

# Public Notice

**U.S. Army Corps  
of Engineers**  
Pittsburgh District

In Reply Refer to  
Notice No. below

US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District  
1000 Liberty Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186

Application No. 2008-2045

Date: 18 March 2014

Notice No. 14-14

Closing Date: 7 April 2014

1. TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The following application has been submitted for a Department of the Army Permit under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.
2. APPLICANT: Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), District 11-0  
45 Thoms Run Road  
Bridgeville, Pennsylvania 15017
3. LOCATION: The proposed project is located within the Allegheny River, mile 12.81, between Twelve Mile Island and the existing Hulton Bridge.
4. PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The applicant proposes to dredge the river bottom disturbing approximately 12,235 square feet of riverbed. On May 17, 2013, PennDOT was authorized to replace the Hulton Bridge carrying State Route 2082 Section A08 between Harmar Township and Oakmont Borough. In order to construct the proposed bridge structure, the contractor proposes to utilize a ringer crane on floating barges to erect the steel beams. Specifically, this method of construction will require some dredging (refer to attached dredging plan) between the downstream extent of Twelve Mile Island and the location of the new bridge to provide enough draft for the barges. This construction method will also require several floating temporary staging areas within the Allegheny River. Two staging areas (Area 1 & Area 2) will be located on the Harmar side and one staging area (Area 3) will be located on the Oakmont side. These temporary staging areas will serve as laydown areas for fit-up and pre-assembly of the steel superstructure during erection of the bridge. Barges utilized within the temporary staging areas will require the use of spuds to anchor them to the bottom of the river temporarily impacting a total of 155.76 square feet (63.72sq ft., 63.72sq ft., and 28.32sq ft. respectfully). The locations of the temporary staging areas are depicted on the proposed Site Plan for Construction.
5. ENCROACHMENT PERMIT: The applicant has submitted a major amendment to the Chapter 105 permit (E02-1684) which includes 401 Water Quality Certification from the:

*Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection  
Southwest Regional Office, Waterways and Wetlands Section  
400 Waterfront Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4745  
Telephone: 412-442-4000*

6. IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES: The District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect endangered species or threatened species, or result in destruction or adverse modification of habitat of such species which has been determined to be critical. The Federal Highway Administration, in conjunction with PennDOT has prepared a Programmatic Tier II Biological Assessment in accordance with the PennDOT Programmatic Biological Opinion USFWS Project #2007-1722. PennDOT is currently proposing to mitigate for the additional impacts via contribution to the Pennsylvania Mussel Conservation Fund. This Public Notice serves as a request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1972 (as amended). If the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concurs with the may affect, not likely to adversely affect determination please respond with written concurrence.

7. IMPACT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES: The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted, and it has been determined that there are no properties currently listed on the register which would be directly affected by the proposed work. If we are made aware, as a result of comments received in response to this notice, or by other means, of specific archeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical sites or structures which might be affected by the proposed work, the District Engineer will immediately take the appropriate action necessary pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 - Public Law 89-665 as amended (including Public Law 96-515).

8. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in the paragraph below entitled "RESPONSES," that a public hearing be held to consider this application. The requests for public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

9. EVALUATION: Interested parties are invited to state any objections they may have to the proposed work. 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 proposals 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, flood plain 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.

