

DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
GREENBELT PARK ENHANCEMENT PROJECT
GREENBELT PARK
MEMPHIS, SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Memphis District, intends to improve the existing Greenbelt Park by providing additional recreational opportunities for the public along the existing riverfront. This project will permit additional boat launching access to the Mississippi River as well as more space for the mooring and parking of cruise boats, fishing vessels, and other smaller watercraft along top bank of the river. The project will also improve public access to the park through parking lot improvement as well as lighting and signage to improve security and safety of users.

The proposed work will consist of repairs to the existing boat ramp, construction of an additional boat ramp, installation of deadman anchors along the top bank on the northern end of the park, modification of the existing parking lot for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, and additional lighting and signage for security near the boat ramp.

A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared to determine the potential impacts of the proposed work on terrestrial resources and wildlife; wetlands; threatened and endangered species; cultural resources; socio-economic resources; environmental justice; air quality; water quality and hydrology; aquatic resources and fisheries; greenhouse gases; navigation; hazardous, toxic, and radioactive waste (HTRW); cumulative impacts; and the human environment.

The proposed action would have no effect on the proposed threatened alligator snapping turtle (*Macrochelys temminckii*), or candidate monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexipus*), as identified by the USFWS IPAC tool, pursuant to Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act. Requirements of Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act have been fulfilled. Investigations into HTRW activities near the project area revealed that no known HTRW sites would be impacted by the proposed project. Pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, a 404(b)(1) evaluation was conducted and no significant impacts within the project area were projected to occur. An aquatic resources alteration permit (ARAP) that serves as the Section 401 water quality certification was received from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation on September 28, 2023. Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.3(a)(1), the District Archaeologist has determined that this project has no potential to cause effects to historic properties eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Thus, no further Section 106 (National Historic Preservation Act) consultation is required. However, if prehistoric or historic artifacts, human remains, or other archaeological materials subject to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) are found during construction, all activities would cease immediately in that area and the Memphis District Archaeologist would be contacted and notification made to the State Historic Preservation Office and tribal NAGPRA representatives, the local sheriff, etc., as required by state and federal law.

A public notice and Draft Environmental Assessment describing the proposed actions were posted on the Memphis District's website

<http://www.mvm.usace.army.mil/About/Offices/Regulatory/PublicNotices.aspx>) and distributed to a wide list of interested parties including appropriate state and federal agencies.

After review of the documentation, I have determined this project is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the human environment nor does it indicate significant new circumstances or information relative to environmental concerns or bearing on the proposed action or its impacts. Therefore, I have determined that an environmental impact statement is not required.

Date

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