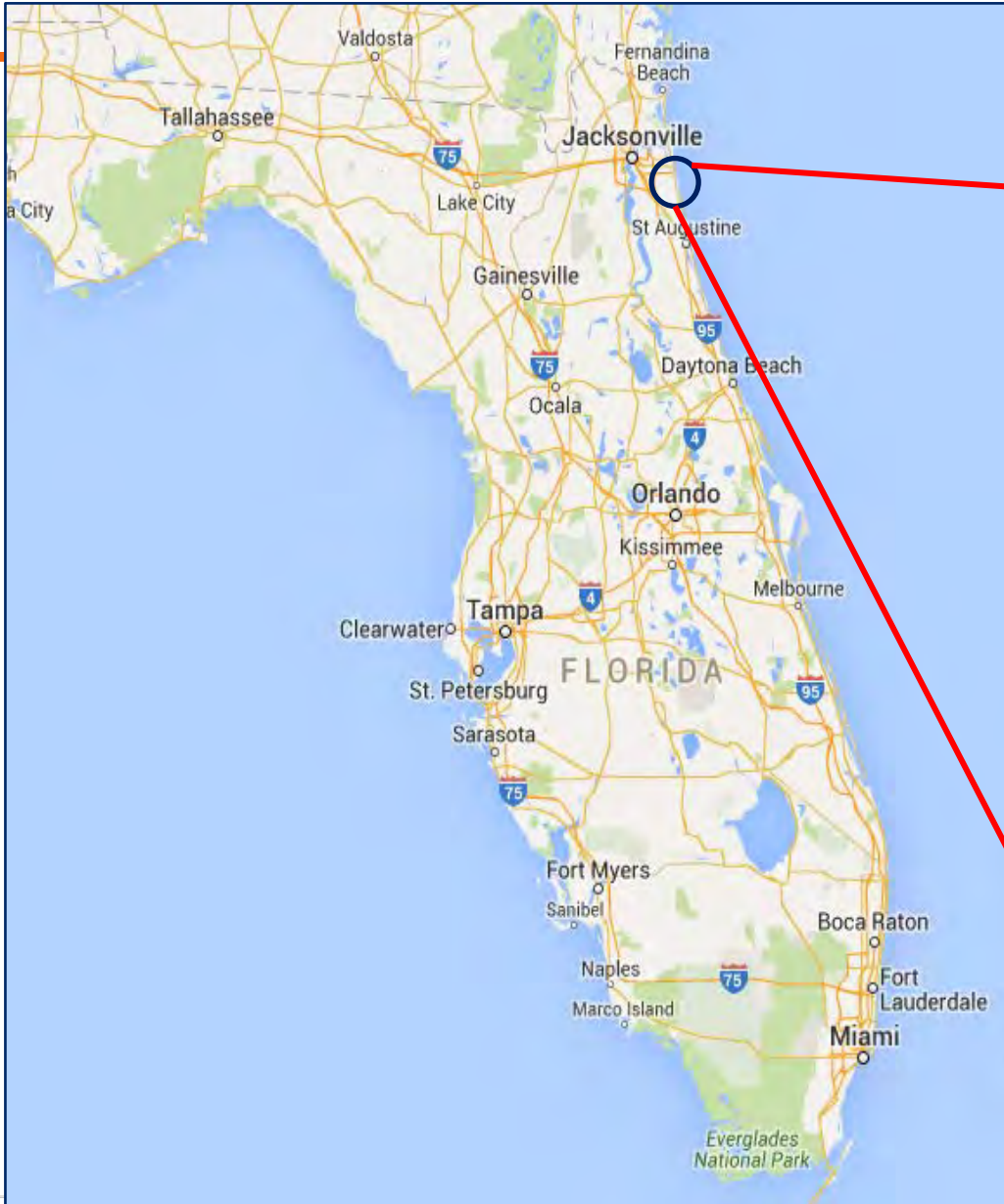


Wastewater residuals are captured, liquid escapes.
Filling & dewatering process is repeated.

