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Re: Proposed Cleanup of the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site

Dear Ms. Simon,

The U.S Environmental Protection Agency is in the process of developing a final cleanup plan for the severely contaminated sediments within New Bedford Harbor. As a result of extensive discussions, public meetings, and negotiations with the local communities, EPA has recently developed a broad consensus for the approach to be taken in addressing this large scale problem.

As the lead federal agency for this project, we are aware of our responsibility under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act [16 U.S.C. 470f] to take into account the effects of our undertaking on historic properties and afford the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation a reasonable opportunity to comment regarding the location and nature of the proposed remedial activities.

In summary, the proposed remedy would involve the dredging of almost 200 acres of contaminated sediment from the Harbor and isolation of these sediments in shoreline "confined disposal facilities" or CDFs. Depending on the area of the harbor, the top one to two feet of sediment would be dredged. The attached Figure 1 outlines the area of potential effects (APE) including areas within the harbor to be dredged as well as the proposed locations of the required CDFs. Figures 2 and 3 show the four CDFs in greater detail. Additional formal public meetings and final decision-making for this remedy are still required before it can be legally adopted, however, we thought it appropriate to share this information with you now since consensus for this approach is widely held.

As you may know, it has been brought to EPA's attention that many Native American artifacts have been discovered within the project area, especially on the eastern shore of the Acushnet River. In accordance with the provisions of 36 CFR 800.5(a), we are consulting with the SHPO's office to request any information



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you may have on any known or potential historic resources either within the portions of the harbor proposed for dredging or in the vicinity of the proposed locations of the CDFs delineated in Figure 1. We realize that additional studies may be required to determine whether the proposed remedial activities would constitute an adverse effect and would appreciate any guidance you may be able to offer.

If you have any questions on this submittal or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 573-5735. We look forward to working with your office as we further develop the New Bedford Harbor cleanup plan.

Sincerely,

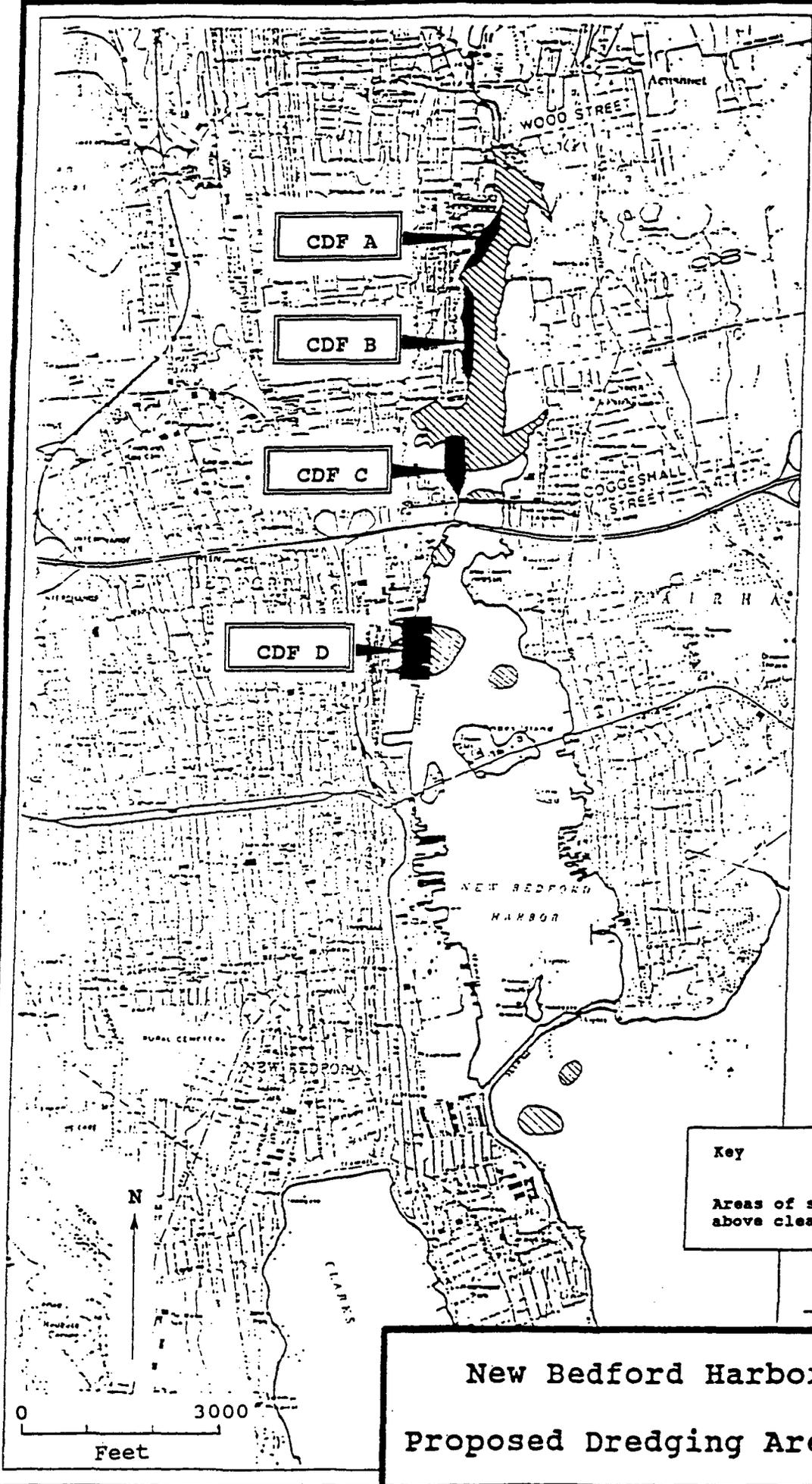
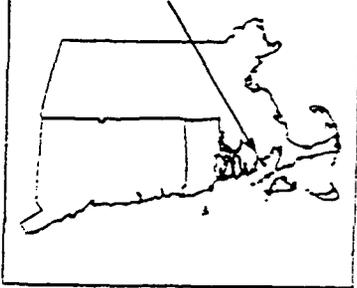


