

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-2021-01045-EBR

Issue Date: December 28, 2022 Expiration Date: January 27, 2023

The New York District, of the U.S. Army 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: Conkling Advisors, LLC

Attn: Andrew Salomon

PO Box 12

East Marion, New York 11939

ACTIVITY: Maintenance dredging, bank stabilization and aquatic habitat restoration activities

WATERWAY: Peconic Bay

LOCATION: Brick Cove Marina, 1760 Sage Blvd, Town of Southold, 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 EMAILED TO William.Bruno@usace.army.mil 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 adversely 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 being conducted and will be concluded prior to the final decision.

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 has not received a water quality certification from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

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. In a letter dated May 26, 2022, New York State Department of State issued a Coastal Zone Management Concurrence with Consistency Certification, F-2021-0700, for the proposed work.

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) 790-8516 and ask

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for William T. Bruno.

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Chief, Regulatory Branch

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK

The applicant, Conkling Advisors, LLC, has requested Department of the Army authorization for one-time maintenance dredging activities at Brick Cove Marina in Peconic Bay in the Town of Southold, Suffolk County, New York.

One-Time Maintenance Dredging

The work includes one-time maintenance dredging, via a crane on a barge, a total volume of approximately 835 cubic yards (CY) from two areas, one within an existing marina basin and the other its entrance channel. The marina basin dredging area, will vary in width from approximately 20-feet-wide to 33-feet-wide by approximately 119-feet-long, approximately 3,475 square feet (SF) and extends to a maximum depth of 4-feet-below the plane of Mean Low Water (MLW). The rectangular-shaped entrance channel dredging area with two spurs will vary in width from approximately 55-feet-wide to approximately 65-feet-wide by approximately 207-foot-long, approximately 7,250 SF and extends to a maximum depth of 6-feet-below the plane of MLW. The total dredging area is approximately 10,725 SF (approximately 0.25 acres). The applicant may utilize a barge to dredge the seaward areas of the inlet and for placement of dredged materials onto the easterly peninsula. The dredged material will be placed on a barge, then transferred to the area within the confines of the proposed block wall and bulkhead on the eastern peninsula via the barge/crane with no return flow to the waterway.

Eastern Peninsula

On the Eastern Peninsula the work includes construction of an approximately 200 linear foot (LF) of a doublewall block retaining wall system to an elevation of 7.00 feet (NAVD 88) along the south shoreline of easterly peninsula. Also proposed is the removal of approximately 660 CY of existing riprap from an approximately 2,300 SF area (to be carted offsite to a licensed disposal facility) along the southerly shoreline of the easterly peninsula. The existing rip-rap is proposed to be replaced with a 2,300 SF revetment constructed of locally sourced stone with a 1.5 ton/stone top layer and 50lb/stone base layer landward of MLW which will result in the placement of approximately 515 CY of stone over an approximately 1,700 SF area below the plane of Spring High Water (SHW) and approximately 145 CY of stone over an approximately 600 SF area above the plane of SHW. Along the western point of the easterly peninsula the work includes the construction of an approximately 40 LF bulkhead to an elevation 7.00 feet (NAVD 88). Along the northerly shoreline of the easterly peninsula the work includes the construction of an approximately 245 LF of bulkhead to an elevation of 7.00 feet (NAVD 88).

Along the northerly shoreline of the easterly peninsula 6 feet seaward of and parallel to the abovementioned new bulkhead the work includes the construction of an approximately 237 LF low-sill bulkhead to an elevation ±0.33 feet (NAVD 88) to create 1,375 SF of vegetated intertidal salt marsh planted with Smooth Cordgrass (*Spartina alterniflora*).

Of the total approximately 835 CY of dredged material, approximately 690 CY is proposed to be placed between the doublewall southerly block wall and the north and west bulkheads on the eastern peninsula resulting in approximately 35 CY of fill placed over an approximately 1,150 SF area below the plane of SHW and approximately 655 CY of fill over an approximately 5,250 SF area above the plane of SHW.

No work is proposed on the western peninsula.