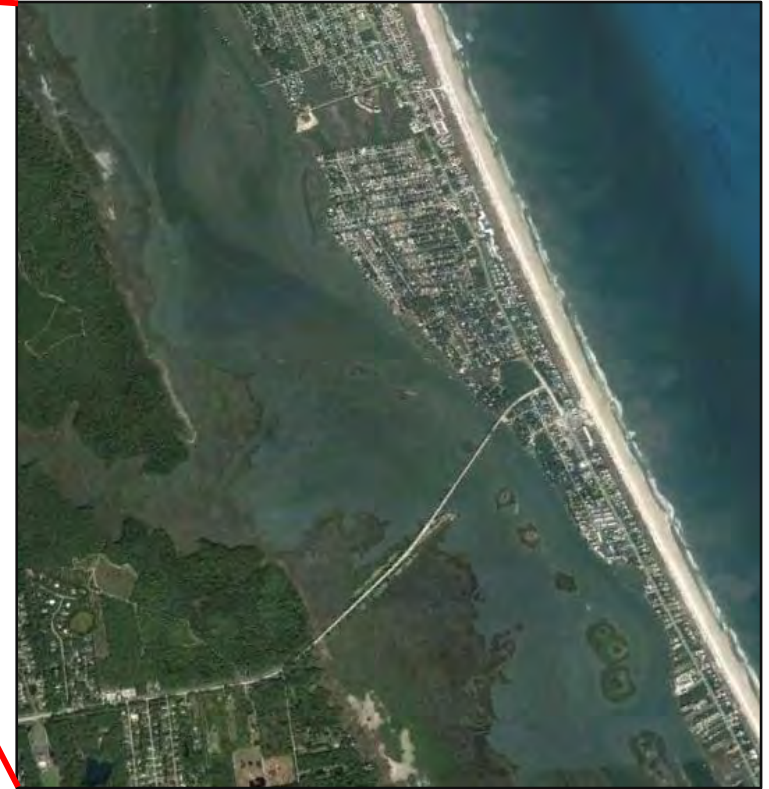


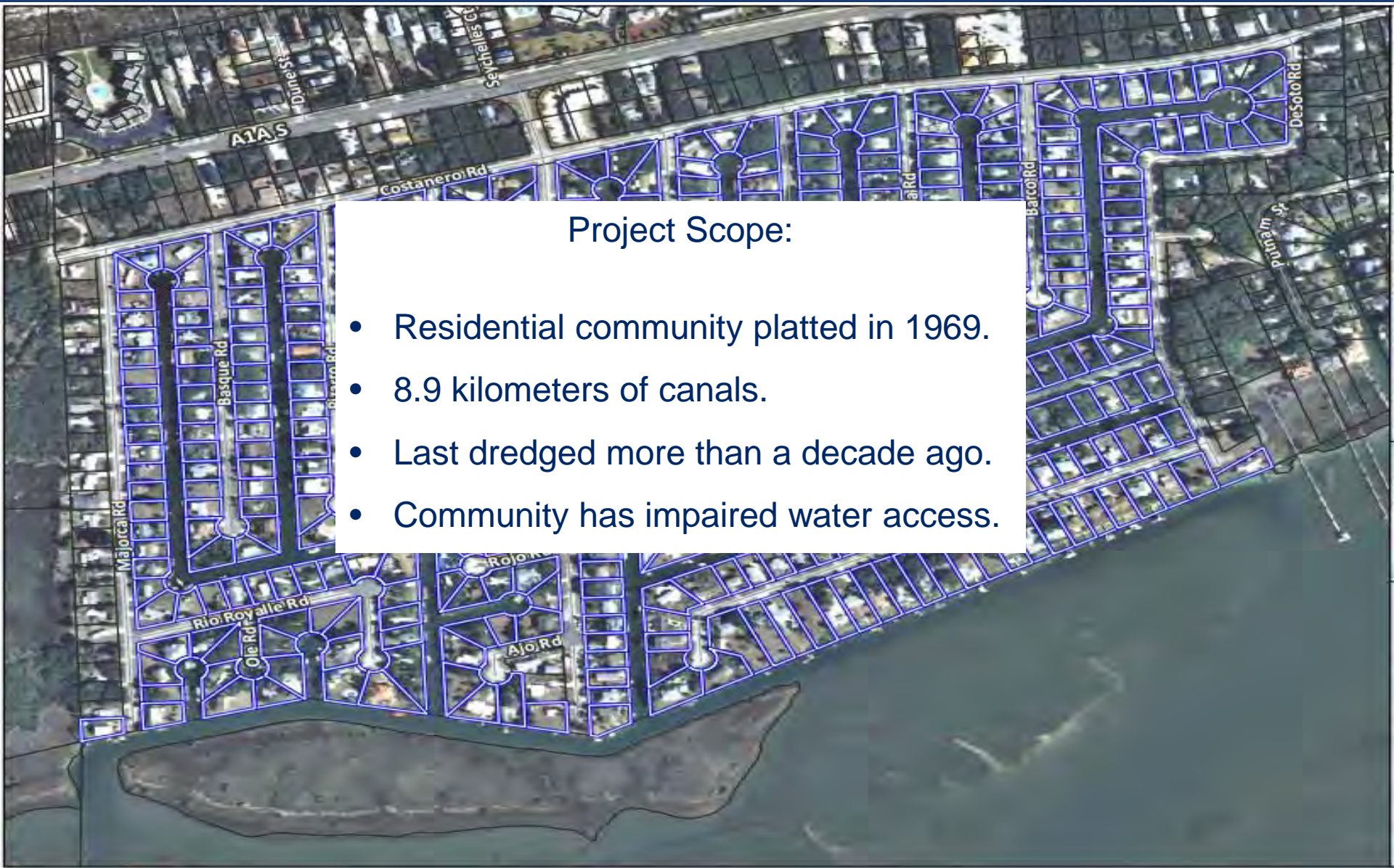
Wastewater residuals continue to consolidate over time.
After consolidation, residuals can be disposed.

