



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 2019-722

Date: July 16, 2019

Notice No. 19-45

Closing Date: August 16, 2019

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:** Seneca Landfill, Incorporated
P.O. Box 1080
Mars, Pennsylvania 16046
3. **LOCATION:** A 34.3 acre property west of the existing Seneca landfill and mine and north of Hartmann Road in Lancaster and Jackson Townships, Butler County, Pennsylvania (40.816027/-80.084612)
4. **PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF WORK:** The applicant proposes to excavate unconsolidated soils beneath the existing 34.3 acre Seneca non coal mine to use as portions of a landfill liner system. The project proposes to permanently impact 0.08 acre of forested wetland and 1.72 acre of emergent wetland, for a total of 1.8 acres of impact. These wetlands drain to unnamed tributaries that flow to Connoquenessing Creek. The applicant proposes to offset these impacts by conducting permittee responsible mitigation at an onsite property that abuts an existing mitigation site. The mitigation plan proposes to create 0.24 acre of forested wetland habitat to provide for a 3:1 replacement ratio, and 1.72 acre of emergent wetland habitat to provide for a 1:1 replacement ratio. This total, 1.96 acre, includes a 0.49 acre overbuild that's already constructed at the existing mitigation site. This excess acreage at the existing mitigation site will be considered as a portion of this mitigation proposal.
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
Telephone: 814-332-6945

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

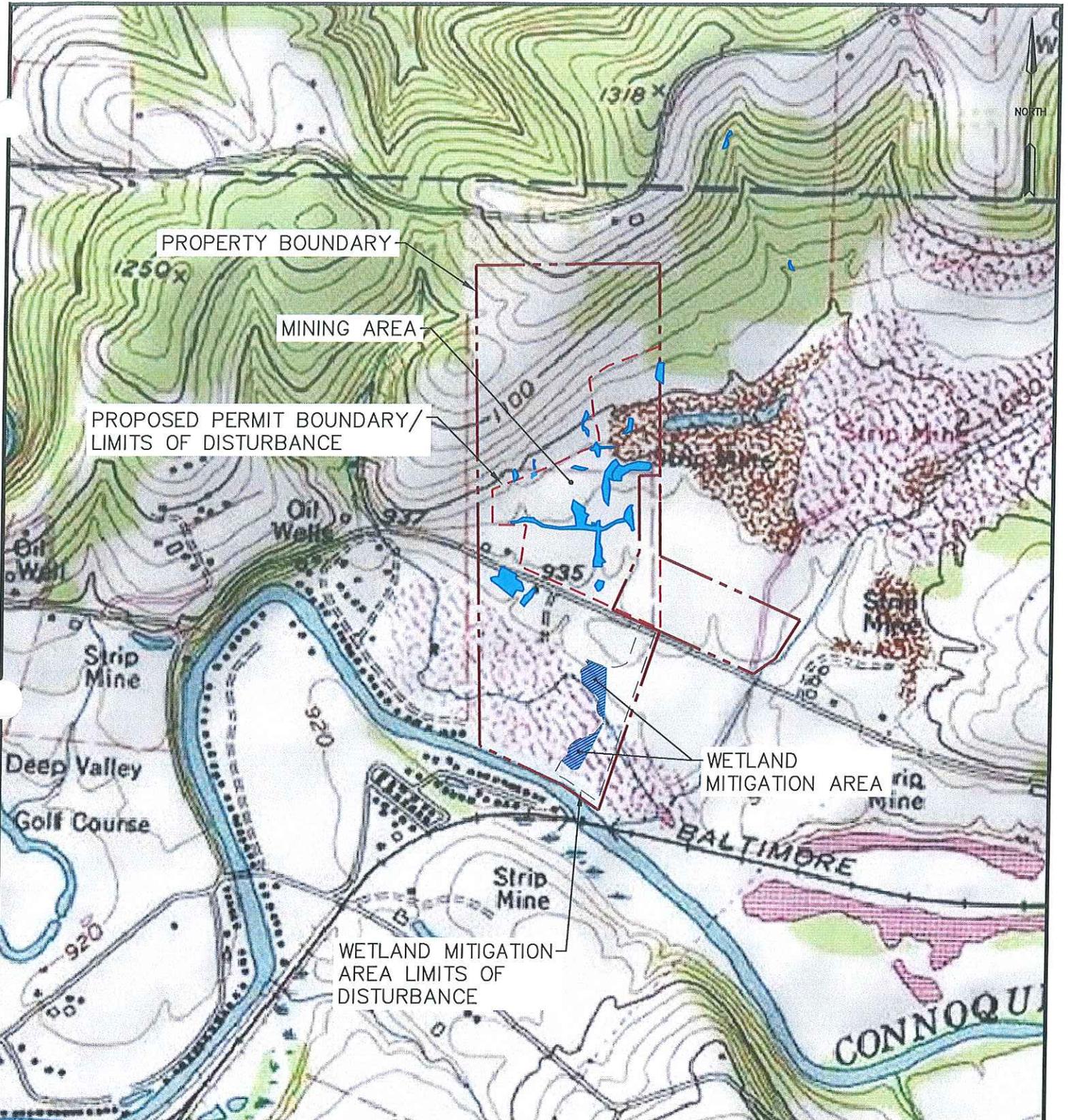
and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, 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 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. 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 2019-722 in all responses.

