



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**

Vicksburg District
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Vicksburg, MS 39183-3435
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Public Notice

APPLICATION NO.:	JLJ-MVK-2011-893
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DATE:	February 3, 2015
EXPIRATION DATE:	February 23, 2015

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District is considering an application for a Department of the Army permit for the work described herein. Comments should be forwarded to the Vicksburg District, Attention: CEMVK-OD-F, 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS 39183-3435.

Application also has been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services for a Water Quality Certification in accordance with La. R.S. 30.2074(A)(93), and Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L. 95-217). Additional information is on file with the above office, and may be inspected at any time between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Copies may be obtained upon payment of cost of copying. Comments concerning the application can be filed with the Office of Environmental Services within 20 days of this notice to the following address: Office of Environmental Services, Post Office Box 4313, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313.

Law Requiring a Permit: Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), which applies to structures or work in navigable waters of the United States, and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), which applies to discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

Name of Applicant:

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Bayou D'Arbonne Lake Commission
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Farmerville, Louisiana 71241

Name of Agent:

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Pittman Environmental Services
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Purvis, Mississippi 39475

Location of Work: Section 1, T20N-R1W, latitude 32.752348 N, longitude -92.420740 W, within Bayou D'Arbonne Lake drainage basin, Union Parish, Louisiana.

Description of Work: (See enclosed map and drawings.)

The following descriptions of the proposed project and associated impacts are based upon information provided by the applicant.

The applicant is applying for a Department of the Army permit to discharge dredged and/or fill material into others waters of the United States associated with excavating and filling in jurisdictional waters in Farmville, Union Parish, Louisiana. The applicant's stated purpose is to construct a parking area, boat launch, and piers adjacent to Lake D'Arbonne.

The proposed project area is 4.6 acres located between Highway 33 and old State Highway 15 in Union Parish. The proposed project would consist of constructing a parking area, a boat launch, piers for boat parking, an open area pavilion for fish weigh-ins, and community bathrooms with access to the public sewer. The area would accommodate up to 100 vehicles with boat trailers, which presently park on the shoulder of Highway 33 during peak periods. The area north of the proposed parking area would be preserved for bank fishing and for future access to a handicap accessible fishing pier.

A coffer dam would be temporarily constructed to enable the area to dry out for construction. The maximum depth is approximately 13 feet. Approximately 95,000 cubic yards of native soil and 220,000 cubic yards of granite stone base and asphaltic concrete would be used as fill material. Approximately 0.44 acres of jurisdictional wetlands and 3.84 acres of other waters would be impacted by the proposed project. The applicant proposes to mitigate for all jurisdictional impacts by utilizing permittee responsible mitigation.

The vegetation within the project area consists primarily of crepe myrtles and cypress trees. Soils within the project site consist of Bienville loamy, fine sand with 1 to 3 percent slopes.

The placement of dredged and/or fill material in other waters of the United States associated with a commercial development requires a Department of the Army Permit.

Upon reviewing this notice, you should write to this office to provide your opinion of the impacts this work will have on the natural and human environment and address any mitigation you believe is necessary to offset these impacts. Other comments are welcome, but the above information will further our review of the applicant's plan as proposed. Comments of a general nature are not as helpful as those specific to the impacts of the subject project.

State Water Quality Permit: The State Pollution Control Agency must certify that the described work will comply with the State's water quality standards and effluent limitations before a Corps permit is issued.

Cultural Resources: The Regulatory Archaeologist has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, lists of properties determined eligible, and other sources of information. The following is current knowledge of the presence or absence of historic properties and the effects of the proposed undertaking upon these properties: The permit area was created in modern times and has been so extensively modified that little likelihood exists for the proposed project to impinge upon a historic property, even if present within the affected area.

Endangered Species: Our initial finding is that the proposed work would not affect the following endangered species or their critical habitat: Northern Long-eared Bat and Red-cockaded Woodpecker. This proposal is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and any comments regarding endangered species or their critical habitat will be addressed in our evaluation of the described work.

Flood Plain: In accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Flood Plain Management and Use), participating communities are required to review all proposed development to determine if a flood plain development permit is required. Flood plain administrators should review the proposed development described in this public notice and apprise this office of any flood plain development permit requirements.

Evaluation Factors: The decision whether or not to issue a permit will be based upon an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its expected adverse effects. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among these are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, historic values, fish and wildlife values, flood damage prevention, land use classification, navigation, recreation, water supply, water quality, energy needs, safety, food requirements and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Evaluation of the proposed activity will include application of the guidelines published by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act.

Public Involvement: The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties. These comments will be used to evaluate the impacts of this project. All comments will be considered and used to help determine whether to issue the permit, deny the permit, or issue the permit with conditions, and to help

us determine the amount and type of mitigation necessary. This information will be used in our Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing.