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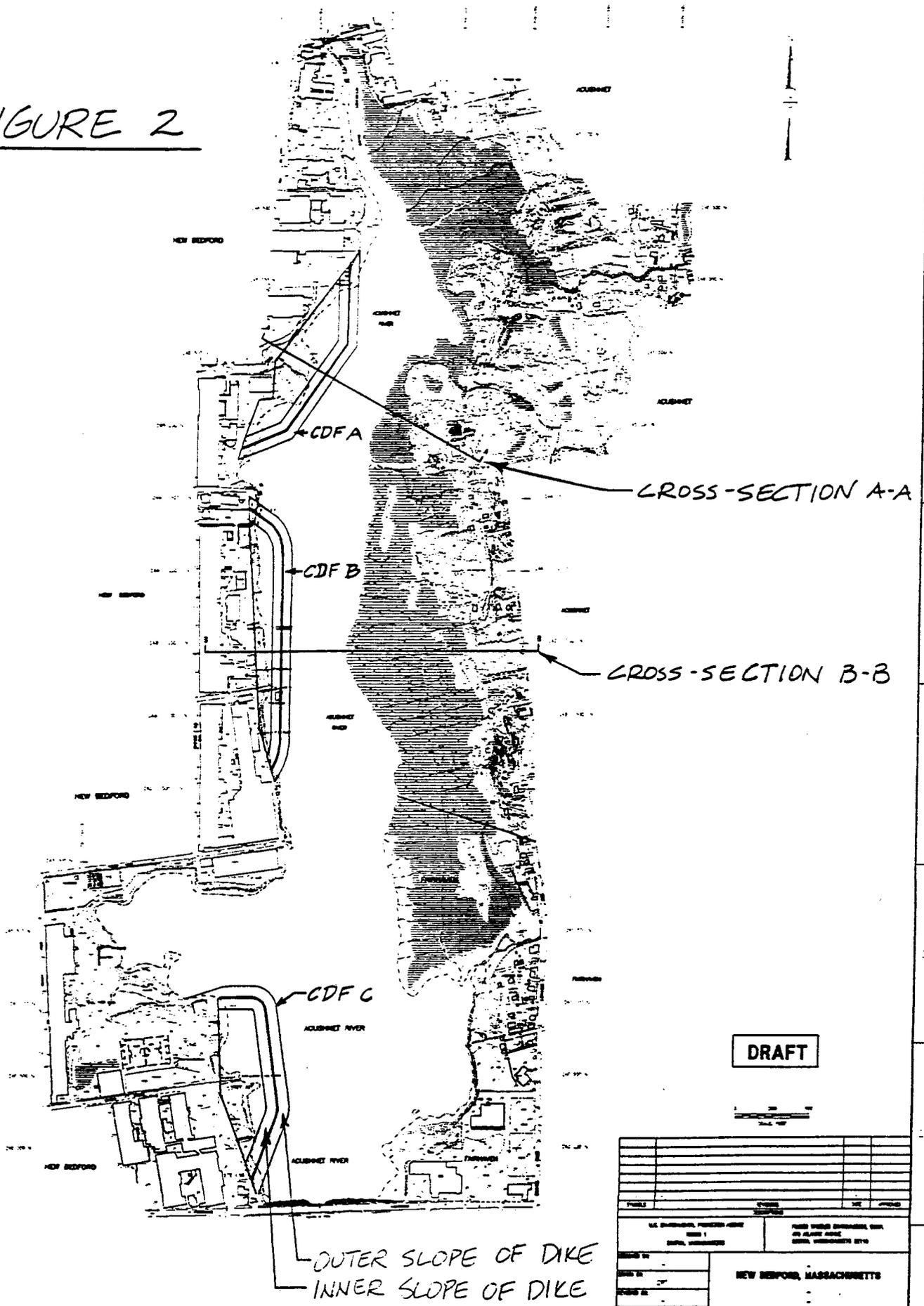
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Areas of sediment above cleanup levels 

