



PUBLIC NOTICE

US Army Corps
of Engineers
Baltimore
District

In Reply to Application Number
CENAB-OP-RMN(BWI-SPARROWS POINT
LLC/DREDGING)04-64865-1

Comment Period: 18 February 2005 to 19 March 2005

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO SOLICIT COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE WORK DESCRIBED BELOW. AT THIS TIME, NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED.

The Baltimore District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the River and Harbor Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and the Tidal Wetlands Act and/or Nontidal Wetlands Protection Act, as described below:

APPLICANT: *BWI-Sparrows Point, LLC*
Attn: Mr. Vincent Barletta
600 Shipyard Road
Sparrows Point, MD 21219

LOCATION: *Patapsco River, near Sparrows Point, Baltimore County, Maryland*

WORK: The applicant proposes to hydraulically or mechanically dredge a 160-acre area in phases. In phase I the applicant proposes to dredge a channel and berthing areas around piers 1, 3, and 4 to 39 feet below mean low water, and to place the approximately 600,000 cubic yards of dredged material at the Hart Miller Island disposal site. Under subsequent phases the applicant proposes to dredge the balance of the area and to deposit the approximately 2.6 million cubic yards of dredged material at disposal sites yet to be determined. The purpose of the project is to allow the applicant to accommodate larger, modern vessels at his ship repair facilities. In phase I of the project the applicant also proposes to construct approximately 6,650 linear feet of steel sheet piling one foot above the existing river bottom around the perimeter of piers 1, 3, and 4. The purpose of this work is to provide lateral support for these piers. A fendering system is also proposed for these piers. A permit for this project would authorize periodic maintenance dredging subject to the prior notification of the District Engineer.

All work is to be completed in accordance with the enclosed plan(s). If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Jon Romeo at (410) 962-6079.

Essential Fish Habitat Assessment: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSFCMA), as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-267), requires all Federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency that may adversely affect essential fish habitat (EFH). The project site lies in or adjacent to EFH as described under MSFCMA for juvenile and adult windowpane flounder (*Scopthalmus aquosus*), juvenile and adult bluefish (*Pomatomus saltatrix*), juvenile and adult summer flounder (*Paralichthys dentatus*), and egg, larvae, juvenile, and adult stages of red drum (*Sciaenops ocellatus*), king mackerel (*Scomberomorus cavalla*), spanish mackerel (*Scomberomorus maculatus*), and cobia (*Rachycentron canadum*). All are managed species under the MSFCMA. The projects have the potential to adversely affect EFH or the species of concern by loss of spawning, nursery, forage, and/or shelter habitat. The Baltimore District has determined that the adverse effects of this project would not be substantial and an abbreviated consultation will be conducted with the NMFS. No mitigative measures are recommended to minimize adverse effects on EFH at this time. This determination may be modified if additional information indicates otherwise and would change the preliminary determination.

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, cultural values, 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, 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.

The applicant is required to obtain a water quality certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act from the Maryland Department of the Environment. Any written comments concerning the work described above which relate to water quality certification must be received by the Standards and Certification Division Maryland Department of the Environment, Montgomery Park Business Center, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 430, Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1708 within the comment period as specified above to receive consideration. Written comments concerning the work described above related to the factors listed above or other pertinent factors must be received by the District Engineer, US Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, PO Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715, within the comment period as specified above to receive consideration. The 401 certifying agency has a statutory limit of one year to make its decision.

The applicant has certified in this application that the proposed activity complies with and will be conducted in a manner consistent with the Maryland Coastal Zone Program. This certification statement is available for inspection in the District Office; however, public comments relating to consistency must be received by the Coastal Zone Division, Maryland Department of the Environment, Montgomery Park Business Center, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 430, Baltimore, Maryland, 21230-1708, within the comment period as specified above. It should be noted that CZ Division has a statutory limit of 6 months in which to make its consistency determination.

The applicant must obtain any State or local government permits which may be required.

A preliminary review of this application indicates that the proposed work will not affect listed species or their critical habitat pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as amended. As the evaluation of this application continues, additional information may become available which could modify this preliminary determination.

Review of the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places indicates that no registered properties listed as eligible for inclusion therein are located at the site of the proposed work. Currently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistoric, or historical data may be lost or destroyed by the work to be accomplished under the requested permit.

The evaluation of the impact of the work described above on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Any person who has an interest which may be adversely affected by the issuance of this permit may request a public hearing. The request, which must be in writing, must be received by the District Engineer, US Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, PO Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715, within the comment period as specified as above to receive consideration. Also, it must clearly state forth the interest which may be adversely affected by this activity in the manner in which the interest may be adversely affected.

