

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

CORPS OF ENGINEERS - STATE OF ARKANSAS

Application Number: SWL-2009-00084-1

Date: March 9, 2016

Comments Due: April 4, 2016

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Comments are invited on the work described below. Please see the Public Involvement section for details on submitting comments.

<u>Point of Contact</u>. If additional information is desired, please contact one of the project managers, Christopher G. Davies or Chris Joyner, at telephone number: (501) 324-5295, mailing address: Little Rock District Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division, PO Box 867, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867, email address: <u>Christopher.G.Davies@usace.army.mil</u> or <u>Chris.J.Joyner@usace.army.mil</u>

<u>Project Information</u>. Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S. Code 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S. Code 1344), notice is hereby given that

Mr. Ted Hertz Russellville Marina, Boat Repair & Cabins 330 Beach Road Russellville, Arkansas 72802

has requested authorization for work, including the placement of dredged and fill material, in waters of the United States associated with the installation of a breakwater at the Russellville Marina. The proposed project is located in Lake Dardanelle of the Arkansas River, approximately 1.3 miles north of Navigation Mile (NM) 208.1, in the NW 1/4 of section 2, T. 7 N., R. 21 W., Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas.

The basic purpose of the project is boating recreation. The overall purpose of the project is to expand the docking capabilities of recreational boaters on the Arkansas River near Russellville and Lake Dardanelle State Park. The project is water dependent.

The project would include a 781-foot-long breakwater structure to be constructed of 18-inch to 24-inch stone riprap with no granular fill. The base of the breakwater will be 80 feet wide at the deepest locations. An estimated 18,928 cubic yards of riprap will be required for this project. The elevation of the top of the structure will be 342 feet above Mean Sea Level. The Ordinary High Water Mark elevation is 338 feet above Mean Sea Level, and the Normal Pool Elevation is 336 feet above Mean Sea Level at this location.

The breakwater would facilitate a potential expansion of the marina. Any addition of floating structures to the marina would be evaluated by the Little Rock District Corps of Engineers, Operations Division, under 36 CFR 327.19 (Permits).

The project area is an open water habitat directly adjacent to the Russellville Marina and Lake Dardanelle State Park. A floating breakwater is currently sited along a portion of the proposed rock breakwater structure.

No mitigation in the forms of avoidance, minimization, or compensation has been proposed for this project.

The location and general plan for the proposed work are shown on the enclosed sheets.

<u>Water Quality Certification</u>. By copy of this public notice, the applicant is requesting water quality certification from the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act. Upon completion of the comment period and a public hearing, if held, a determination relative to water quality certification will be made. Evidence of this water quality certification or waiver of the right to certify must be submitted prior to the issuance of a Corps of Engineers permit.

<u>Cultural Resources</u>. A Corps staff archeologist will review topographic maps, the National Register of Historic Places, and other data on reported sites in the area. The District Engineer invites responses to this public notice from Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies; historical and archeological societies; and other parties likely to have knowledge of or concerns with historic properties in the area.

<u>Endangered Species</u>. Our preliminary determination is that the proposed activity will not affect listed Endangered Species or their critical habitat. A copy of this notice is being furnished to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and appropriate state agencies and constitutes a request to those agencies for information 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 proposed activity.

<u>Floodplain</u>. We are providing copies of this notice to appropriate floodplain officials in accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Floodplain Management Regulations Criteria for Land Management and Use) and Executive Order 11988 on Floodplain Management.

Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines. The evaluation of activities to be authorized under this permit, which involves the discharge of dredged, or fill material will include application of guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act. These guidelines are contained in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 230.

<u>Public Involvement</u>. Any interested party is invited to submit to the above-listed POC written comments or objections relative to the proposed work on or before **April 4, 2016**. Substantive comments, both favorable and unfavorable, will be accepted and made a part of the record and will receive full consideration in determining whether this work would be in the public interest. 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 proposal, 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, floodplain 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 need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Any person may request in writing within the comment period specified in this notice that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. The District Engineer will determine if the issues raised are substantial and whether a hearing is needed for making a decision.

