

# 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-2017-01577-ESW Issue Date: September 12, 2018

Expiration Date: October 12, 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 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:

Peter Stroh

217 West Islip Road

West Islip, New York 11795

ACTIVITY:

Dredging, bulkhead placement, boat slip closure and discharge of fill

WATERWAY:

Unnamed Canal, tributary of Babylon Cove

LOCATION:

West Islip, Town of Islip, 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 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.

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

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.

The applicant has obtained a water quality certificate from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

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 obtained a consistency certification that 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.

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) 790-8618 and ask

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for Amanda Regan.

In order for us to better serve you, please complete our Customer Service Survey located at <a href="http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/CustomerSurvey.aspx">http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/CustomerSurvey.aspx</a>.

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

For and in behalf of

Stephan A. Ryba Chief, Regulatory Branch

**Enclosures** 

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#### **WORK DESCRIPTION**

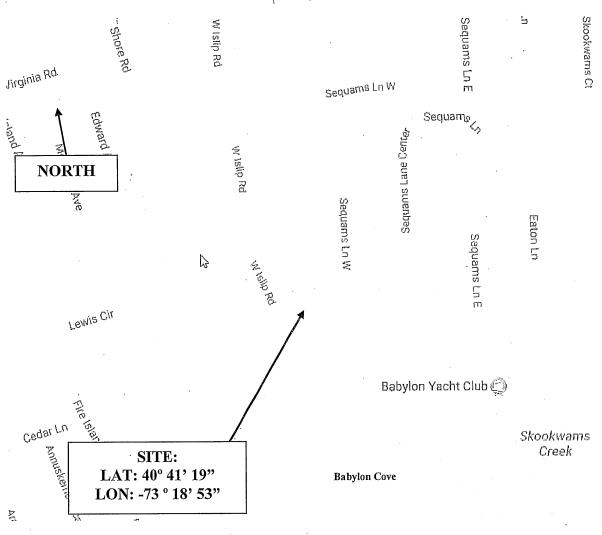
The permit applicant, Peter Stroh, has requested Department of the Army (DA) authorization to close off the existing boat slip with discharge of fill and to reconstruct a new bulkhead in line with the existing bulkhead in an unnamed canal, tributary of Babylon Cove at 217 West Islip Road in West Islip, Town of Islip, Suffolk County, New York.

The regulated work would involve construction of a new 20-linear-foot section of bulkhead in-line with the existing bulkhead, replacement of approximately 80 linear feet of existing bulkhead in-place, including two (2) six-foot-long returns. The permit applicant proposes to dredge, no greater than 10 feet from the bulkhead, approximately 25 cubic yards of material over an area of approximately 1,000 square feet and discharge approximately 140 cubic yards of the dredged material and clean fill from an approved source within the plane of Spring High Water in 580 square feet of the existing boat slip.

The applicant has stated that they have avoided, minimized, and mitigated for proposed impacts to the maximum extent practicable replacing the bulkhead in place, rather than immediately seaward and by limiting the proposed work to the smallest footprint practicable.

The stated purpose of this project is to stabilize the shoreline and to create upland in the existing boat slip area while protecting the integrity of the upland residence.

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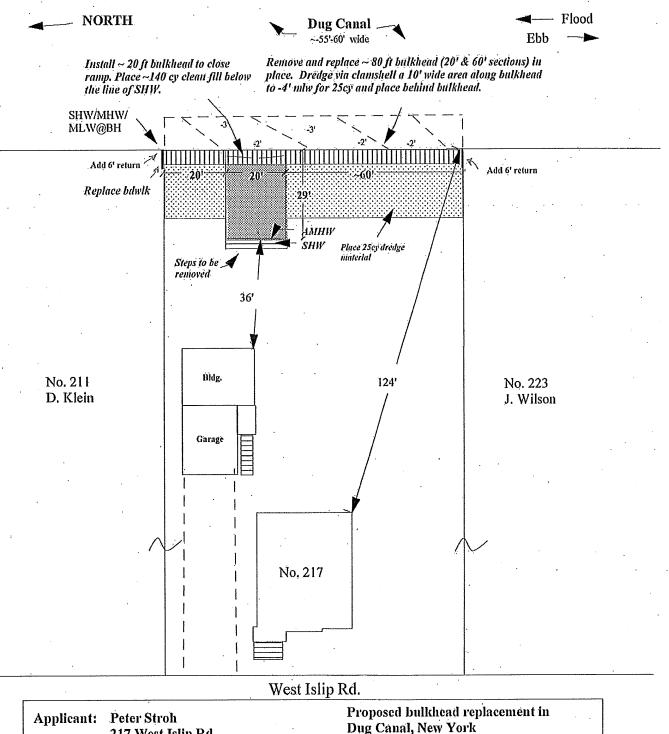
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PROPOSED BULKHEAD REPLACEMENT

Scale: 1 inch = 500 ft

P. Stroh 217 W. Islip Rd West Islip, NY

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## SITE PLAN FOR BULKHEAD REPLACEMENT



217 West Islip Rd

West Islip, NY 11795

SCTM: Dist: 500 Sec 476 Blk 1 Lots 21-22

Datum: Mean Low Water

Scale: One Inch = Thirty Feet

At: West Islip, NY

Appl. By: Ocean Consulting

262 Weidner Ave.

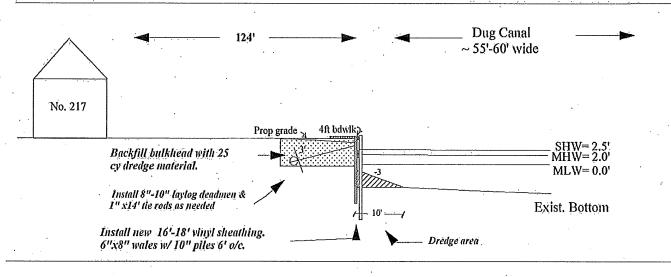
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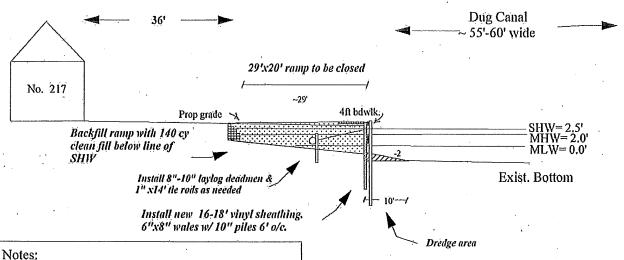
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## PROFILE THROUGH BULKHEAD REPLACEMENT





All timber material CCA & Hardware hot-dip galv.

Dredge material mostly sand & silt. Not detailed for construction. Contractor to determine all materials specifications and dimensions prior to work.

Applicant: Peter Stroh

217 West Islip Rd

West Islip, NY 11795

SCTM: Dist: 500 Sec 476 Blk 1 Lots 21-22

Purpose: Shoreline stabilization

Scale: One Inch = Twenty Feet

Proposed bulkhead replacement in

Dug Canal, New York

At: West Islip, NY

Appl. By: Ocean Consulting

262 Weidner Ave.

Oceanside, NY 11572

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