PUBLIC NOTICE

US Army Corps of Engineers • New England District Maine Project Office 675 Western Avenue, #3 Manchester, Maine 04351 Comment Period Begins: April 22,2014 Comment Period Ends: May 22,2014 File Number: NAE-2008-2072-M2 In Reply Refer To: Shawn Mahaney

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The District Engineer has received a permit application to conduct work in waters of the United States from Husson University, 1 College Circle, Bangor, Maine 04401. This work is proposed in freshwater wetlands off at College Circle at Bangor, Maine. The site coordinates are: Latitude 44.8291261°N, Longitude - 68.7961514°W.

The work involves the full build out of Husson University as part of the University's 25 year Master Plan. Over the next 25 years, the University proposes to fill up to 19.65 acres of freshwater wetland off College Circle in conjunction with the construction of new academic, housing, athletic and parking facilities. The University, through avoidance and minimization is only proposing to impact up to 19.65 acres of the 47.5 acres of wetlands and waterway on the campus. The University is requesting that the Corps issue a permit for 25 years to cover the full build out of the master plan.

To compensate for the project's unavoidable impacts to wetlands, the applicant proposes to preserve a 307 acre parcel of land in Hudson, Maine in perpetuity. The parcel is located along Pushaw Stream and abuts the Hirundo Wildlife Refuge. The parcel contains 154.5 acres of freshwater wetlands, vernal pools and 2,400 feet of shore frontage along Pushaw Stream. The Orono Land Trust will oversee the preservation parcel. The University is currently looking for wetland parcels to restore and/or enhance in addition to the proposed preservation. All the compensation would be in place prior to the development of wetland areas on the campus.

The work is shown on the attached plans entitled "Husson University Masterplan," on 7 sheets, and dated "07/18/2013" and "Husson University Master Plan/Wetland Mitigation Plan," on 1 sheet, and dated "10/19/2012".

AUTHORITY

Permits are required pursuant to:
Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899
X Section 404 of the Clean Water Act
Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act.

The decision whether to issue a permit for 25 years will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which may reasonably accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are: conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural value, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain

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value, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production 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; Indian 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.

Where the activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States or the transportation of dredged material for the purpose of disposing it in ocean waters, the evaluation of the impact of the activity in the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act, and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended.

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT

Based on his initial review, the District Engineer has determined that little likelihood exists for the proposed work to impinge upon properties with cultural or Native American significance, or listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, no further consideration of the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, is necessary. This determination is based upon one or more of the following:

- a. The permit area has been extensively modified by previous work.
- b. The permit area has been recently created.
- c. The proposed activity is of limited nature and scope.
- d. Review of the latest published version of the National Register shows that no presence of registered properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein are in the permit area or general vicinity.
- e. Coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer(s). Maine Historic Preservation Commission, MHPC# 0881-12, dated 21 May 2012. Penobscot Indian Nation, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, dated 28 June 2012.

ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSULTATION

The New England District, Army Corps of Engineers has reviewed the list of species protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, which might occur at the project site. It is our preliminary determination that the proposed activity for which authorization is being sought is designed, situated or will be operated/used in such a manner that it is not likely to adversely affect any Federally listed endangered or threatened species or their designated critical habitat. By this Public Notice, we are requesting that the appropriate Federal Agency concur with our determination.

The following authorizations have been applied for, or have been, or will be obtained:

(X) Permit, License or Assent from State.

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- (X) Permit from Local Wetland Agency or Conservation Commission.
- (X) Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

In order to properly evaluate the proposal, we are seeking public comment. Anyone wishing to comment is encouraged to do so. Comments should be submitted in writing by the above date. If you have any questions, please contact Shawn Mahaney at (978) 318-8492 or (207) 623-8367 extension 4.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for a public hearing shall specifically state the reasons for holding a public hearing. The Corps holds public hearings for the purpose of obtaining public comments when that is the best means for understanding a wide variety of concerns from a diverse segment of the public.

The initial determinations made herein will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice. All comments will be considered a matter of public record. Copies of letters of objection will be forwarded to the applicant who will normally be requested to contact objectors directly in an effort to reach an understanding.

THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN AUTHORIZATION TO DO ANY WORK.

Frank J. Del Giudice Chief, Permits and Enforcement Branch Regulatory Division

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