



PUBLIC NOTICE

US Army Corps
of Engineers
New York District
Jacob K. Javits Federal Building
New York, N.Y. 10278-0090
ATTN: Regulatory Branch

In replying refer to:

Public Notice Number: NAN-2014-00259-EBO
Issue Date: June 23, 2014
Expiration Date: July 23, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

The New York District, Corps of Engineers has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

APPLICANT: Town of Riverhead
1295 Pulaski Street
Riverhead, NY 11901

ACTIVITY: Maintenance dredging of Wading River Creek with Beach Placement

WATERWAY: Wading River Creek tributary to Long Island Sound

LOCATION: Town of Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York.

A detailed description and plans of the applicant's activity are enclosed to assist in your review.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

ALL COMMENTS REGARDING THE PERMIT APPLICATION MUST BE PREPARED IN WRITING AND MAILED TO REACH THIS OFFICE BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THIS NOTICE, otherwise, it will be presumed that there are no objections to the activity.

Any person may request, in writing, before this public notice expires, that a public hearing be held to collect information necessary to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons why a public hearing should be held. It should be noted that information submitted by mail is considered just as carefully in the permit decision process and bears the same weight as that furnished at a public hearing.

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Our preliminary determination is that the activity for which authorization is sought herein is not likely to affect any Federally endangered or threatened species or their critical habitat. However, pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531), the District Engineer is consulting with the appropriate Federal agency to determine the presence of and potential impacts to listed species in the project area or their critical habitat.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act (Public Law 104-267), requires all Federal agencies to consult with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Service (NOAA/FS) on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The proposed work, fully described in the attached work description, could cause the disruption of habitat for various lifestages of some EFH-designated species as a result of a temporary increase in turbidity during construction. However, the New York District has made the preliminary determination that the site-specific adverse effects are not likely to be substantial because it is expected that fish populations would avoid the small area of disturbance. Further consultation with NOAA-FS regarding EFH impacts and conservation recommendations being conducted and will be concluded prior to the final decision.

Based upon a review of the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, there are no known sites eligible for, or included in, the Register within the permit area. Presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical data may be lost by work accomplished under the required permit.

Reviews of activities pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404 (b) of the Clean Water Act and the applicant will obtain a water quality certificate or waiver from the appropriate state agency in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act prior to a permit decision.

Pursuant to Section 307 (c) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended [16 U.S.C. 1456 (c)], for activities under consideration that are located within the coastal zone of a state which has a federally approved coastal zone management program, the applicant has certified in the permit application that the activity complies with, and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with, the approved state coastal zone management program. By this public notice, we are requesting the state's concurrence with, objection to, or waiver of the applicant's certification. No permit decision will be made until one of these actions occurs. For activities within the coastal zone of New York State, the applicant's certification and accompanying information is available from the Consistency Coordinator, New York State Department of State, Division of Coastal Resources and Waterfront Revitalization, Coastal Zone Management Program, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12231, Telephone (518) 474-6000. Comments regarding the applicant's certification, and copies of any letters to this office commenting upon this proposal, should be so addressed.

In addition to any required water quality certificate and coastal zone management program concurrence, the applicant has obtained or requested the following governmental authorization for the activity under consideration:

- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Permit

In order for us to better serve you, please complete our Customer Service Survey located at: <http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/CustomerSurvey.aspx>.

It is requested that you communicate the foregoing information concerning the activity to any persons known by you to be interested and who did not receive a copy of this notice. If you have any questions concerning this application, you may contact this office a (917) 790-8516 and ask for Leslie Bowles-Early.

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For more information on New York District Corps of Engineers programs, visit our website at <http://www.nan.usace.army.mil>.


for Jodi M. McDonald
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Enclosures

WORK DESCRIPTION

The applicant, Town of Riverhead, has requested Department of the Army authorization for maintenance dredging of Wading River Creek, a tributary of Long Island Sound. The proposed project site is located in the Town of Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York.

