

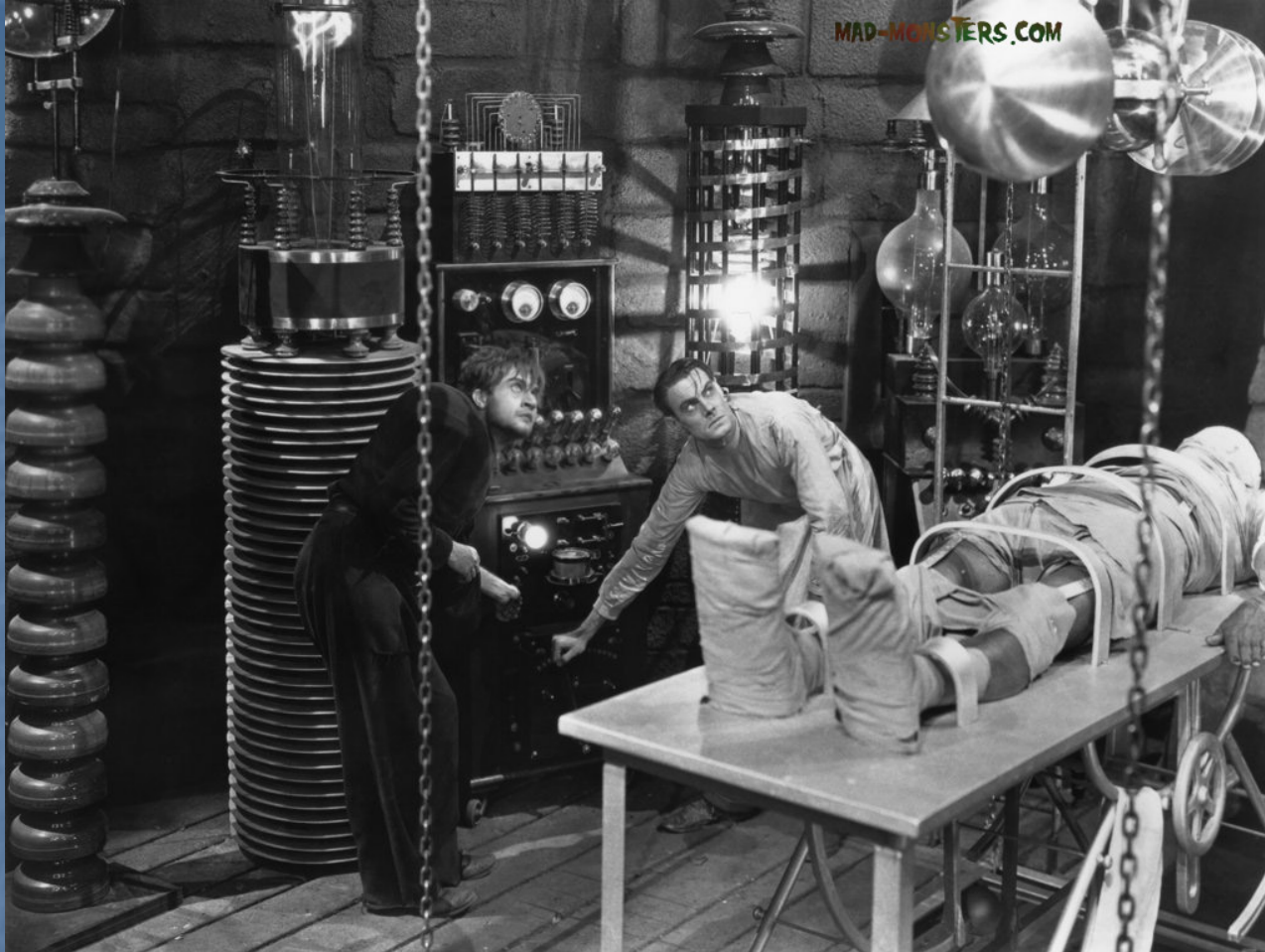
Breakwater Approach to Living Shoreline Projects

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Nature's Coastal Protection & Man's Counterparts

Nature	Man
Shore rock	Armored shore
Rock reef	Submerged breakwater
Rock island	Offshore breakwater
Rock headland	Headland breakwater
Rock perpendicular to shore	Groin
Sea floor vegetation	Bottom mattresses
Sea surface vegetation	Floating breakwater
Dune	Dike
Material transfer to shore by: -Wind drift -Rivers -Shore erosion -Longshore littoral drift -Sea bottom transfer	Artificial nourishment from land sources
Natural by-passing of drift at tidal inlets	Artificial nourishment from offshore sources or mechanical by-passing of drift at tidal entrances



What are the breakwater design factors?

