



**US Army Corps
of Engineers** ®
Memphis District

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EXPIRATION DATE: March 6, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

TITLE: Authorized navigation channel maintenance within the Northwest Tennessee Harbor Channel to maintain a navigable channel for commercial navigation to move unimpeded.

AUTHORITY: The Memphis District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), hereby gives notice pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1344) **and** Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. §403). The purpose of this public notice is to solicit comments from the public regarding the work described below.

LOCATION: The project would affect navigable waters of the United States associated with the Mississippi River. The project is located at the Northwest Tennessee Harbor in Lake County, Tennessee as shown on Figures 1 and 3. Approximate latitude and longitude are 36.453996°N and -89.486408°W.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the project is to maintain the authorized navigation channel within the Northwest Tennessee Harbor Channel. The purpose of the public notice is to renew the water quality certification with the State of Tennessee, to advise all interested parties of the proposed activity, and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the probable impact.

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION: The area to be dredged is the minimum space required for the harbor to maintain its shipping channel. No mitigation is proposed for this maintenance dredging project.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The Northwest Tennessee Harbor Channel is 9,000 feet long, with a width of 130 feet transitioning to 225 feet for a berthing area and a 300-foot diameter turning basin. Channel maintenance dredging is accomplished with the use of a cutterhead hydraulic dredge with floating pontoon pipe combined with shoreline pipe. The dredged material is and will continue to be deposited in an adjacent upland contained disposal area (see Figure 2) and effluent returned to the Mississippi River. The first site is a 66-acre site located landside of the levee. The second area is a 156-acre site, located in the batture land area. (Refer to Figure 2)

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: The Memphis District is requesting water quality certification for the above-described activity from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

SECTION 404 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT AND SECTION 10 OF THE RIVERS AND HARBORS ACT: The impact of the activity on the public interest is being evaluated in accordance with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: Navigational dredging within the Mississippi River is conducted under the terms of a Biological Opinion for the Channel Improvement Program, Mississippi River and Tributaries Project Lower Mississippi River, dated 12 December 2013. This application is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Any comments they have submitted regarding endangered or threatened wildlife or plants or their critical habitat will be considered in our evaluation of the described work.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The Corps is evaluating the undertaking for effects to historic properties as required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This public notice serves to inform the public of the proposed undertaking and invites comments including those from local, State, and Federal government Agencies with respect to historic resources. Our final determination relative to historic resource impacts may be subject to additional coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer, federally recognized tribes and other interested parties.

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

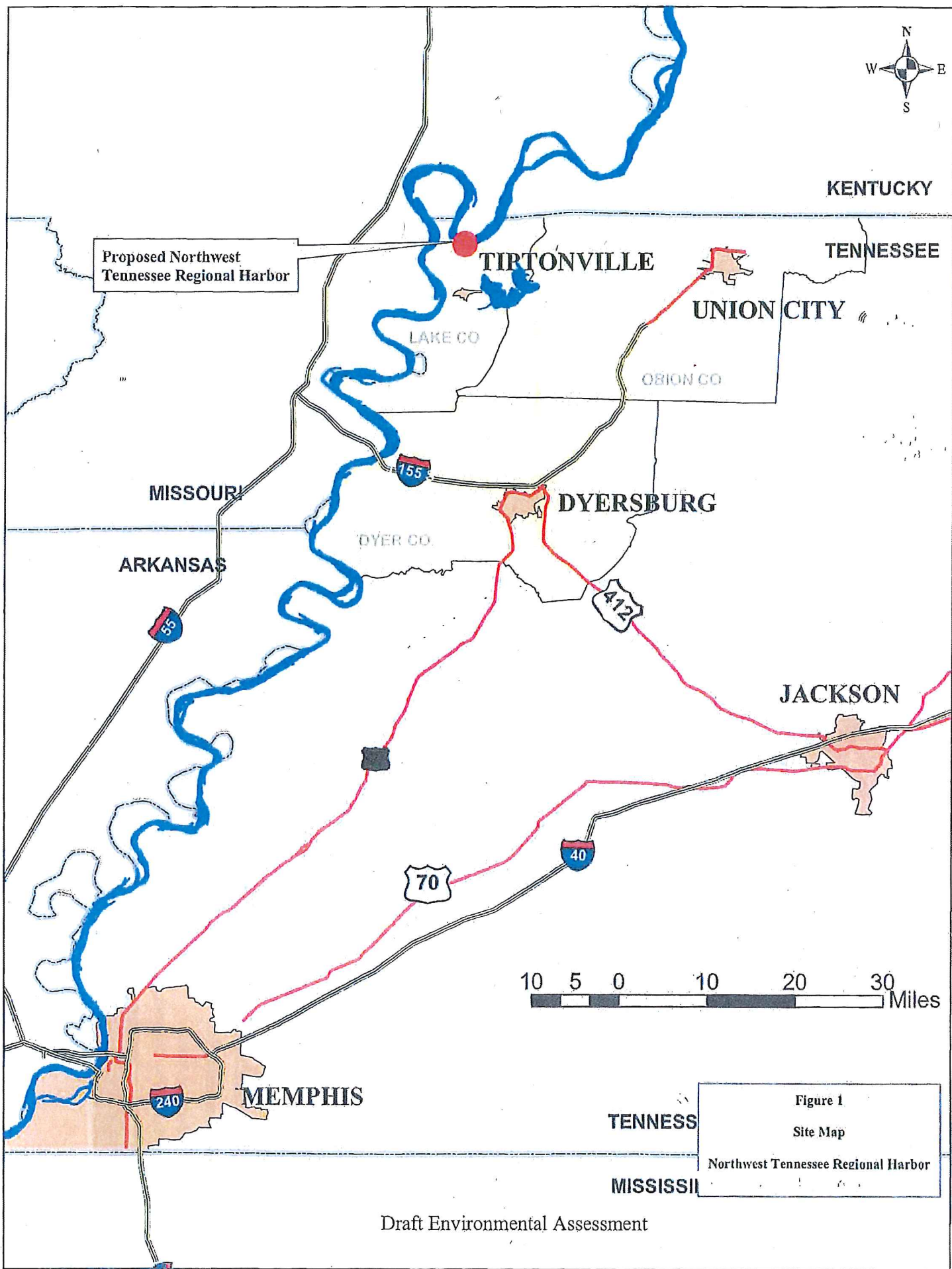
The decision to proceed with this project will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts, of the activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The potential benefits that reasonably may be expected to accrue from the activity must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the activity will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife, 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; Native American Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed activity. Comments are used in preparation of the final environmental assessment and/or draft environmental impact statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and are also used 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 proposed project. Requests for a public hearing shall clearly state the reason for holding a public hearing. The District Engineer will determine if the issues raised are substantial and whether a hearing is needed in order to reach a decision on the project.