The work would involve: Dredging, with 10-year maintenance in Wading River Creek. The proposed area for dredging is 750 feet in length and 25 feet in width. The channel would extend approximately 750 feet north of the existing boat ramp. The maximum side slopes are proposed to be 3:1 with a maximum depth corresponding to 3 feet below Mean Low Water (MLW) elevation. Approximately 8,000 to 10,000 cubic yards of material is proposed to be dredged on an annual basis. A tracked excavator with a clam shell bucket is proposed for dredging. Construction mats would be in place at all times beneath the excavator and around the dredge area. The dredging would begin south of the boat ramp and proceed north toward Long Island Sound. Excavators are not proposed to operate below MLW level.

The dredged material is proposed to be used as beach nourishment and would be placed along the beach adjoining Long Island Sound and begins approximately 50 feet east of Wading River Creek. The beach area extends east for approximately 3,100 feet. The dredged material would be placed between Mean High Water (MHW) and approximate MLW. The maximum nourishment depth would occur at the top of the bluff and slope gradually to the location of the MLW. The dredged material placement would begin at the east end of the designated area and proceed west. The dredged material would be placed by excavator directly on to an articulated dump truck. The dump truck would proceed north along the beach to the disposal area. Spilling of the sediment during dredging or hauling is not proposed. As the dredged material is unloaded by the dump truck at the disposal area, a bull dozer would distribute the material throughout each section proceeding from east to west.

The applicant has stated that they have avoided, minimized, and mitigated for impacts proposed to the maximum extent practicable by stabilizing the eroding shoreline.

The stated purpose of this project is to remove shoals to create safer navigation and for the protection of structures and infrastructure along Creek Road through placement of the dredged material.



