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Pittsburgh District

Public Notice

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

Application No. 2016-1881

Date: April 30, 2019

Notice No. 19-31

Closing Date: May 30, 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: Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, District 12-0
825 North Gallatin Avenue
P.O. Box 459
Unionville, PA 15401
3. LOCATION: The proposed project is located along the State Route 0070 Section L10 and L20 corridor in Sewickley, South Huntingdon and Hempfield Townships, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.
4. PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The applicant proposes to discharge fill into waters of the United States associated with road widening and reconstruction of the SR 0070 L10 and L20 corridor. The project will improve approximately 2.46 miles of SR 0070 including the Yukon Interchange and the Madison Interchange. The purpose of the project is to improve safety, operational efficiency and mobility through the project area while meeting current design criteria. To mitigate the project needs, preliminary engineering studies and design efforts were conducted to assess the possible alternatives within the project area. The preferred alternative results in approximately 7,148 linear feet (LF) of stream channel being permanently impacted by the SR 0070 L10 and L20 project. This includes 1,134 LF of impacts associated with existing enclosures, and 6,014 LF of impacts related to the proposed project. These impacts include waterway relocations, fill placement, bridge replacement, new culvert construction, culvert replacement and culvert extensions and rock aprons. A total of 1,718 LF of perennial channel, 4,734 LF intermittent channel will be restored at relocated reaches along the project. These restoration reaches will provide compensatory mitigation for the proposed channel loss. In addition to the permanent impacts, temporary impacts to jurisdictional resources will occur due to construction equipment access to construct pipes, channel relocations, culvert extensions, bridges, fill slopes, and installation of erosion and sediment pollution control measures. A total of 3.49 acres of palustrine emergent wetlands will be permanently impacted as a result of the proposed work. The applicant proposes to mitigate for the unavoidable stream impacts by constructing and maintaining approximately 6,135 LF of channel on-site. Compensatory wetland mitigation will occur on-site and will be situated southeast of the Yukon Interchange. Approximately 5.73 acres of palustrine emergent wetlands will be constructed on-site. 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 must obtain a Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit which includes 401 Water Quality Certification from the:

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Southwest Regional Office
Waterways and Wetlands Section
400 Waterfront Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4745

Telephone: 412-442-4000

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 the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), 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

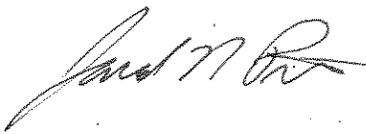
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proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land 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 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-RGS 2016-1881 in all responses.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:



for Jon T Coleman
Acting Division Chief, Regulatory Division