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APPENDIX 1

**LETTERS OF
COORDINATION**

**North Park Lake
Allegheny County, PA
Section 206 Aquatic Ecosystem
Restoration Project**

Coordination Letters Dated 2002



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Pennsylvania Field Office
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April 11, 2002

John N. Goga, P.E. Department of the
Army Pittsburgh District, Corps of
Engineers William S. Moorhead
Federal Building 1000 Liberty
Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Dear Mr. Goga:

This responds to your letter of March 14, 2002, requesting information about federally listed and proposed endangered and threatened species within the area affected by the proposed aquatic ecosystem restoration project at North Park Lake located in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. The following comments are provided pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) to ensure the protection of endangered and threatened species.

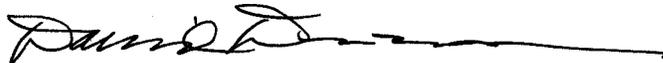
Except for occasional transient species, no federally listed or proposed threatened or endangered species under our jurisdiction are known to occur within the project impact area. Therefore, no biological assessment nor further consultation under the Endangered Species Act are required with the Fish and Wildlife Service. This determination is valid for two years from the date of this letter. If the proposed project has not been fully implemented prior to this, an additional review by this office will be necessary. Also, should project plans change, or if additional information on listed or proposed species becomes available, this determination may be reconsidered. A compilation of certain federal status species in Pennsylvania is enclosed for your information.

This response relates only to endangered or threatened species under our jurisdiction based on an office review of the proposed project's location. No field inspection of the project area has been conducted by this office. Consequently, this letter is not to be construed as addressing potential Service concerns under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act or other authorities.

Requests for information regarding State-listed endangered or threatened species should be directed to the Pennsylvania Game Commission (birds and mammals), the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (fish, reptiles, amphibians and aquatic invertebrates), and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (plants).

Please contact Ed Perry of my staff at 814-234-4090 if you have any questions or require further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Densmore", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

David Densmore
Supervisor

Enclosure



PNDI Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory

Scientific information and expertise for the conservation of Pennsylvania's native biological diversity

April 10, 2002

Fax 717-783-5109
717-787-3444

Bureau of Forestry

Larry Moskovitz
US Army Corps of Engineers
Wm S. Moorhead Federal Building
1000 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186

Re: Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory Review for the Proposed Aquatic Ecosystem
Restoration Project, North Park Lake, Allegheny County **PER NO: 12800**

Dear Mr. Moskovitz:

In response to your request March 25, 2002 to review the above mentioned project, we have reviewed the area using the Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) information system. PNDI records indicate that no occurrences of species of special concern are known to exist within the project area, therefore we do not anticipate any impact on endangered, threatened, or rare species at this location. PNDI attempts to be a complete information resource on species of special concern within the Commonwealth. However, it may not contain all location information for species within the jurisdiction of other agencies. Please contact the Fish and Boat Commission and US Fish and Wildlife Service for information on species within their purview.

PNDI is a site specific information system that describes significant natural resources of Pennsylvania. This system includes data descriptive of plant and animal species of special concern, exemplary natural communities and unique geological features. PNDI is a cooperative project of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, The Nature Conservancy and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. This response represents the most up-to-date summary of the PNDI data files and is good for one year. An absence of recorded information does not necessarily imply actual conditions on-site. A field survey of any site may reveal previously unreported populations.

Feel free to phone our office if you have questions concerning this response or the PNDI system, and please refer to the P.E.R. Reference Number at the top of the letter in future correspondence concerning this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne Harris".

Jeanne Harris

(car)

Environmental Review Specialist



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION
2001 ELMERTON AVENUE, HARRISBURG, PA 17110-9797

April 18, 2002

Mr. Carmen A. Lebder
Department of the Army
Pittsburgh District, Corps of Engineers
William S. Moorehead Federal Building
1000 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186

In re: Section 206 Project
North Park Lake
Allegheny County, PA

Dear Mr. Lebder:

This is our response to your letter requesting information on the above referenced project.

