



# 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-2016-01151-EKN**  
Issue Date: **August 1, 2018**  
Expiration Date: **August 30, 2018**

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:** Board of Trustees of the Freeholders and Commonality of the Town of Southampton  
116 Hampton Road, Town Hall  
Southampton, NY 11968

**ACTIVITY:** 10-year maintenance dredging of connection between Sagaponack Pond and the Atlantic Ocean

**WATERWAY:** Sagaponack Pond, Atlantic Ocean

**LOCATION:** Dredging Location: Sagaponack Pond at the Atlantic Ocean

Dredged Material Placement Locations: Eastern and western shorelines of connection between Sagaponack Pond and the Atlantic Ocean, Town of Southampton, 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 CENAN-OP-RE

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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.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be fully considered during the public interest review for this permit application. Comments provided will become part of the public record for this permit application. All written comments, including contact information, will be made a part of the administrative record, available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act. The Administrative Record, or portions thereof, may also be posted on a Corps of Engineers internet web site. Due to resource limitations, this office will normally not acknowledge the receipt of comments or respond to individual letters of comment.

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.

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 construction work, fully described in the enclosed Work Description, could cause minimum disruption of habitat for various life stages of some EFH-designated species as a result of a minor short-term temporary increase in turbidity during construction. However, the New York District has made the preliminary determination that the site-specific minor adverse effects are not likely to be substantial because it is expected that fish populations would avoid the small area of minor disturbance. Further consultation with NOAA/FS regarding EFH impacts and conservation recommendations is being conducted and will be concluded prior to the final decision on this permit application.

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.

Review 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 permit 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 application decision.

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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, the applicant's certification and accompanying information is available from the New York State Department of State Division of Coastal Resources, Coastal Management Program, 99 Washington Avenue – Suite 1010, Albany, New York 12231-0001, 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

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 at (917) 790-8715 and ask for Dr. Stephen Knowles.

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>.

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

*Amanda M. Regan*  
**For and in behalf of**  
Stephan A. Ryba  
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Enclosures

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### **WORK DESCRIPTION**

The permit applicant, Board of Trustees of the Freeholders and Commonality of the Town of Southampton, has requested Department of the Army (DA) authorization to perform dredging with ten-year maintenance of the connection between Sagaponack Pond and the Atlantic Ocean; with sidecasting of all resultant dredged material along the eastern and western shorelines of the excavated connection, in the Town of Southampton, Suffolk County, New York.

The proposed dredging area is rectangular-shaped, approximately 50-foot wide by approximately 1,100-foot long, and extends to a maximum depth of 4.0-foot below the Plane of Mean Low Water. Up to seven (7) individual dredging events per calendar year of approximately 2,000-cubic yards per event, are proposed. Placement of all resultant sandy dredged material would be upland of the Plane of Spring High Water along the eastern and western shorelines of the excavated 50-foot wide by 1,100-foot long connection between Sagaponack Pond and the Atlantic Ocean. Water draining from the dredged material piles will percolate into the sand with some return flow to the waterway. The duration of each dredging and placement event is estimated to be two (2) days. All dredged material is proposed to be mechanically dredged with a clamshell bucket mounted on a friction crane and a hydraulic excavator (backhoe).

The stated purpose of this project is to continue to maintain water quality in Sagaponack Pond through exchange of fresh and saline water and regulate elevated water levels when necessary.

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Purpose: Proposed Dredge Channel

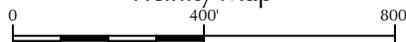
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## Vicinity Map



Scale: 1"=400'

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Name of Project:  
Dredging Plan/ Existing Conditions

Location of Project:

In: Sagaponack Pond  
County: Suffolk County  
Applicant: Inter-Science, Research Associated, Inc.  
36 Nugent Street  
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Full Site View