- Wave height, period and approach angle
- Structure height, orientation & location from shore
- Historical shoreline recession trend & direction
- Vegetation type, tolerance and elevation range



Waves

- Prediction began in World War II to predict conditions for beach landings
 - Initial USA work by Sverdrup and Munk on significant wave height & period with initial England work by Longuet-Higgins on harmonic analysis
- Dependent on wind duration, speed and direction over open water

Wave Generation & Prediction



- Dependent upon prevailing winds over open water
- Due to irregular shoreline & seasonal variation each project has a unique wave climate that needs to be analyzed

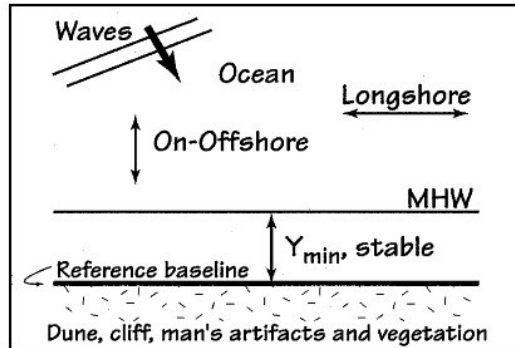
Wave Transformation



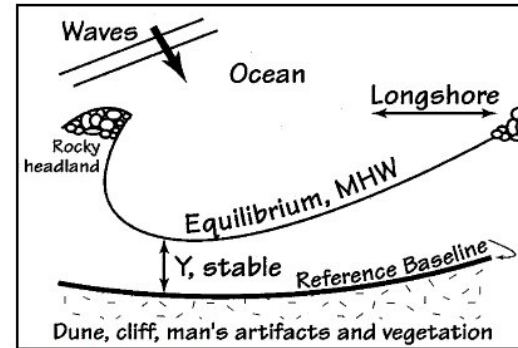
- Waves behave similar to light by diffracting, refracting and reflecting when encountering an object

Breakwater Types

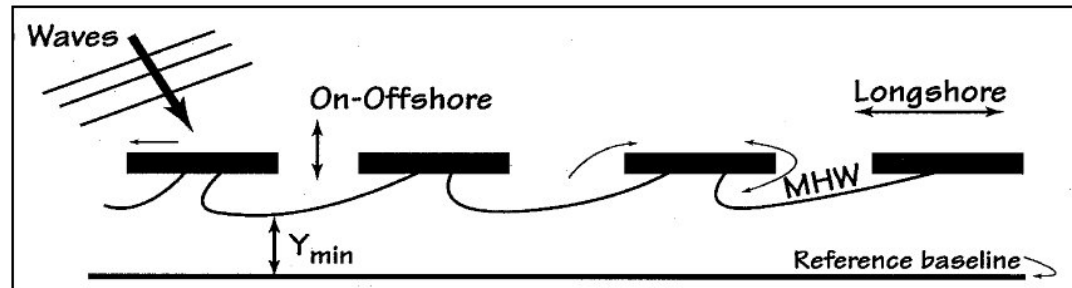
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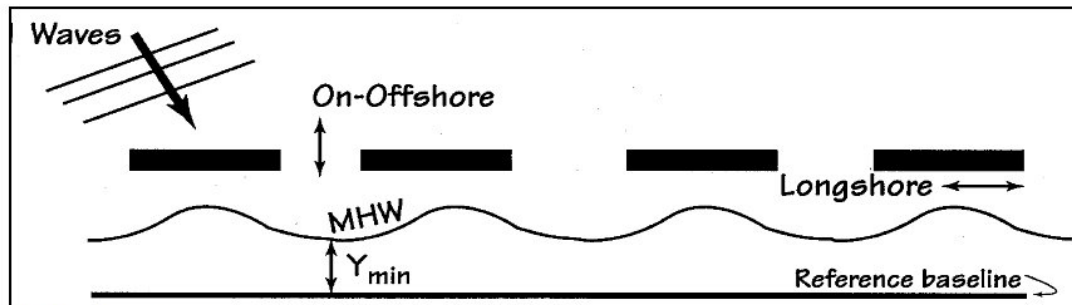
a. Sandy beach



b. Rocky headland



c. Headland breakwaters



d. Nearshore breakwaters

Predicting Stable Bay Shape



- Stable beaches with rocky headlands have been used to predict bay shape versus wave climate

