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Pittsburgh District

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

Application No. LRP 2021-58

Date: March 3, 2021

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Closing Date: April 3, 2021

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: Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Division of Wildlife
2045 Morse Road, Building G
Columbus, Ohio 43229
3. LOCATION: Monroe Lake, Township Road 1001 (Main Cross Street), Malaga Township, Monroe County, Ohio, HUC12 0503 0201 0101 (Upper Sunfish Creek), Latitude/Longitude: 39.825458, -81.145767
4. PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The applicant proposes to construct a fixed concrete dock and a reinforced concrete boat ramp on Monroe Lake at an existing boat launch. Approximately 11,000 yd³ of substrate over an approximate 0.25 acre area near the ramp will be dredged/excavated and relocated to an upland area off-site. The dredging will remove the subsoils down to an approximate elevation of 1064 ft. (7 ft. below normal pool) and the new ramp will be extended to elevation 1065 ft. The new ramp would be 15 ft. wide, 67 ft. in length, and constructed of concrete with a "V"-grooved surface. The existing ramp slope of 12 percent would be maintained in the new design in order to minimize the amount of excavation required to construct the ramp. A courtesy, fixed concrete dock will also replace the current damaged, floating wooden dock. The courtesy dock will be a 6 ft. wide x 92 ft. long, single linear concrete dock that parallels the boat ramp and extends beyond it to provide space for up to two boats to tie off outside of the footprint of the ramp itself. The design concept for the fixed dock is to drive steel sheet piling in the chosen configuration, fill the space inside the sheet piling with gravel, and cap the gravel with concrete. The elevation of the top of each concrete fixed dock will be set at an elevation approximately 9 to 18 inches above "normal pool" to provide sufficient depth for the smaller boats that will use the docks. Impact tables and a project map are included below. A location map and project plan sheet are included as attachments at the end of this notice.

Lake ID	Estimated Permanent Impact Area (acre)	Estimated Permanent Fill (yd ³)	Type of Fill
Monroe Lake	0.1	2,000	Parking Lot Expansion - Clean non-erodable fill
Monroe Lake	0.017	28	Boat Ramp - Reinforced concrete
Monroe Lake	0.011	1,515	Dock - Concrete w/ compacted gravel
Totals:	0.128	3,543	

Lake ID	Estimated Fill Removal Area (acre)	Estimated Fill Removal (yd ³)	Type of Fill
Monroe Lake	0.013	22	Boat Ramp - Concrete
Monroe Lake	0.004	0	Dock - Wood
Monroe Lake	0.25	11,000	Dredged Sediment
Totals:	0.267	11,022	

5. WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: A Permit will not be granted until Water Quality Certification is received or waived from:

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA)
Section 401 Coordinator
PO Box 1049
Columbus, Ohio 43266-0149
Telephone Number: 614-644-2001

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. 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. The

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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. Public comments may be subject to release under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). All responses to this notice should be directed to the Regulatory Division, attn Matthew Gilbert at the above address, by telephoning (412) 395-7189, or by e-mail at matthew.c.gilbert@usace.army.mil Please refer to CELRP-RG 2021-58 in all responses.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

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Chief, North Branch
Regulatory Division