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Public Notice

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MATTITUCK HARBOR, NEW YORK FEDERAL NAVIGATION PROJECT MAINTENANCE DREDGING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The New York District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 (33 U.S.C. 1344) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (amended in 1977 and commonly referred to as the Clean Water Act), proposes to perform maintenance dredging of the inlet and channel of the Mattituck Harbor Federal Navigation Project (see Figure No. 1) with subsequent placement of the dredged material on the adjacent beach on the east side of the inlet.

ACTIVITY: Maintenance dredging of Mattituck Harbor Federal Navigation Project with subsequent placement of the dredged material on the adjacent beach.

WATERWAY: Mattituck Harbor

LOCATION: Southhold, New York.

The Mattituck Harbor Federal Navigation Project was authorized by the River and Harbors Act of 1896 and modified in 1935 and 1964.

The existing navigation project at Mattituck authorizes a channel 7 feet deep at mean low water from the Long Island sound to the Village of Mattituck, 100 ft. wide at the entrance and 80 ft. wide thereafter, and a 460 by 570 ft. anchorage area at the upper end.

Additionally, two riprap jetties protect the outer entrance channel. The length of the channel is approximately 2 miles.

The proposed dredging with placement of dredged material on the adjacent beach east of the inlet is being evaluated to determine the effects on human health, welfare, economic potential,

recreation and aesthetics, water quality, marine resources, ecological systems and/or flood protection.

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. Comments are used to assess impacts on navigation, water quality, endangered species, historic resources, wetlands, scenic and recreational values, and other public interest factors. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and to determine the need for a public hearing.

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

Any person who has an interest, which may be affected, by the placement of this dredged material may request a public hearing. The request must be submitted in writing to the District Engineer within the comment period of this notice and must clearly set forth the interest, which may be affected, and the manner in which the interest may be affected by the activity. It should be noted that information submitted by mail is considered just as carefully in the process and bears the same weight as that furnished at a public hearing.

No known archaeological, scientific, prehistorical or historical data are expected to be lost by work accomplished under the required dredging.

Reviews of the activity pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will include application of the guidelines announced by the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act. The Corps will obtain a water quality certificate (WQC) from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act prior to the commencement of proposed work.

Pursuant to Section 307 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended [16 USC 1456(c)], for activities conducted or supported by a Federal agency in a state which has a federally approved Coastal Zone Management (CZM) program, the Corps will submit a determination that the proposed project is consistent with the State CZM program to the maximum extent practicable. This activity is subject to review by the New York State Department of State for its consistency with the enforceable policies of the New York State Coastal Management Program. The New York District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has determined that the proposed activities are consistent to the maximum extent practicable within the applicable policies of the New York State Coastal Management Program. A copy of this determination is provided to the New York State Department of State, Division of Coastal Resources. Additional information regarding the Corps of Engineers' consistency determination may be obtained by contacting the New York State Department of State, Division of Coastal Resources, 41 State Street, Albany New York 12231, Attention: Consistency Review.

In compliance with Section 305(b)(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (1996 amendments), an Essential Fish Habitat Assessment will be prepared and submitted to the National Marine Fisheries Service for review and comment.

The proposed work is being coordinated with the following Federal, state and local agencies:

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Department of Commerce, National Marine Fisheries Service
- U.S. Coast Guard, Third District
- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
- New York State Department of State
- Southhold Township

If you have any questions concerning this notice, you may contact this office at (212) 264-0199 and ask for Adam Devenyi. Comments or questions may be FAXED to (212) 264-4260 Attn: Adam Devenyi

DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED ACTION:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District (the Corps) proposes to perform maintenance dredging of the shoaled areas within the channel. The major shoals occur at the first bend in the channel and will be given priority. This channel was last dredged in 1990 with the removal of 13,000 cubic yards (CY) of sediment. The proposed maintenance dredging would involve the removal of approximately 10,000 to 15,000 CY of material primarily from the first turn in the channel, just beyond the inlet.

The purpose of the proposed dredging is to maintain the authorized project dimensions, thereby assuring safe and economical use of the Mattituck Harbor by commercial, recreational and municipal interests. The dredge material will be used to replenish the beach located east of the east jetty.

Maintenance dredging of the Federal Navigation project will be accomplished by pipeline dredge, mechanical dredge or similar plant. The entire channel will generally not require maintenance dredging; only areas where shoaling has significantly reduced the depth and width of the channel will require dredging.

Work is not recommended to occur during the environmental windows for winter flounder (February 1 to May 31) and environment windows for piping plovers (April 1 to September 15). Therefore, work will be scheduled to occur after September 15 and before February 1.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was prepared by the U.S. Army Engineer District, New York in June 1976. It was determined that maintenance dredging of the Mattituck Harbor,

Federal Navigation Project, with placement of the dredged material on the adjacent beach has no significant adverse environmental impacts on water quality, marine resources, fish, wildlife, recreation, aesthetics and flood protection.