Opportunity for a Public Hearing: Any person may make a written request for a public hearing to consider this permit application. This request must be submitted by the public notice expiration date and must clearly state why a hearing is necessary. Failure of any agency or individual to comment on this notice will be interpreted to mean that there is no objection to the proposed work. Please bring this announcement to the attention of anyone you know who might be interested in this matter.

Notification of Final Permit Actions: Each month, the final permit actions from the preceding month are published on the Vicksburg District Regulatory web page. To access this information, you may follow the link from the Regulatory web page, <http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>, and click on ORM Permit Decisions under Program Links.



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Regulatory Branch**

Lake D'Arbonne
Section 10 Traditional Navigable Waterway



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Enforcement Section



**22 December 2014
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Applicant:
Bayou D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District
Proposed Work:
Boat Launch and Parking Area
Location:
Section 1, T20N-R1W
Farmerville, LA Quadrangle
Union Parish, Louisiana

Map Background:
NAIP Aerial Imagery (2013)

**Preliminary
Jurisdictional Determination**

Prepared by:
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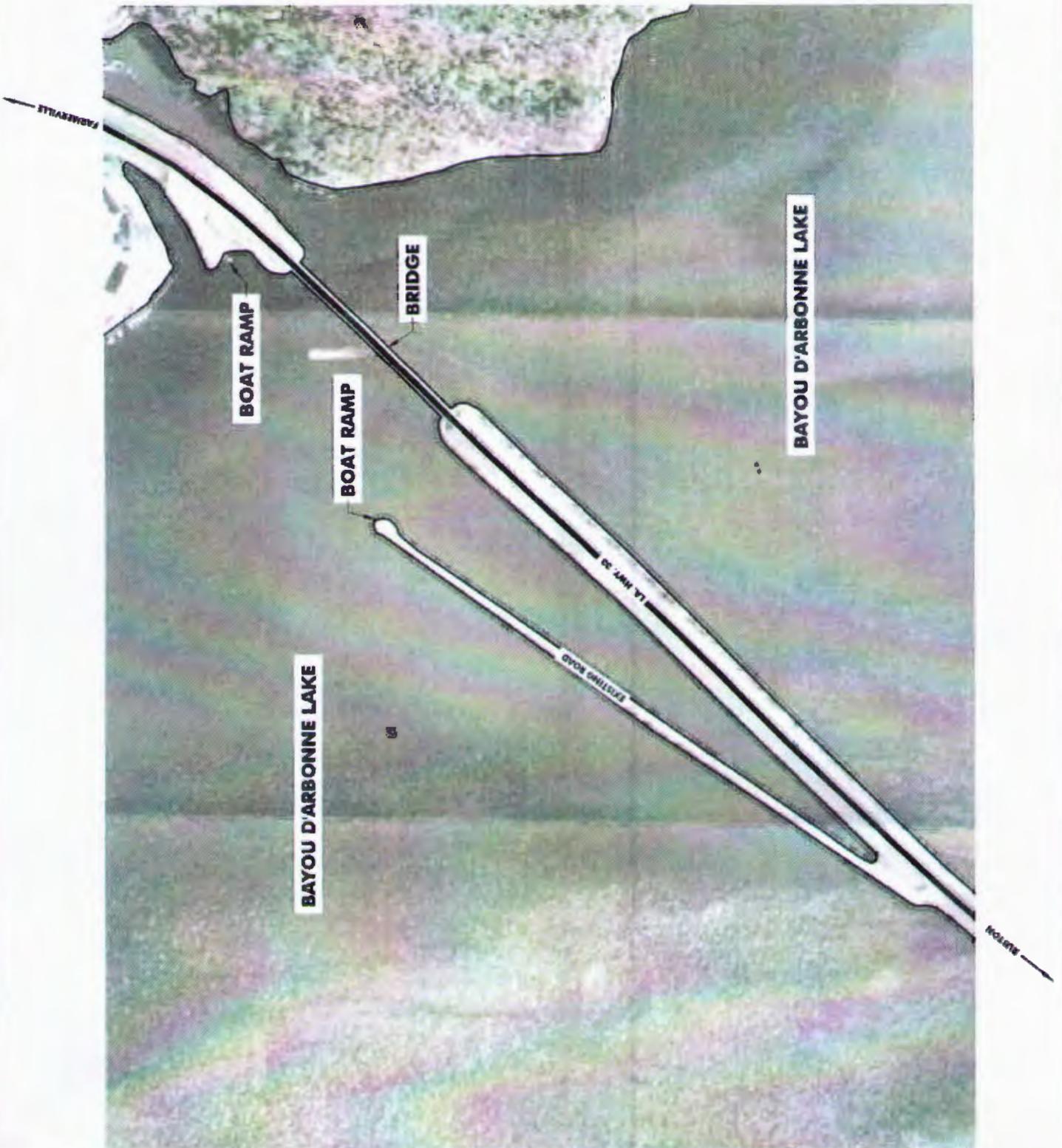
Union Parish, LA