We have completed an office review of the proposed project and determined that except for occasional transient individuals, the proposed project is not located within an area, which is the habitat of an endangered or threatened species of bird or mammal recognized by the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Furthermore, we do not anticipate any long term adverse impacts to any critical or unique habitats as a direct result of this project.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact me directly at 717-783-5957.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Camus
Game Land Officer Manager
Section Oil/Gas and Mineral Development
Bureau of Land Management

GRC/pfb

Cc: Camus
Kepler
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IN REPLY REFER TO
SIR #8980

April 4, 2002

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Pittsburgh District, Corps of Engineers
Carmen A. Lebder - Plan Formulation
Section William S. Moorhead Federal
Building
1000 Liberty Avenue

Dear Mr. Lebder:

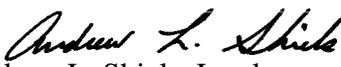
**RE: Species Impact Review (SIR) - Rare, Candidate, Threatened and Endangered Species
Proposed Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project - North Park Lake
McCandless and Pine Townships, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania**

I have examined the map accompanying your recent correspondence which shows the location for the proposed above referenced project.

Presently, none of the fishes, amphibians or reptiles we list as endangered or threatened are known to occur at or in the immediate vicinity of this study area.

To allow faster processing of Species Impact Reviews (SIRs) in the future, we are requesting that the attached, revised "SIR Request Form" be completed and returned to this office together with other relevant project information. Please make copies of the attached form and use with all future project reviews. If you have received, and in fact are using the new form, disregard the above request. Please note that the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission conducts Species Impact Reviews only for reptiles, amphibians, fishes, and aquatic invertebrates. Reviews concerning other natural resources must be submitted to other appropriate agencies. In any future correspondence with us regarding this specific project, please refer to the SIR number above. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,


Andrew L. Shiels, Leader

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Enclosure (1)

MEMORANDUM THRU
Chief, Plan Formulation Section
Chief, Planning Branch

FOR: Files

SUBJECT: North Park Lake – Section 206 Ecosystem Restoration Project – Coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Office

1. On February 5, 2002, the undersigned called Mr. Ed Perry, Supervisor of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's State College Field Office, regarding their interest in preparing a Planning Aid Letter (PAL) for the subject project. After the undersigned explained the project, Mr. Perry stated that he was in favor of our proposal and declined our offer of funding for their office to prepare a PAL. Mr. Perry stated that they were short-handed and would not be able to do the work. He further stated that, due to the nature and intent of our project, they were not concerned about negative project impacts.
2. Through this telephone call, the District has met its obligations under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.
3. The District will develop and send to the USFWS a letter requesting their comments pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

/s/

L.R. Moskovitz
Plan Formulation Section

Updated Coordination Letters Dated 2006



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Pennsylvania Field Office
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June 6, 2006

Curtis N. Meeder
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
William S. Moorhead Federal Building
1000 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186

RE: USFWS Project #2006-1678

Dear Mr. Meeder:

This responds to your letter of April 13, 2006, requesting information about federally listed and proposed endangered and threatened species within the area affected by the proposed North Park Lake ecosystem restoration project located in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. The following comments are provided pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) to ensure the protection of endangered and threatened species.

Except for occasional transient species, no federally listed or proposed threatened or endangered species under our jurisdiction are known to occur within the project impact area. Therefore, no biological assessment nor further consultation under the Endangered Species Act are required with the Fish and Wildlife Service. This determination is valid for two years from the date of this letter. If the proposed project has not been fully implemented prior to this, an additional review by this office will be necessary. Also, should project plans change, or if additional information on listed or proposed species becomes available, this determination may be reconsidered. A compilation of certain federal status species in Pennsylvania is enclosed for your information.

This response relates only to endangered or threatened species under our jurisdiction based on an office review of the proposed project's location. No field inspection of the project area has been conducted by this office. Consequently, this letter is not to be construed as addressing potential Service concerns under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act or other authorities.

Requests for information regarding State-listed endangered or threatened species should be directed to the Pennsylvania Game Commission (birds and mammals), the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (fish, reptiles, amphibians and aquatic invertebrates), and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (plants).