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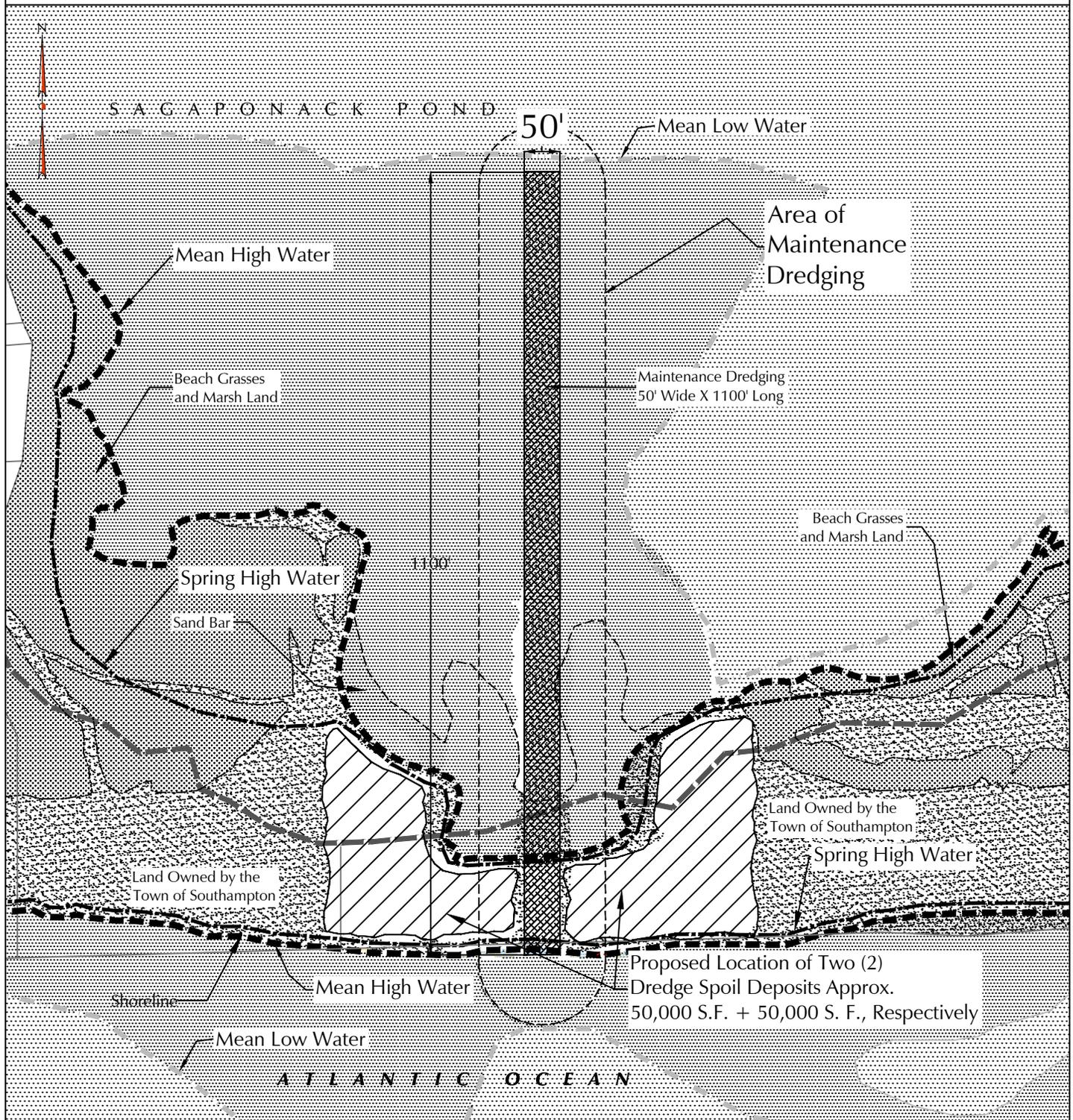
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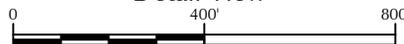
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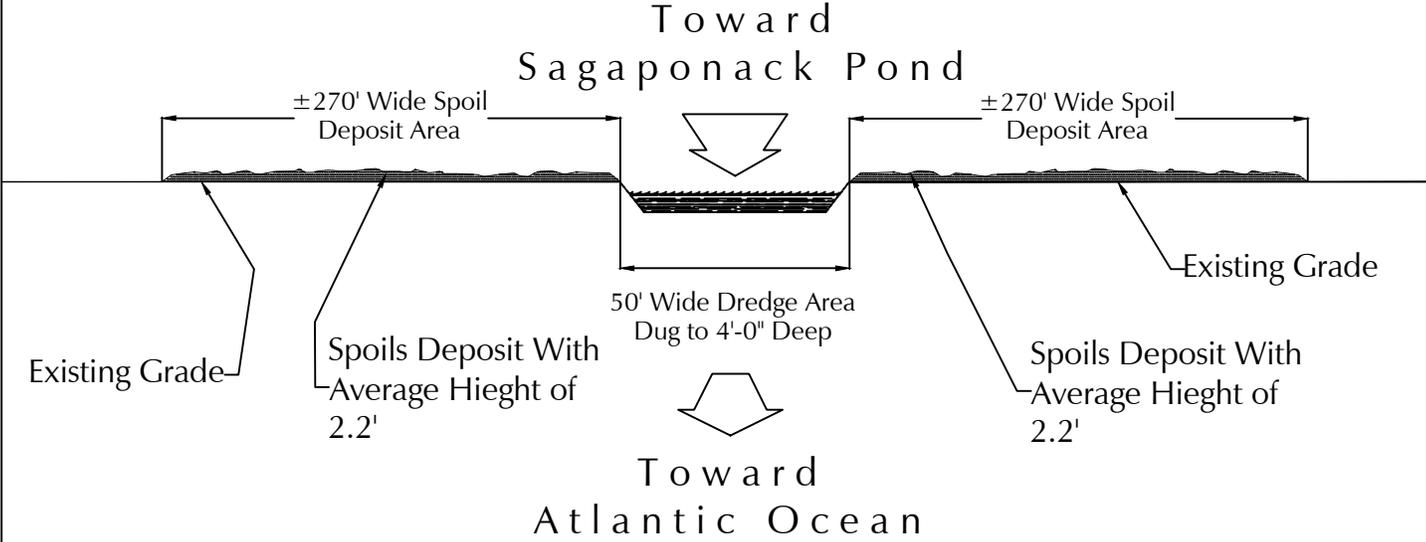
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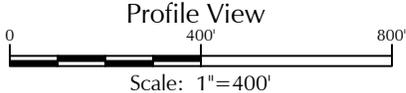


Note: Spoils Deposit Area Landward of Spring High Water

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