Legend

-  Project Boundary
-  Jurisdictional Wetlands (0.44 Acres)
-  Section 10 Waters of the United States (3.84 Acres)

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LAKE D'ARBONNE

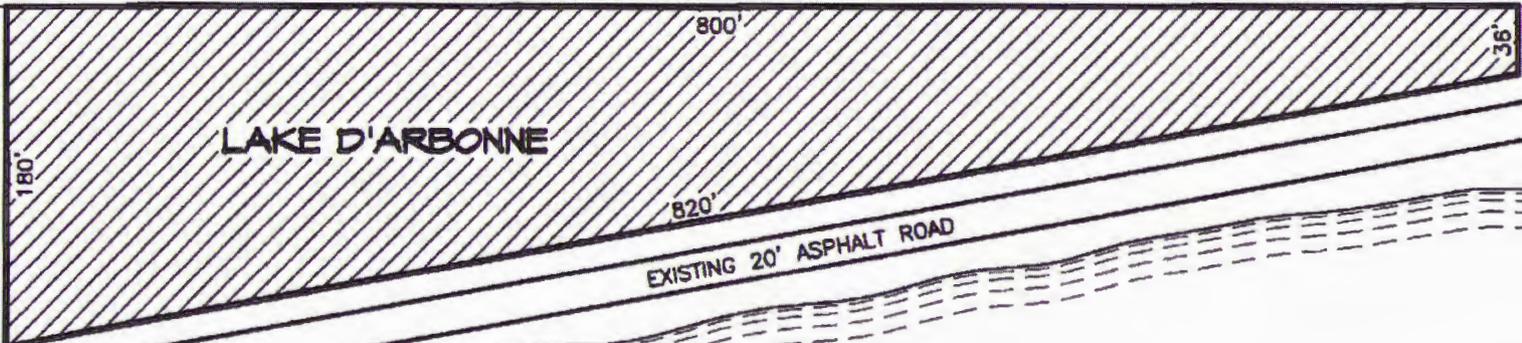


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← TO FARMERVILLE

LA. 33

TO RUSTON →

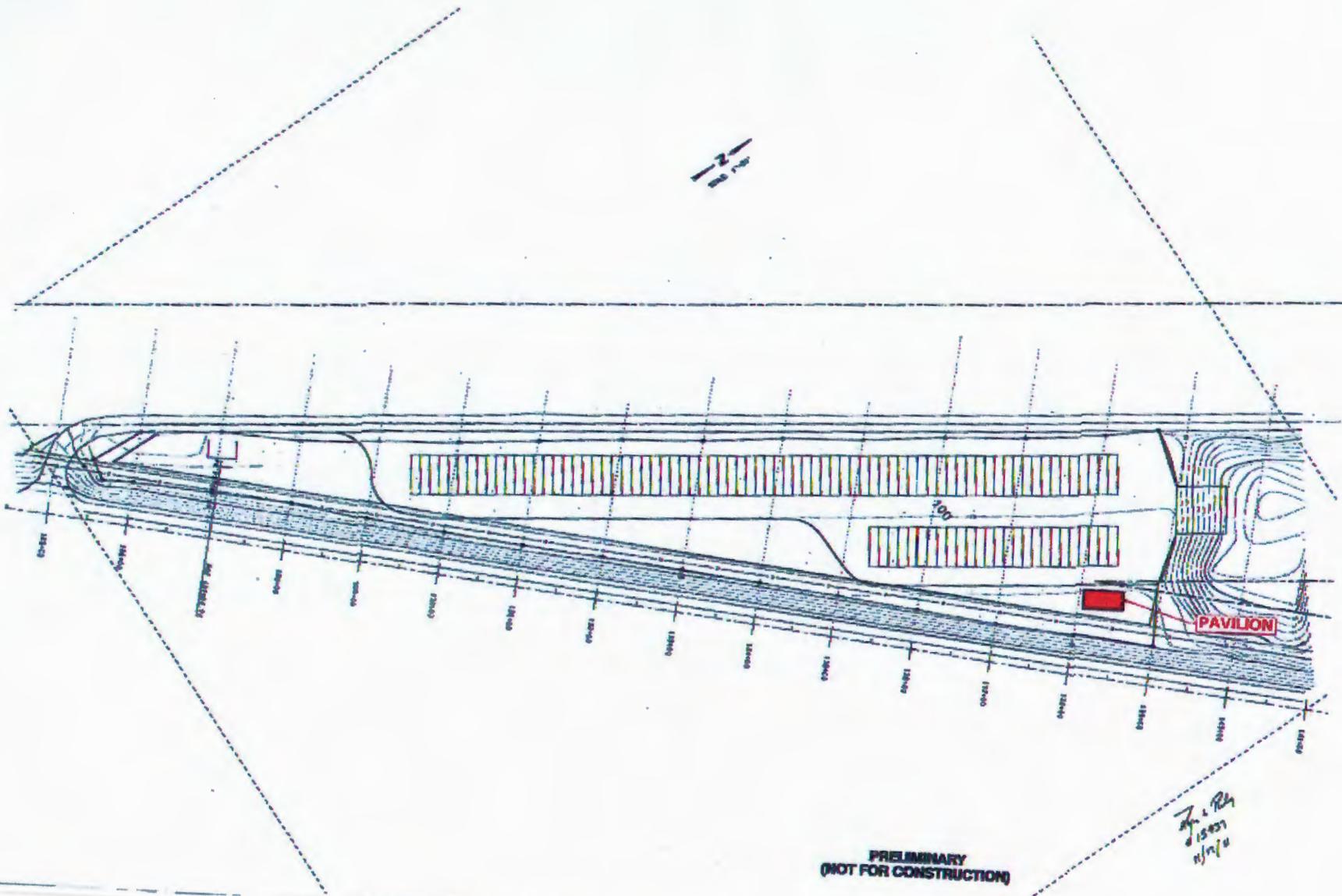


**PROPOSED PARKING LOT
SOUTH OF D'ARBONNE BRIDGE
