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Public Notice

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

Public Notice No.

P-2635

Public Notice Date

May 23, 2007

Expiration Date

June 13, 2007

Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until:

Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice number shown above and must reach this office no later than the above expiration date 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-OD-F (Charles Frerker)
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

1. The City of Alton, represented by Mayor Donald Sandidge, 101 East Third Street, Alton Illinois 62002 (618) 463-3500, has applied:

a. To the US Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch for permit authorization to temporarily moor visiting vessels such as the Mississippi Queen, the Delta Queen, U.S. Coast Guard boats and other visiting tour, display and exhibit boats and work boats along the Mississippi River shoreline in Alton. The vessels would be moored from a few hours to as long as two weeks. No new construction or shoreline alterations are requested. Existing deadmen structures are in place for tying off vessels. An existing sidewalk is in place that would allow pedestrians to enter and exit the vessel's gangway structure. The docking zone and limits of the proposed vessels shall set landward within the limits established by an imaginary line drawn between the riverward most extent of the existing Alton banquet vessel and the riverward most extent of the existing Argosy Casino. No dredging or placement of fill is required to complete the requested activity. The activity site is located along the left descending bank of the Mississippi River, at approximate river mile 202.9., at #2 Piasa Street, in the Northeast ¼ of Section 14, Township 5 North, Range 10 West, in Alton, Madison County, Illinois (See Attached Figures).

b. To the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources for state approval of the proposed work in accordance with "an Act in relation to the regulation of the rivers, lakes and streams of the State of Illinois" (Ill. Rev. Stat.; Chap. 19, par 52 et seq.). Written comments concerning possible impacts to waters of Illinois should be addressed to Mr. Mike Diedrichsen, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, One Natural Resource Way, Springfield, Illinois, 62702-1271, with copy provided to the Corps of Engineers.

2. Based on our initial processing of the applicants' proposal, the action is not expected to result in any significant adverse effects on the quality of the human environment. However, a final determination of the need for an environmental impact statement will not be made until the St. Louis District has completed its full review of this application. The review will include our evaluation of any written responses received as a result of this public notice.

3. This permit will be processed under the provisions of **Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act**.

4. 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.

5. The proposed project is within the range of the federally endangered Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and the federally threatened Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*). A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act as amended, has been made that the proposed activity is not likely to adversely affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. In order to complete our evaluation, this public notice solicits comments from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals.

6. Any interested parties, particularly navigation interests, Federal and state agencies for the protection of environmental and cultural resources, and the officials of any state, town, or local associations whose interest may be affected by this work, are invited to submit to this office written facts, arguments, or objections on or before **June 13, 2007**. The decision whether to authorize the road construction will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. The decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, 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; 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, consideration of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Project authorization will be granted only if it is found not contrary to the public interest.

7. The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; 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 authorization 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 also used to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

8. Any person may request that a public hearing be held to consider the applicant's proposal, provided such request identifies significant issues that would warrant additional public review and comment. All replies to this public notice must be submitted in writing and sent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, 1222 Spruce Street, Attn: OD-F (Frerker), St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833, or by electronic mail to charles.f.frerker@mvs02.usace.army.mil, on or before **June 13, 2007**.

9. In accordance with 33 CFR 325.3, it is presumed that all interested parties and agencies will wish to respond to public notices; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the proposed project.

Danny D. McClendon
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Attachments

