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Public Notice

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Public Notice No. EAST ROCKAWAY INLET, NEW YORK

JETTY REHABILITATION 2013

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JETTY REHABILITATION EAST ROCKAWAY INLET, NEW YORK FEDERAL NAVIGATION PROJECT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 322.3 (c), and Part 330, Appendix A, Part B, # 3, (maintenance which authorizes the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of any previously authorized, currently serviceable, authorized structure or fill), notice is hereby given that the U.S. Army Engineer District, New York proposes to perform repairs to the jetty located on the eastern side of the inlet at East Rockaway Inlet, New York.

ACTIVITY: Locating, extracting and resetting of existing armor stone, core stone and toe protection of the East Rockaway Inlet Jetty, which was damaged during Superstorm Sandy.

WATERWAY: East Rockaway Inlet

LOCATION: Atlantic Beach, Long Island, Nassau County, New York

FEDERAL PROJECT AUTHORIZATION:

The East Rockaway Inlet Federal Navigation Project is authorized by the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1930, in accordance with House Document Number 19, 71st Congress, 1st Session.

FEDERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The existing project provides for a 4,250 foot long jetty, of varying widths, on the east side of East Rockaway Inlet for channel protection (Figure 1).

DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED FEDERAL ACTION:

The proposed action by the U. S. Army Engineer District, New York is the rehabilitation of the oceanward portion of the jetty on the eastern side of the inlet, which was severely damaged by Superstorm Sandy. The last repair to this jetty was performed on the oceanward portion of the jetty in 1993. The jetty repairs could commence as early as the fall of 2013. The repairs to the jetty will be performed on the oceanward portion of the jetty and consist of the following items; locating, extracting and resetting of existing armor stone, core stone and toe protection.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EA) was prepared by the New York District in April 1974 and was subsequently updated for East Rockaway Inlet in February 1992. It has been determined that repair of the jetty would have no significant adverse environmental impacts on water quality, marine resources, wildlife, endangered species, recreation, aesthetics and flood protection of the area.

ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION:

The no repair alternative would result in the continued deterioration of the structure with eventual failure of the structure resulting. The continued deterioration and eventual failure of the jetty will result in the following; loss of protection to ships and boats entering the inlet from waves coming in from the west, and continued erosion of the shoreline and backshore area east of the jetty which will result in increased shoaling of the inlet and eventually a loss of accessibility for those activities which depend upon the inlet for water transportation.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

Any person may request, in writing, that a public hearing be held to consider the proposed rehabilitation of the jetty. Requests for a public hearing must state the specific reasons for holding a hearing.

Pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C.1531) and based upon a review of the latest published version of the threatened and endangered species listing a preliminary determination is that the activity under consideration will not affect those species listed (piping plover), or proposed for listing (roseate tern) nor their critical habitat. The contractor is expected to perform the work from the water.

There are no known sites within the surrounding area that are eligible for or included in the National Register of Historic Places. Presently unknown archaeological, scientific, prehistorical or historical data may be lost by work accomplished under the required jetty rehabilitation.

A Water Quality Certificate has been requested from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

The proposed work is being coordinated with the following Federal, State and Local Agencies:

- United States Environmental Protection Agency
- United States Department of Commerce, National Marine Fisheries Service

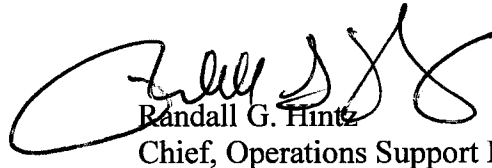
- United States Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service
- United States Coast Guard, First Coast Guard District
- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
- New York State Department of State
- New York City Department of Planning

Since this activity is located within the coastal zone of New York which has a Federally approved coastal zone management, the Corps of Engineers has submitted to the State a determination that the jetty repair will be conducted in a manner that is in compliance with the rules of the State coastal resources management program and policies. Reference is made to Section 307 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended (16 U.S.C. 1456). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has requested the State's concurrence with, objection to or waiver of that determination.