To avoid potential delays in reviewing your project, please use the above-referenced USFWS project tracking number in any future correspondence regarding this project.

Please contact Pam Shellenberger of my staff at 814-234-4090 if you have any questions or require further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Densmore", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

David Densmore
Supervisor

Enclosure



Bureau of Forestry

May 11, 2006

Curtis Meeder
Department of the Army-Plan Formulation Section
1000 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186

Table with 2 columns: Project Name and PNDI #. Row 1: Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory Review, PNDI # 20060412028953. Row 2: North Park Lake Restoration—sediment removal and placement, PNDI # 20060412028965. Row 3: Pine and Hampton Twps; Allegheny County

Dear Mr. Meeder,

This responds to your request about a Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) ER Tool "Potential Impact" or species of special concern impact review. We screened this project for potential impacts to species and resources of special concern under Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' responsibility, which includes plants, natural communities, terrestrial invertebrates and geologic features only.

Form with checkboxes for 'NO PROJECT IMPACT ANTICIPATED' and 'POTENTIAL PROJECT IMPACT'. Includes text about PNDI records, field survey requirements, and a comment: 'Please survey the Wildwood, County, and Bull Pen placement areas for Trillium nivale.'

This response represents the most up-to-date summary of the PNDI data files and is good for one (1) year from the date of this letter. An absence of recorded information does not necessarily imply actual conditions on-site.

To complete your review of state and federally-listed species of special concern (those NOT under DCNR's responsibility), please be sure the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the PA Game Commission and the Fish and Boat Commission have been contacted regarding this project either directly or by performing a search with the online PNDI ER Tool found at www.naturalheritage.state.pa.us

Handwritten signature of Ellen Shultzabarger.

Ellen Shultzabarger, Environmental Review Specialist FOR Chris Firestone, Plant Program Mgr
DCNR/BOF/PNDI, PO Box 8552, Harrisburg, PA 17105 ~ Ph: 717-772-0258 ~ F: 717-772-0271 ~ c-eshultz@state.pa.us

Stewardship Partnership Service

-----Original Message-----

From: Moskowitz, Larry R LRP [mailto:Larry.R.Moskovitz@lrp02.usace.army.mil]

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2006 7:16 AM

To: Shultzabarger, Ellen (OLD)

Cc: Reilly, Rosemary J LRP

Subject: North Park Lake PNDI # 20060412028953 and 20060412028965

Ms. Shultzabarger:

On May 11, 2006 you forwarded us the attached PADCNR response to our PNDI request. In this request, you asked us to survey the Wildwood, County, and Bull Pen sites for the presence of *Trillium nivale*. These sites will be used to place sediment to be dredged from North Park Lake, located in northern Allegheny County, PA.

When the disposal sites were originally surveyed by our staff botanist, no Federal or state-listed species, including *Trillium nivale* were found on the proposed disposal areas. A complete listing of the species found during the survey was contained in the draft Detailed Project Report that was previously sent to PADCNR.

To confirm our botanists findings and to address your request, the District enlisted the assistance of the North Park Naturalist (Ms. Meg Scanlon) who was well acquainted with two expert botanists (Ms. Esther Allen and Ms. Shirley Mutz), who, according to Ms. Scanlon had the most extensive knowledge of the flora of North Park.. The Park naturalist along with these botanists thoroughly re-examined all the areas of concern to determine the presence of any Federal or state listed species. Ms. Scanlon informed me by telephone that the group's findings were negative.

We would appreciate your acknowledgement of this e-mail. If you have any further questions on this issue, please feel free to call me.

Thank you so much for your cooperation in this matter.

Larry R. Moskowitz
Planning and Environmental Branch
Pittsburgh District Corps of Engineers
412-395-7205

From: Shultzabarger, Ellen M [mailto:eshultzaba@state.pa.us]

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2006 9:54 AM

To: Moskowitz, Larry R LRP

Subject: RE: North Park Lake PNDI # 20060412028953 and 20060412028965

Hi Larry,

Do you have a copy of that report or an old PNDI number that we reviewed this project under? I don't have any info in my files regarding our previous review of the survey done (although that doesn't mean it wasn't performed—we have years and years of projects and sometimes things get misfiled).

