

U.S. Army Corps
of Engineers
Memphis District

Public Notice

FILE NUMBER: MVM-2016-184 (RDM)

NOTICE DATE:
October 18, 2017

Attn: Postmaster,
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EXPIRATION DATE:
⇒ **November 16, 2017**

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE: This public notice is issued jointly with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). The Department of Natural Resources will use the comments to this notice in deciding whether to grant Section 401 water quality certification.

AUTHORITY: Pursuant to 33 CFR 325, as published in the Federal Register dated November 13, 1986, this notice announces an application submitted for a Department of the Army permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.

APPLICANT:

Missouri Department of Conservation
ATTN: Lin Kuhn
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Jefferson City, Missouri 65102
(573) 522-4115 X3734

PURPOSE: The applicant is proposing to replace an existing boat ramp at the headwaters access to the Castor River Diversion Channel and expand the current parking area for recreational use.

LOCATION: The project is located East of I-55 and North of the Castor River Headwater Diversion Channel in Section 25, Township 30N, and Range 13E in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, at approximate Latitude 37.2454° and Longitude -89.5663° on the Scott City, Missouri, 7.5 minute quadrangle map. (Attachment 1)

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The applicant proposes to reconstruct the Headwaters Access boat ramp by readjusting the angle of the boat ramp to follow a more natural flow of the river and expanding the parking lot to provide additional parking area while allowing for easier maneuvering of vehicles. The proposed project will also repair past flood/scour damage caused by the existing boat ramp and armor the bank to prevent future erosion. The project will impact 0.42 acres of scrub shrub wetlands by expanding the parking area. Additionally, 137 linear feet of stream bank will be impacted by the placement of 720 cubic yards of rip rap for bank stabilization and 1,087 cubic yards of fill will be placed in the channel for the construction of the boat ramp. (Attachments 2 & 3)

AVOIDANCE, MINIMIZATION, & COMPENSATION: According to the applicant, adjusting the angle of the ramp will allow for less destruction during flood events and will discourage scouring of the river channel. Additionally, the new ramp has been shifted landward so that the ramp will be 55 feet closer to shore, thus impacting less of the river channel. The applicant intends to mitigate for any unavoidable impacts.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: The project plans have been submitted to the MDNR, 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: MDNR, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0176; with a copy provided to the Corps of Engineers.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The project area is within the range of and may contain suitable habitat for the Gray Bat (*Myotis grisescens*), Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*), and Northern Long-eared Bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*). Our preliminary determination is that the project may affect these species. This notice is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and appropriate state agencies. In order to complete our evaluation of this activity and finalize our effects determination, comments are solicited by this Public Notice from the USFWS and other interested agencies and individuals.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The Memphis District will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer, federally-recognized Tribes and the public in response to this public notice and we may require a survey of the project area.

FLOODPLAIN: In accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Flood Plain Management and Use), participating communities are required to review all proposed development to determine if a floodplain development permit is required. Floodplain administrators should review the proposed public notice and notify this office of any flood plain development permit requirements.

PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW: The purpose of this public notice is to advise all interested parties of the activities for which a permit is sought and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the probable impact on the public interest.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. That 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 project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the project 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, 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, considerations of property ownership 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; federally recognized 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.

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. Requests for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reason for holding a public hearing. The District Engineer will determine if the issues raised are substantial and whether a hearing is needed for making a decision. If a public hearing is held, it will be for the purpose of obtaining additional information that we could not otherwise obtain through a public notice process; not to inform the public about the specific details of the project in greater detail than what is found in this notice. This is not a Corps of Engineers project. We are not a proponent nor are we an opponent of the project. We are merely the permitting authority of Section 404 and Section 10 permits required by our office.

COMMENTS OR REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Send comments to the Corps of Engineers, Memphis District and Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Comments may be sent via mail or email to the following:

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MDNR
Water Protection Program
P. O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176

The Corps of Engineers may provide copies of all comments, (including name & address of those providing comments) to the applicant for consideration and response prior to a decision. Comments must be received by the expiration date listed on page one of this notice.

FOR FINAL INDIVIDUAL PERMIT ACTIONS IN THE MEMPHIS DISTRICT, GO TO THE FOLLOWING LINK: <http://geo.usace.army.mil/egis/f?p=340:2:0::NO:RP>. Using the Filter by district drop down box, select MVM-Memphis District, then select the year and month (information will populate in the table below). All pending individual permits can be located by selecting the “**Pending IP**” tab above. All of the environmental documents and statements of findings supporting issuance or denial of the permit decisions are available upon written request and where applicable, upon the payment of administrative fees. They are also available at the Memphis District, Regulatory Branch office for examination.

Gregg W. Williams
Chief
Regulatory Branch

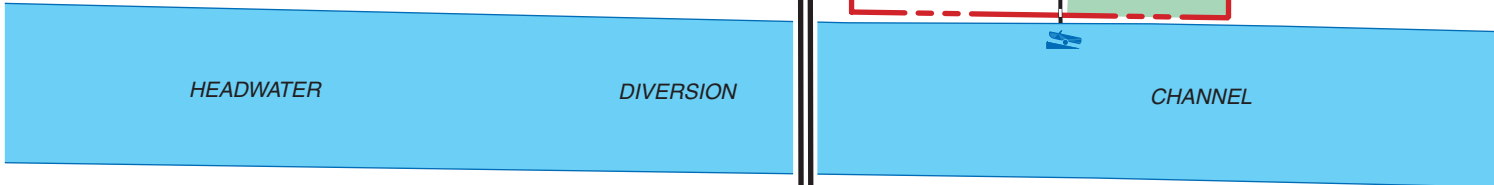
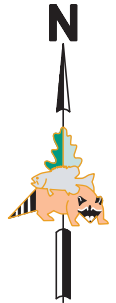
Attachments

HEADWATERS ACCESS

CAPE GIRARDEAU COUNTY
12 ACRE

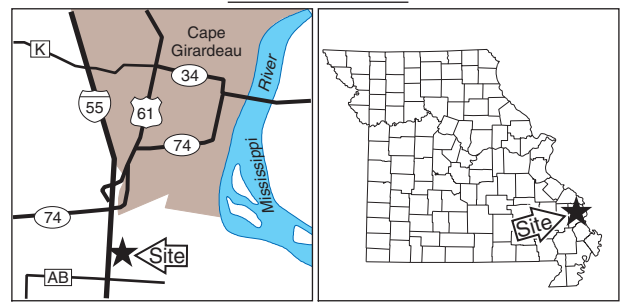
To Cape Girardeau ↑

↑
61
74
To
Old U.S. Hwy. 61



- LEGEND**
- Boundary
 - Paved Road
 - Gravel Road
 - Parking Lot
 - Boat Ramp

VICINITY MAP



To Scott City ↓

AB



Figure 4-1. Wetland and Water Resources Within the Project Area



DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

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NOT FOR
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HEADWATERS
ACCESS

BOAT RAMP RENOVATION

CAPE GIRARDEAU
COUNTY

MARK	DATE	DESCRIPTION
		ISSUE

PROJECT NO: **82-36-04**

CAD DWG FILE:
82-36-04 Alignments.dwg

DRAWN BY: LCS

DESIGNED BY: BEL

CHECKED BY: ---

SHEET TITLE

**SITE PLAN
WITH AERIAL**

X-101

SHEET **2** OF **5**



1 SITE PLAN - WITH AERIAL
SCALE: 1" = 20'