An updated Environmental Assessment (EA) and a 404 (b) evaluation as required by the Clean Water Act 40 CFR 230 will be prepared prior to the implementation of the proposed work.

PLACEMENT SITE:

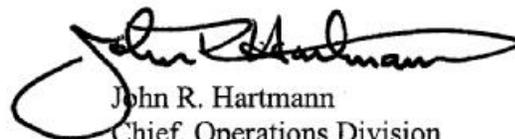
The dredged material from this project is proposed to be placed on the nearby beach of Mattituck Village, Southold Township, New York. This beach is adjacent to the east jetty. The dredged material will be transported by pipeline and deposited at the designated site, as shown on the attached map.

MATERIAL DESCRIPTION:

The proposed dredge material is greater than 95 % Sand and Gravel. A significant portion of the material is coarse gravel. The grain size characteristics of the proposed dredged material is:

46% GRAVEL, 51% SAND, 3% SILT & CLAY

It is requested that you communicate the foregoing information concerning the proposed work to any persons known by you to be interested and who did not receive a copy of this notice.



John R. Hartmann
Chief, Operations Division

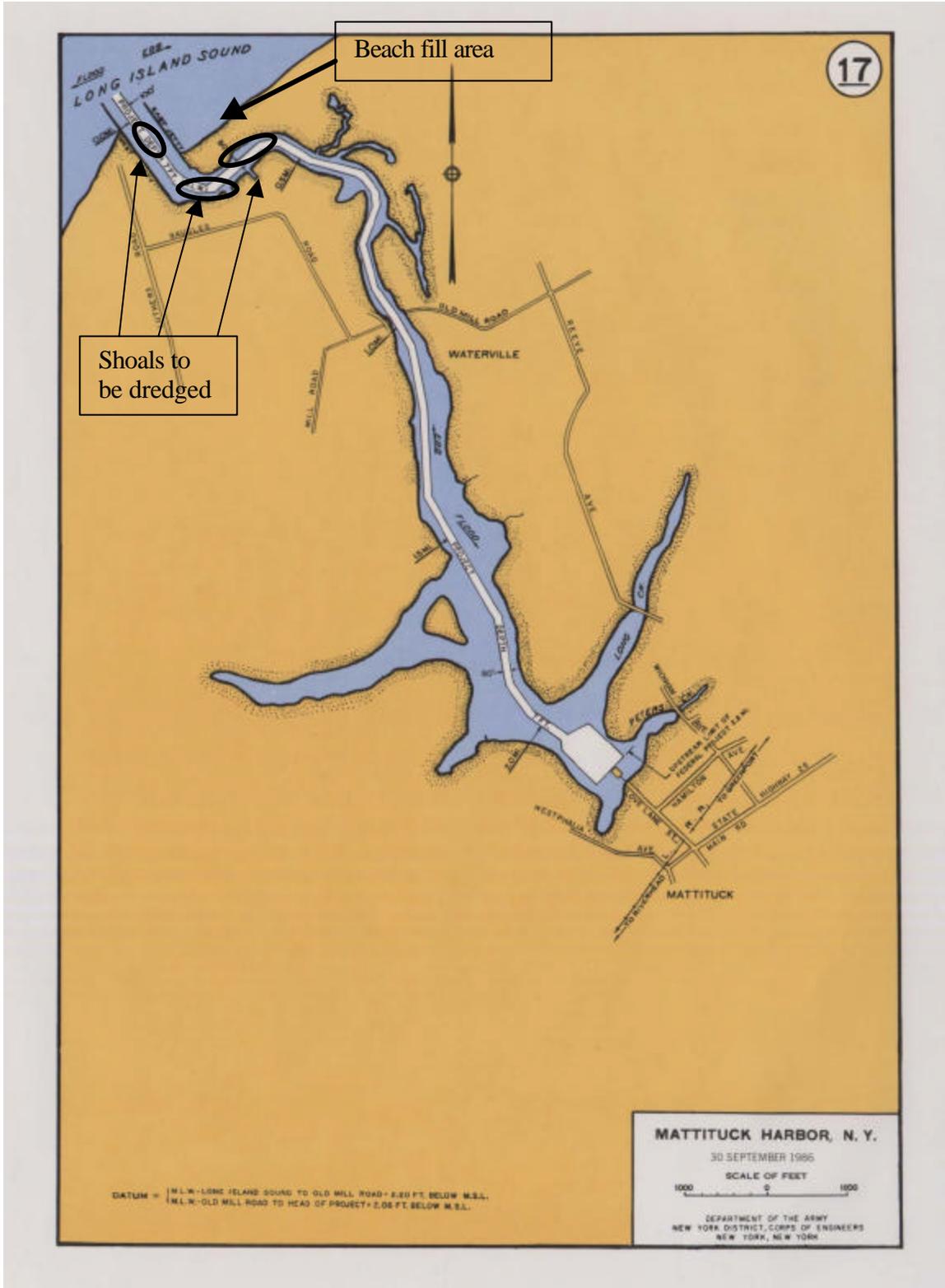


FIGURE 1