Was the survey done specifically targeting the listed species—Trillium? This species can only be seen at certain times of the year and a review of the survey report previously done would allow me to determine if the survey was done at the appropriate time of the year as well as in the appropriate area for the Trillium.

Any information would be helpful. If my memory serves me correctly from my review of that project in May, this species is found throughout the area of the project and maybe potentially on site.

Ellen

-----Original Message-----

From: Moskowitz, Larry R LRP [mailto:Larry.R.Moskovitz@lrp02.usace.army.mil]

Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2006 2:06 PM

To: Shultzabarger, Ellen M

Cc: Reilly, Rosemary J LRP; mscanlon@county.allegheny.pa.us; Anderson, Kathleen J LRP

Subject: RE: North Park Lake PNDI # 20060412028953 and 20060412028965

Ms. Shultzabarger - The original PNDI forms, which were submitted to your office earlier this spring, are attached for your information as requested. Two separate surveys were conducted to specifically determine if the Snow Trillium or its habitat was present at our proposed disposal sites: one on June 15, 2006 by Ms. Mutz and one on July 14, 2006 by Ms. Allen. Although these dates were too late to see the plant in bloom, the botanists hoped that if the conditions for Snow Trillium were present some of the foliage might possibly be evident. However, when the field visits were conducted the botanists determined that the habitat needed for Snow Trillium (rich, moist woods) was not present at any of our proposed disposal sites. They were far too dry (even where wooded) to have supported Snow Trillium. This was also confirmed by our staff biologist who is quite familiar with the disposal sites and with Snow Trillium and its habitat requirements.

The site visits by Ms. Allen and Ms. Mutz were not formally documented on the site forms specified in your May 11, 2006 letter. The WEB address provided for these forms (pndi.state.pa.us/fieldsurvey/fieldsurvey.htm) cannot be accessed. This morning I spoke to Ms. Meg Scanlon, the North Park Naturalist, who also tried to access this address with no success. If your office still requires a formal field survey form, please send us a blank and we will complete it and return it to you.

Based upon our knowledge of the disposal sites and the surveys completed by two separate independent botanists, we are very confident that the Snow Trillium habitat is not present in the disposal areas. If this response is sufficient, please confirm with a short e-mail as soon as possible. However, if your office still needs additional information, we would be willing to send our staff biologist out to re-visit the sites again next spring.

We sincerely appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Larry R. Moskowitz
Planning and Environmental Branch
Pittsburgh District Corps of Engineers
412-395-7205

Note: As of October 30, 2006, PADCNR did not respond to this e-mail. It is assumed the state accepts the finding that snow trillium habitat is not present in the disposal areas.

**E-Mail Coordination With Interested
Citizens During Preparation
of the
Draft Detailed Project Report**

Dear Ms. Martina,

Thank you for your continued interest in this project. It is odd that the letter was returned to you, since the street address that you used is correct. It may have been returned because the "Army Corps of Engineers" was not included in the address on the envelope.

This spring and summer a team of natural resource personnel will analyze the Latodami site to determine its habitat value. The team members performing the studies will be wildlife experts from the Corps of Engineers, Ms. Meg Scanlon the North Park naturalist, a representative of the PA Game Commission, and possibly others who have direct knowledge of the Latodami site. Our aim is to scientifically determine the environmental value of this field as objectively as possible. The final list of team members will be completed in the very near future.

Our staff is currently investigating the feasibility of using a vacant, reclaimed site for sediment placement. This reclaimed area is located about a mile from the project area near the flea market adjacent to Wildwood Road. A preliminary evaluation indicates that sediment could be placed on roughly 20 acres of the site. If it is available and cost effective to use, this site this would greatly reduce or eliminate the need to place dredged sediment on the Latodami field.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to e-mail me.