It is requested that you communicate the foregoing information concerning the proposed work to any persons known by you to be interested and not being known to this office, who did not receive a copy of this notice.

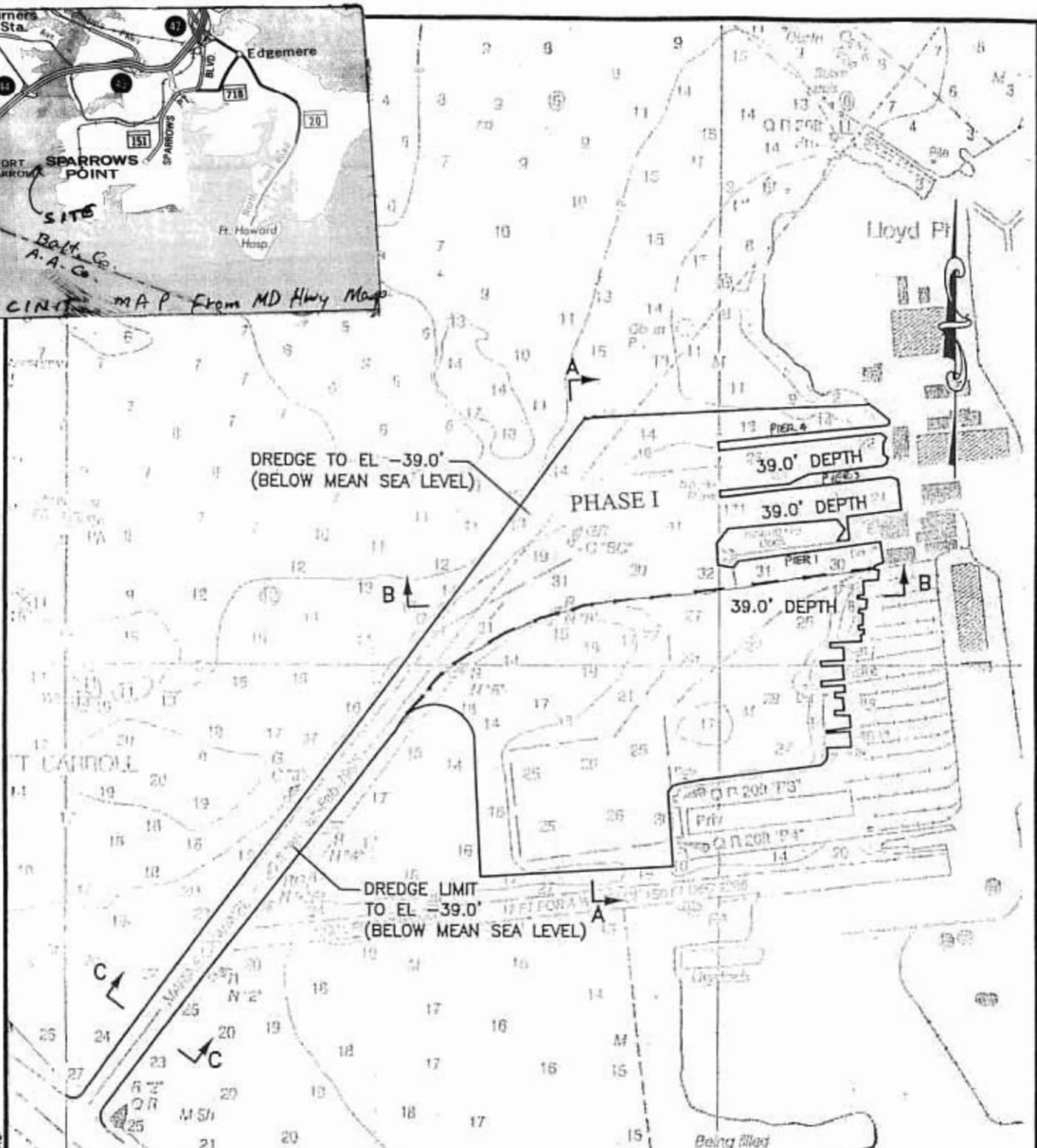
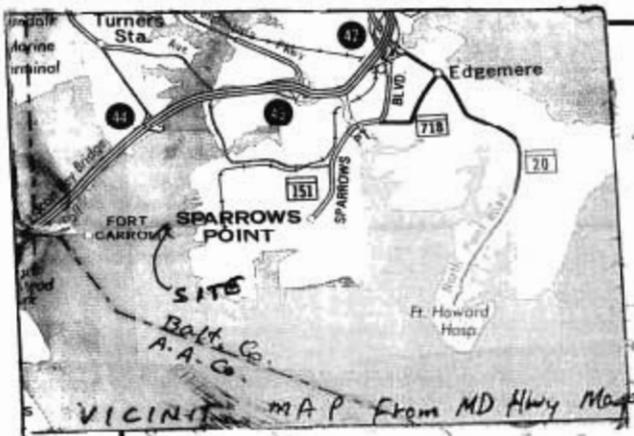


