



Public Notice

**US ARMY CORPS
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St. Louis District
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2004

Reply To:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: CEMVS-CO-F
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, MO 63103-2833

Public Notice No.
P-2403
Public Notice Date
February 04,
Expiration Date
February 19,

Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until:

2004

File Number: **200304890**

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit to dredge sand for commercial purposes (dredged material will be transported by barge, unloaded and stored on uplands) from waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached map.

COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers File Number shown above and must reach this office no later than the above expiration date of the Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN: CEMVS-CO-F (Susan Horneman)
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

APPLICANT: Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Highways/District 9, and P.O. BOX 100, CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS 62903-0100

LOCATION: The project (Illinois Route 3/146) extends just south of McClure in Alexander County to just north of Ware in Union County, Illinois.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project includes improvement plans for approximately 10.3 miles of FAP Route 312 (Illinois Route 3/146). Improvements include pavement resurfacing, a grade raise, should reconstruction/widening, side slope flattening and replacement of one bridge (SN 091-0024). Unavoidable wetland impacts created as a result of highway improvements includes 2.29 acres of emergent/scrub-shrub wetland, 0.97 acres of forested wetland, and 0.14 acres of deep-water habitat (pond). The Illinois Department of Transportation has proposed creation of 5 acres of forested wetland and 10 acres of emergent wetland as mitigation for impacts. FAP 312 crosses two unnamed secondary tributaries to the Mississippi River.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Sue Horneman, Illinois Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (314) 331-8185 or at electronic mail address: Susan.L.Horneman@mvs02.usace.army.mil.

AUTHORITY: This permit will be processed under the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: This public notice provides documentation to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for water quality certification, or waiver thereof, for the proposed activity in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. Certification or waiver indicates that IEPA believes the activity will not violate applicable water quality standards. The review by the IEPA is conducted in accordance with the Illinois water quality standards under 35 Illinois Administrative Code Subtitle C. The water quality standards provide for the IEPA to review individual projects by providing an antidegradation assessment, which includes an evaluation of alternatives to any proposed increase in pollutant loading that may result from this activity. The “Fact Sheet” containing the antidegradation assessment for this proposed project may be found on the IEPA’s web site, at www.epa.state.il.us/public-notice/. In the event that the IEPA is unable to publish the “Fact Sheet” corresponding to the timeframe of this Joint Public Notice, a separate public notice and “Fact Sheet” will be published by the IEPA at the web site identified above. You may also obtain a copy of the “Fact Sheet” by contacting the IEPA at the address or telephone number shown below.

Written comments specifically concerning possible impacts to water quality should be addressed to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water
Watershed Management Section
1021 N. Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

A copy of all written comments should also be provided to the Corps of Engineers. If you have any questions please contact the IEPA at (217) 782-3362.

SECTION 404 (b)(1) EVALUATION: The impact of the activity on the public interest will be evaluated in accordance with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Pollution Control Program guidelines and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency’s guidelines pursuant to Section 404 (b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding the public hearing.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, as amended, has been made that these proposed activities would not affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. Therefore, no formal consultation request has been made to the United States Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service. In order to complete our evaluation, comments are solicited by this public notice from the Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The St. Louis District will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the public in response to this public notice and we may conduct, or require a reconnaissance survey of the project area.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which may reasonably be expected to accrue from the described activity must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the described activity 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, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army 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 these proposed activities. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army 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 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.

Danny D. McClendon
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Attachments

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for **15 days** (until **February 19, 2004**) from the date of this issuance of this notice.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

**PROPOSED
HIGHWAY PLANS**

F.A.P. 312 (ILL. 3 AND 146)

SECTION: 102RS-5,(102-B-Y)-1

PROJECT NO.

COUNTY: ALEXANDER / UNION

C-99-

FOR INDEX OF SHEETS, SEE SHEET NO.
FOR SUMMARY OF QUANTITIES, SEE SHEET NO.

STATION EQUATIONS

STA. 256+40.00 BK. = STA. 257+40.00 AH,
STA. 257+40.00 BK. = STA. 258+40.00 AH,
STA. 442+84.52 BK. = STA. 443+13.98 AH,
STA. 485+86.96 BK. = STA. 486+81.02 AH,
STA. 515+47.25 BK. = STA. 514+72.92 AH,
STA. 539+05.48 BK. = STA. 538+24.38 AH,
STA. 663+57.09 BK. = STA. 662+55.58 AH,
STA. 774+21.58 BK. = STA. 774+25.21 AH.