Larry Moskovitz
Corps of Engineers
Pittsburgh District

-----Original Message-----

From: Martina [mailto:m131226@stargate.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2003 6:02 PM
To: Northpark, Lrp
Subject: Latodami

Dear Mr. Moskovitz,

Today, my letter to you concerning the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project was returned. Even though I used the address provided on the hand-out of the February 27 meeting, the return to sender-sticker stated "not deliverable as addressed - unable to forward". Hence, I have attached my initial letter and request your kind consideration.

Sincerely,
Martina Matthews

Hi Cheryl: we are in the process of making it available on our web page. I've sent it to have it made into a PDF file. As soon as we get it back we will have a link to the web page provided: http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/pm/north_park.htm. Please keep checking we should have the report by next week. Best Regards CR

-----Original Message-----

From: tpn [mailto:tpn@zbzoom.net]
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2003 12:45 AM
To: Northpark, Lrp
Cc: Rozzi, Carmen; TDonatelli@county.alleggheny.pa.us
Subject: RE: Request for report and file review response

Mr. Larry Moskovitz,

This is my second request for a copy of the Sediment Quality Analysis Report. Would you please either e-mail it to tpn@zbzoom.net or fax a copy to 702-993-2976.

I would also like information on the status of the file review that I requested on the North Park Lake Project. The request was made in writing, as required by Mr. Rozzi, and sent February 13, 2003. I have not received a response to my request. Please see attachment for a copy of the letter sent.

Thank You

Cheryl Neuendorffer
130 Pineview Drive
Wexford, PA 15090
Phone# 724-934-8986
Email tpn@zbzoom.net

-----Original Message-----

From: tpn [mailto:tpn@zbzoom.net]
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2003 1:25 PM
To: 'lrp.northpark@usace.army.mil'
Subject: Request for report

Mr. Larry Moskovitz,

I was at last nights meeting regarding the North Park Lake Dredge Project. I talked with Carman Rozzi who said that I could get a copy of the Sediment Quality Analysis Report. Would you please either e-mail it to tpn@zbzoom.net or fax a copy to 702-993-2976.

Thank You

Cheryl Neuendorffer
130 Pineview Drive
Wexford, PA 15090
Phone# 724-934-8986
Email tpn@zbzoom.net

Dear Mr. Rummel:

Thank you for your recent e-mail about potential impacts of the North Park Lake project. Your concerns are valid and will be fully addressed by the Corps and the County in a detailed project report which is now being prepared. We expect the draft report to be completed later this calendar year, and it will be made available to the public as well as interested Federal and State agencies for review and comment.

Larry Moskovitz
Plan Formulation Section
Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Rummel [mailto:rummels@earthlink.net]

Sent: Sunday, April 06, 2003 12:00 AM

To: Northpark, Lrp

Cc: vol@latodami.org

Subject: Latodami Nature Center

Dear Mr. Moskovitz,

As a resident of Pine Township who lives across the street (Pineview Drive) from the Latodami Nature Center, I am very much concerned about the planned use of the upper fields as a dump for the waste from dredging operations at North Park Lake. This being a very quiet area with little traffic, I am now faced with questions about about heavy truck traffic on roads never intended for such use. This is especially troublesome with Wexford Elementary School being about a quarter mile away. I also have very serious concerns about ground water contamination (we are all on wells), surface runoff, dust control, noise, traffic control,etc. If the county determines that an area considered by many to be a precious habitat for wildlife is the only choice for this action, than I as a resident of Pine Township, as previously stated, have many other issues that I feel must be answered prior to any final decision. These are questions I feel need to be addressed not only by the County, who is entrusted to protect this habitat, but also by my elected officials in Pine Township.

Sincerely Yours,
Mark Rummel
131 Pineview Dr.
Wexford, PA

Ms. Neuendorffer: Here is the update you requested. During the field trip, PADEP representatives told us that they looked for alternative dredged material placement sites in the region and determined that there were no others near enough to be useful for this project. We also searched for other potential sites and came to the same conclusion as PADEP. There is no need, therefore, to search for other placement sites.

We also feel that the Wildwood site is the best alternative for dredged material placement. This, however, has to be proved by analysis and documentation.

