



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Memphis District

Public Notice

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NOTICE DATE:
February 2, 2017

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⇒ **March 6, 2017**

Joint Public Notice **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

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 10 of the River and Harbors Act of 1899.

APPLICANT:

Mr. William D. Lozier
Memphis Riverboats, Inc.
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Memphis, TN 38103
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PURPOSE: The purpose of the project is to permanently moor the vessel Treble Clef in the Wolf River Harbor. The vessel will be used for the company's infrastructure, for private parties and events.

LOCATION: The vessel is located in Shelby County, Tennessee, on the right descending bank of the Wolf River Harbor at Longitude 35.1446° and latitude -90.0567° as shown on the Memphis NW, 7.5 minute Quadrangle map (See attached maps).

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The project will involve the mooring of the vessel (Treble Clef) at the Cobblestone Landing in the Wolf River Harbor at the same location as the Memphis Queen moors. The vessel is approximately 276.4 feet long with a hull depth of 14 feet and a hull breadth of 78 feet. The vessel will extend into the harbor 130 feet from the cobblestone bank (see attached sheets). The vessel will be moored and secured by the use of 8 open winches in both directions, using dead men presently located in the cobblestones in addition to a gangway.

ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES: This notice is being coordinated with the USFWS. Any comments USFWS may have regarding endangered or threatened wildlife or plants, or their critical habitat, will be considered in our evaluation of the described work.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The Memphis District is complying with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and implementing regulations found 33 CFR 325 Appendix C. The Cobblestone Landing known as the Memphis Landing is listed on the National Register of Historic places as well as the Memphis Queen II-Floating Vessel. These two register sites are found in the vicinity of the proposed project. 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. A survey of the project area was previously done by the Riverfront Development Corporation via another project to repair and enhance the cobblestones. No adverse effects to historic properties are anticipated to occur.

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 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. Comments must be received by the expiration date listed on page one of this notice and may be sent via mail or e-mail to the following:

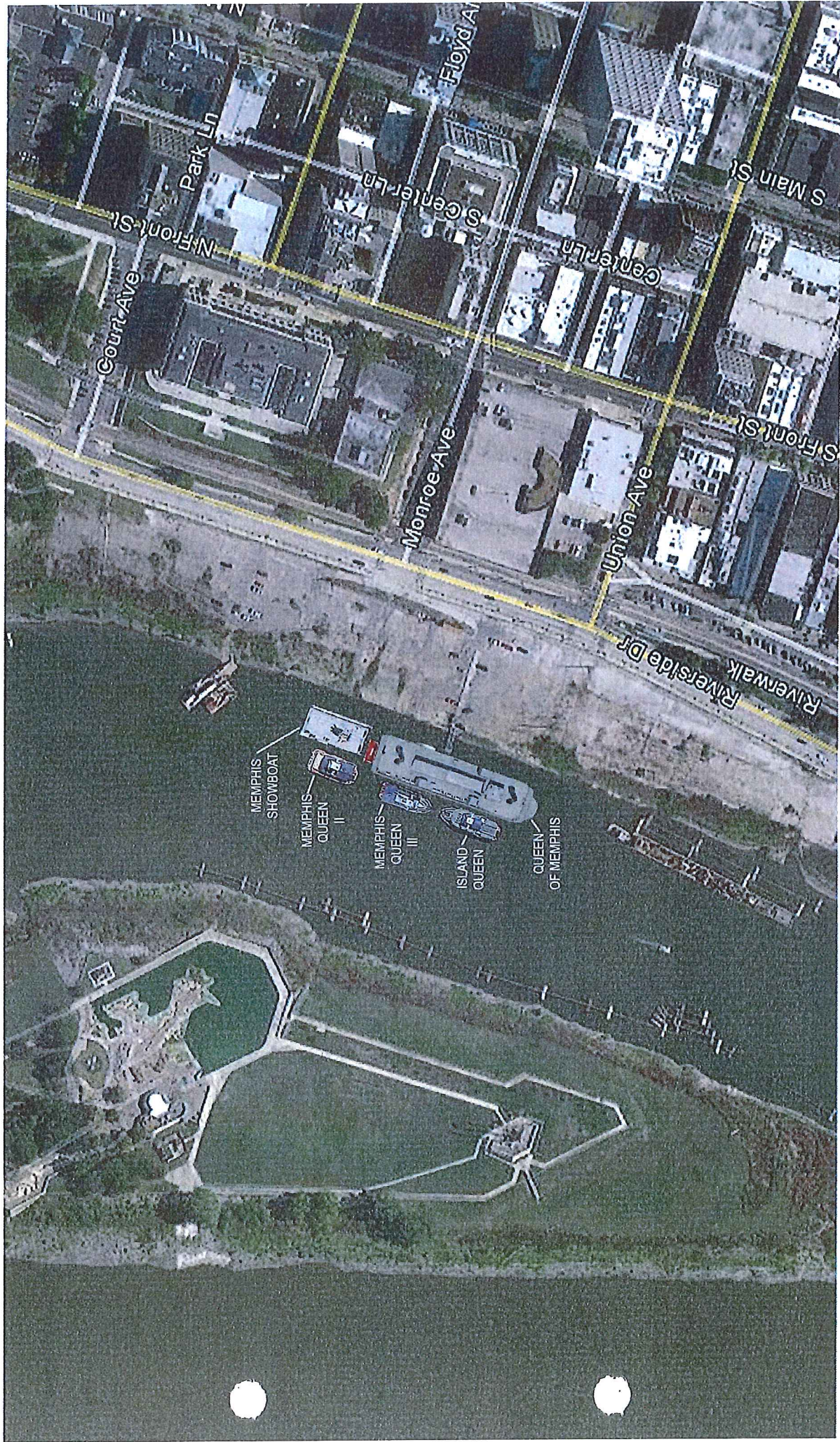
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For Final Individual Permits actions in the Memphis District, go to the following link: <http://geo.usace.army.mil/egis/f?p=340:2:0::NO:RP>. Using the Filter by District drop down box, select MVM-Memphis District, then select the year and month (information 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 Williams
Chief
Regulatory Branch

Attachments



MEMPHIS RIVERBOATS AERIAL VIEW

Facility Graphic