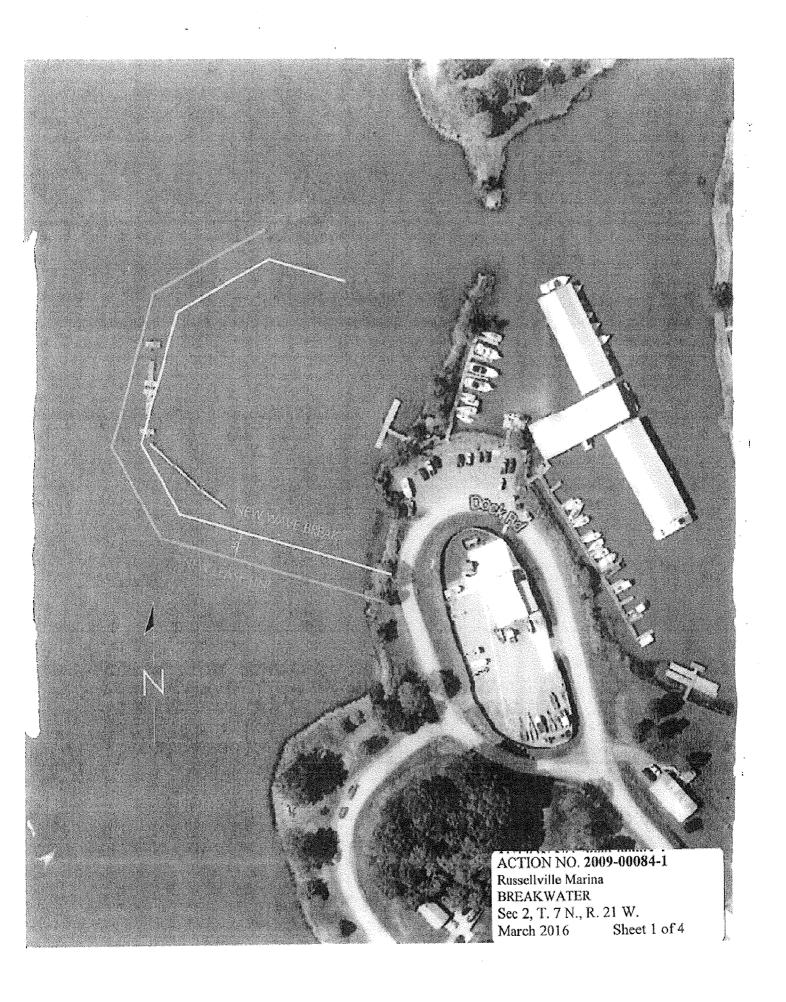
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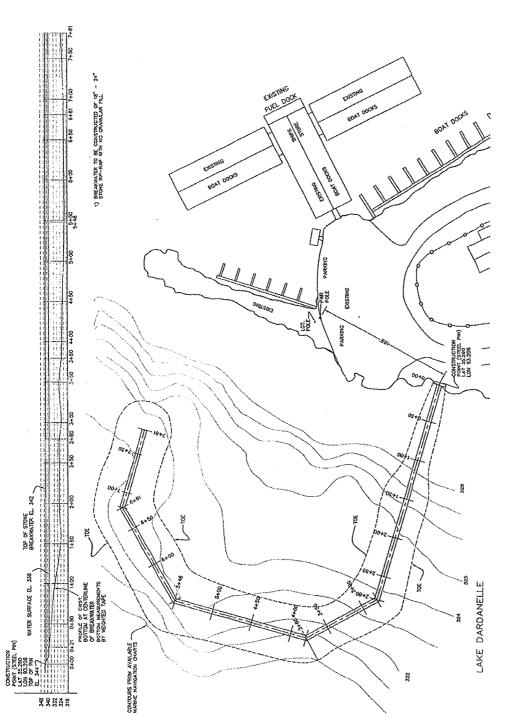
Enclosures

Approximate Coordinates of Project Center

Latitude: 35.291091°N Longitude: -93.205955°W

UTM Zone: 15 North: 481214 Northing East: 3905357 Easting



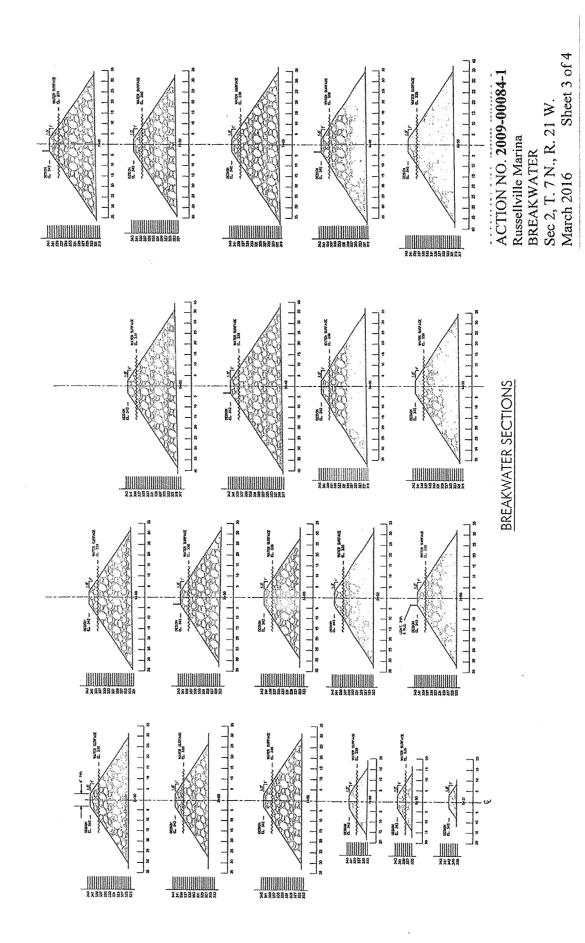


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