AT FARMERVILLE**

LAKE D'ARBONNE

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PRELIMINARY
(NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION)

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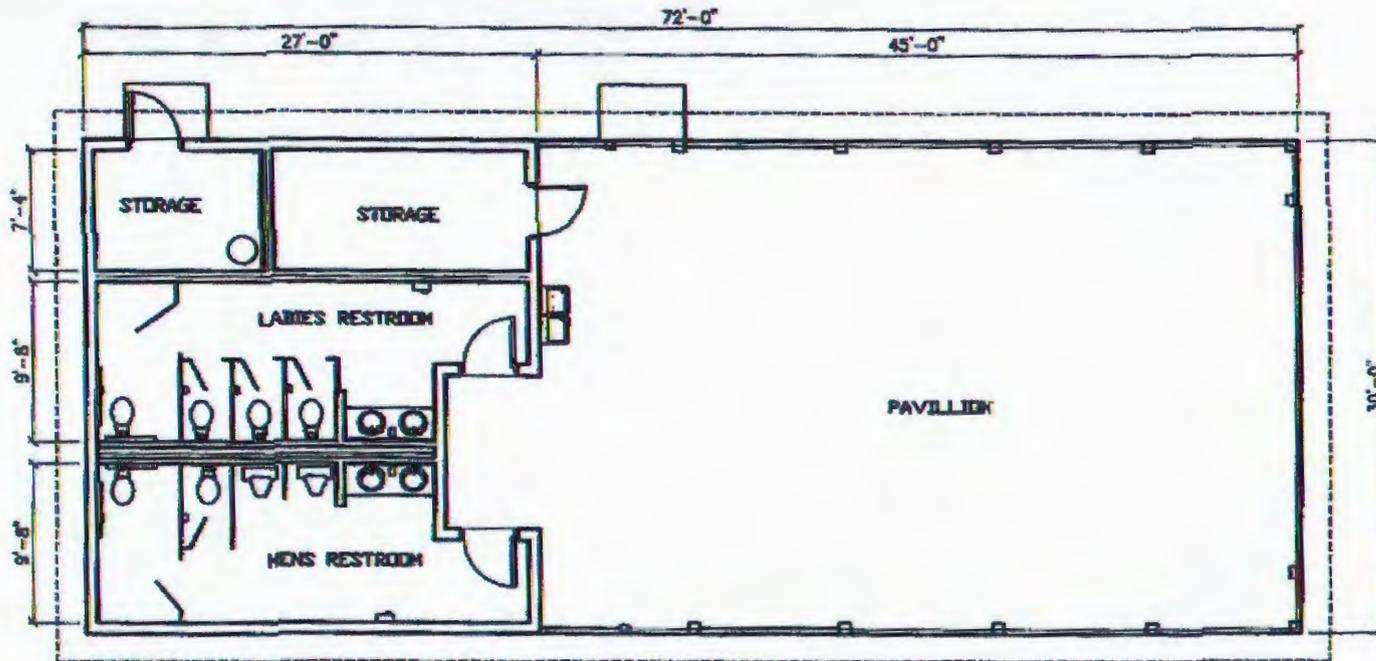
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D'Arbonne Mega Ramp Pavilion



FLOOR PLAN



ELEVATION

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