Parabolic Bay Relation

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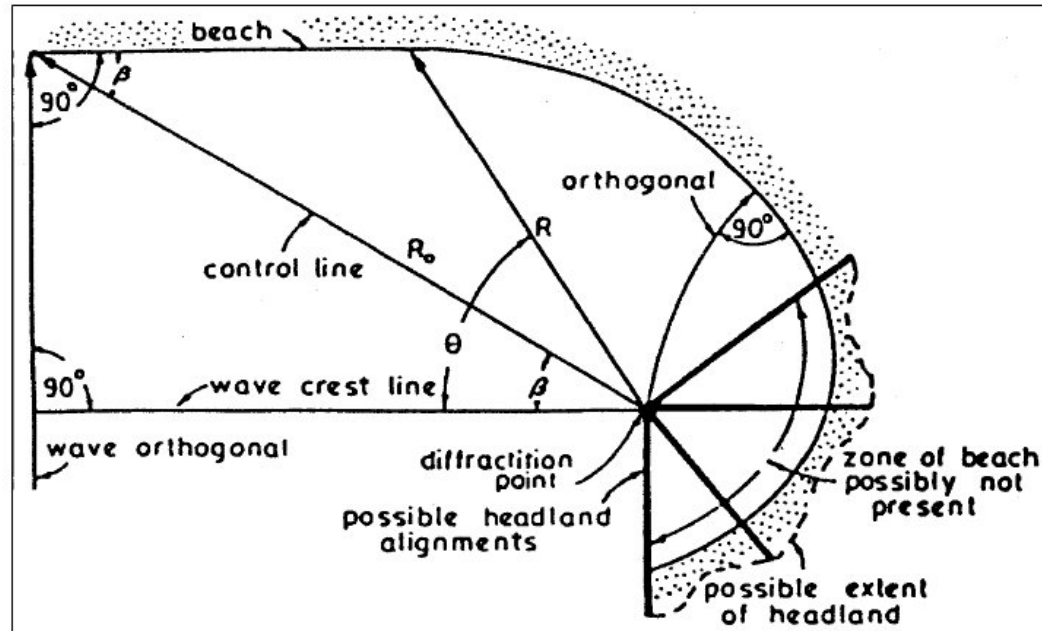


Figure V-3-13. Definition sketch of parabolic model for planform shape

- Y Distance of breakwater from nourished shoreline
- Y_{min} Minimum distance from base (reference) line to mhw shoreline after design storm event
- B Minimum beach width at mhw after nourishment
- W Width of design beach nourishment
- Z_s Backshore elevation at baseline
- F_B Breakwater freeboard, mhw to crest
- Q_{net} Net longshore sediment transport rate
- Q_{gross} Gross longshore sediment transport rate
- $Q_{offshore}$ Offshore sediment transport rate for design storm