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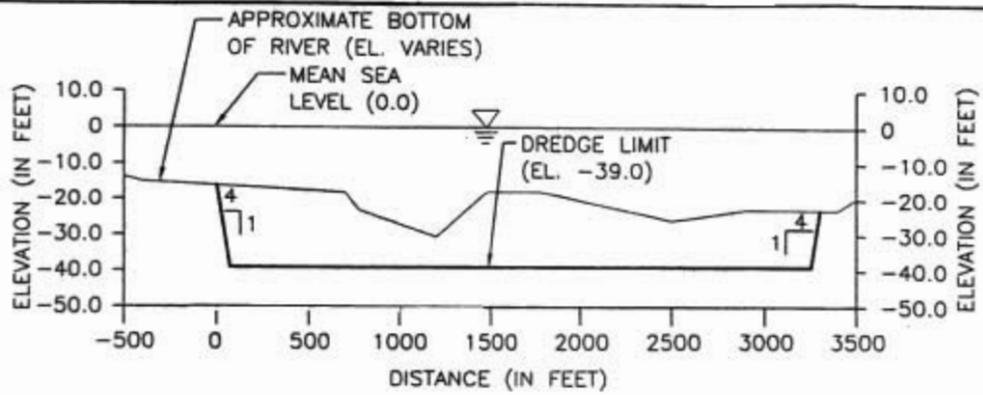
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**PROPOSED DREDGING
AT BWI SPARROWS POINT, LLC**
February, 2005
600 SHIPYARD ROAD
SPARROWS POINT, BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD 21219



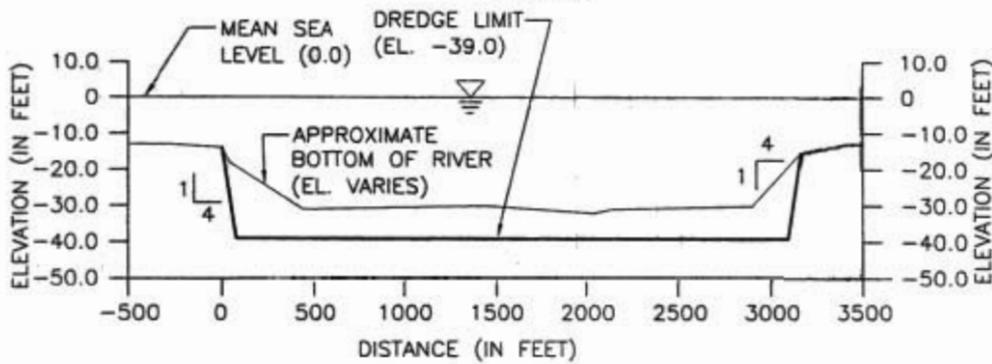
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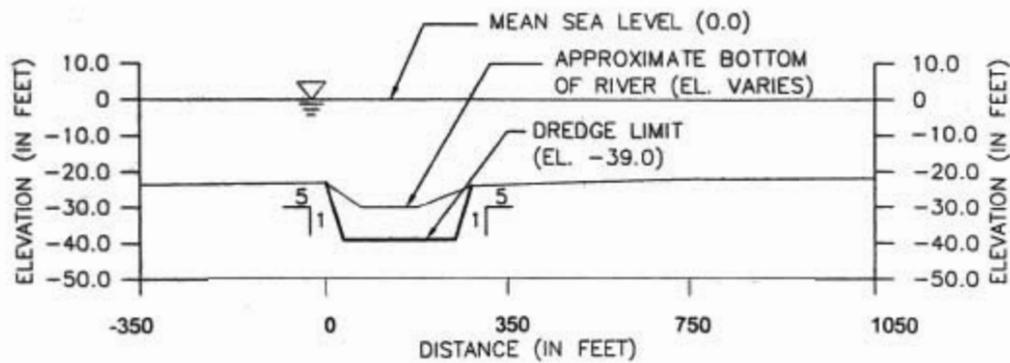
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PROPOSED DREDGING AT
BWI SPARROWS POINT, LLC
ON THE PATAPSO RIVER