The District is required to formulate alternative plans for every one of its projects. This is part of the standard iterative planning process, which is summarized for you below.

For each alternative we:

1. Forecast what conditions will be like without a project;
2. Forecast what conditions will be like with a project in place;
3. Forecast what the effects of each alternative would be.

The documentation provided by the above process provides detailed information needed to select a plan that is the most cost effective and that causes the least impact.

To be able to analyze and fully document the effects of using the alternative dredged material placement sites for the North Park project requires that we obtain information about them. To do this, a team of natural resource professionals from the Corps, North Park and the PA Game Commission has been formed that will evaluate the placement sites including the Latodami site in June 2003. Their analysis of the field data will be completed in the early fall and will be included in the forthcoming Detailed Project Report and Environmental Assessment due to be released for public review later this calendar year.

Thank you for your continued interest in this project. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to e-mail me at larry.r.moskovitz@usace.army.mil.

Larry Moskowitz
Plan Formulation Section

-----Original Message-----

From: contact [mailto:

Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2003 1:39 PM

To: ; Moskowitz, Larry R

Subject: Wildwood site

Dear Sirs,

First of all, we would like to thank you for your efforts in finding an alternative site for the dredge material from North Park Lake. We were very encouraged about the potential everyone, including the participants from the DEP, saw at the Wildwood Site.

Would you please provide us with an update on where this situation stands and how you see it progressing from this point on?

Based on what we were told at the meeting, we are currently proceeding on the assumption that there is currently no need for us to continue searching for other sites. However we are concerned that the Corps is still moving forward on its environmental assessment of the Latodami site.

Thank You,

Cheryl Neuendorffer
Friends of Latodami

Dear Mr Moskovitz

I am writing about the proposed use of the upper fields above Latodami nature center in North Park for disposal of the dredging material. Please could you put the material somewhere else? I love the upper meadows, in summer I enjoy seeing the bluebirds and swallows hunting, the butterflies feeding and the tall grasses and meadow flowers, but it is beautiful at any time of year. My favourite walk is along the skyline trail with my child. It is the only area like this in any of the local parks and covering it with lake sludge would destroy it. Even if the flowers did grow back after a number of years the nesting habitats would be lost, as birds require continuity. This is a really important area and using it for lake dredge disposal would be tragic.

If the sludge must be disposed of in the park, there are plenty of mown grassy areas in the park, nearer to the lake, which are not of such environmental importance. For example, the grassy area behind the parking area at the NE end of the one-way section of Lake Shore Drive; the grassy areas beside the lake at the W (Kummer Rd) end and the grassy slopes in the corner SE of the intersection of Babcock/Wildwood Rd. I shall try to learn more about the sludge and what it could be used for in order to come up with some more alternative suggestions for you. I hope a better place can be found.

Best regards,

Naomi Jarvis.

Dear Ms. Matthews: Thank you for your interest in this project. We are exploring all possibilities regarding placement of the material that we plan to remove from the lake. Field investigations to assess the habitat value of all the alternative sites, including Latodami, were conducted this summer by an ad hoc team consisting of biologists from the Corps of Engineers, Ms. Meg Scanlon, the North Park naturalist, and other citizens interested in the project. The analytical method used to evaluate the alternative sediment placement areas was developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Analyses of the collected data is ongoing. A detailed description of the field investigations and the results will be included in a Detailed Project Report that is tentatively scheduled to be completed in late December/early January 2004. This report will be released to the public for formal review and comment. If you have any additional questions, feel free to send me an e-mail.

Larry Moskovitz
Plan Formulation Section
Pittsburgh District, Corps of Engineers

-----Original Message-----

From: Martina [mailto:m131226@stargate.net]
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2003 10:22 PM
To: Moskovitz, Larry R LRP
Subject: RE: Latodami

Dear Mr. Moskovitz,

While I am unable to attend every meeting, I have been checking on the progress of this project. It appears that after six months - and against all reasoning, suggestions and appeals from the public - the Latodami site is still being considered as one of the locations for the dumping of the North Park Lake sludge. Please comment on the current status of Latodami as it relates to this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Martina Matthews

Dear Mr. Reese:

Thank you for your recent e-mail regarding potential impacts of our proposed project to restore the aquatic ecosystem of North Park Lake. Your concerns are valid and will be addressed in a detailed project report which we are now preparing. We hope to complete the draft report this spring. Once it is completed, we will make it available to the public as well as interested Federal and state agencies for review and comment.