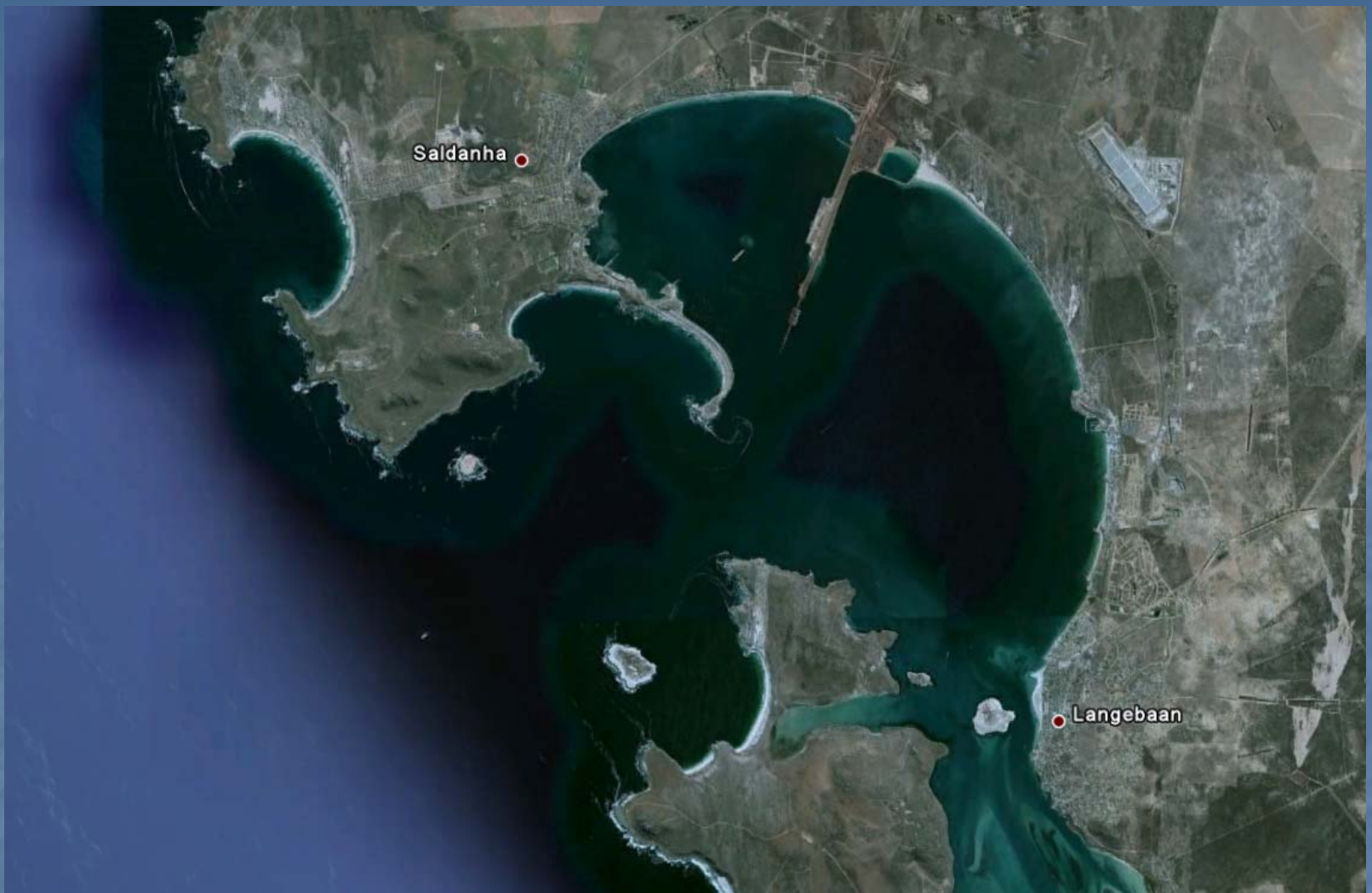
Chesapeake Bay Shorelines





Singapore Headland Breakwaters

- Headland breakwaters used since 1970's for shore protection
- Early 2000's used to join two islands, Pulau Seringat (north) and Pulau Sakijang Pelelah (south).
- Predominant waves from South China Sea arriving from the east



South Africa Sand Breakwater

- Barrier beach breakwater used to protect ore handling facility in Saldanha Bay by connecting with Marcus Island
- Waves with periods 10 to 18 seconds from SSW were used to predict final refracted shape



Toronto, Canada Beach Headland Control

- Project to provide recreation and marina & port shelter areas
- Major wave input is from the east
- Project cost less than half of armored shoreline



Vegetation

- Similar in type, elevation and composition from adjacent shoreline
- Shore aspect and physical setting important
- Reference areas used to determine design guidelines
- In other words, beach zones should have beach vegetation (*S. patens* & *A. breviligulata*) with back of dune marsh with typical marsh vegetation (*S. alterniflora*)



Required Base Design Information

- Historical maps and aerial photography
- Navigation charts
- Long-term wind records
- Nearshore bathymetry & topography (1 ft. contours)
- Reference marsh survey
- Strong coffee & Visine