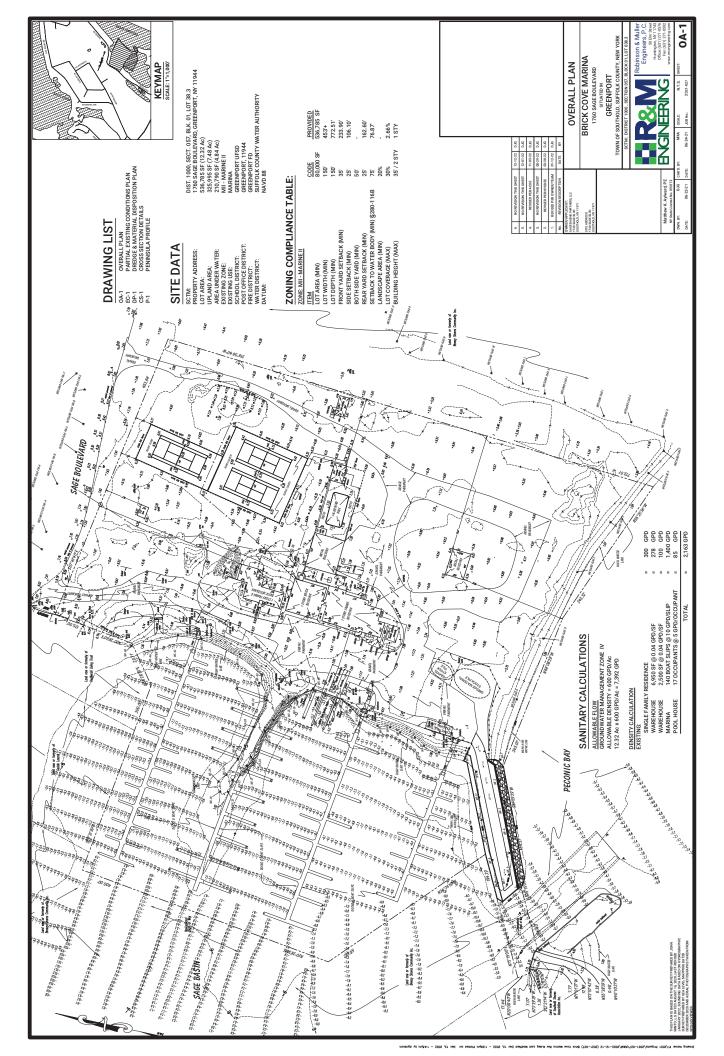
The applicant has stated that they have avoided, minimized, and mitigated for potential impacts proposed to the maximum extent practicable by limiting the dredged area to the minimum area

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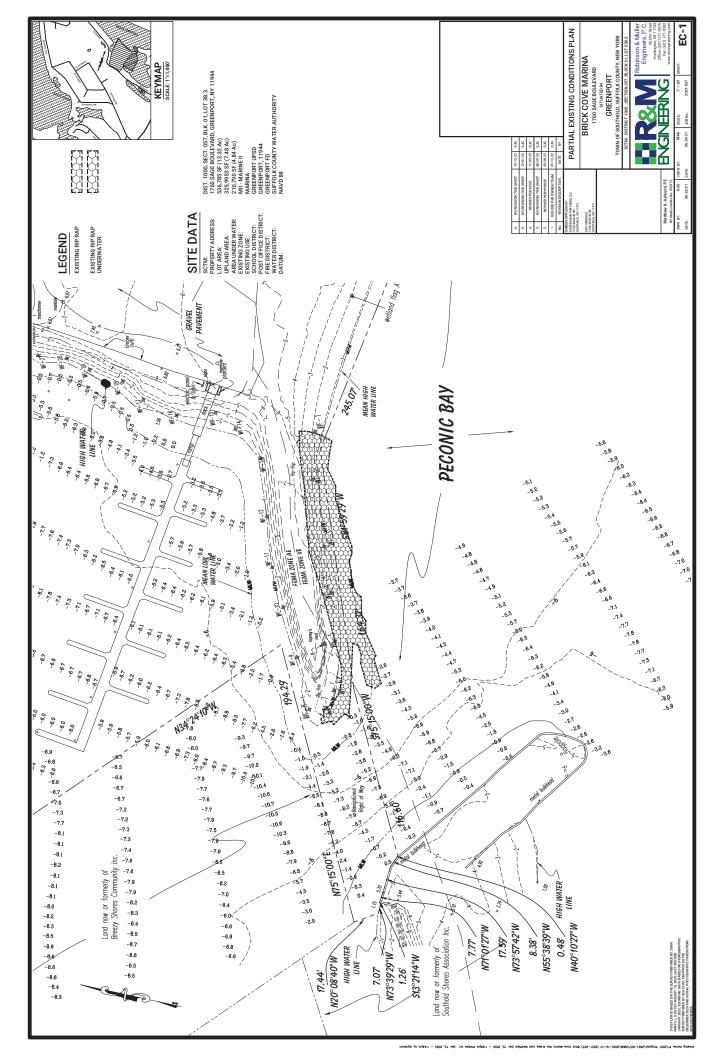
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required for safe and reasonable navigation and by incorporating the establishment of approximately 1,375 SF of intertidal wetlands planted with Smooth Cordgrass (*Spartina alterniflora*).

