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Mr. Michael Posillico  
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**Re: Posillico Development Company at Harbor Isle, LLC  
Former Cibro Petroleum Terminal Site, Island Park, New York  
Brownfield Cleanup Agreement Index # W1-1075-05-09  
Brownfield Cleanup Site #C130153  
Groundwater Flow Direction and Tidal Influence Study**

Dear Mr. Posillico:

This report, prepared by TRC Engineers, Inc. (TRC) on behalf of Posillico Development at Harbor Isle, LLC (Posillico), provides a summary of the recent groundwater flow direction and tidal influence study (the "Study") performed at the Former Cibro Petroleum Terminal Site, Island Park, New York (the "Site") as requested in the May 7, 2012 New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) letter to Posillico Development Company at Harbor Island. Specifically, the objective of this letter is to report whether the groundwater under the Harbor Isle site flows towards the adjacent residential area during monthly high and low tide cycles.

### **Groundwater Flow Direction and Tidal Influence Methodology**

Groundwater flow direction was determined by measuring groundwater elevations at 14 monitoring wells as shown on Figures 1 and 2. In addition, surface water elevation was measured at a stilling well installed outside the bulkhead immediately to the south of the Site for purposes of determining the tidal fluctuation of the adjacent surface water. LevelTROLLs™ (data loggers with level sensors) were installed and groundwater and surface water levels were measured hourly from 4:10 pm, June 4, 2012 through 8:10 am, June 5, 2012 in the 15 locations. The timeframe of measurements included the full moon tide (i.e., the highest estimated tide of the month). The measurements were evaluated to describe the effect of tidal change on groundwater flow direction. In addition the interaction of groundwater between shallow and deep wells was examined by comparing waterlevel measurements in two, two-well clusters screened in the sediments above and below an intervening peat layer. Tidal variability in groundwater elevations measured in the monitoring wells is shown in the attached chart. The high and low-tide measurements recorded over time and the associated groundwater contours for the 11 shallow wells are shown on the attached figures.

## **Groundwater Flow Direction and Tidal Influence Results**

### ***Groundwater Elevation***

The results of the Study indicate that groundwater elevations, reported with respect to mean sea level, ranged from 2.97 feet at well location MW-16S to 6.07 feet at well location MW-12 at high tide and from 2.30 at feet at well location MW-13 to 5.21 feet at well location MW-12 at low tide. The highest groundwater elevation at both the low and high tide events occurred at MW-12 in the northeastern corner of the Site. This may be the result of a storm sewer discharging into the canal just north of MW-12 and other discharge piping running just east of MW-12 that may have added water to the ground at this location.

### ***Groundwater Flow Direction***

Site-wide watertable elevation measurements from shallow wells were used to determine groundwater flow direction during both high and low tides. As shown on Figures 1 and 2, groundwater generally flows southerly, away from the residences located to the north of the Site and ultimately flows toward the channels located to the east and south of the Site.

### ***Tidal Influence***

Continuous measurements in onsite monitoring wells indicate that groundwater levels fluctuate in response to tidal fluctuations in the surrounding channels. The surface-water level measured at the bulkhead fluctuated 5.8 feet. Tidally-influenced fluctuations in shallow-well water levels ranged from a minimum of 0.14 feet at MW-GW1 and a maximum of 3.08 feet at MW-2. The well with the greatest measured overall tidal fluctuation of 4.91 feet was MW-15D. (The measured surface water tidal fluctuation between high and low tide was 5.83 feet.) Generally, variability in groundwater elevation attributable to tidal fluctuations decreased with increasing distance from the surrounding channels. Tidal fluctuation had no significant impact on groundwater flow direction.

The vertical gradients between the two monitoring well clusters (MW-15S/D and MW-16S/D) were calculated during high and low tides. These were -0.23 feet and +4.62 feet, respectively for MW-15S/D and -0.22 feet and 1.50 feet, respectively for MW-16S/D. The downward vertical gradient at low tide and the upward vertical gradient at high tide suggests that the peat layer at the Site impedes vertical groundwater movement between the shallow and deeper sediments.