Project Location



St. Augustine, FL





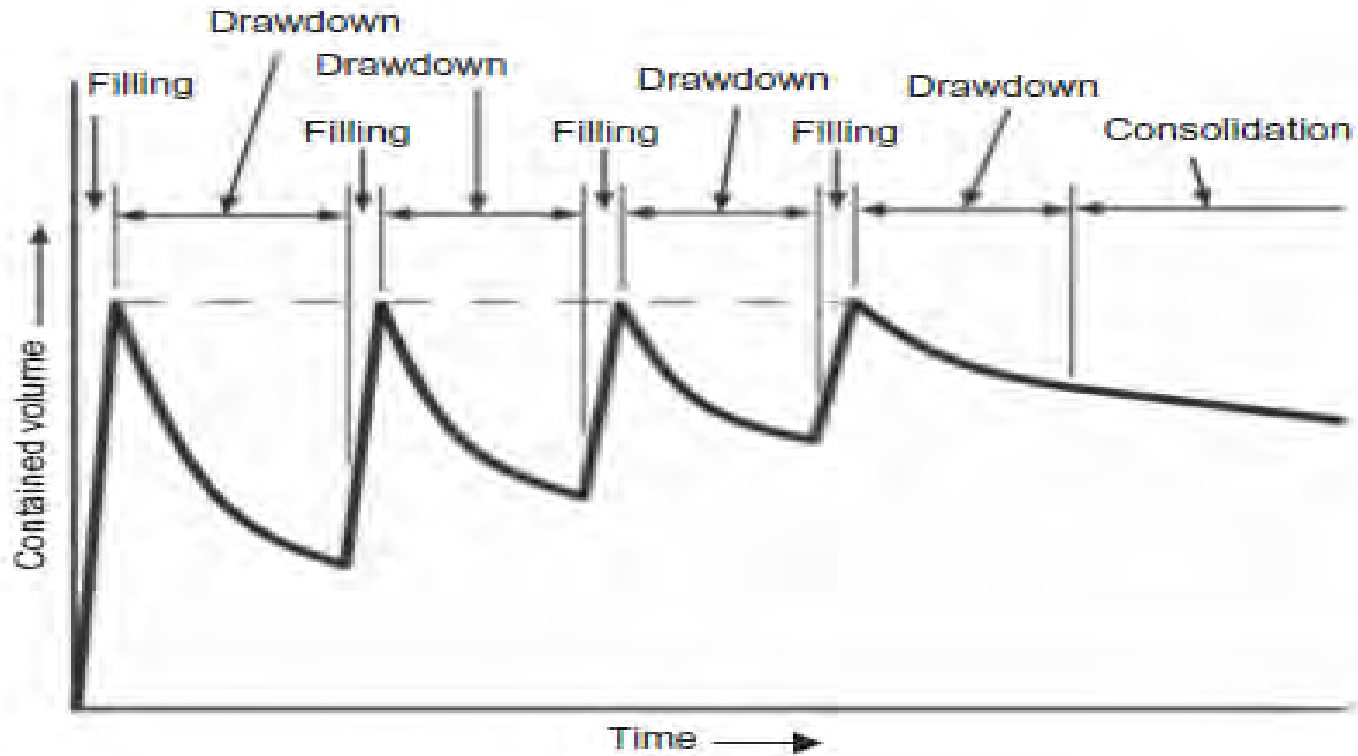
Project Scope:

- Residential community platted in 1969.
- 8.9 kilometers of canals.
- Last dredged more than a decade ago.
