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EPA, New England District hold public information meetings on Final EIS for Long Island Sound

The Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1, and the New England District hosted two public information meetings in Connecticut and New York in early May on the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Long Island Sound Dredged Material Disposal Sites. The comment period was extended until June 1.

The first meeting, held in Islandia, N.Y., on May 4, drew 122 people, to include elected officials. About 30 people attended the second meeting, which was held May 5 in Stamford, Conn.

Citizens had an opportunity to voice their opinions and ask questions during

these open forums. Attendees were passionate about the issues on both ends of the spectrum.

"I am extremely opposed to the dumping of anything in Long Island Sound's waters," said New York Resident Kevin Craig. "A few years back the Navy dumped spoils off the east end of Long Island, we tried to fight it. They did it anyway, and six months later shell rot amongst the lobsters began and worked its way west over the next few years. We can't allow any contaminants into our ecosystem."

"We express our strongest support for the certification of both the West-

ern and Central LIS disposal sites recommended in the FEIS," said John Craine, Co-chairman, Fairfield Country Commodore's Association. "Many of our clubs rely on periodic dredging of our facilities and adjacent waterways to maintain our boating activities. We must dredge to maintain the safety and viability of our boating activities."

Work on the EIS began in 1999 when the federal government published a Notice of Intent to designate one or more dredged material disposal sites in Long Island Sound. Periodic dredging and disposal of dredged material is necessary to maintain safe navigation and marine commerce. Currently, there are no disposal sites in Long Island Sound designated for long-term use.

The FEIS was released April 12 by EPA, and was prepared in cooperation with the New England District. The document is recommending the designation of two long-term dredged material disposal sites in the western and central regions of Long Island Sound. The two sites are located in Connecticut waters approximately 2.5 nautical miles south of Stamford and 5.6 nautical miles south of East Haven, respectively. The sites were selected from among four alternative disposal sites

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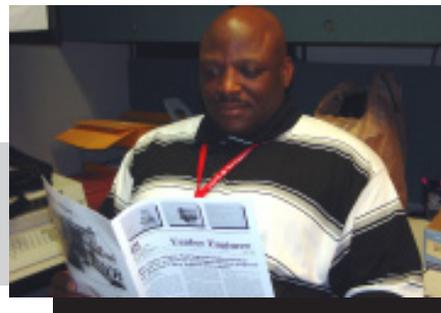


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A vessel dredges material from New Haven Harbor to be disposed of in Long Island Sound.

Yankee Voices

Kevin Branch
Regulatory



Greater Boston Federal Executive Board Scholarships

In March 2004, the Greater Boston Federal Executive Board (GBFEB) Board of Directors voted unanimously to support two one-time scholarships of \$1,000 each in memory of two prominent members of the local Federal community who passed away during the past year.

Full-time federal employees with a minimum of one year of consecutive service and a duty station in Massachusetts and / or their dependent children only are eligible to apply.

Employees may be enrolled in part-time programs but all other applicants must be enrolled in full time advanced degree programs.

Applications are available in hard copy by calling 617-565-6769.

Founder's Day to be held June 18

The New England District annual celebration will be observed on Friday, June 18. This year's event marks the 229th anniversary of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. All employees and retirees are encouraged to attend Founder's Day with their family and friends to celebrate our origins and good fortune.

The official ceremony is tentatively scheduled for 9 a.m. at Castle Park, Hanscom Air Force Base, with activities immediately following.

For many employees and retirees, Founder's Day has become a familiar event. However, there will be some welcome additions to this year's program.

The sounds of Extreme Entertainment will be heard and recreational activities will be provided to entertain all ages. New activities on the agenda for this year include a piñata and 5K fun run/walk.

The cost of this year's catered picnic is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children. Checks should be made payable to the Founder's Day Committee. New England District employees should contact their office representative to reserve tickets. Retirees who wish to attend should contact Ann Marie Harvie at 978-318-8777 for more details.