### **Conclusions**

Based on the groundwater flow direction and tidal influence study, TRC concludes the following:

- Groundwater generally flows to the south away from the residences located north of the Site.
- Tidal fluctuation had no significant impact on groundwater flow direction at the Site.
- The vertical gradients at the two monitoring well clusters indicate that the peat layer retards vertical groundwater movement between the shallow and deeper zones.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (212) 221-7822, ext. 109 if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,  
**TRC Engineers, Inc**



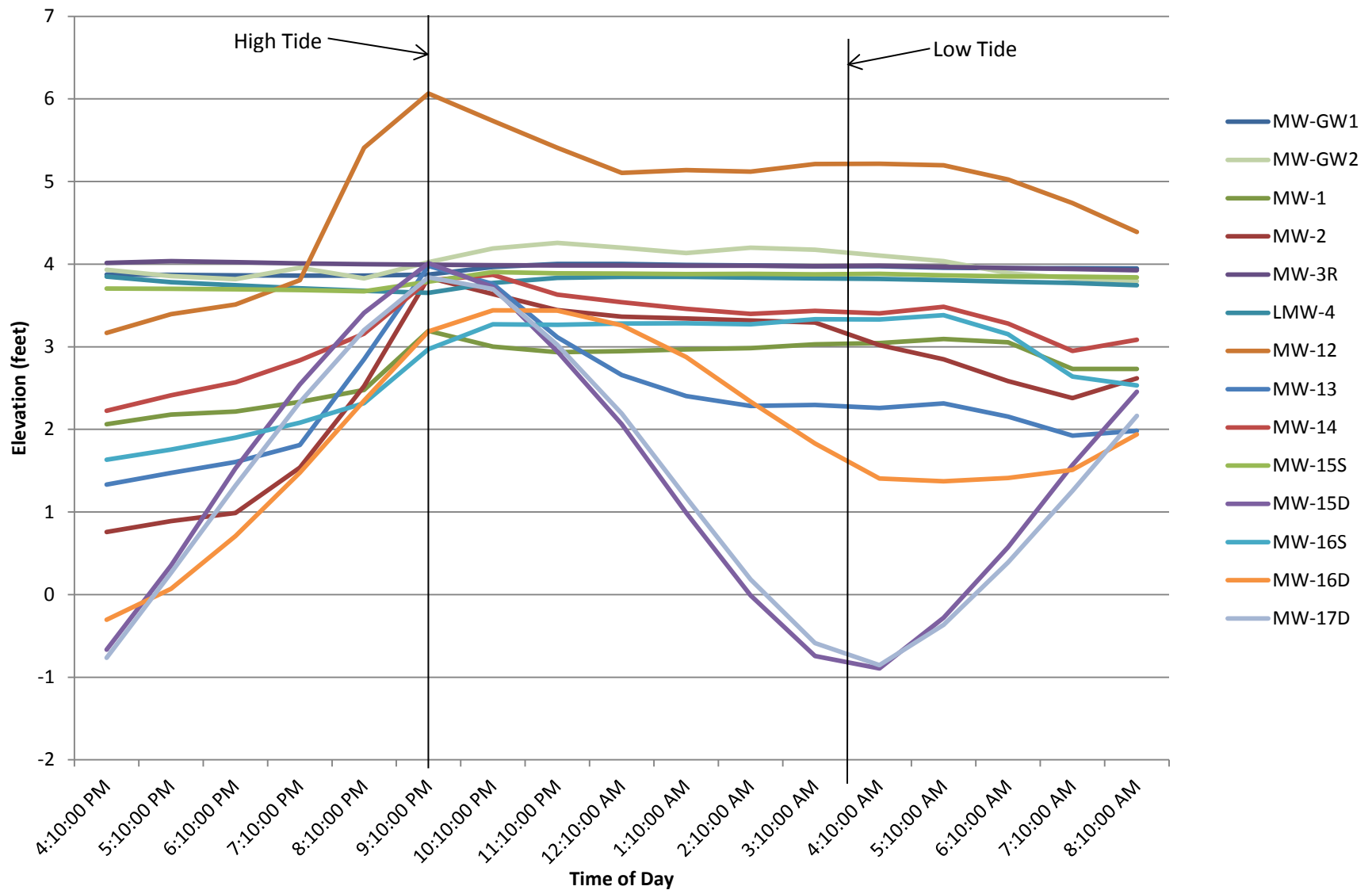
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Enclosures: Chart 1: 6/4-6/5/12 Tidal Fluctuations  
Figure 1: June 5, 2012 Low Tide Groundwater Elevations  
Figure 2: June 4, 2012 High Tide Groundwater Elevations