- Community has impaired water access.

Project Challenge:

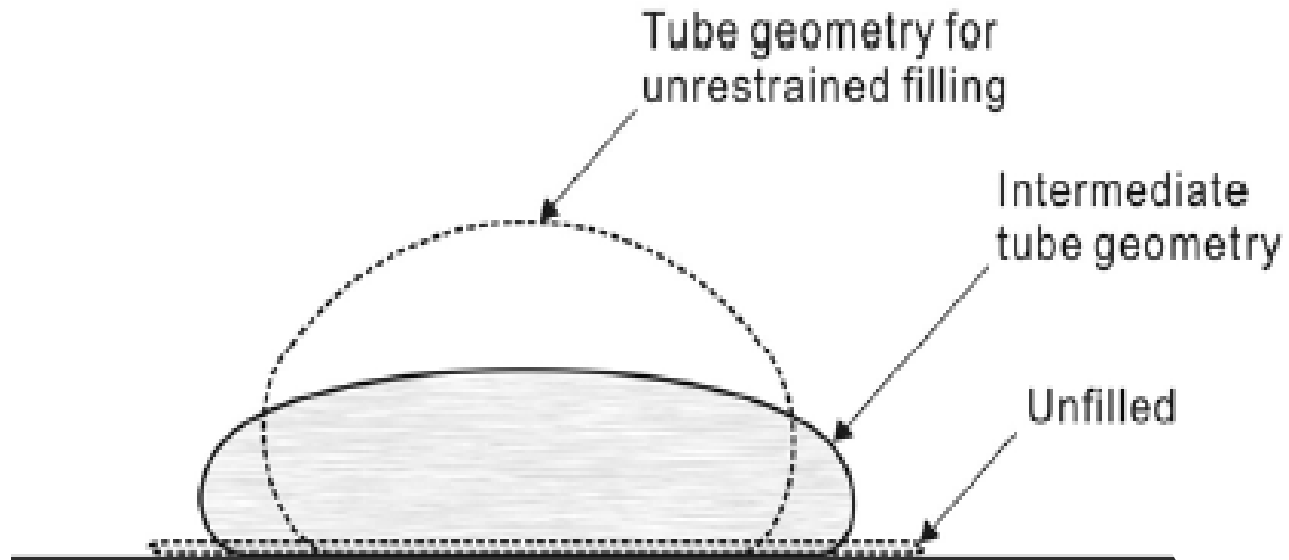
- Last dredged in 1990's, impaired water access.
- Environmental impact to salt marsh.
- Limited laydown area.
- No 3-phase power.