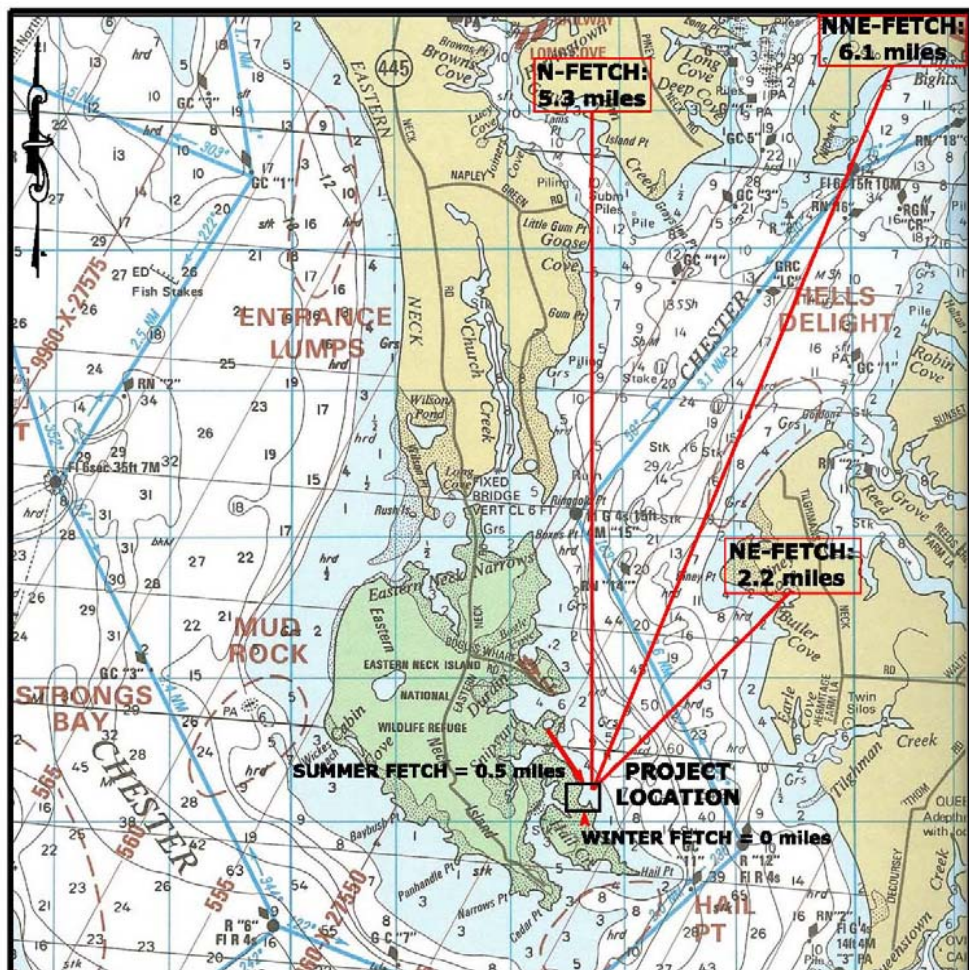
Project Cost Estimates

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Weight (tons)</i>	<i>Spartina Plant Plugs (no.)</i>	<i>Unit Cost (\$)</i>	
1	Mobilization				
2	Sediment & Erosion Control				
3	Rip Rap Placement				
4	Concrete Sand Placement				
5	Landscape Planting				
6	Goose Fencing				
7	Site Clean Up & Demobilization				
Subtotal Cost:					
10% Contingency					
10% Administration					
Subtotal Cost:					



Hail Cove Living Shoreline Project

- The Hail Cove Living Shoreline Project, is located at Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge in Kent County, Maryland
- Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge is a 2,286-acre stopover area for migratory and wintering waterfowl at the mouth of the Chester River on Maryland's Eastern Shore.
- Within Eastern Neck is Hail Cove which separates the Chester River and Hail Creek. Hail Cove is regarded as one of the five best waterfowl habitats in Maryland.
- Aerial surveys over the past 10 years revealed the importance of protecting Hail Creek from damaging erosion due to prevailing winds.
- Protecting Hail Cove will preserve submerged aquatic vegetation that is so critical to migratory waterfowl.



