



Public Notice

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

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

Application No. 2020-27

Date: February 3, 2020

Notice No. 20-3

Closing Date: February 22, 2020

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 404 of the Clean Water Act.
2. **APPLICANT:** Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, District 10-0
2550 Oakland Avenue
P.O. Box 429
Indiana, PA 15701
3. **LOCATION:** The proposed project is located along the State Route 0228 Section 270 corridor in Middlesex Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania.
4. **PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF WORK:** The applicant proposes to discharge fill into waters of the United States in conjunction with the realignment and widening of State Route (SR) 0228 Section 270. The SR 0228 Balls Bend project includes for the proposed widening of SR 0228 from 2 lanes to 4 lanes in Middlesex Township, Butler County, PA. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve mobility and safety for the traveling public along the SR 0228 corridor from the area just east of Three Degrees Road near the Adams/Middlesex Township line, to the intersection with Pennsylvania SR 8. Improvements within the corridor include the reconstruction of Davis, Harbison, and Park Township Roads including all driveway tie-ins. Four new structures including three box culverts and a single span structure are proposed as part of the SR 0228 re-alignment. SR 0228 will be constructed under phased construction in order to maintain traffic on existing SR 0228. The applicants preferred alternative results in approximately 3,214 linear feet (LF) of permanent and approximately 721 LF of temporary stream channel impacts. These impacts include the removal of three existing structures and the placement of four new structures. Additionally, 1.21 acres of permanent and 0.14 acres of temporary wetland impacts are expected to occur as a result of the proposed project. Stream Mitigation for the project includes the relocation of approximately 1,813 LF of channel and approximately 2,602 LF of improvements to stream bank/riparian buffer along two sections of Glade Run within the project site. Permanent wetland impacts will be mitigated on site through the construction of approximately 2.64 acres of wetland habitat. Drawings of the proposed project are attached to this notice. Additional details and/or drawings of the proposed project and mitigation areas are available upon request.

5. ENCROACHMENT PERMIT: The applicant may be required to obtain a Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit which includes 401 Water Quality Certification from the:

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Northwest Regional Office
Waterways and Wetlands Section
230 Chestnut Street
Meadville, PA 16335-3481

Telephone: 412-332-6984

6. IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES: The District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project will have no effect on endangered species or threatened species, or result in destruction or adverse modification of habitat of such species which has been determined to be critical. While concurrence with this determination is not required, 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).

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

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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.

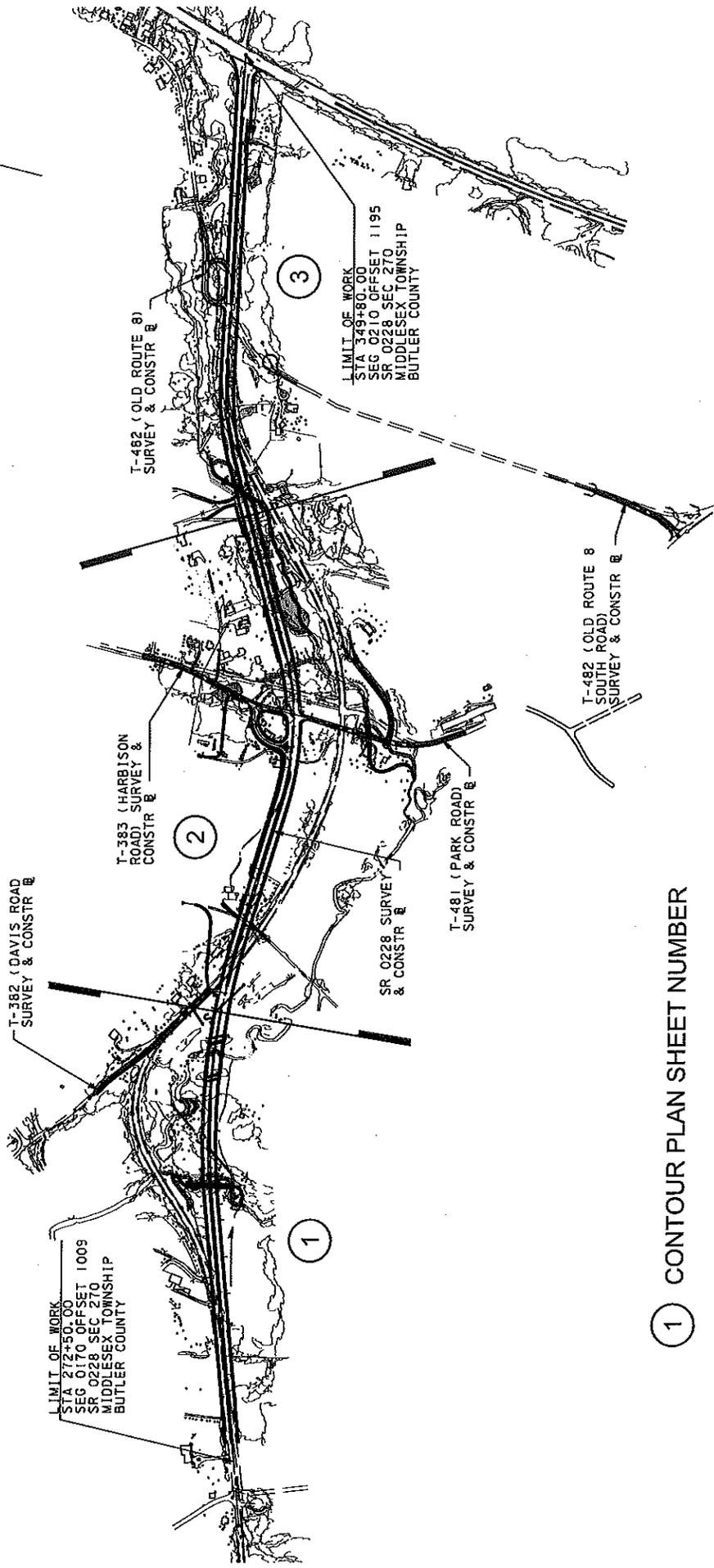
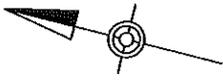
The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine 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. The evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under the authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR Part 230).

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 Division, attn. Allen R. Edris at the above address, by telephoning (412) 395-7158, or by e-mail at allen.r.edris@usace.army.mil. Please refer to CELRP-RGN 2020-27 in all responses.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:



Ty Bintrim
Chief, Northern Branch
Regulatory Division



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