- Conduct feasibility study to demonstrate viability of dewatering with geotextile tubes.
- Utilize FL DEP approved polymers to meet discharge criteria of filtrate water into salt marsh.
- Temporary close Butler Park and repurpose to create a containment and dewatering cell.



Typical Geotextile Tube Dewatering Process

Yee, T.W., Lawson, C. Modeling the Geotextile Tube Dewatering Process. Geosynthetics International, 19, No. 5. pp. 339 – 353.



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Polymer Bench Testing

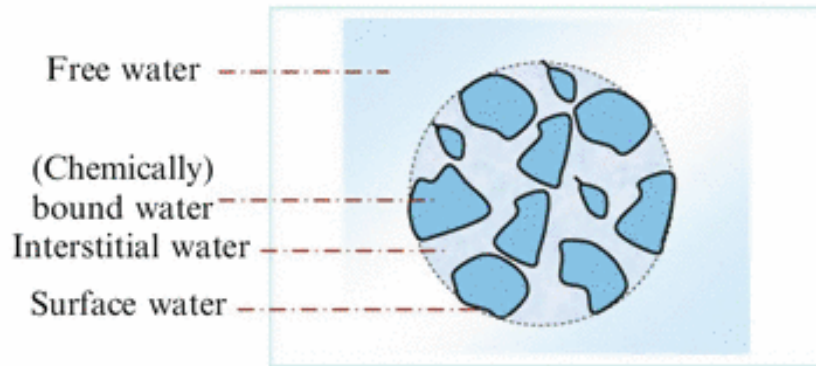


Fig 1 - Mahmoud, A., Olivier, J., Vaxelaire, J., Hoadley, A. (2012). Advances in Mechanical Dewatering of Wastewater Sludge Treatment. pp. 253 – 303.