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

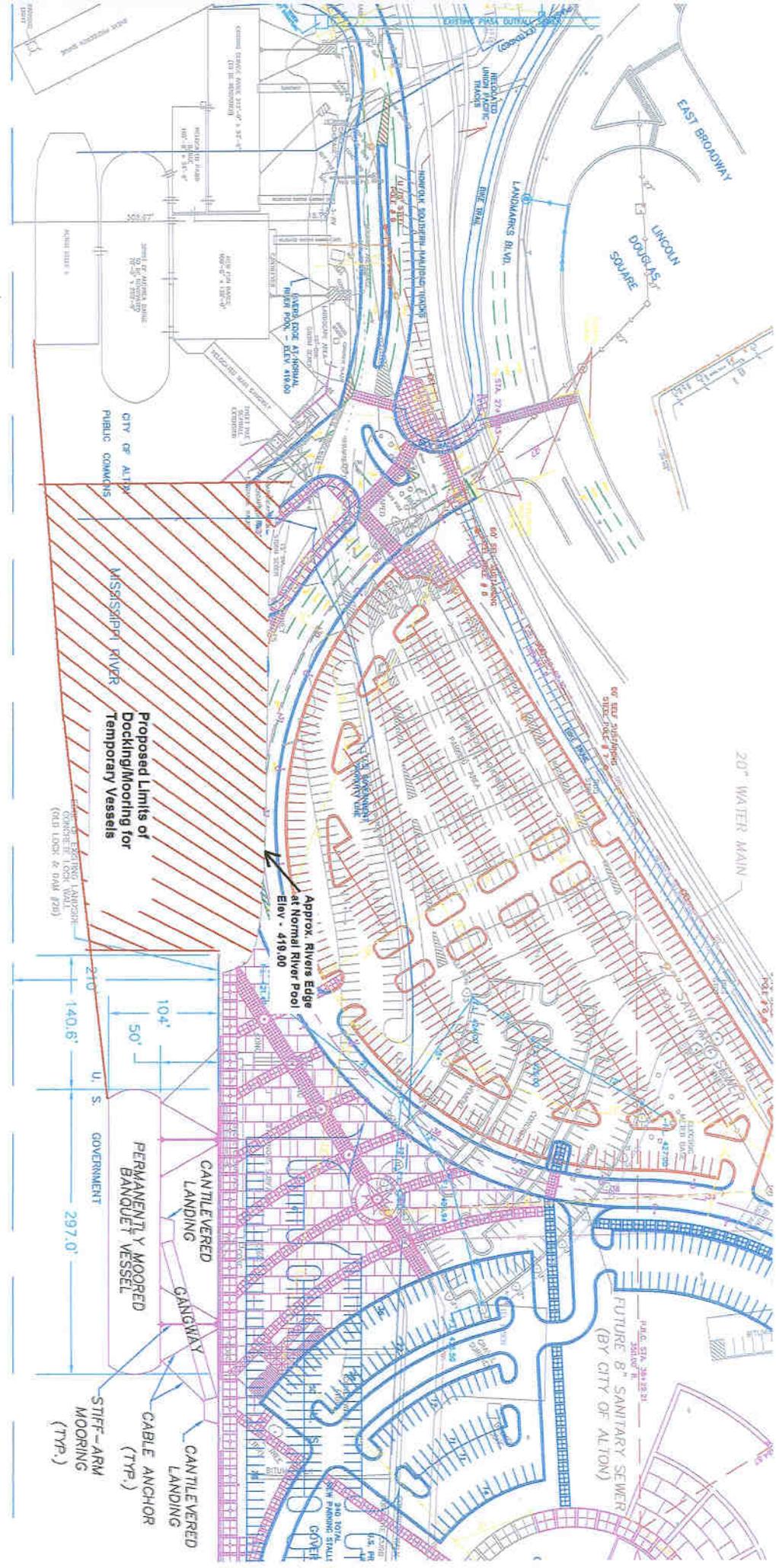
It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually posted for 21 days.