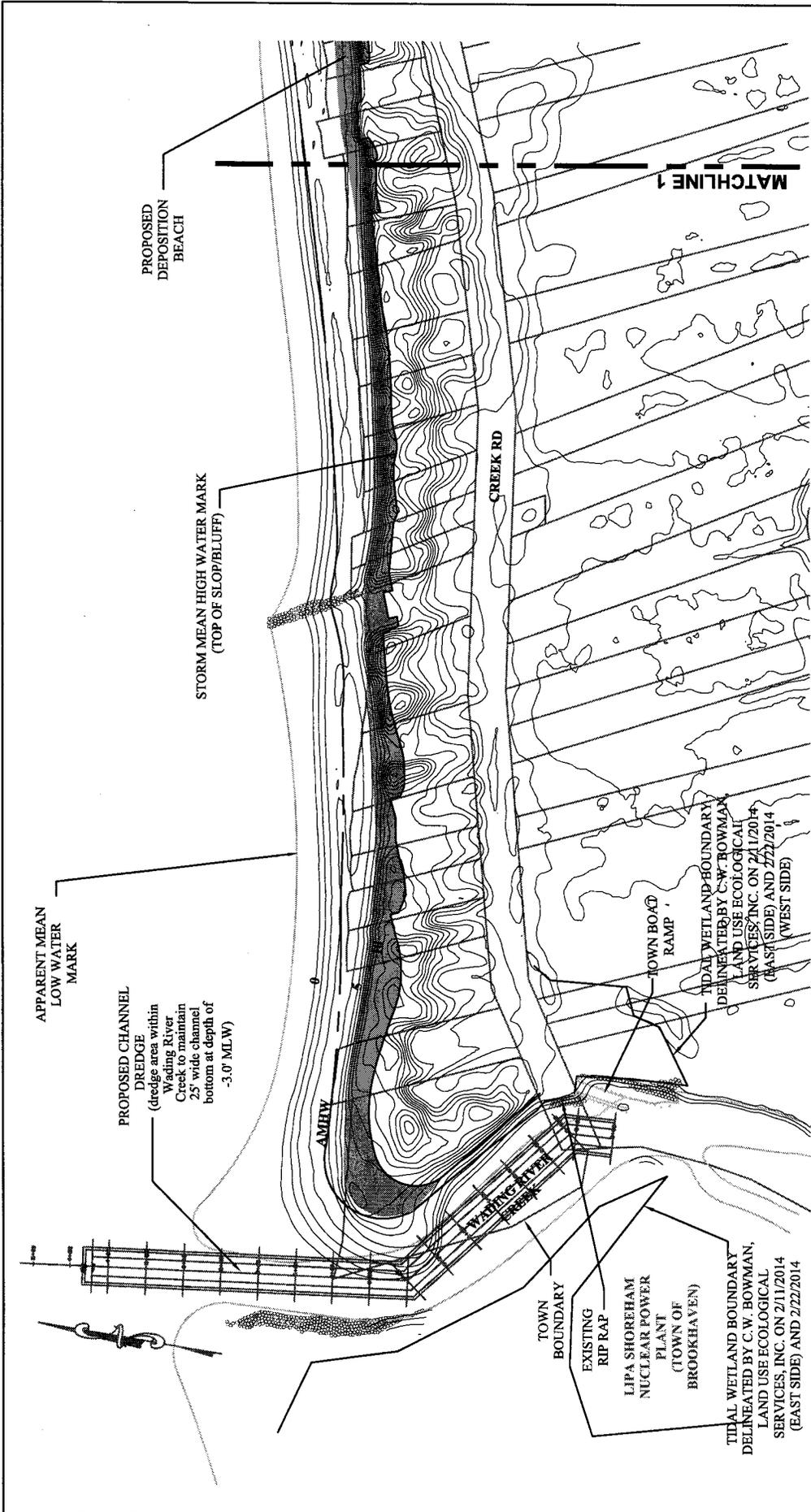
Wading River Creek Maintenance Dredging

Creek Road, Wading River, Town of Riverhead



Land Use Ecological Services, Inc.
570 Expressway Drive South, Suite 2F
Medford, NY 11763
Tel. 631-727-2400 Fax. 631-727-2605

Location map taken from Google Maps, www.googlemaps.com.



PLAN VIEW
SCALE: 1" = 200'

REVISIONS	
no.	date
1.	3/10/2014
2.	6/13/2014

DESCRIPTION
 1. LAND USE ECOLOGICAL SERVICES INC. REVISIONS
 2. LAND USE ECOLOGICAL SERVICES INC. REVISIONS

DATE: 01/27/2014
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PROJECT TITLE

**WADING RIVER CREEK
 MAINTENANCE DREDGE
 and
 BEACH DEPOSITION**

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 200 HOWELL AVENUE
 Riverhead, New York 11901

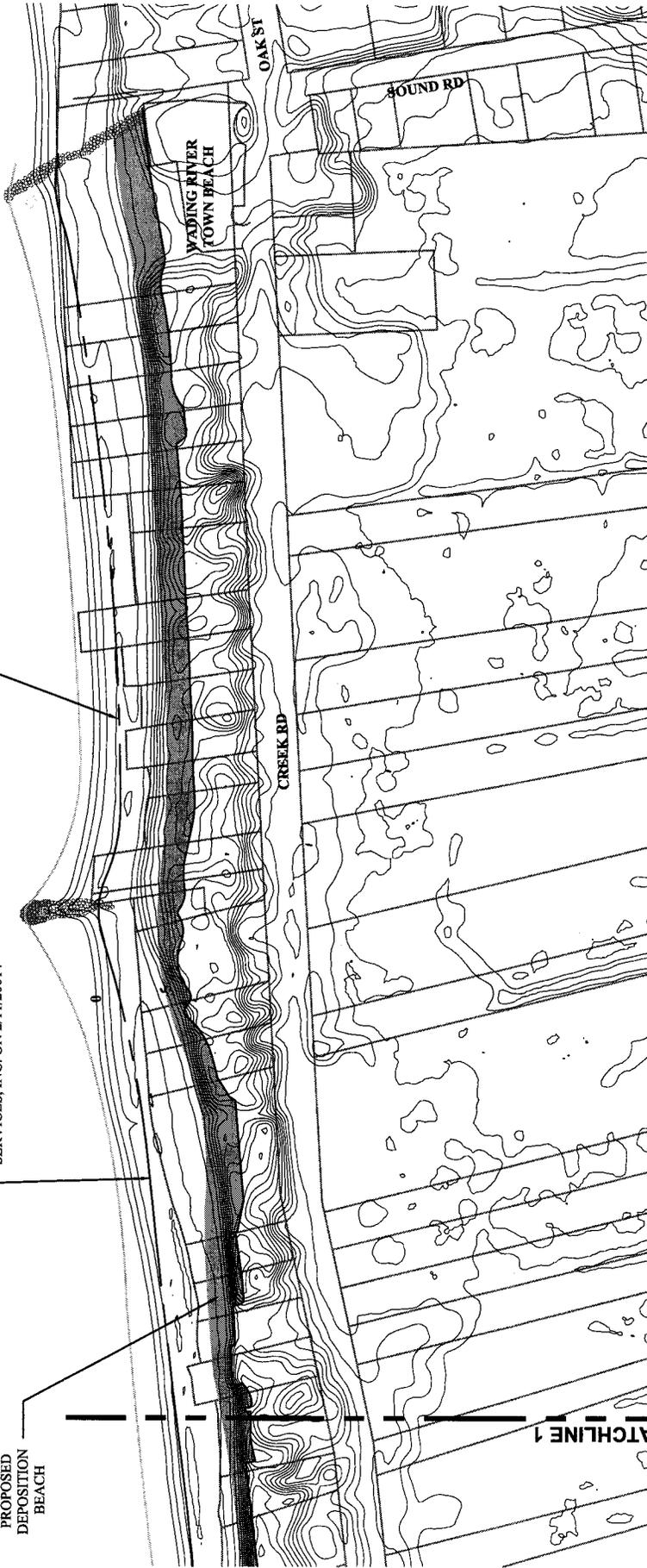
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LONG ISLAND SOUND