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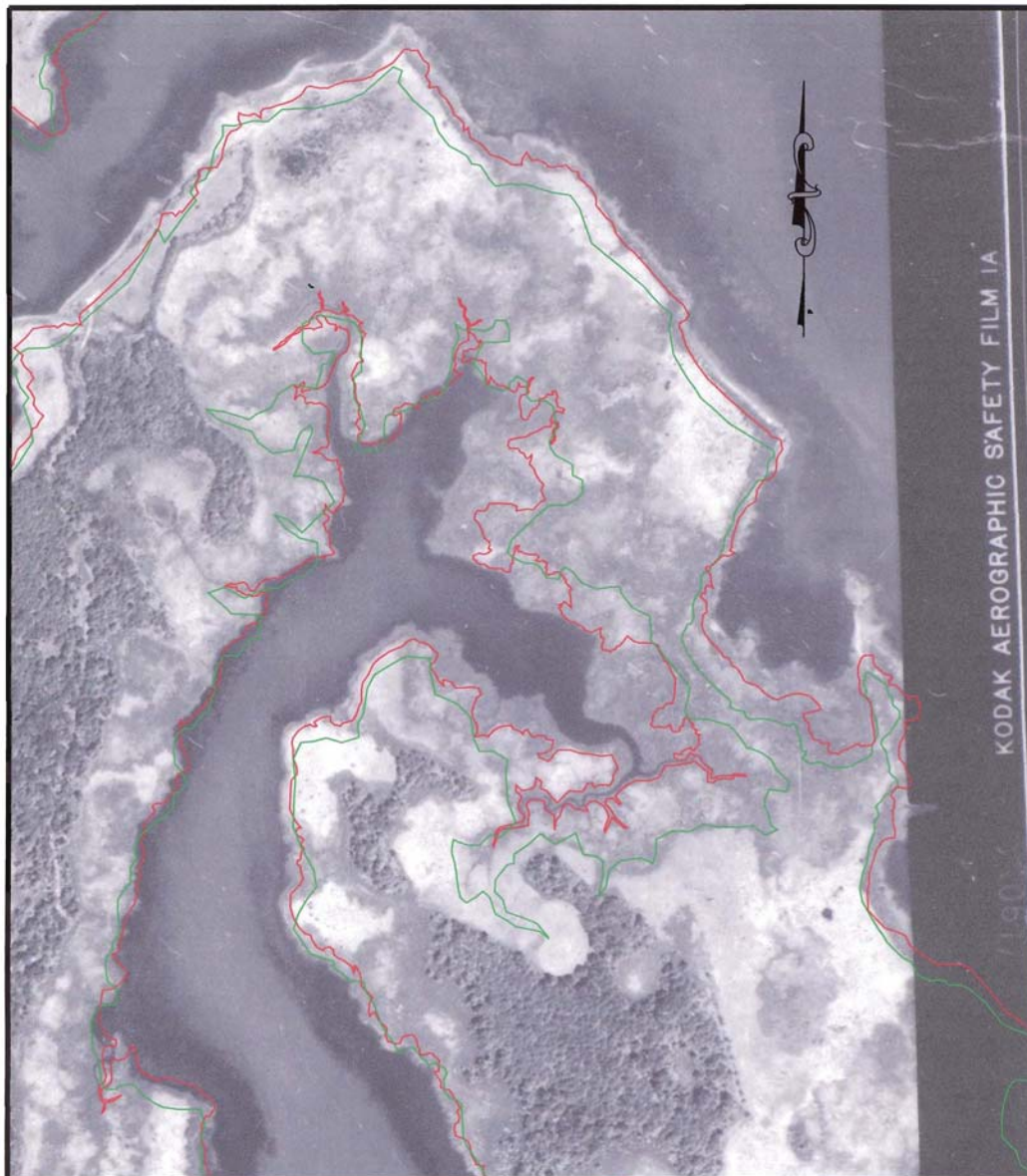
- 1) Base map obtained from navigation chart entitled Chart 4; Chesapeake Bay; Maryland & Virginia Chartbook by ADC The Map People dated 1998.
- 2) Fetch and wind direction analysis performed by Sustainable Science LLC.

VICINITY MAP

Hail Point Living Shoreline Project
 Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge
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1957 AERIAL & 1964/1989 SHORELINES

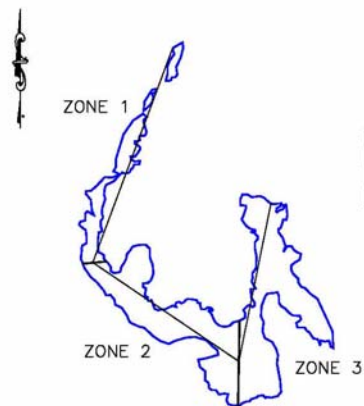
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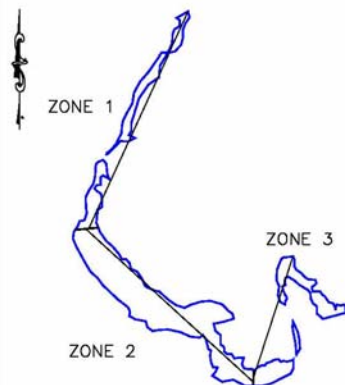
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ZONE	LENGTH (ft)	AREA (ac)	AVE. WIDTH (ft)	RECESSION RATE (ft/yr)
1	724 ft.	0.62 ac.	37.5 ft.	5.4 ft./yr.
2	557 ft.	1.67 ac.	130.3 ft.	18.6 ft./yr.
3	509 ft.	1.91 ac.	163.2 ft.	23.3 ft./yr.
TOTAL:		4.20 ac.		
LOSS PER YEAR:		0.60 ac.		