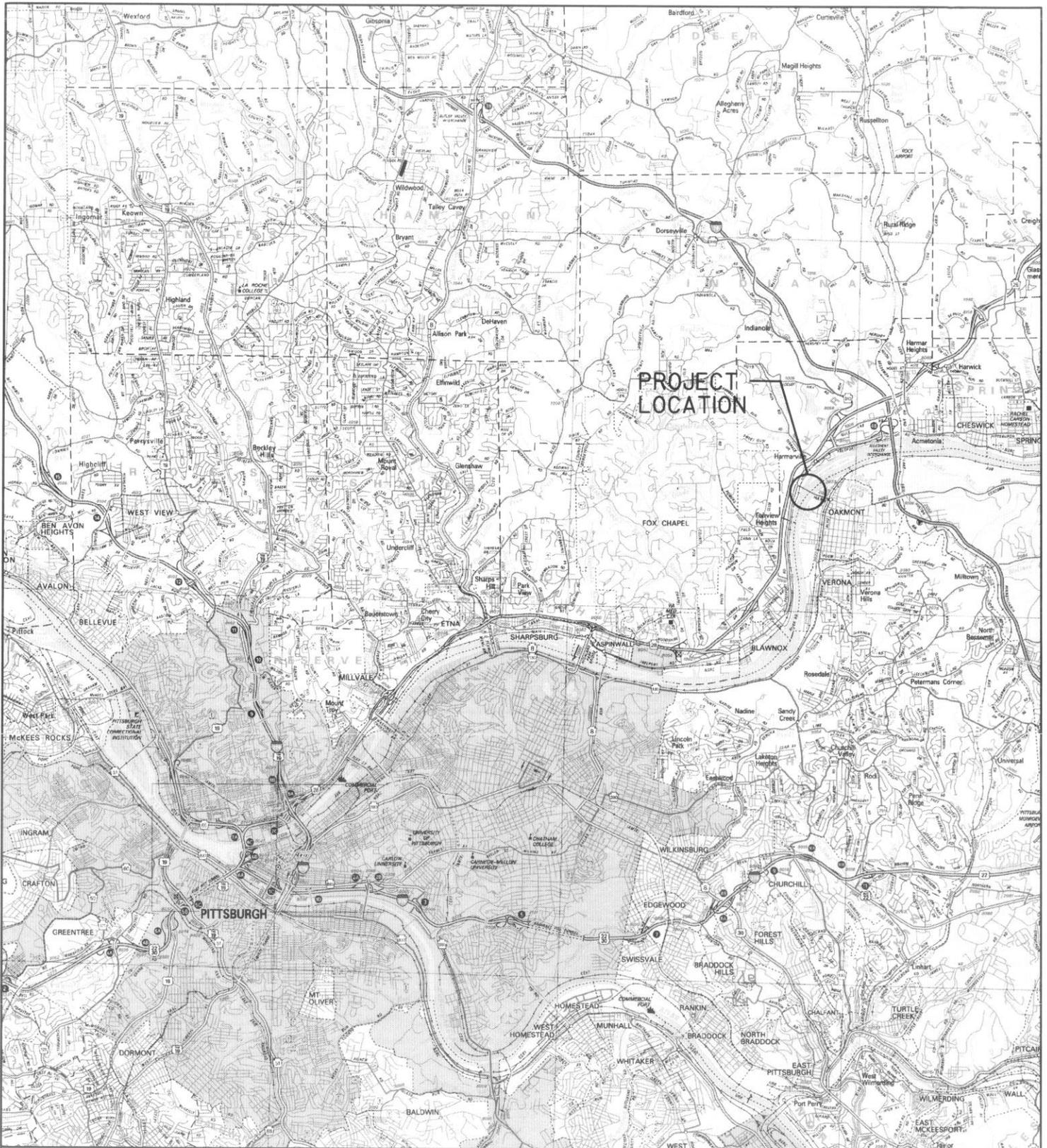
Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the 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 overall public interest of the proposed activity.

10. RESPONSES: A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest. Written statements concerning the proposed activity should be received in this office on or before the closing date of this Public Notice in order to become a part of the record and to be considered in the final determination. Any objections which are received during this period may be forwarded to the applicant for possible resolution before the determination is made whether to issue or deny the requested DA Permit. All responses to this notice should be directed to the Regulatory Branch, attn Allen R. Edris at the above address, by telephoning (412) 395-7158, or by e-mail at [allen.r.edris@usace.army.mil](mailto:allen.r.edris@usace.army.mil). Please refer to CELRP-OP-F 2008-2045 in all responses.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

~~SIGNED~~

Nancy Mullen  
Chief, Northern Section  
Regulatory Branch



**S.R. 2082 SECTION A08  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
HULTON BRIDGE PROJECT**

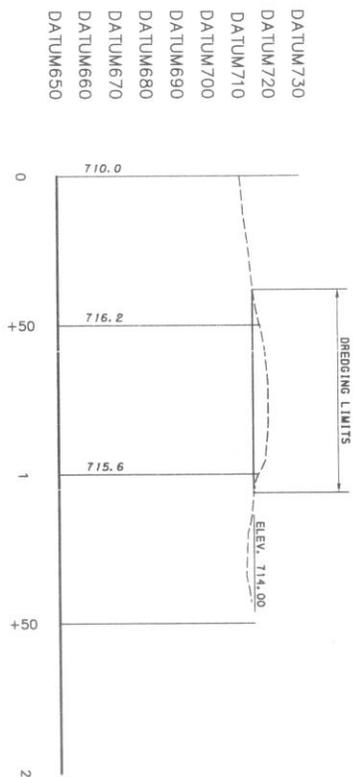
**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT  
OF TRANSPORTATION**

**FIGURE 1- PROJECT LOCATION MAP**

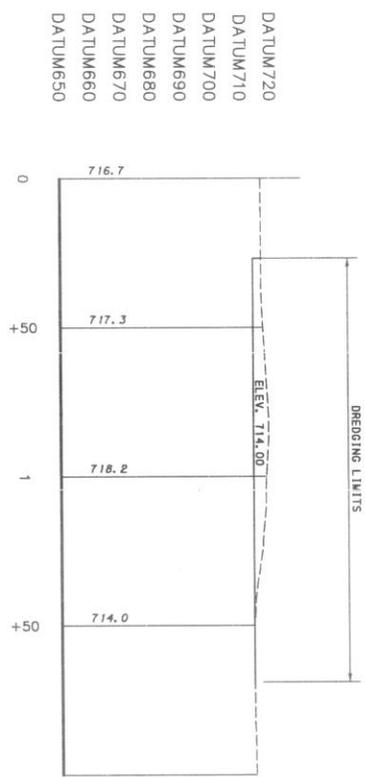




PROJECT	CONTRACT	NO.	SECTION	SHEET
S. R. 2082 A08	A. LECHENY	11-0	OF	
S. R. 1001 A35	BONDURON OF OAKMONT / HANMAR TRP.	REV: 12/15/04	DATE	BY