Any criticisms or protests regarding the proposed work should be prepared in writing and mailed to reach this office prior to the expiration date; otherwise it will be presumed that there are no objections.

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.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Joe Olha of this office at (917) 790-8404.


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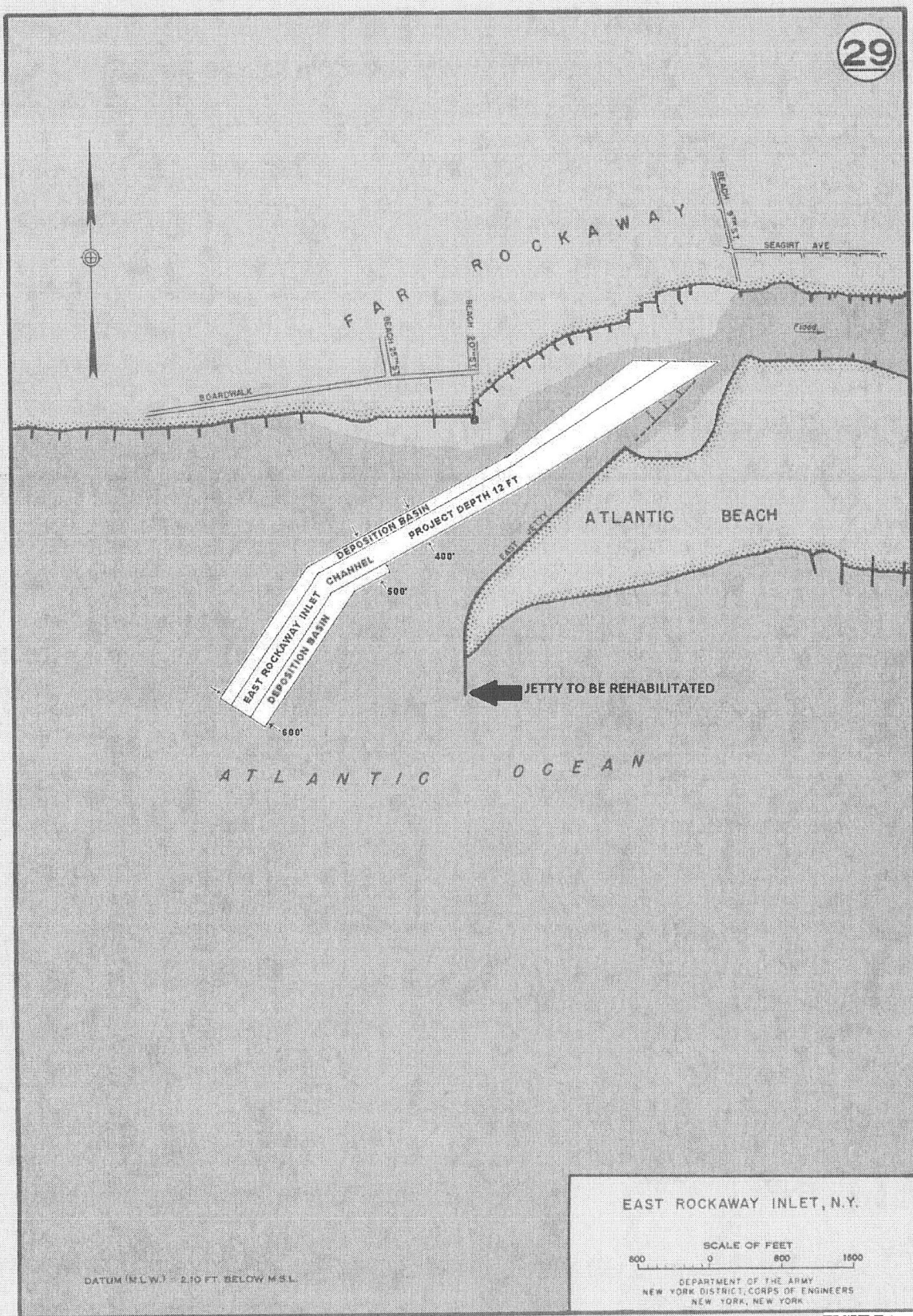


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