Sympathy

...to the family of Planning retiree, **Frank Ferriera**, who passed away on April 22. In addition to his many years working for the Corps of Engineers, Mr. Ferriera was also a prominent fixture both in the NED Bowling League and the NED Golf League. Cards and letters may be sent to 23 James St., Burlington, MA 01803-3928.

...to **Bob Troy**, Construction/Operations, on the passing of his mother, **Patricia Troy**, May 17.

...to the family of **James "Luke" Roberts, Jr.** former manager of the Blackwater Dam and New England District employee for 30 years, who passed away May 18. Cards and letters may be sent to 1567 Pleasant Street, Webster N.H. 03303

...to **Norman Krause**, Contracting, on the passing of his wife, **Barbara Krause**, May 22.

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Life is still good in Iraq:

The Adventures of Col. Thomas Koning in his own words



First, let me say thank you to all who have been sending me notes and keeping the Corps team over here in your thoughts and prayers. Your support means a lot and is critical to

keeping up the morale and motivation.

Service in Iraq is incredibly fulfilling. We are making a difference in the daily lives of the Iraqi people. As I go around and talk to the workers on the job sites, I get the feeling they are glad we are here. They can see the stability that the Coalition Forces bring to the country.

They can see the immediate effects of us being here because they have a job that pays regularly, the job is there every day, and they are treated well. Labor is cheap over here and we do a lot of hard work. The Iraqi who shows up at the front gate of a project site with a shovel or a broom in their hand will get hired.

The ones that show up asking for a car and cellphone get turned away. Every week, we get resumes from Iraqi engineers who want to work for the Corps. They are thirsty for knowledge and learning our way of doing business.

At the Umm Qasr project site where we are building facilities for the Iraqi Coastal Defense Force, we have taught an Iraqi company all about sheet rock. They had never seen it before. They learned the skills of putting it up, taping, using corner bead and applying mud while building three barracks.

Likewise we watched them build a classroom building using Iraqi techniques.

They were artists in stucco and plaster. From their brickwork (that did not quite have level courses), through the rough coat of a cement, to the brown coat of sand/cement, to the skim coat and several final coats of plaster, the transformation of skill and quality was amazing. We have as much to learn from them as they have from us.

That is also true for our Corps employees. I am thrilled every time I go out to the 40MW power plant we are building at Nasiriyah. We have paired one of the Corps' senior Construction Reps (over 20 years of service) from LRL with a young engineer from LRH. These two feed on each other with energy and excitement. And, the transfer of knowledge to this young engineer is phenomenal. The experience they both get in one short tour is equivalent to a year of on-site construction in a home District. Last week we had a reporter from the Washington Post do a story on the Construction Rep. Don Cleary from LRL.

When asked, "why he left his wife and family to risk the dangers here for little more than he was earning back home?" He answered that he felt he "owed it" to those whose sons and daughters are serving here. Of the work here, he says, "It's hard, but it's worthwhile hard."

Lastly, let me assure you the latest news reports of activities here in Iraq are over exaggerated.

Yes, those reported events do happen; and yes, there are those in this country that do not want to see the successes of the Coalition continue. But, those people are in the minority and those events are isolated.

Good news does not always get the same play that bad news does. I can tell you first-hand that the Corps is creating a lot of good news over here every day.

I am proud to be here and represent the face of America to the Iraqi people I come in contact with.



The 43MW, LM6000, gas turbine-generator is nearing completion in Buzurgan. Photo provided by Col. Koning.



Historian Tim Hays carries the Lincoln Minuteman flag through the streets of Concord.



The District Ranger Color Guard marches through streets lined with flag waving residents.



Mike Curran (left) and Tim Hays talk before the parade.



Photos by C.J. Allen

Children show their patriotism by saluting the District Color Guard during the parade.

Concord celebrates Patriot's Day

The New England District Ranger Color Guard represented the District during the town of Concord's Patriots' Day parade, April 19. The town sponsored the three-mile parade in celebration of the 229th anniversary of the start of the Revolutionary War.