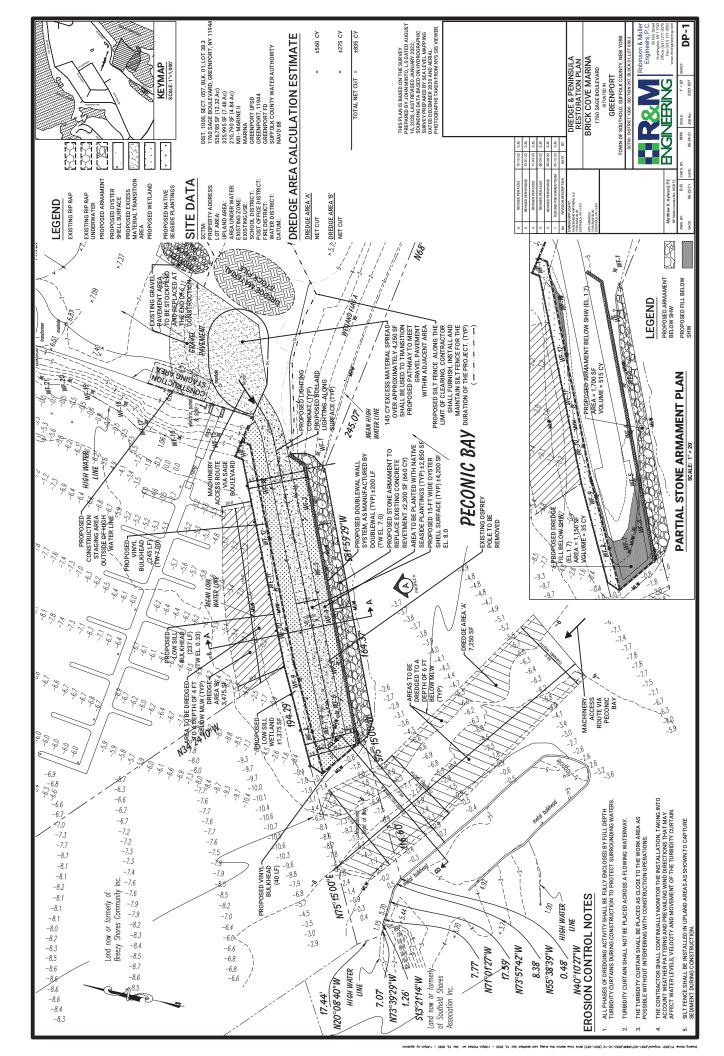
The stated purpose of the project is to restore safe navigable depths to the marina, stabilize the shoreline and to enhance the aquatic environment.



