



PUBLIC NOTICE

US Army Corps
of Engineers
New York District
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New York, N.Y. 10278-0090

In replying refer to:

Public Notice: Troy Lock and Dam, Boat Ramp Renovation
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Expiration Date: July 22, 2011

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 USC 1344) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (amended in 1977 and commonly referred to as the Clean Water Act), proposes to perform a renovation to the boat ramp located at the Troy Lock and Dam in Troy, New York (see enclosed plan and section).

ACTIVITY: Troy Lock and Dam, Boat Ramp Renovation

WATERWAY: Hudson River

LOCATION: Troy, Rensselaer County, New York

A boat ramp is located at the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Albany Field Office facility (Troy Lock and Dam) on the Hudson River. The boat ramp, located north of the lock, is used by the USACE for launching and retrieving trailer towed boats, and loading equipment onto a floating plant. Boats are used by survey staff to perform hydrographic surveys, and personnel performing maintenance on the navigation channel and lock. The US Coast Guard and US Geodetic Survey also use the boat ramp for their missions. The boat ramp is made available for use by police, sheriff and fire departments performing emergency response functions.

DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED ACTION:

The New York District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers proposes to renovate the boat ramp to include:

The existing ramp will be renovated to provide a reinforced concrete ramp at the proper grade to facilitate launching and retrieving trailer towed boats safely. Concrete push slabs will be used below elevation 17 to minimize disturbance and work in the river. Dimensions of the renovated ramp including approach are approximately 12 ft wide by 110 ft long. Approximately 100 cyd of river sediment will be removed to provide the proper grade for the renovated boat ramp. A silt curtain will be placed around the area where sediment will be removed. Removal of the sediment will occur when the river level is at elevation 17 or lower to

minimize the work done beneath the water line. Due to the presence of PCB's in the river, the sediment will be allowed to dry on site, then hauled and disposed of at a permitted landfill.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The New York District has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) Draft. The preliminary findings of the Draft EA and Section 404 (33USC1344) evaluation has determined that renovation of the boat ramp would have no significant adverse environmental impacts on water quality, marine resources, wildlife, endangered species, wetlands, recreation, aesthetics, and flood protection of the area. Based on the draft EA findings we expect to issue a Finding of No Significant Impacts (FONSI) following completion of the Public review. Interested parties may request a copy of the EA and provide comments in writing to Mr. James Smith at the address provided below.

ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION:

Alternatives considered for the proposed action included no action, construction of the renovated boat ramp using entirely cast in place concrete, and renovation of the boat ramp using cast in place concrete above the waterline with push slabs below the waterline. The no work alternative would result in unsafe boat launching conditions for personnel due to uneven grade and inadequate depth of water to allow boats moving on and off trailers. Renovation of the boat ramp will provide a firm grade at the appropriate slope and water level to facilitate safe launching and retrieval of trailer towed boats. The renovated boat ramp will enable first responders (fire, police, sheriff) to more efficiently respond to emergencies on the river. Using concrete push slabs below the water line instead of cast in place concrete, will eliminate the need for constructing a cofferdam and dewatering pumping, thereby minimizing disturbance to the river.

COORDINATION:

The proposed work is being coordinated with the following Agency:

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

Any person may request, **in writing**, that a public hearing be held to consider the proposed renovation of the boat ramp. 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

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version of the threatened and endangered species list a preliminary determination is that this activity under consideration will not affect those species listed nor their critical habitat.

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.

Any criticisms or protests regarding the proposed work should be PREPARED IN WRITING AND MAILED TO REACH The Army Corps of Engineers, Albany Field Office, 1 Bond Street, Troy, New York 12180 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 contact Mr. James Smith of the Albany Field Office at (518) 273-0870.

Enclosures

1. Plan and Section View

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