



**U.S. Army Corps  
of Engineers**

Baltimore District  
PN 22-17

# Public Notice

**In Reply to Application Number  
NAB-2019-61790 (Bay Ridge Civic Association,  
Inc/Beach Nourishment)**

Comment Period: June 21, 2022 to July 21, 2022

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**THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO INFORM INTERESTED PARTIES OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY AND TO SOLICIT COMMENTS. NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A PERMIT MODIFICATION WILL BE ISSUED AT THIS TIME.**

This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit modification pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (33 USC 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344), as described below:

**APPLICANT:**

Bay Ridge Civic Association, Inc.  
80 East Lake Drive  
Annapolis, Maryland 21403

**WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK:**

The proposed project is located in the Chesapeake Bay, along River Drive of the Bay Ridge Community, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Maryland. Latitude: 38.944445; Longitude: -76.454420

**OVERALL PROJECT PURPOSE:**

To modify an existing Department of the Army permit authorization for beach nourishment, shoreline erosion control, and outfall replacement along River Drive at the community beach areas, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

To replenish the community beach nourishment sites with the following work:

- To fill and grade approximately 2,530 linear feet of eroded shoreline with approximately 59,682 square feet/14,500 cubic yards of sand within a maximum of 84 feet channelward of the approximate mean high water shoreline;

- To fill and grade approximately 2,460 linear feet of eroded shoreline with approximately 80,205 square feet/20,000 cubic yards of sand within a maximum of 66 feet of the approximate mean high water shoreline;
- To replace in kind and extend an existing outfall pipe 95 linear feet and install approximately 52 square feet of stone to the existing groin within a maximum of 10 feet channelward of the approximate mean high-water shoreline.

The sand material will be sourced from previously authorized dredging projects to be placed at these sites as beneficial reuse. All work is proposed in accordance with the attached plans dated Revised March 2022.

#### **EFFECTS ON AQUATIC RESOURCES:**

Activity	WoUS Impact (SF)	Authority
Beach Nourishment	139,887	Section 10/404
Outfall Replacement	52	Section 10/404

#### **LEAD FEDERAL AGENCY:**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as the lead federal agency, is responsible for all coordination pursuant to applicable federal authorities.

#### **APPLICANT'S PROPOSED AVOIDANCE, MINIMIZATION, AND COMPENSATORY MITIGATION:**

As part of the planning process for the proposed project, steps were taken to ensure avoidance and minimization of impacts to aquatic resources to the maximum extent practicable based on the existing site conditions. The proposed project purpose is to modify an existing Department of the Army permit authorization for beach nourishment, shoreline erosion control, and outfall replacement. The applicant designed the project to the minimal footprint necessary to achieve the project purpose successfully. No compensatory mitigation is proposed. No wetlands will be impacted as a result of the proposed project.

#### **CORPS EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS:**

This project will be evaluated pursuant to Corps Regulatory Program Regulations (33 CFR Parts 320-332). The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, 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 reasonable 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, economic, 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, mineral needs, and consideration of property ownership and in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The evaluation of the impact of this project will also include application of the Clean Water Act Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency.

#### **ENDANGERED SPECIES:**

A preliminary review of this application indicates that the proposed work will have no effect federally listed threatened or endangered 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.

#### **ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT:**

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSFCMA), as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996 (Public Law 04-267), requires all federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH), including species of concern, life cycle habitat, or Habitat Areas of Particular Concern. The project site lies in or adjacent to EFH as described under MSFCMA for managed species under the MSFCMA. The Baltimore District has made a preliminary determination that the project will have no adverse effect on EFH. The Baltimore District has made a preliminary determination that mitigative measures are not required to minimize adverse effects on EFH at this time. This determination may be modified if additional information indicates otherwise.

#### **HISTORIC RESOURCES:**

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and applicable guidance, the Corps has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places and initially determined that no registered properties listed as eligible

for inclusion, therein, are located at the site of the proposed work. The Corps has made the preliminary determination that the proposed project would have no adverse effect on historic properties. The Corps final eligibility and effect determination will be based on coordination with the State Historic Preservation Office as appropriate and required, and with full consideration given to the proposed undertaking's potential direct and indirect effects on historic properties within the Corps' identified permit area.

#### **TRIBAL RESOURCES:**

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act also requires federal agencies to consult with federally recognized American Indian tribes that attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties that may be affected by the agency's undertaking. Corps Tribal Consultation Policy mandates an open, timely, meaningful, collaborative, and effective deliberative communication process that emphasizes trust, respect, and shared responsibility. The policy further emphasizes that, to the extent practicable and permitted by law, consultation works toward mutual consensus and begins at the earliest planning stages before decisions are made and actions taken. The Corps final eligibility and effect determination will be based on coordination with interested tribes, in accordance with the Corps current tribal standard operating procedures as appropriate and required, and with full consideration given to the proposed undertaking's potential direct and indirect effects on tribal resources.

#### **MODIFICATION OF CIVIL WORKS PROJECTS: 33 USC 408 (SECTION 408):**

All Section 408 proposals will be coordinated internally at USACE. The Section 408 decision will be issued along with the Section 404 and/or Section 10 decision. Please see the following link for more information regarding Section 408:  
<https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/section408/>.

#### **WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:**

The applicant is required to obtain a water quality certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

#### **COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS:**

Where applicable, the applicant has certified in this application that the proposed activity complies with and will be conducted in a manner consistent with the approved Coastal Zone Management Program. By this public notice, we are requesting the state concurrence or objection to the applicant's consistency statement. The applicant must obtain any state or local government permits which may be required.

**SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS:**

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 provided will become part of the public record for this action and are subject to release to the public through the Freedom of Information Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Written comments concerning the work described above related to the factors listed above or other pertinent factors must be received by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District within the comment period specified above through postal mail at the address below or electronic submission to the project manager email address below. Written comments should reference the application number NAB-2019-61790-M07.

**PUBLIC HEARING REQUESTS:**

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 within the comment period as specified above to receive consideration. Also, it must clearly set forth the interest which may be adversely affected by this activity and the manner in which the interest may be adversely affected. The public hearing request may be submitted by electronic mail or mailed to the following address:

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Regulatory Branch  
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Baltimore, Maryland 21201

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

General information regarding the Corps' permitting process can be found on our website at <https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>. This public notice has been prepared in accordance with Corps implementing regulations at 33 CFR 325.3. If you have any questions concerning this specific project or would like to request a paper copy of this public notice, please contact Ms. Maria N. Teresi, [maria.teresi@usace.army.mil](mailto:maria.teresi@usace.army.mil). This public notice is issued by the Chief, Regulatory Branch.