COMMENTS OR REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Send comments to the Corps of Engineers, Memphis District. Comments may be sent via mail or E-mail to the following:

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Proposed Northwest Tennessee Regional Harbor

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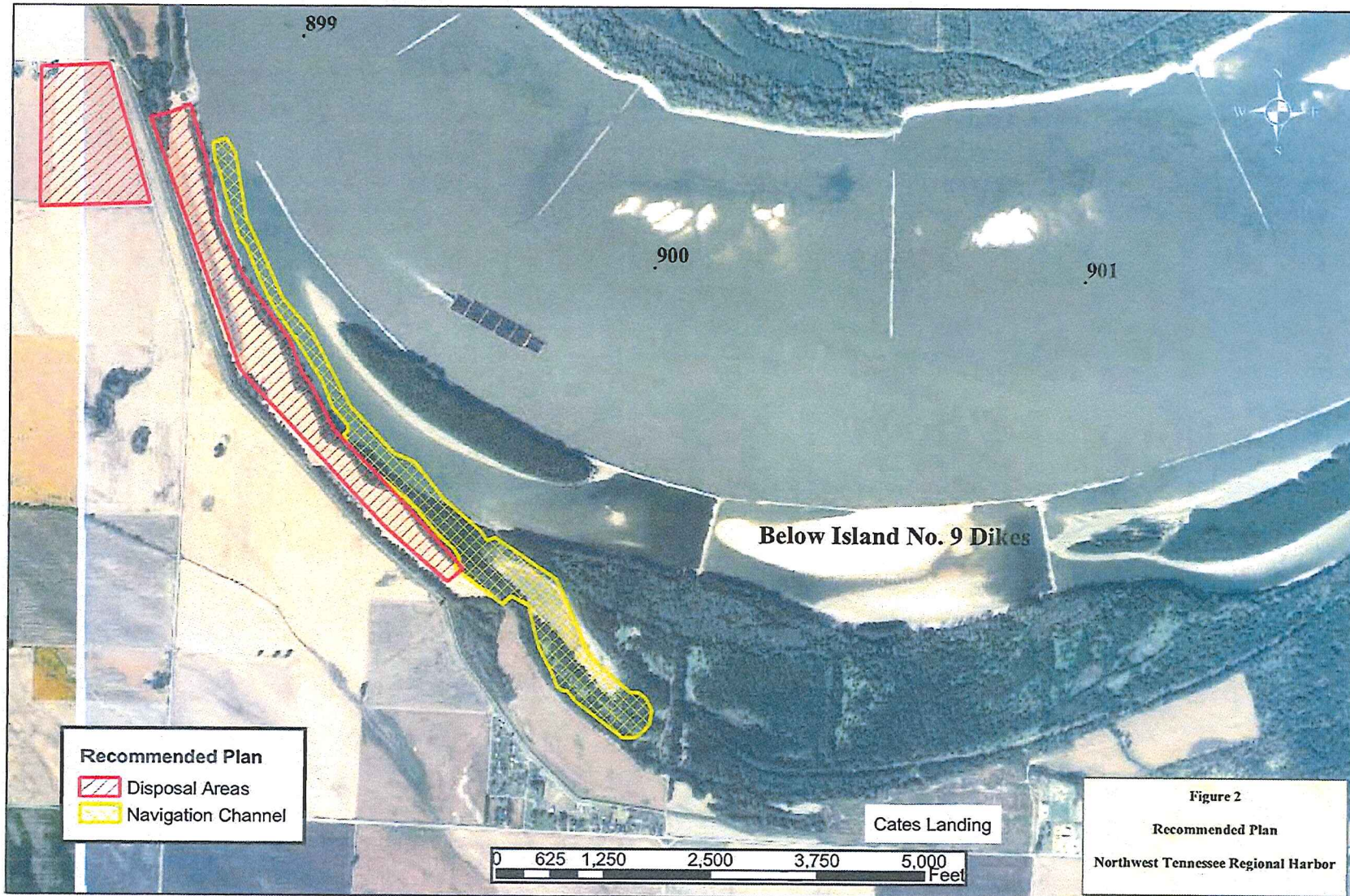
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Figure 1
Site Map
Northwest Tennessee Regional Harbor



Draft Environmental Assessment

Figure 3

Northwest Tennessee Harbor Location