600 SHIPYARD ROAD
SPARROWS POINT, BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD 21219

PROJ MGR: K.F. DRAFTER: S.W.
DESIGNED BY: T.O. DATE: 6/24/04
REVIEWED BY: H.S. SCALE: AS NOTED



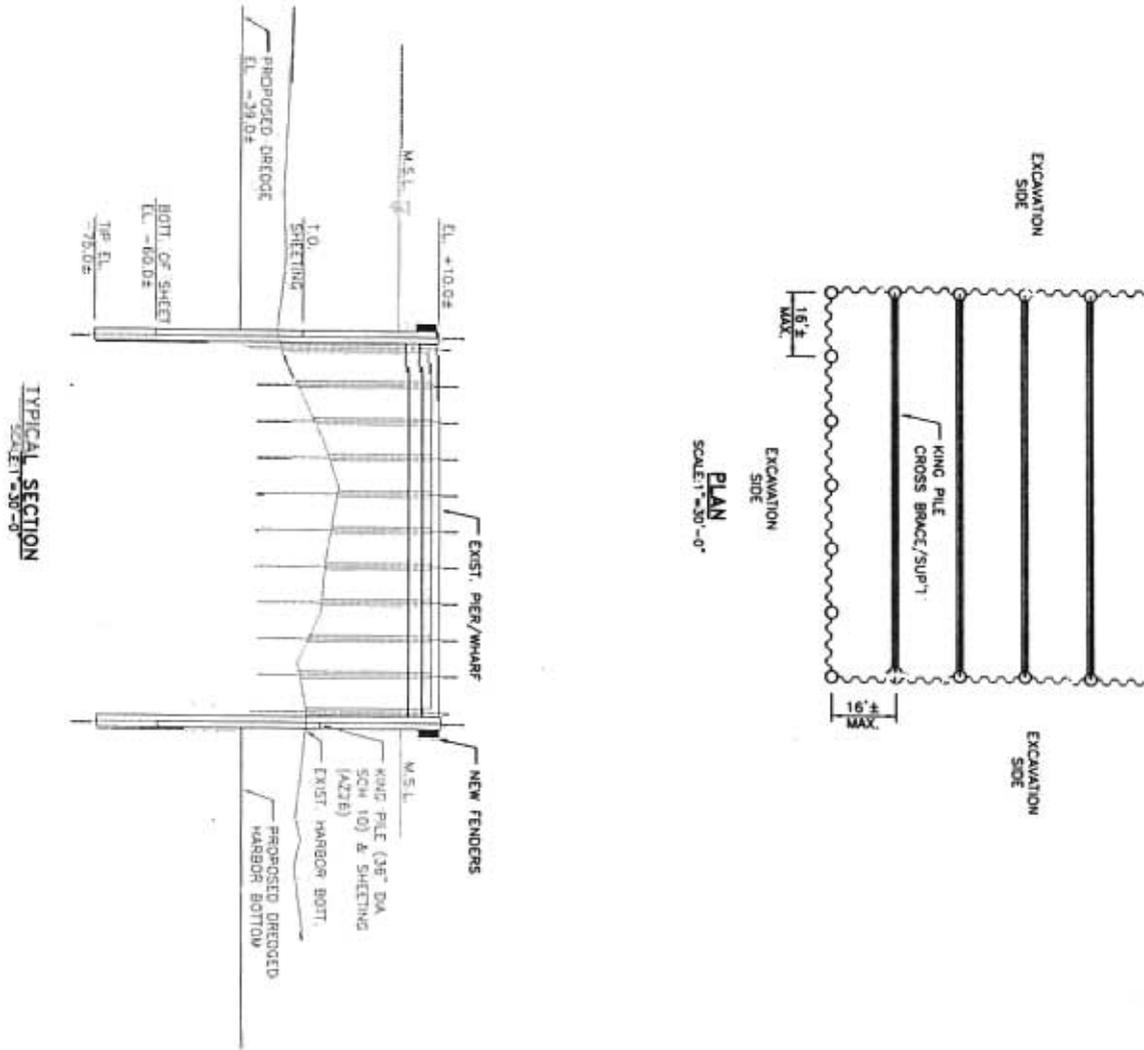
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