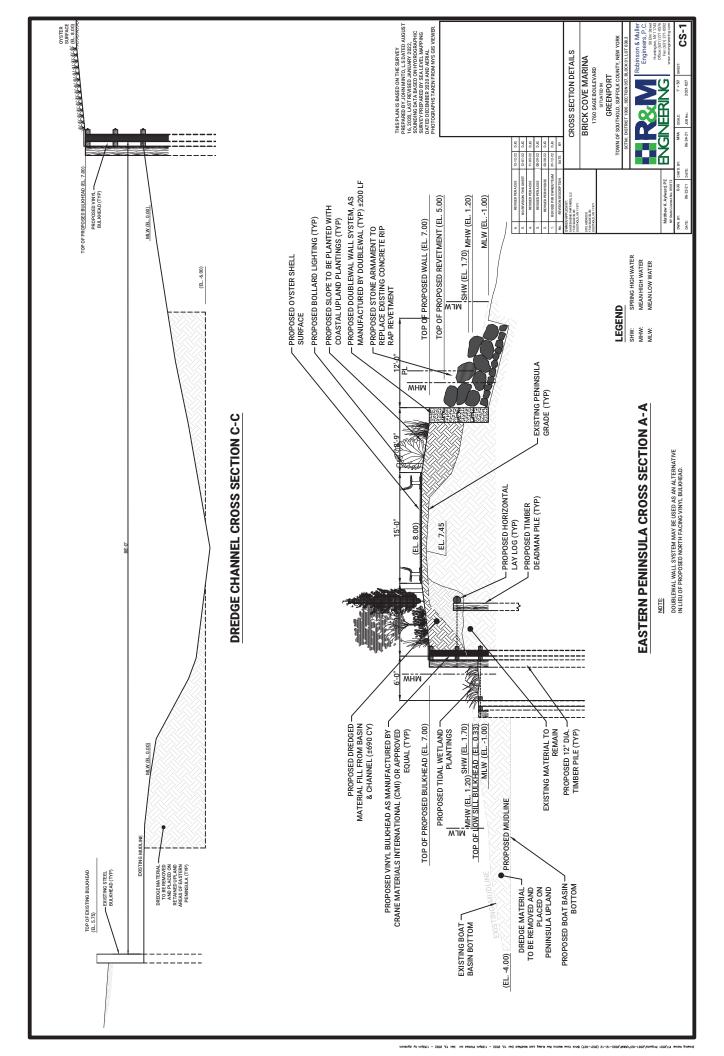
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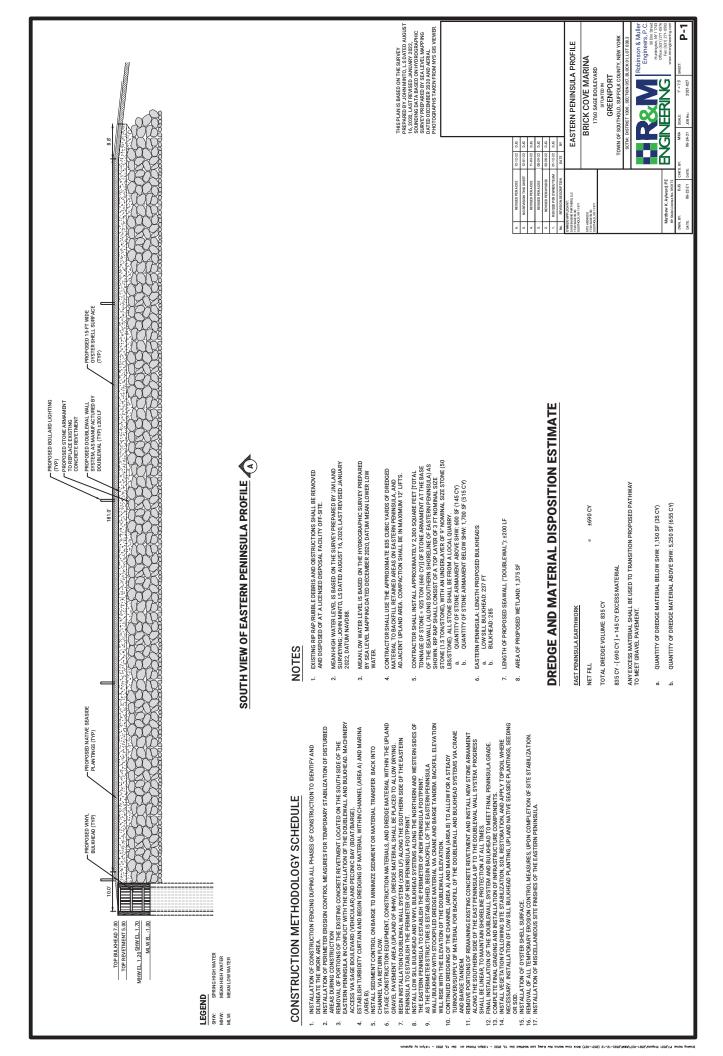
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