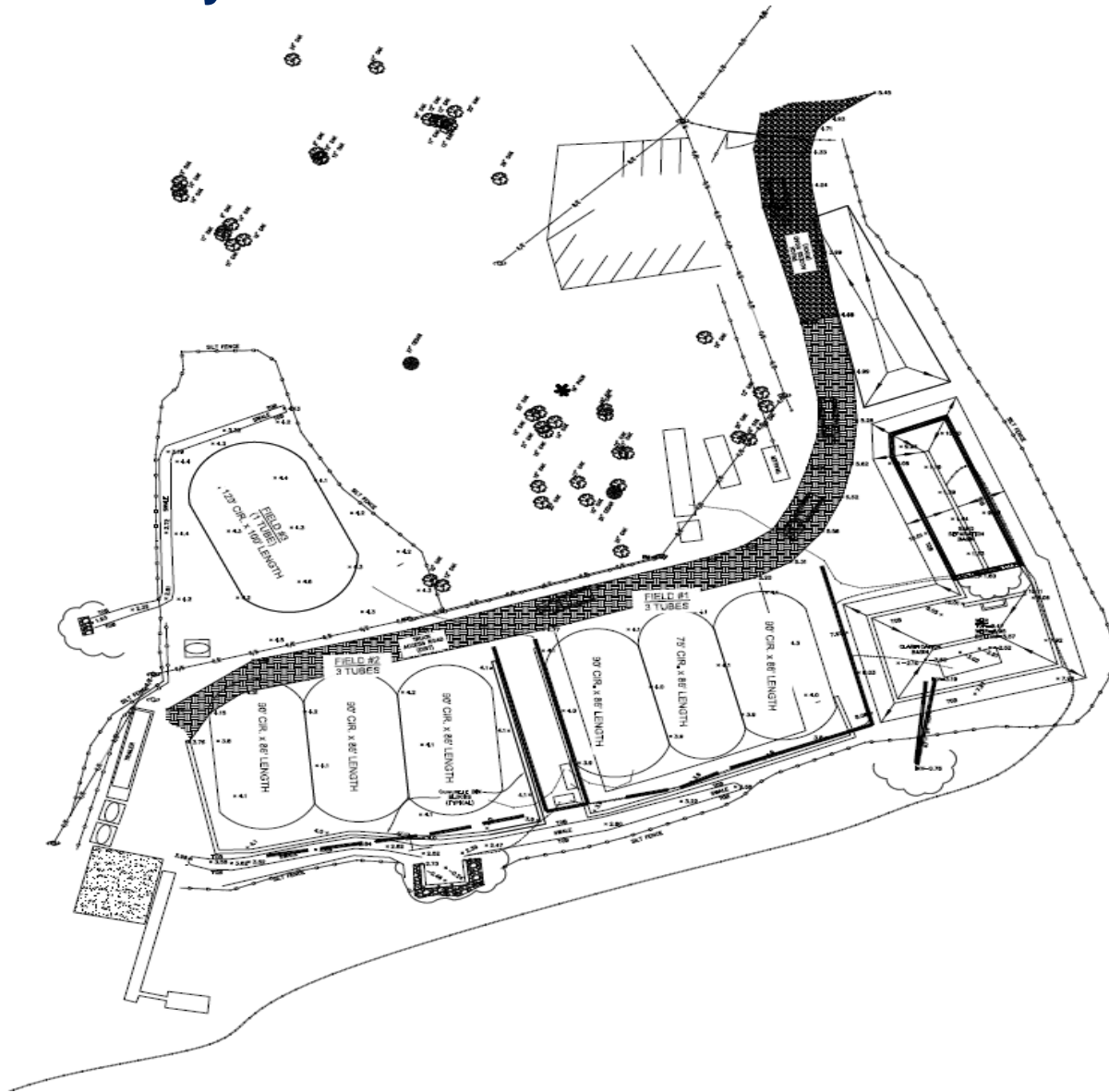




Proposed Dewatering Cell



Proposed Tube Layout





Geotube® Estimator

English Units Input - Known Volume

Version 15.0

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Project Name:	Treasure Beach
Location:	St. Augustine, FL
Contact:	Gator Dredging
Date:	4/2/2014
Type of Material:	Marine Sediments

Input		Units
Volume	100,000	Cubic Yards
Specific Gravity	1.60	
% Solids in Place	15.0%	
% Solids During Pumping	10.0%	
Target dewatered % Solids	30%	
% Coarse grain & sand*	1.0%	

* % Coarse grain & sand is removed from the calculation for volume reduction due to dewatering and added back in at the end in required Geotube® volume.

Production:

Pumping Rate (GPM)	1,000
Hours per Day	10.0
% Efficiency	75%

Material type:

Sifts and/or Organics

Percent of Maximum Filled Capacity

80%

Output		Units
Total Volume Pumped	30,901,987	Gallons
Wet Volume per day	450,000	Gallons
Wet Volume per day	2,227.7	CY
Total Bone Dry Tons	13,389.1	Tons
Estimated Pumping Days	68.7	Days
Estimated Dewatered Volume	47,549.7	CY
Estimated Dewatered Weight	44,630.5	Tons

Estimated Geotube® Quantity:

Circumference x Pumping Height	Feet	
90' X 8.5'	5,151	Selectable

For MDS Applications:

Legal Hauling Capacity	0	Tons
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Estimated MDS Geotube® Units:

MDS Dimension	Each
22.5' X 22'	#DIV/0!