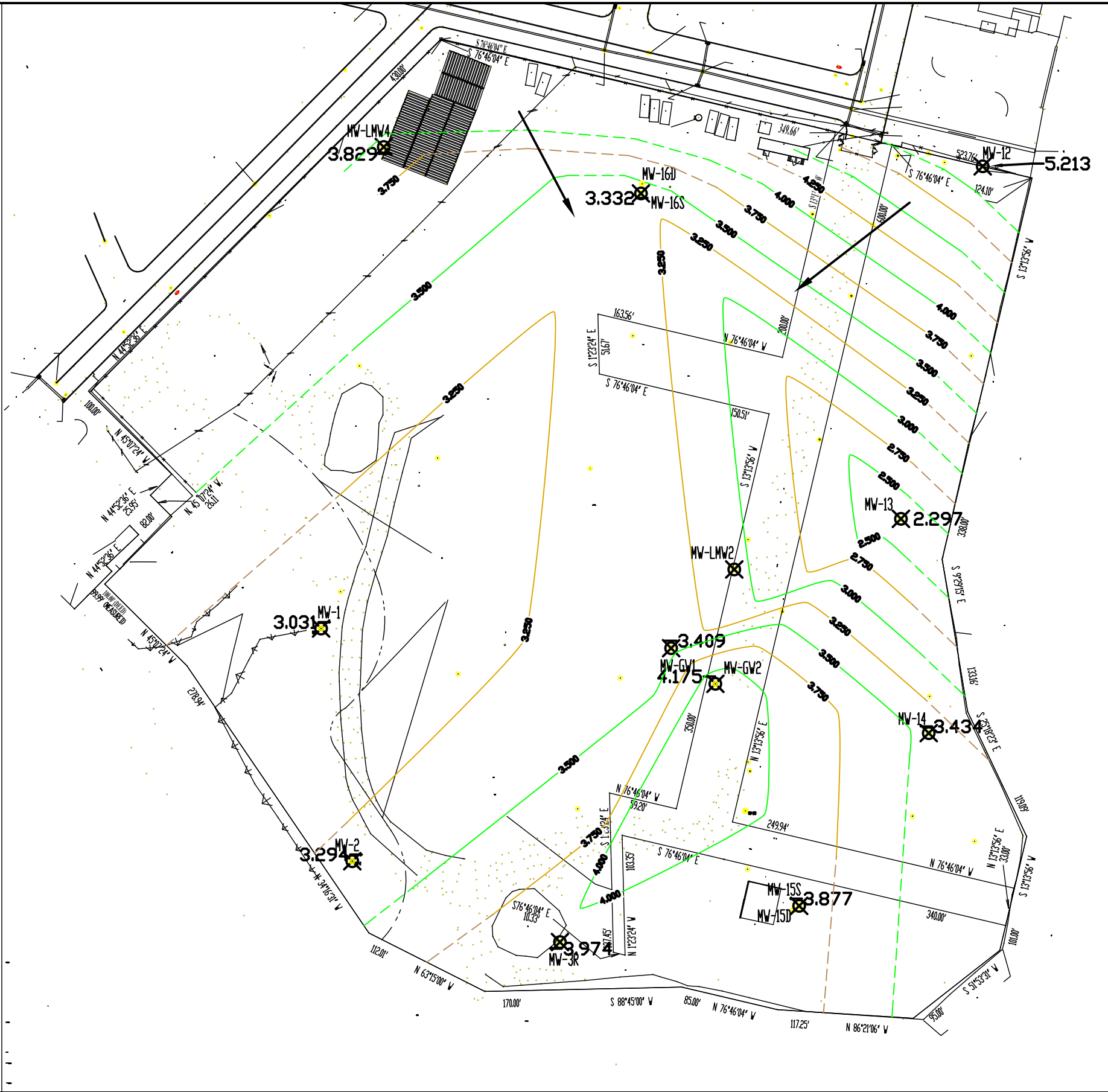
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**Chart 1**  
**Former Cibro Petroleum Facility - Island Park, NY**  
**6/4-6/5/12 Tidal Fluctuations**