FIGURE 1

New Bedford Harbor ROD II
Proposed Dredging Areas and CDFs

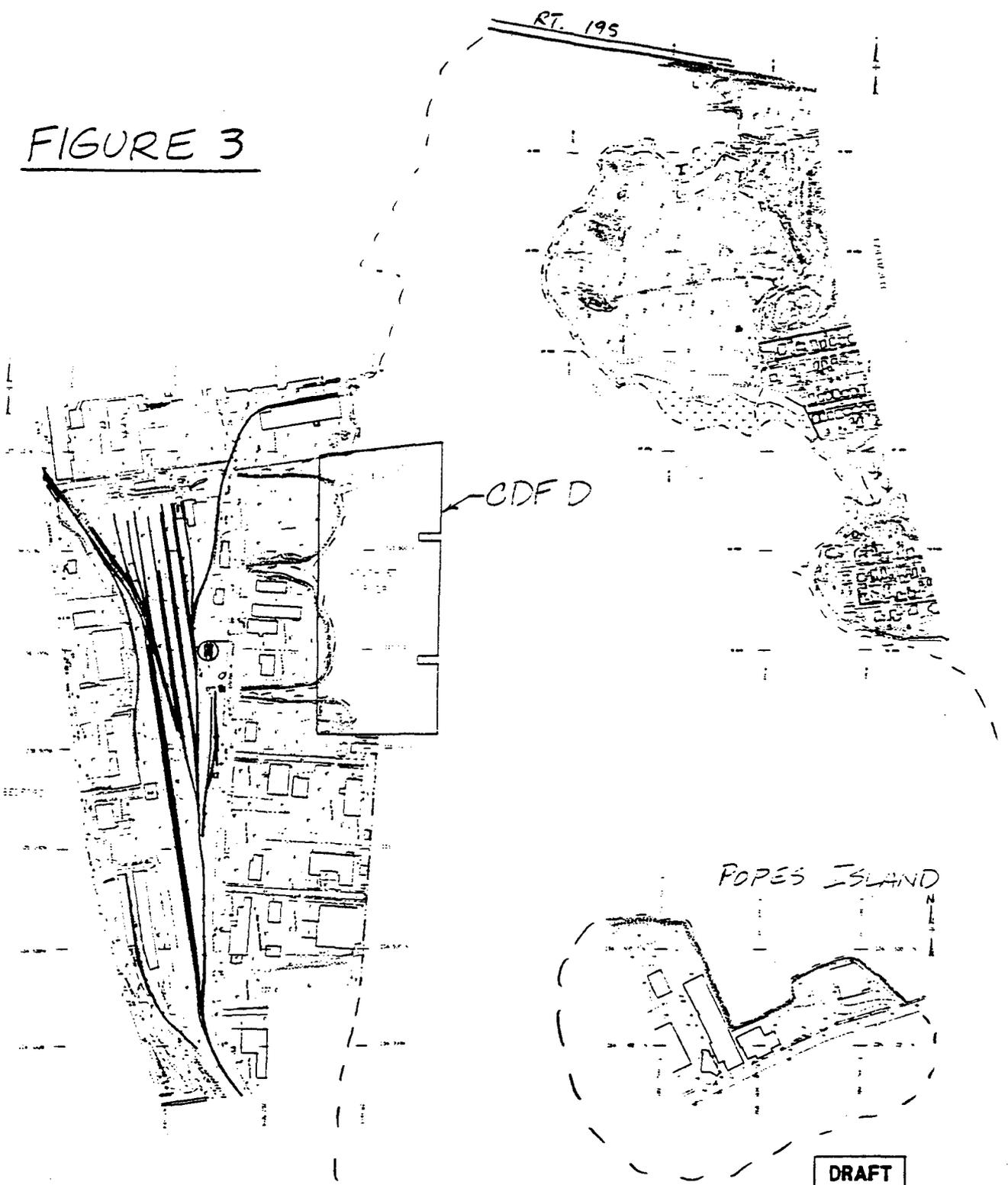
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