The District Historian, Tim Hays, also participated in the event, reprising his role as a Lincoln Minuteman and marching with the rest of his company in colonial military dress.

The Corps of Engineers was formed in Charlestown, Mass., during the Battle of Bunker Hill just a few months after the beginning of the Revolutionary War, which began in Lexing-

ton, Mass.

The District has been invited, and has participated in, every Concord Patriots' Day parade since the agency moved from Waltham to Concord in 1999. The New England District Ranger Color Guard members who participated in this year's event were Joe Faloretti, Jamie Kordack, Bob Hanacek, Mike Curran, and Gary Rogowski.



The District Color Guard marches past the reviewing stand during the parade.

WE Committee holds Spring Egg Hunt

Springtime signifies flowers, sunshine, and the end of another long, cold New England winter.

To celebrate the end of the subzero temperatures and the cold, white stuff, the WE Committee sponsored a spring egg hunt for New England District kids-at-heart, March 16. Over 24 participants searched outside the Concord Park grounds for the hidden, brightly colored plastic eggs.

"The committee wanted to do something enjoyable to start springtime off right," said Jerry Stalder, WE Committee chair. "Spring egg hunts are a lot of fun and not just for kids. We wanted people to get out in the sun during lunch time and have a good time."

And a good time was had, not only from people hunting for the eggs, but

from people watching their co-workers race to find the eggs.

Not wanting to be left out of the entertainment, Concord Park's security team "inspected" several suspicious looking eggs to ensure they did not serve a more sinister purpose. The guards determined that the eggs were just eggs by extracting of some jelly beans (for testing purposes).

Once the eggs were inspected, the guards inserted a reassuring note that read, "This egg has been checked by Alliance Security for weapons of mass destruction and has been cleared for future use."

In the end, employees found all 24 WMD-proof eggs and the prizes that came with each one.

Paula Kullberg, who humorously

described the hunt as "wicked fun," won the grand prize of a \$10 gift certificate to the WE Committee's merchandise store. Tina Chaisson and Kalene Garbarz found the two eggs that contained a \$5 gift certificate to the WE Committee's merchandise store.

All of the other eggs contained coupons for New England District plastic coffee mugs.

The winners were Zina Cassulo-Henderson, Rachel Fisher, Helen Duffin, Laura Lally, Dot Tinkham, Mary Christopher, Phil Nimeskern, Dave Schafer, Cole Peterson, John Winmill, Siamac Vaghar, Annie Chin, Linda Lindell, Kevin Kotelly, Choe Yong, Jerry Nunziato, Amal Gurgius, Steve Brackett, Bob Henderson, Alexine Raineri, and Adam Burnett.

Federal recreation areas in New England open

by Timothy Dugan
Public Affairs

Recreation areas at the 31 federal flood control reservoirs in New England operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers opened to the public in mid-May.

"Most areas offer a wide range of recreational opportunities, including picnicking, swimming, boating, fishing and hunting, while a few also provide facilities for overnight camping," said Richard C. Carlson, Chief of Construction/Operations.

Fishing is permitted at all federal flood control reservoirs in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont. The only requirement to fish the lakes is a state license and adherence to state regulations. Trout, bass, pickerel, hornpout and perch inhabit most reservoirs, while a few areas have their own specialties. Many of the areas are stocked by state fish and game agencies to provide some of the finest fishing in the region.

Developed facilities, including beaches, picnic areas, athletic fields and campgrounds are available at a number of locations. Many are open to individuals or small groups free of charge on a first come, first serve basis. A nominal fee is charged to reserve covered picnic shelters. Large groups may be required to obtain user permits for a small fee.

For a brochure about recreational opportunities, including directions to each site, write to Tim Dugan at the New England District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742-2751.

For more information about Corps recreation and activities check the website at: <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/recreati/>



Building sand castles at Buffumville Lake.

Corps file photo



Building bridges strong enough to support pennies was only one of many activities during the program.