APPARENT MEAN HIGH WATER MARK

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PROPOSED DEPOSITION BEACH



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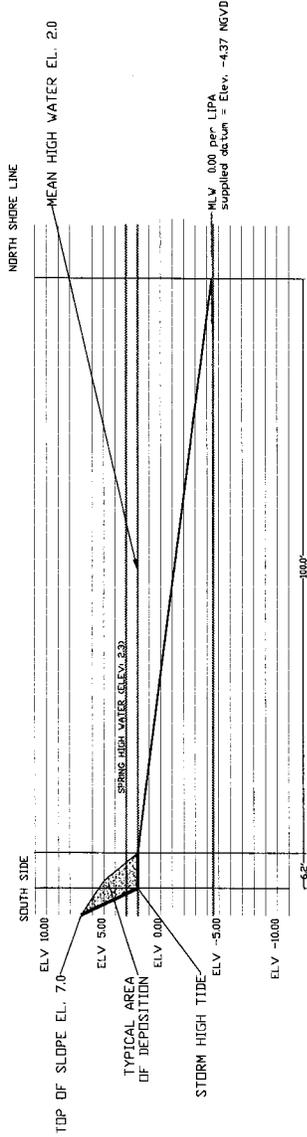
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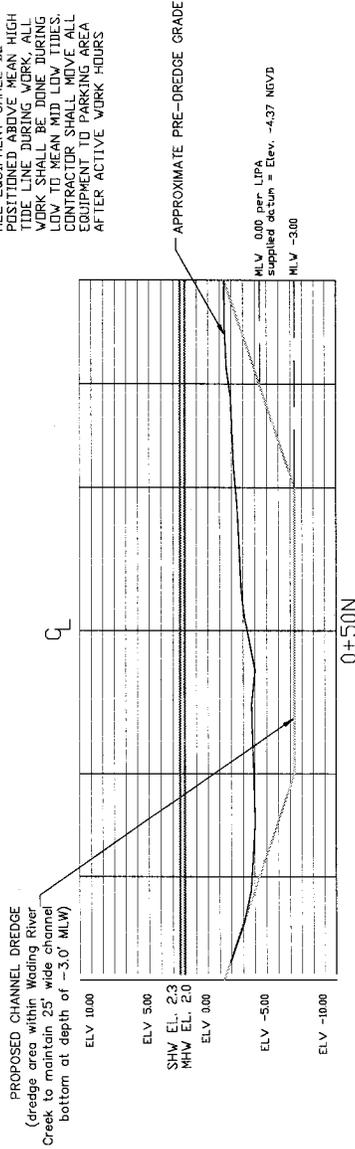
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TYPICAL BEACH DEPOSITION SECTION
NOT TO SCALE

ALL EQUIPMENT SHALL BE POSITIONED ABOVE MEAN HIGH TIDE LINE DURING WORK. ALL WORK SHALL BE DONE DURING LOW TO MEAN MID LOW TIDES. CONTRACTOR SHALL MOVE ALL EQUIPMENT TO PARKING AREA AFTER ACTIVE WORK HOURS.



DREDGE SECTION (TYP.)
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