

PUBLIC NOTICE

US Army Corps of Engineers New York District, CENAN-OP-R Upstate Regulatory Field Office 1 Buffington Street, Bldg. 10, 3rd Floor Watervliet, New York 12189-4000

In replying refer to:

Public Notice Number: NAN-2017-01124-USH

Issue Date: June 27, 2018 Expiration Date: July 24, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

The New York District, Corps of Engineers has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S. C. 1344).

APPLICANT:

AMERCO Real Estate Company

2727 North Central Avenue Phoenix, Arizona 85004

ACTIVITY:

Discharge of fill material into waters of the United States to facilitate the

construction of a self-storage facility.

WATERWAY:

Wetlands (Mohawk River Watershed)

LOCATION:

Town of Amsterdam, Montgomery 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 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 THE ATTENTION OF BRAD SHERWOOD AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS, OR SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL TO Brad.Sherwood@usace.army.mi, TO

REACH THIS OFFICE BY 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.

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.

Reviews 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 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 decision.

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

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

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 Brad Sherwood of this office at (518) 266-6355.

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

For and in behalf of

Stephan A. Ryba Chief, Regulatory Branch

Enclosures

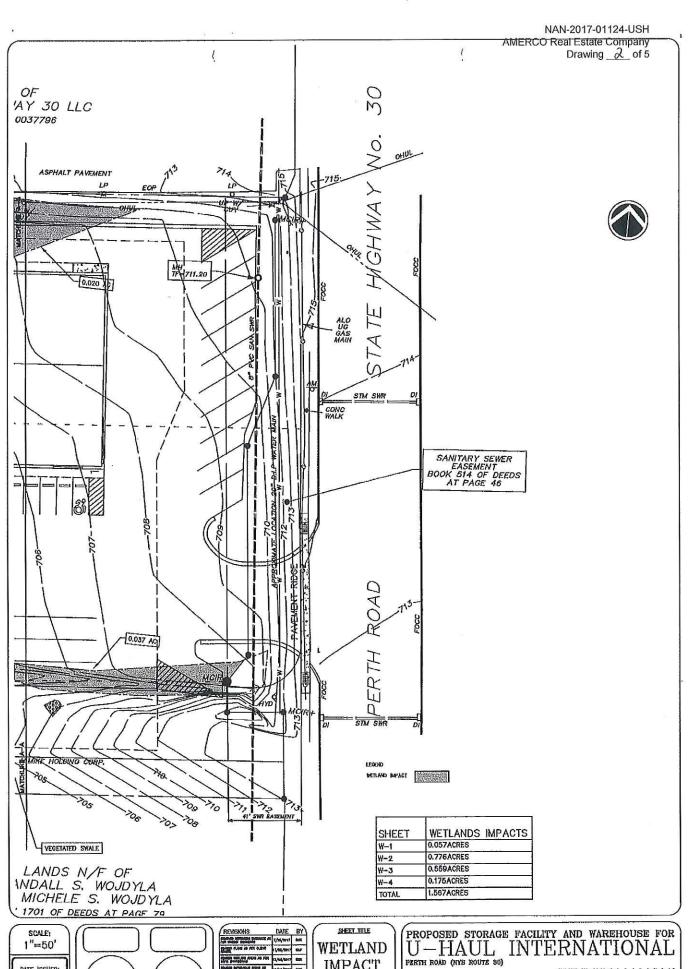
WORK DESCRIPTION

The applicant, AMERCO Real Estate Company, has requested Department of the Army permit for the discharge of fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands to facilitate the construction of a self-storage facility. The site is located on the west side of NYS Route 30, north of Holland Circle Drive, in the Town of Amsterdam, Montgomery County, New York.

The work would involve the discharge of fill material into 1.567 acres of emergent and forested wetlands, the majority of all the wetlands located on the property, for the construction of a two-story, 64,605 square foot (sf) self-storage warehouse, three (3) 5,013 sf detached storage units, and one (1) 5,525 sf detached storage unit. In addition, two (2) covered RV storage areas, an 8,653 sf area and a 8,497 sf area, would be constructed along with associated parking. To mitigate for the proposed impacts to aquatic resources, the applicant proposes to purchase the necessary mitigation credits from the Wetland Trust, Susquehanna Headwaters and Adjacent Basin Service Areas, at a rate of 1 credit per acre of impact.

The applicant has stated that they have avoided and minimized proposed impacts to the maximum extent practicable based on the feasibility of the applicant's business model. The applicant has stated that the proposed design would allow for the greatest visual presence from the road, as well as meeting the needs for the projected demographics and changes to population densities in the surrounding area.

The stated purpose of this project is to provide necessary storage facilities to the surrounding areas.









IMPACT PLAN W-1

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