Larry Moskovitz
Plan Formulation Section
Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District

-----Original Message-----

From: Eric Reese [mailto:little Reese@hotmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, February 08, 2004 8:29 PM

To: Northpark, Lrp

Cc: ccrease@us.ibm.com

Subject: Latodami Nature Preserve

February 8, 2004

Mr. Larry Moskovitz
Project Planner
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
lrp.northpark@usace.army.mil

Dear Mr. Moskovitz,

I recently read that Allegheny County is planning to dredge North Park Lake, which will make the lake much more useful as well as attractive. However, I also read that the county plans to dump the dredged material onto the Latodami Field Nature Preserve.

As a boy scout, and a lifelong resident of McCandless Township, I've had many opportunities to enjoy the natural beauty of the nature preserve. It would be a tragic loss for not only the animal inhabitants of the area, but also for nature lovers throughout the county if the field were to be buried in sludge from the bottom of the lake. I'm sure you know that the Latodami Field Nature Preserve is an important breeding ground for many animals as well as a shelter for migratory birds.

I understand that it will cost more to move the dredge material to a further location, but I believe that the cost is more than justified. As the natural woodlands in McCandless continue to be removed to make room for new houses and development, it is essential that we keep the natural habitat that North Park provides.

I hope that you will reconsider your position and find a creative way to dispose of the unwanted dredge material without damaging the Latodami Field Nature Preserve.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Reese
Life Scout, Troop 329

I apologize for not getting back to you sooner. The lake will not be dredged this year. When the dredging does occur (potentially in 2006) it will affect fishing in the lake temporarily. This will all be explained in detail in the forthcoming Detailed Project Report that we will finish this spring.
Larry Moskovitz
Plan Formulation Section

-----Original Message-----

From: Bmaulky@aol.com [mailto:Bmaulky@aol.com]

Sent: Saturday, February 21, 2004 9:30 AM

To: Rozzi, Carmen LRP

Subject: when

I was just curious when you will start the dredging process on North Park lake. Is it this year? Will it affect us who like to fish North Park lake please let me know.

Ms. Neuendorffer:

The completion of the draft report has been unavoidably delayed due to higher priority work in the District. Currently, we expect the North Park Lake draft report to be released for public review some time this spring.

Larry Moskovitz

-----Original Message-----

From: tpn [mailto:]

Sent: Monday, March 08, 2004 12:20 AM

To: Northpark, Lrp

Subject: Dredging Project Report

Dear Mr. Moskovitz,

Can you provide an update regarding the status of the Dredging Project Report? In your email dated September 23, 2003 you referred to this as - "A detailed description of the field investigations and the results will be included in a Detailed Project Report that is tentatively scheduled to be completed in late December/early January 2004. This report will be released to the public for formal review and comment."

Thank You

Cheryl Neuendorffer

Friends of Latodami Environmental Education Center

From: Rummel, Mark H. [MRummel@GilbaneCo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2004 5:53 PM
To: Northpark, Lrp
Subject: NoRummel, Mark H. [MRummel@GilbaneCo.com]rth Park Lake

Living about 100 yds from the Latodami Nature Center, which you wish to turn into a disposal site for North Park Lake, I strongly urge you to reconsider. The road which will be traveled heavily for this purpose by trucks is extensively used by joggers, bicyclist, and children who use it to go to Wexford Elementary. Not to mention the dust that will be created containing god knows what, and potential contamination to ground water for those of us on wells. I promise you I will be the first to sign, and financially support, any legal action that will be initiated to stop this action.

Mark Rummel
Pineview Dr.
Wexford, PA