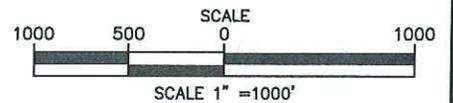
FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

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Scott A. Hans
Chief, Regulatory Division



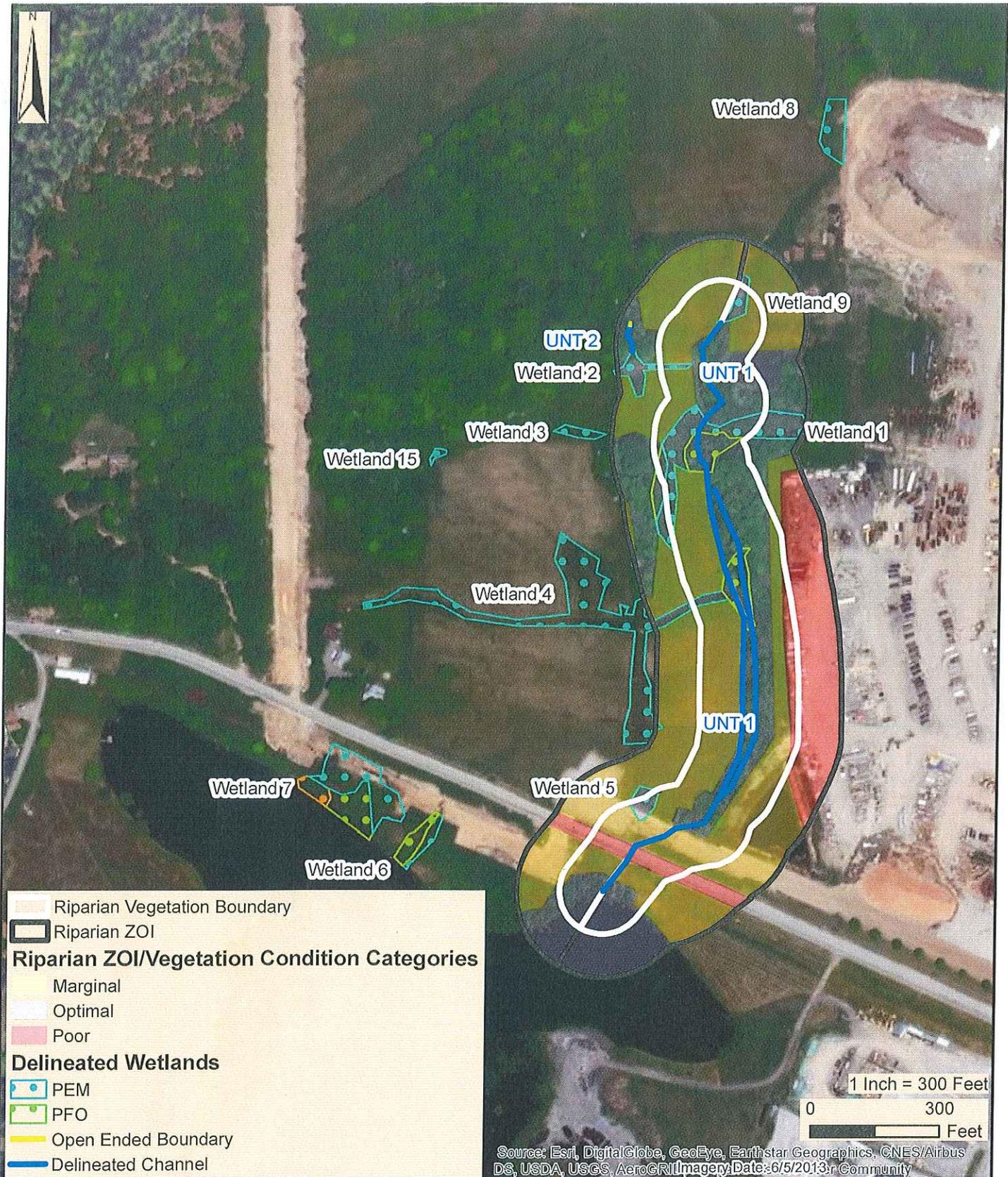
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SENECA NONCOAL MINE
U.S. ARMY CORPS PERMIT APPLICATION
 JACKSON TOWNSHIP BUTLER COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA
VICINITY MAP

 State College Office Delaware Valley Office
 (814) 238-2060 (610) 495-5585

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Riparian Vegetation Boundary
 Riparian ZOI
Riparian ZOI/Vegetation Condition Categories
 Marginal
 Optimal
 Poor
Delineated Wetlands
 PEM
 PFO
 Open Ended Boundary
 Delineated Channel

Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID/Imagery, Date: 6/5/2013, Community



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 State College, PA 16803
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SENECA LANDFILL, INC.
SENECA LANDFILL LARGE NONCOAL
SURFACE MINING PERMIT APPLICATION
STREAM FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT MAP

JACKSON TOWNSHIP BUTLER COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

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