Proposed Activity Location

Temporary vessel mooring at
City of Alton, IL Riverfront
Mississippi River mile 203

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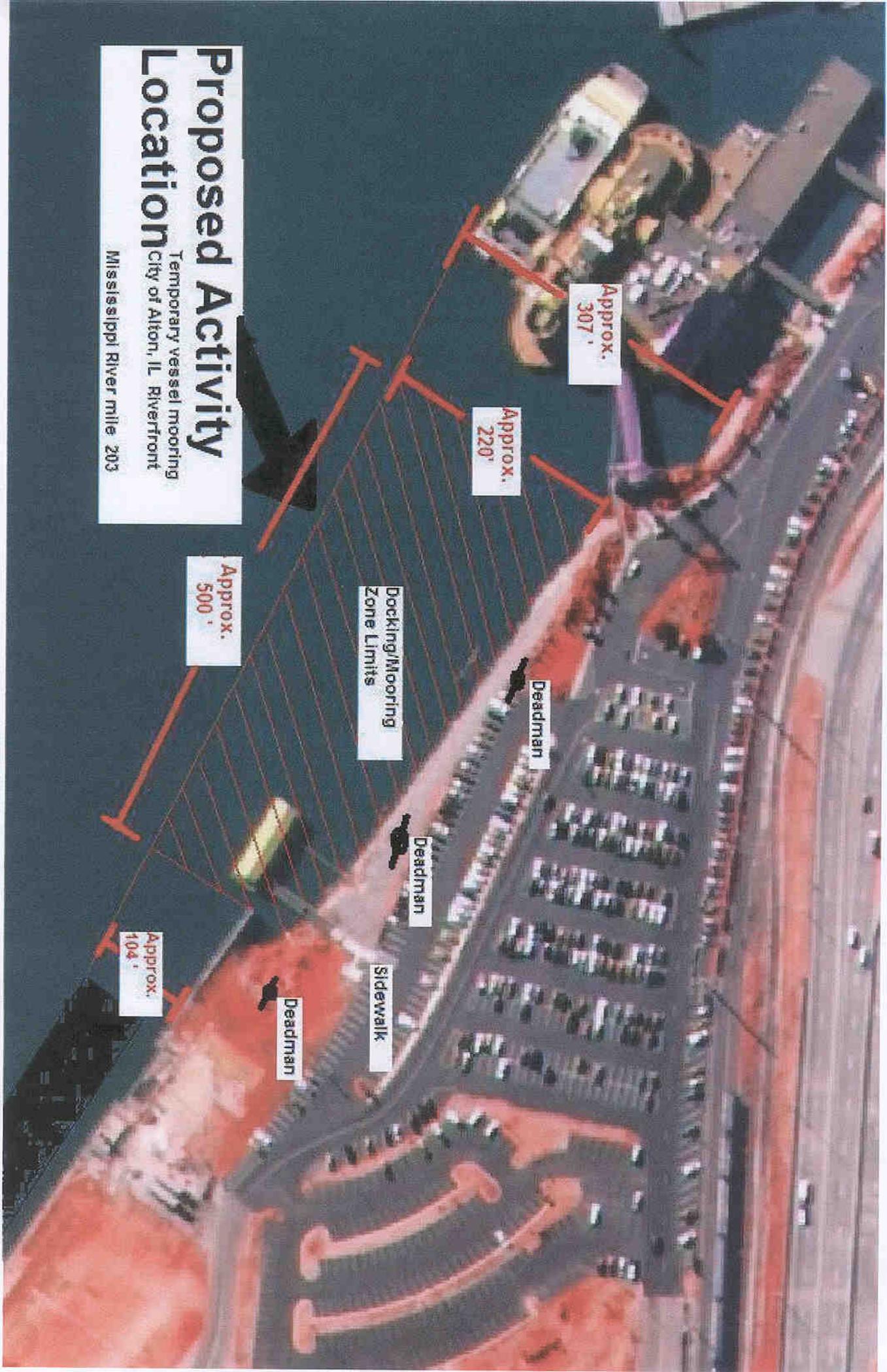


LINE PARALLEL TO AND 210' RIVERWARD FROM LANDSIDE LOCK WALL OF OLD L. & D. #26

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City of Alton, IL Riverfront
Mississippi River mile 203



Approx.
307'

Approx.
220'

Approx.
500'

Docking/Mooring
Zone Limits

Deadman

Deadman

Sidewalk

Deadman

Approx.
104'