



Public Notice

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

**Public Notice No.
P-2599
Public Notice Date
February 9, 2007**

**Expiration Date
March 2, 2007**

Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until:

Regulatory Branch
Mississippi River (P-2599)
File Number: MVS-2004-4430

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached maps.

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
(Regulatory Branch)
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833
ATTN: Linda Werdebaugh

APPLICANT: Mr. Stephen Hoffmeyer, 320 Fork Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63137. (314-869-7047).

LOCATION: The project is located on the right descending bank in Dardenne Slough of Mississippi River mile 227.1. Specifically, the project is located at 4709 Huster Road, Section 2, Township 47 North, Range 4 East, near South Shore, St. Charles County, Missouri. (See Attached Location Maps).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant requests permission to permanently moor a 26-foot by 67-foot barge converted into a private residential vessel in Dardenne Slough. (The project was previously presented under public notice P-2426 and subsequently authorized. Since the public notice in July of 2004, a "stick-built" home, approximately 1920 square feet in size, has been retrofitted on the barge to establish a private residential structure.) The applicant proposes to build a retaining wall 36 feet long and 10 feet high to secure the walkway to the houseboat. The wall will be constructed by using 2 foot by 2 foot by 6 foot concrete blocks and using a backhoe to backfill with gravel and then riprap the bank. Approximately 100 cubic yard of fill will be used. This will allow for sufficient mooring during high water. The vessel/home is equipped with utility services, including an on-board sewage treatment system sufficiently sized to meet expected occupancy.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Linda Werdebaugh, Rivers Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (314) 331-8632. Inquiries may also be sent by electronic facsimile to (314) 331-8741 or at electronic mail address: Linda.C.Werdebaugh@mvs02.usace.army.mil.

AUTHORITY: This permit will be processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: The project plans have been submitted to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program for state certification of the proposed work in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The certification is requested as of the date of this Public Notice, and if issued, will express the Agency's opinion that the proposed activities will not violate applicable water quality standards. Written comments concerning possible impacts to waters of Missouri should be addressed to: Water Protection Program, Post Office Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0176, with a copy provided to the Corps of Engineers.

SECTION 404 (b)(1) EVALUATION: The impact of the activity on the public interest will be evaluated in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency 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: The proposed project is within the range of the endangered Indiana bat (**Myotis sodalis**), Gray bat (**Myotis grisescens**), Higgin's eye pearly mussel (**Lampsilis higginsii**), Decurrent false aster (**Boltonia decurrens**), and the threatened Bald eagle (**Haliaeetus leucocephalus**). A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act as amended, has been made that this proposed activity will not affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. In order to complete our evaluation, written comments are hereby solicited from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies to ascertain any potential impacts upon a listed species or their critical habitat.

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 that 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.