OMISSION

S. N. 091-0069 STA. 676+75.11 TO STA. 678+82.08

TOWNSHIP:

UNION; REYNOLDS; ALCULRE

TRAFFIC DATA FOR 2003

SOUTH OF GRAPEVINE TRAIL
ADT: 6900
TRUCKS: 142
NORTH OF GRAPEVINE TRAIL
ADT: 4500
TRUCKS: 15, 62



FULL SIZE PLANS HAVE BEEN PREPARED USING STANDARD
ENGINEERING SCALES. REDUCED SIZED PLANS WILL NOT
CONFORM TO STANDARD SCALES. IN MAKING MEASUREMENTS
ON REDUCED PLANS, THE ABOVE SCALES MAY BE USED.

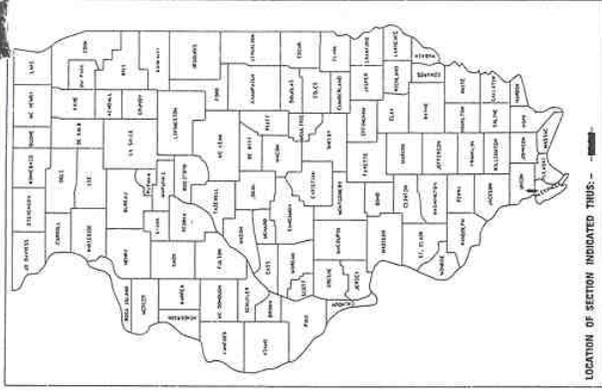
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JOINT UTILITY LOCATION INFORMATION FOR EXCAVATION
1-888-482-0123 or www.juliecall.com

CONTRACT NO. 98694

COUNTY: ALEXANDER/UNION; SECTION: 102RS-5,102-B-Y-1 ROUTE: F.A.P. 312 (ILL. 3 AND 146)

D-99-895-00

102RS-5,102-B-Y-1
ALEXANDER/UNION



LOCATION OF SECTION INDICATED THUS: - - - - -

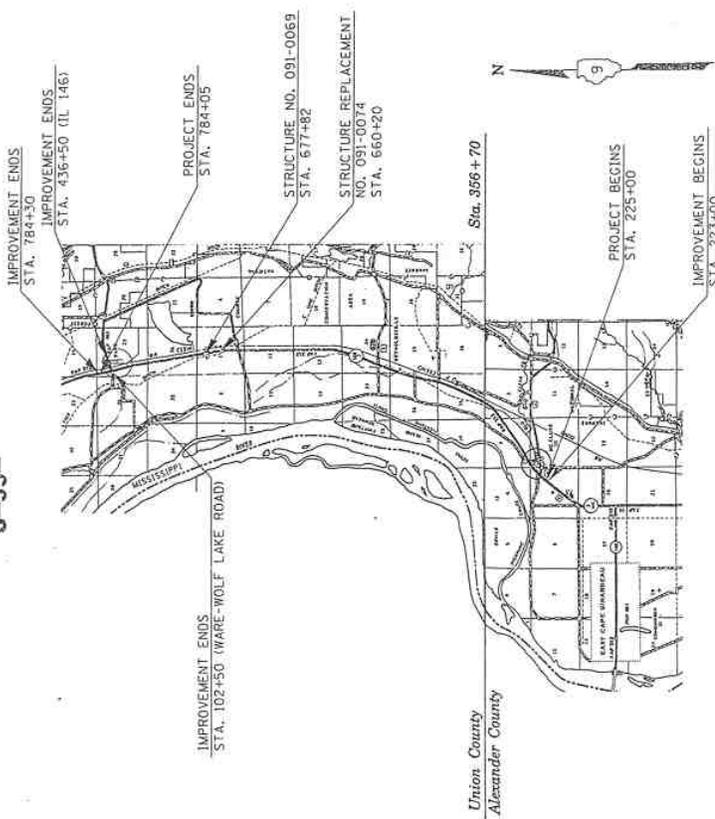
STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

SUBMITTED _____ 20 _____ DISTRICT ENGINEER _____

_____ 20 _____ ENGINEER OF DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENT _____

_____ 20 _____ DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS _____

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GROSS LENGTH OF IMPROVEMENT: 56,863.07'	= 162.8 MILES	GROSS LENGTH OF PROJECT: 58,811.07'	= 167.7 MILES
OMISSIONS: 213.37'	= 0.61 MILES	OMISSIONS: 233.07'	= 0.64 MILES
NET LENGTH OF IMPROVEMENT: 56,649.70'	= 162.19 MILES	NET LENGTH OF PROJECT: 58,577.97'	= 166.33 MILES

ATTACHMENT I
Location Map
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