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  - DATA FROM DEEP WELLS (MW-15D, MW-16D, AND MW-17D) NOT UTILIZED TO DEVELOP GROUNDWATER CONTOURS.
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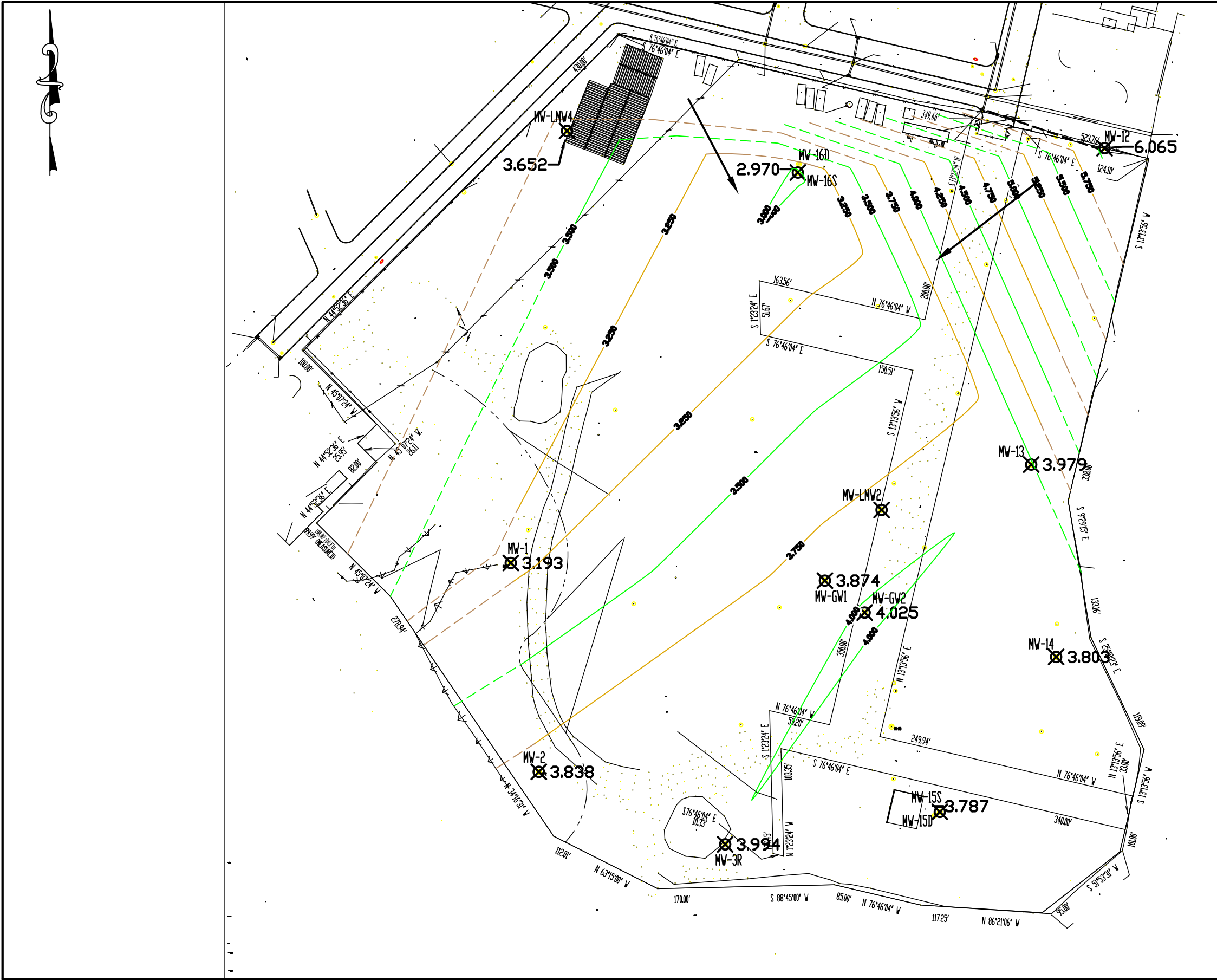
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