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Chief, Regulatory Branch

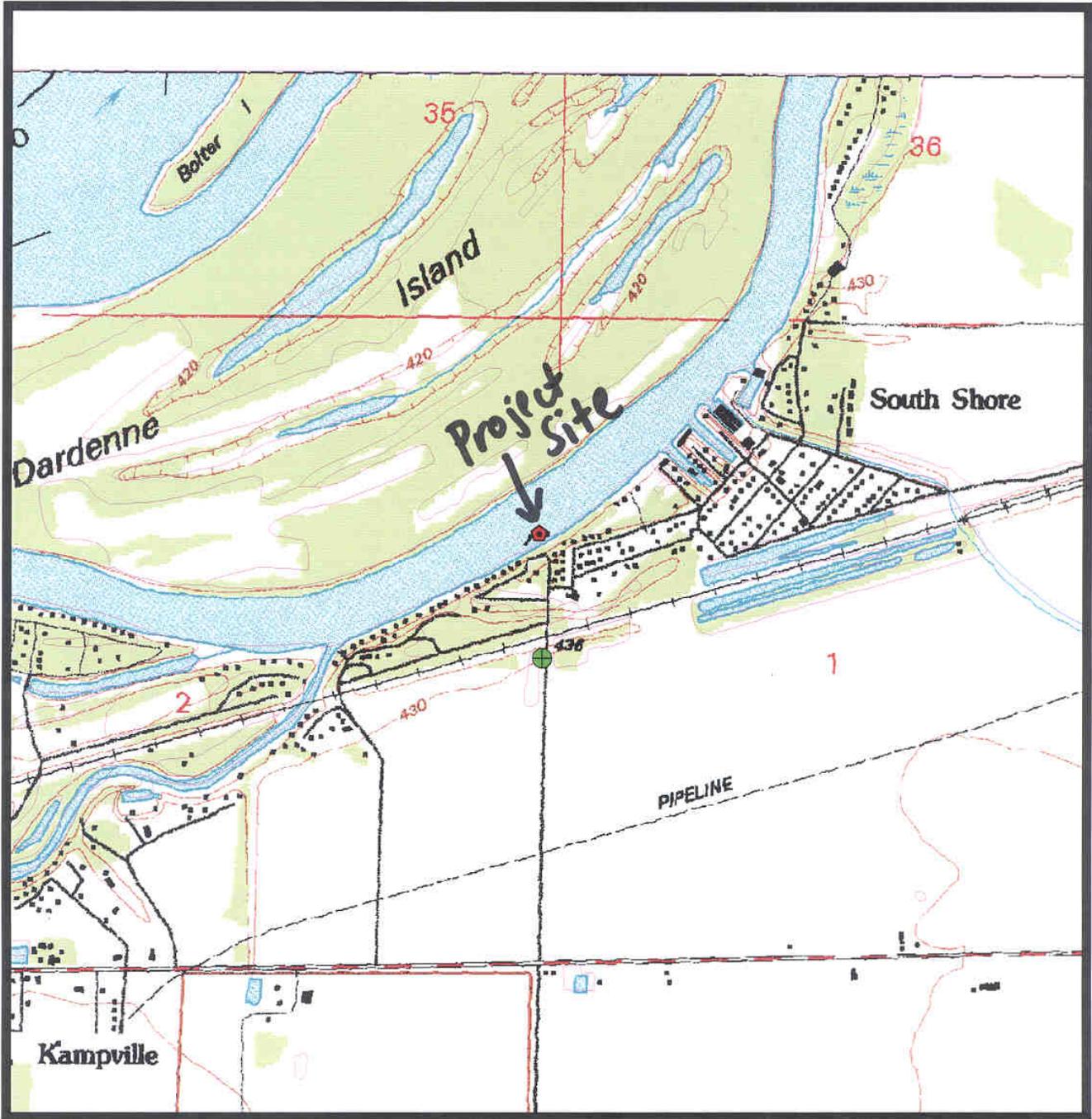
Attachments

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 21 days from the date of this issuance of this notice.

Hoffmeyer Houseboat Mooring

MVS-2004-4430 (PN- 2599)



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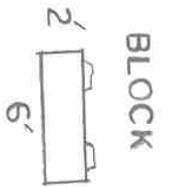
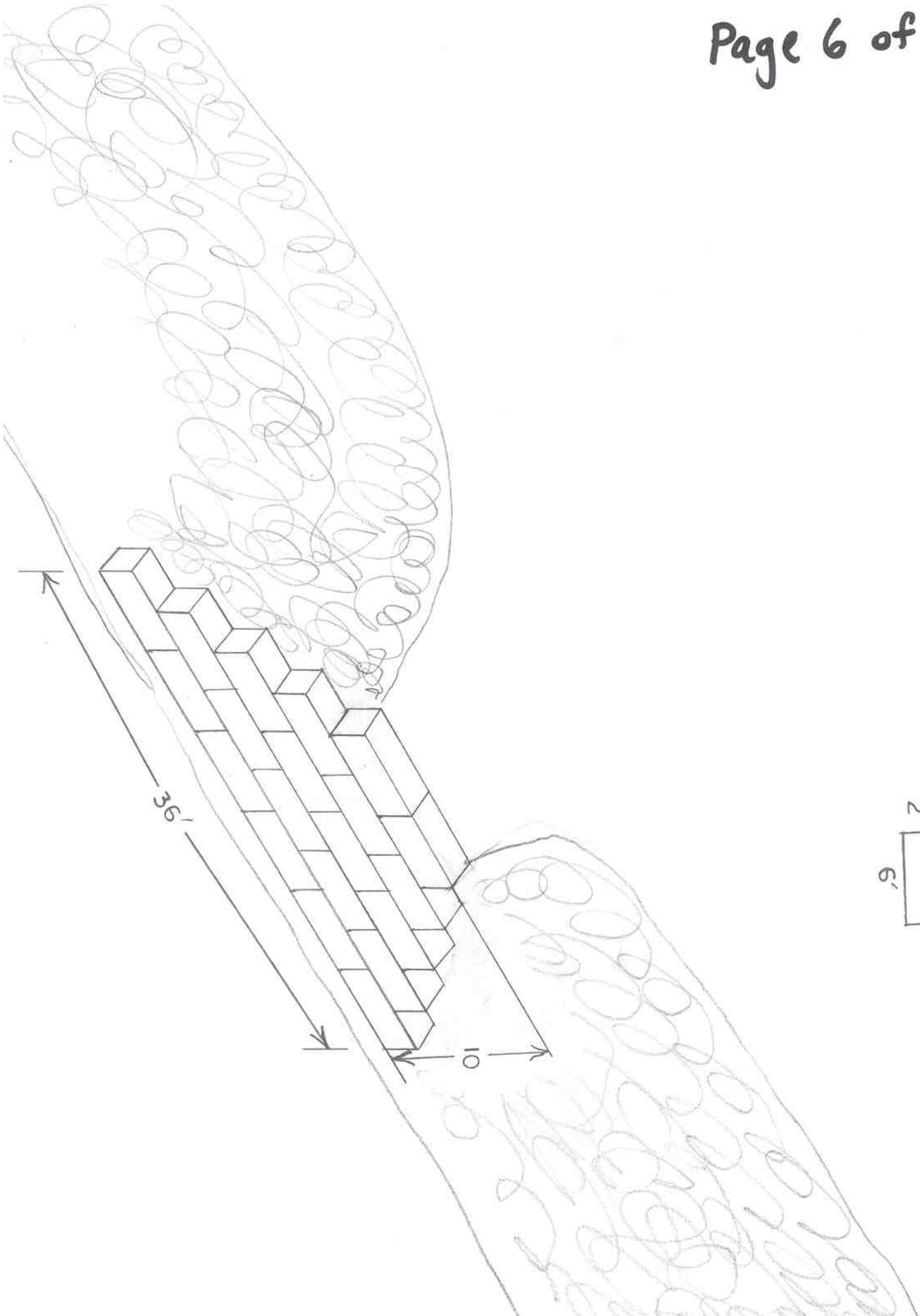


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Nearest City: South Shore
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Longitude: -90:31:47.2096
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UTM X: 0714330.173

UTM Y: 4304343.220
UTM Zone: 15
USGS Quad: Kampville
HUC 8 Name: Peruque-piasa
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Section: 2
Township: 47 N
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THE PROJECT WILL TAKE APPROX 2 TO 3 DAYS.



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