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. LRP-2015-904 Date: April 26, 2016

Notice No. 16-19 Closing Date: May 26, 2016

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:** Charlie Company
   3201 Belmont Street
   Belmont, Ohio 43906

3. **AGENT:** Ellen Greer
   342 High Street, P.O. Box 471
   Flushing, Ohio 43977

4. **LOCATION:** Unnamed tributary to Aults Run and adjacent wetlands located along US Route 40 in Richland Township, Belmont County, Ohio. Approximate center location of project is at 40.08111N, -80.88W.

5. **PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF WORK:** The applicant proposes to re-contour the existing land surface to create an accessible, adequate surface area for future residential development on the approximately 21 acre site. Development at this site will include culverting and filling of 1,041 linear feet of an unnamed tributary to Aults Run (920 feet of perennial and 121 feet of intermittent stream) and 0.12 acre of adjacent wetland. Mitigation proposed by the applicant involves protection in perpetuity of 1,186 feet of existing stream channel upstream and downstream of the impacted section of the unnamed tributary to Aults Run including enhancement of a small wetland area. The Location Map and Preferred Design Alternative may be found at the following website by clicking on Public Notice number 16-19.

6. **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
7. **IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES:** The District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project is not likely to affect the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species, or result in the 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).

8. **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).

9. **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.

10. **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 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).

11. **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 Matthew Mason at the above address, by telephoning (412) 395-7129, or by e-mail at Matthew.R.Mason@usace.army.mil. Please refer to CELRP-OP-F 2015-904 in all responses.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

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Nancy Mullen
Chief, Northern Section
Regulatory Branch
Charlie Company, St. Clairsville Site

Figure 3

Richland Township, Belmont County, OH
Section 34, T-6, R-3
St. Clairsville, OH USGS 7.5' Topographic Quadrangle