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Geotube® Simulator Cross Section

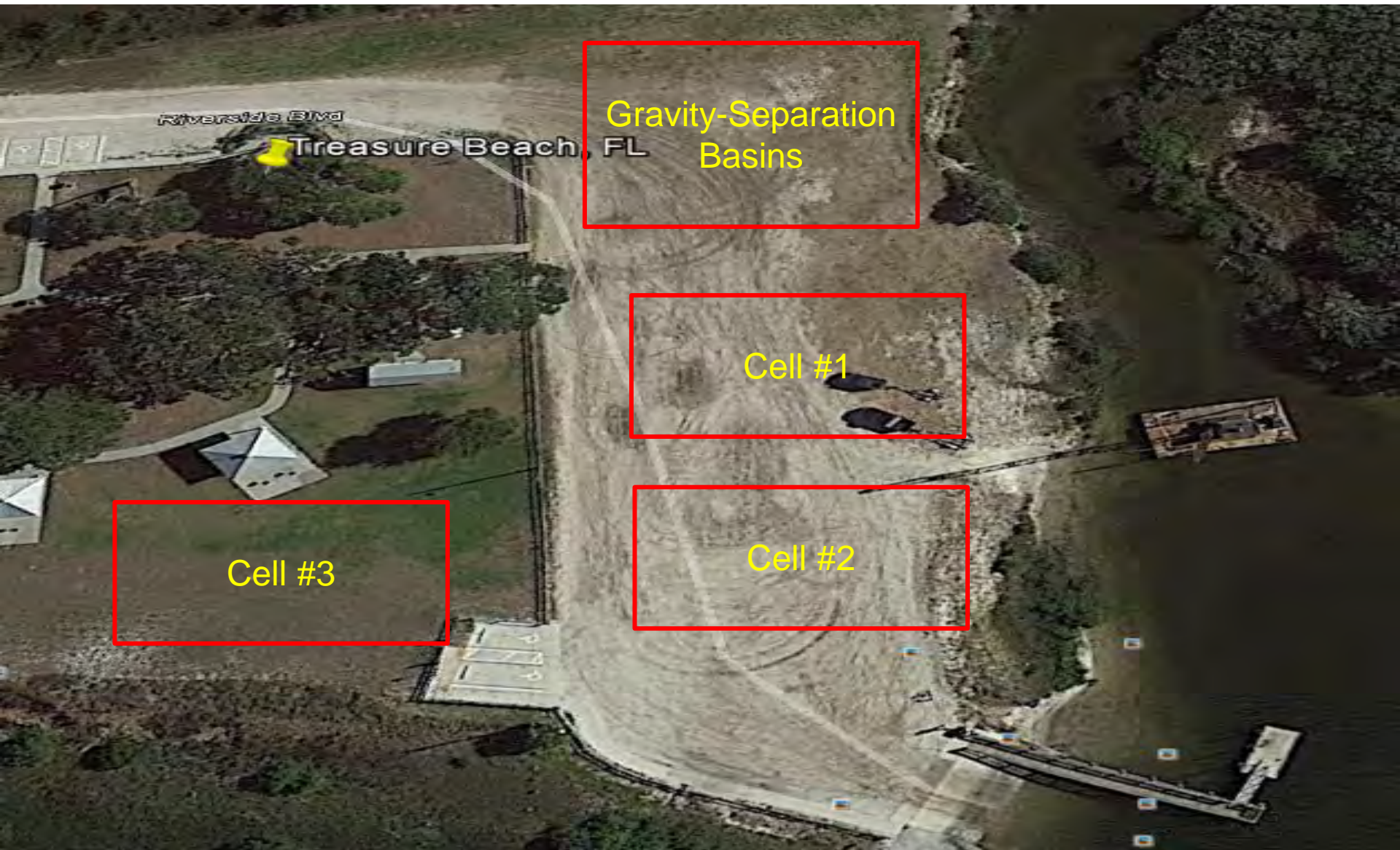


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Project:

Treasure Beach

Units:	English				
Water Level:	Fully Emerged				
Geotube® Height (H) =	8.5	ft		Circumferential Tensile Force (T) =	132.53 lb/in.
Geotube® Circumference (C) =	90	ft		Geotube® Base Contact Width (B) =	36.58 ft
Relative Density of Fill Material =	1.4	sg		Geotube® Filled Width (W) =	41.00 ft
Geotube® Fabric Type:	GT500			Geotube® Cross Section Area (A) =	311.56 sq ft
Geotube® Fabric Type:	Rigid Mechanical			Geotube® Volume Per Unit of Length (V) =	11.54 cu yd/ft
				FS of Circumferential Failure =	3.4 FS
				Axial Direction FS (AFS) =	3.4 FS
				FS of Fill Port Failure =	3.4 FS



Sequence of Dredging





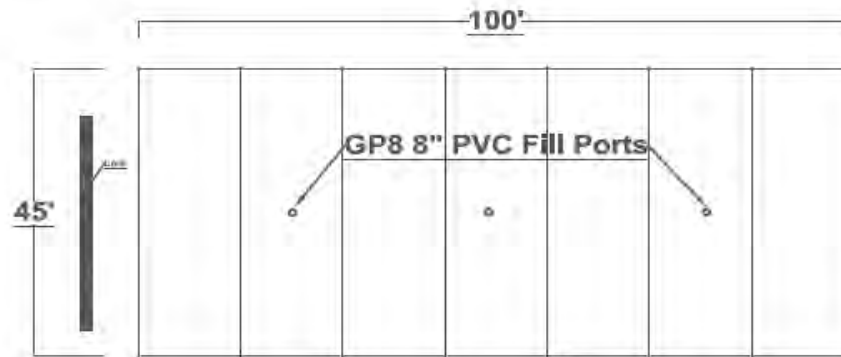








GT500/GP8/TS/90/ML



Handling loops every 14.3' along both sides of the tube

Customer Approval :

X _____
Approved By:

By signing this fabrication plan, the client acknowledges their acceptance of its accuracy. All other references to fabrication instructions shall be superseded and considered no longer valid.

Construction Instructions

Fabric Type :	GT500	Special Instructions :
Circumference :	90'	
Length :	100'	
Port Type :	GP8	
Total Panel Qty:	7	
End Type :	Tapered	
Pump Height:	8.5'	
Core Type:	Steel	
Roll-up Width :	12'	

Standards & Tolerances:

The following shall be considered the standard format and tolerances of Geotube[®] containers and Scour Aprons:

- Thread of steel shall be at a minimum of 9,000 cycles for both needles and footers.
- Seam will be sewn with a Union Special R000 needle on a 44" multi-needle machine using a 101 "back" stitch.
- Sewn seams will consist of between 3 and 6 stitches per foot.
- Primary Seam type will be as follows:
- Geotube Containers & Scour Aprons - "Stitch"
- Cross-seaming (splitting) may be utilized in the fabrication of Scour Aprons only.
- Allowable tolerances in construction will be as follows:
 - Circumference and width of Geotube Containers and Scour Aprons - ±.5 feet
 - Length of Geotube Containers and Scour Aprons - ±2 feet
 - Width and length of Geotube Containers - ±.5 inches
 - Seam spacing along sides of Geotube Containers - ±.2 feet
 - Port spacing of Geotube Containers, Transverse seams - ±.8 feet
 - Port spacing of Geotube Containers, Longitudinal seams - ±.2 feet



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- Project completed in 8 months.
- Over 76,500 m³ removed from 8.9 kilometers of canals.
- Approximately 1,524 meters of geotextile tubes.
- After completion, Butler Park was restored and reopened for recreational use.
- Dredging improvements provided efficient canal and channel access for residents.



Questions / Comments:



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