SECTION A-A



SECTION B-B

DREDGING PLAN  
 CROSS SECTIONS



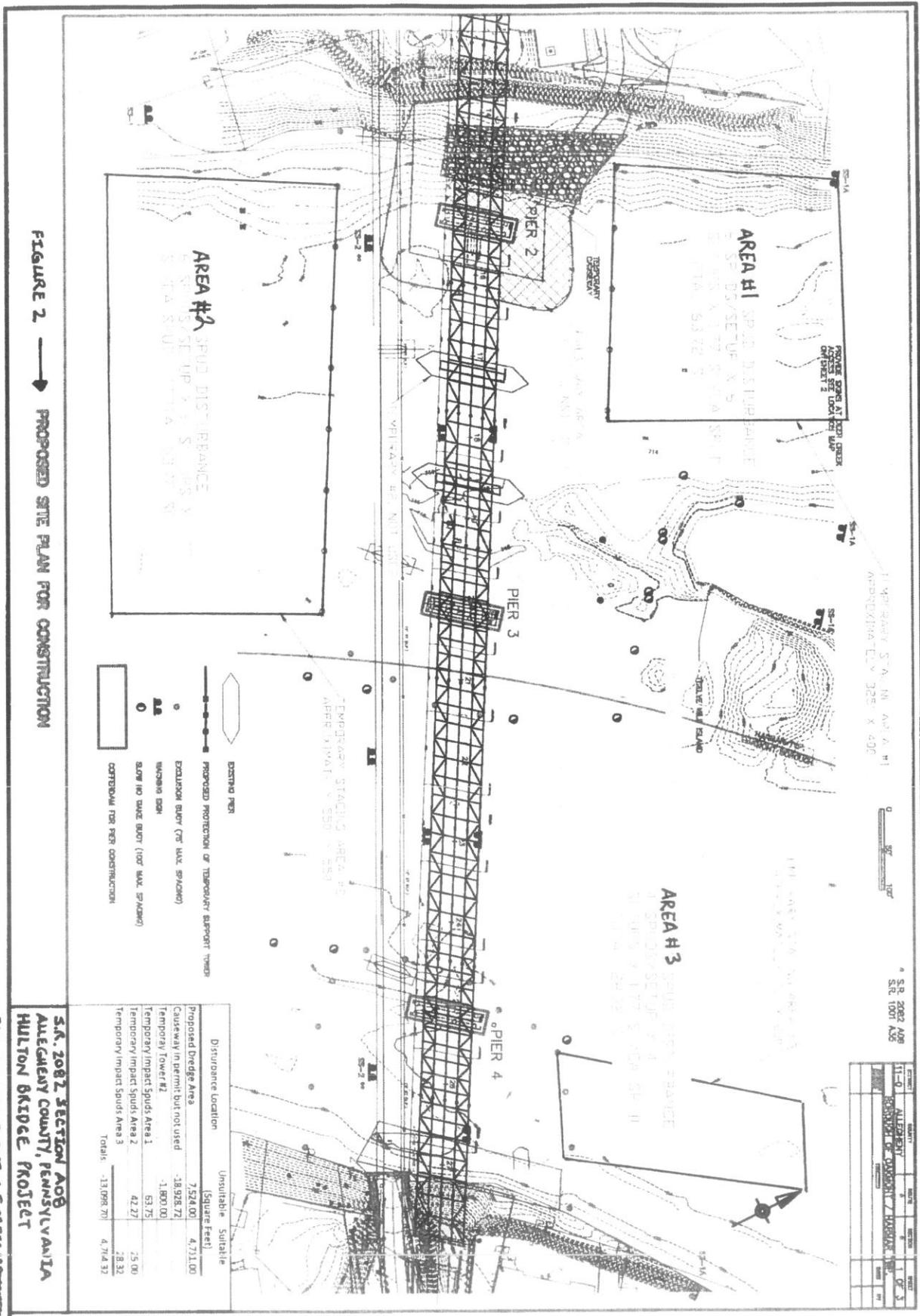


FIGURE 2 — PROPOSED SITE PLAN FOR CONSTRUCTION

S.A. 2082 SECTION A08  
 ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
 HULTON BRIDGE PROJECT  
 PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

<b>BRAYMAN</b> CONSULTING <small>CONSULTING ENGINEERS ARCHITECTS</small>		HULTON BRIDGE Job Name Line 2 ALLEGHENY COUNTY	
1 ACTUAL AREAS OF DISTURBANCE 01/28/2014		<b>HULTON BRIDGE WORKSPACE</b>	
DTG/2013 AS NOTED RCH 13001110	1 1		