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MATTITUCK HARBOR, SUFFOLK COUNTY, 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 Mattituck Harbor, Suffolk County, New York, Federal Navigation Project with subsequent placement of the dredged sand at a nearshore placement site, along the Bailie Beach Park shoreline and/or a contractor furnished, state-approved, upland placement site(s) and placement of the remaining material at a contractor furnished, state-approved, upland placement site(s). The project location is shown on Figure 1.

ACTIVITY: Maintenance dredging of Mattituck Harbor, Suffolk County, New York Federal Navigation Project with placement of dredged sand at a nearshore placement site, along the Bailie Beach Park shoreline and/or a contractor furnished, state-approved, upland placement site(s) and placement of the remaining material at a contractor furnished, state-approved, upland placement site(s).

WATERWAY: Mattituck Harbor

LOCATION: Suffolk County, New York

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

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

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

This activity is being evaluated to determine that the proposed dredging with placement of dredged material will not unreasonably degrade or endanger 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.

DUE TO CURRENT LOCAL CONDITIONS, AND TO ENSURE ALL COMMENTS REGARDING THIS ACTIVITY ARE RECEIVED, ALL COMMENTS SHOULD BE EMAILED TO JUN.YAN@USACE.ARMY.MIL 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 dredging and/or 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 way 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.

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 or waiver from the appropriate state agency in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act prior to commencement of any 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 must 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 CZM program. A copy of this determination will be provided to the New York State Department of State, Office of Coastal, Local Government and Community Sustainability. Additional information regarding the Corps of Engineers' consistency determination may be obtained by contacting the New York State Department of State, Office of Coastal, Local Government and Community Sustainability, Attn: Consistency Review Unit, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Avenue – Suite 1010, Albany, New York 12231.

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

If you have any questions concerning this notice, you may contact Mr. Jun Yan by phone at (917) 790-8437 or email at Jun.Yan@usace.army.mil.

DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED ACTION:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District (the Corps) proposes to perform maintenance dredging of Mattituck Harbor, Federal navigation Channel. The channel was last dredged in 2014 with the removal of approximately 100,000 cubic yards (CY) of sand, with subsequent placement at Baillie Beach Park shoreline, east of east jetty.

The proposed maintenance dredging would involve the removal of approximately 11,520 CY of material. The channel will be dredged to a depth of 7 feet plus 1 foot allowable over depth, subject to availability of funds. Maintenance dredging of the harbor can be accomplished by utilizing a small hopper dredge, hydraulic dredge, and/or clamshell dredge, or similar plants. The entire reach will generally not require maintenance dredging, only the areas where shoaling has reduced the depth of the channel will require dredging.

The purpose of the proposed work is to alleviate the effects of shoaling, thereby assuring safe navigation and facilitating economical use of Mattituck Harbor by commercial and recreational boating interests while providing beneficial use of the dredged material. The dredged sand will be placed at a nearshore placement site, along the Baillie Beach Park shoreline and/or a contractor furnished, state-approved, upland placement site(s) and placement of the remaining material will be at a contractor furnished, state-approved, upland placement site(s).

The dredging and placement for this project is anticipated to occur in the late summer/fall of 2024.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1976. It was determined that maintenance dredging in Mattituck Harbor with placement at the upland disposal site will have no significant adverse environmental impact on water quality, marine resources, wildlife, recreation, aesthetics and flood protection.

An update of the 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 Mattituck Harbor, NY is proposed to be placed at a nearshore placement site, along the Bailie Beach Park shoreline and/or a contractor furnished, state-approved, upland placement site(s). The dredged sand may be transported by a small hopper dredge to the nearshore placement site, or a small pipeline dredge to the Bailie Beach Park shoreline.

The remaining dredged material will be subsequently placed at a suitable permitted upland placement site(s), both permitted by that State and approved by the government. The dredge material is required to meet all federal, state, and local criteria required by the government agencies having jurisdiction where the placement site is located. All necessary permits required for the dredged material placement will be provided to the Government prior to the start of dredging.

MATERIAL DESCRIPTION:

Grain size analyses performed on samples were taken from the shoals in the channel in 2023. Samples were taken to the authorized depth of 7 feet, plus one-foot allowable over-depth. Based on these results, the dredged material from the entrance channel is greater than 99% gravel and sand. Results also indicate that the remaining proposed dredge material in the dredging area are characterized as:

47.2% sand/gravel, 35.1% silt, and 17.6% 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. For more information on the New York District Corps of Engineers programs, visit our website at <http://www.nan.usace.army.mil>

If you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact Mr. Michael J. Oseback, Chief, Operation Support Branch, at (917) 790 - 8536 or email at michael.j.oseback@usace.army.mil

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**Figure 1: Location Map
Mattituck Harbor, Suffolk County, New York**