1957 to 1964 Shoreline Recession



ZONE	LENGTH (ft)	AREA (ac)	AVE. WIDTH (ft)	RECESSION RATE (ft/yr)
1	753 ft.	0.45 ac.	25.8 ft.	1.0 ft./yr.
2	717 ft.	1.56 ac.	94.9 ft.	3.8 ft./yr.
3	404 ft.	0.48 ac.	51.5 ft.	2.1 ft./yr.
TOTAL:		2.49 ac.		
LOSS PER YEAR:		0.10 ac.		

1964 to 1989 Shoreline Recession

COVE SHORELINE RECESSION EVALUATION

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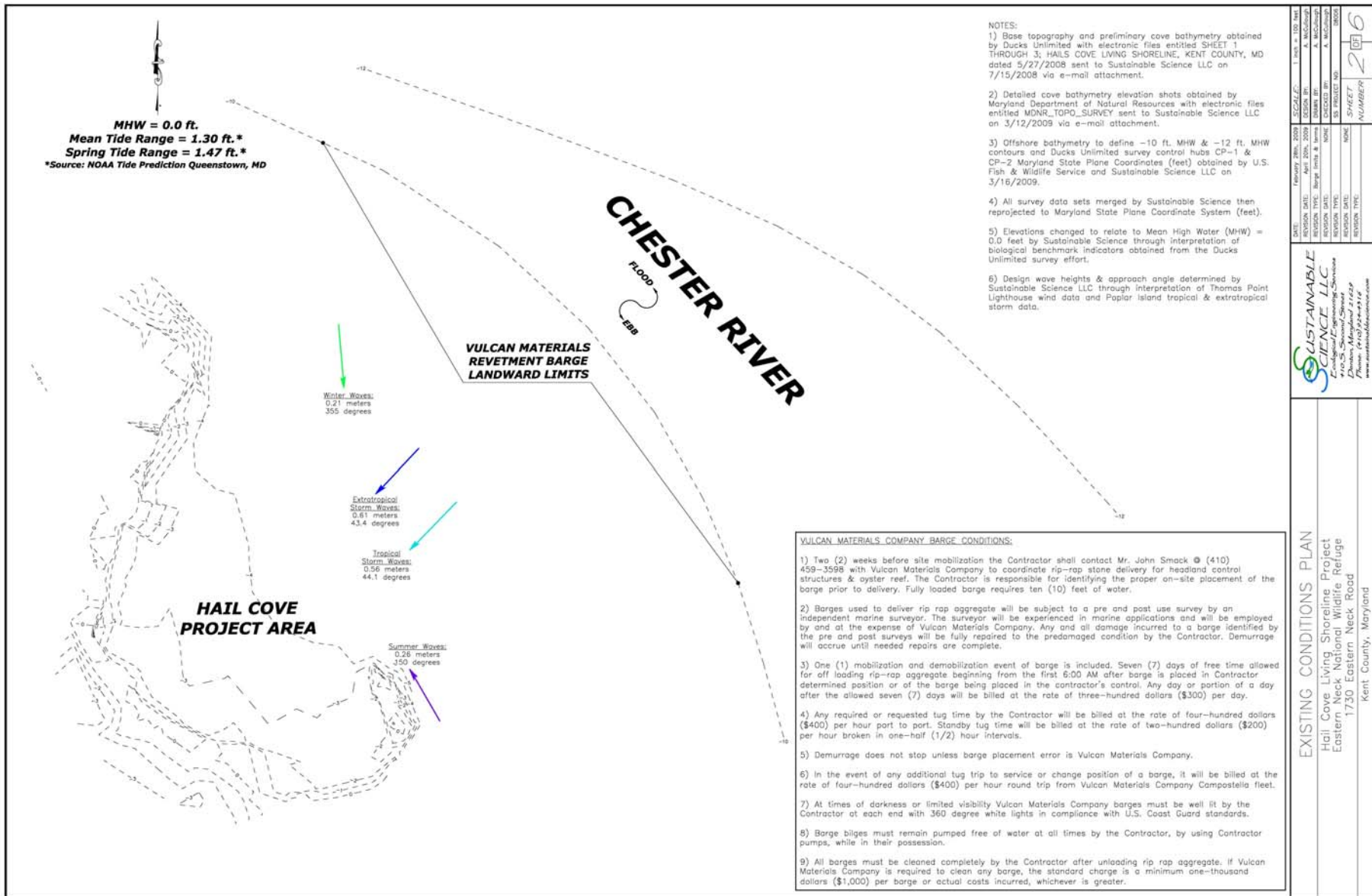
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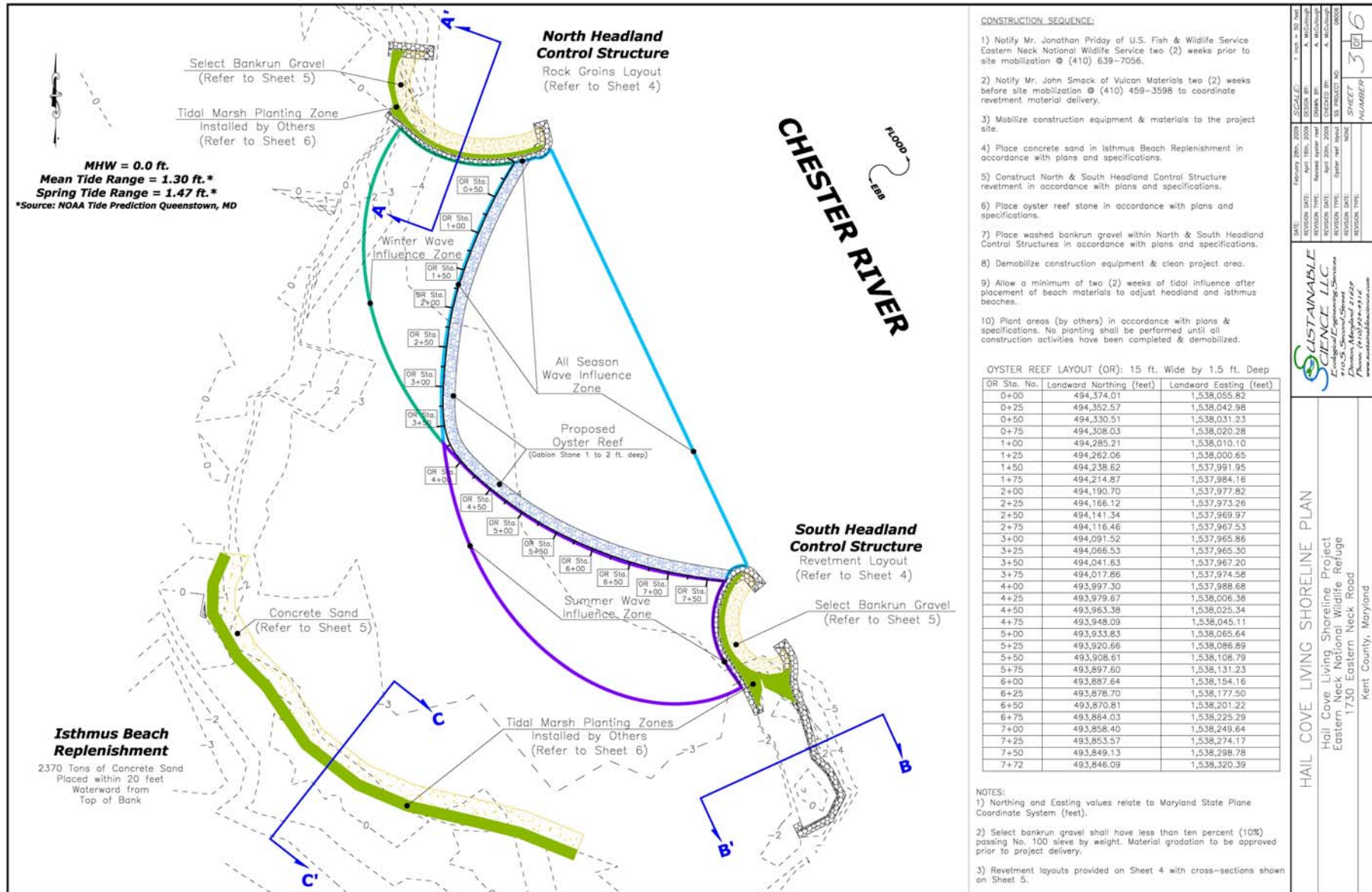
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Wave Analysis Results



Living Shoreline Design



Living Shoreline Construction



- Construction from 3rd week of July to 3rd week in August, 2009
- Planted in 2nd week of September, 2009

Hail Cove Living Shoreline Project Summary



- Seventeen project partners involved
- Total project cost \$445K for 3,180 feet of shoreline protected equating to \$140 per linear foot
- Typical high energy projects range from \$400 to \$500 per linear foot respectively equating to project costs from \$1.27M to \$1.59M
- Headland breakwater project costs range in the \$150 to \$250 per linear foot

Thanks!

Any Questions??

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US Army Corps of Engineers Coastal Engineering Manual:
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