Children wait their turn to try on the period costume during the Lewis and Clark presentation.

Employees take their daughters and sons to work

The Federal Women's Program held an event that demonstrated the many and varied missions of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during Take Your Daughters/Sons To Work Day, April 22 in the theatre.

About 24 children of New England District employees attended the day-long event. Bobby Byrne, Acting Deputy District Engineer, started the day's activities by talking to the children and asking them questions about what they knew about the Corps of Engineers. "I asked how many of them knew what their mother or father did for work and the responses were great," he said. "I told them they were going to have a fun day and should ask a lot of questions."

The Acting Deputy District Engineer also asked the children questions about some of the projects, gave them a piece of his stationary and asked them to write down what they had learned at the end of the day.

Dianna Barela, EEO Officer, followed Bobby and welcomed the children to the event.

Park Ranger Samantha Mirabella kept her audience's

attention with an entertaining and educational presentation on the Cape Cod Canal. "The children were able to see what types of vessels use the Canal and how we manage them with our Marine Traffic Control Center and our tug and patrol boats," she said. "They pretended to be Marine Traffic Controllers as they listened to a recording of a car carrier calling in asking permission to transit. They had to copy down important information about the vessel."

Park Ranger Michael Boles talked to the children about wildlife, and some of the myths that people believe about animals.

After lunch, Joe Faloretti and Delia Vogel presented a Lewis and Clark interpretive program. The program discussed careers, then and now; a brief history of Lewis and Clark's journey; a hands-on activity for packing for the trip; requirements for being a U.S. Army soldier in 1803; and discussion of contents of the Lewis and Clark Discovery box.

Items used during these discussions included maps, brochures, Lewis and Clark Discovery box, sextant, compass, and



The geology presentation allowed children to feel different types of rocks and minerals.



Participants admire their handy work after completing a project.

Photos by Brian Murphy

a replica circa 1803 U.S. Army uniform. The program also presented an opportunity for the children to dress up in the period costumes.

Gary Rogowski followed the Lewis and Clark presentation with an important fire safety talk. After introducing his sons, David and Corey, he wished everyone a happy Earth Day. "I talked to the children about campfires/outside fires - where to place them, the fire fighting equipment they needed and the need for adult supervision," he said of his presentation. "I reminded them what Smokey the Bear says, 'Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires.'"

Gary, who is a volunteer fire fighter in his spare time, talked about the importance of calling 911. Next, Cory demonstrated the technique of Stop, Drop, Cover and Roll, as well as Exit Drills In The Home (E.D.I.T.H).

The need for smoke detectors was discussed. "I told the children to ask their parents for batteries for their birthday so they can change the batteries in their smoke detectors along with time changes to save their lives," said Gary. "We talked about 'Get Out and Stay Out' if your house catches on fire."

Gary's son David, who is also a fire fighter, donned all his fire gear and crawled around on the floor to show the children what a fire fighter looks like and not to be afraid of them. The presentation ended with short video entitled, "Be Cool About Fire Safety."

All the children were given a red fire helmet, fire safety sticker, fire safety beads and Smokey the Bear ruler.

A series of activities followed the presentations. They included building a gum drop sphere and bridges with Barbara Blumeris and Mike Walsh.

Paul Young brought rocks and minerals for the children to hold and touch during his geology activity, and Mike Sheehan brought in bugs for the children to touch and view under a microscope.

The children took away different experiences from the day. "Today I learned that Louis and Clark found a lot of land



Barbara Blumeris (center) shows children how to build gumdrop spheres.

in the west, and it wasn't easy to do," said Kayla Nason. "I also learned that if your smoke detector sounds like a bird, you need to change the battery. You should change the battery on your birthday."

Tanner Nason also took something away from the fire safety presentation. "I learned to stop, drop and roll," he said. "And to cover your face with your hands."

Kyle Sheehan remembered what he learned about the wildlife presentation. "The Corps helps preserve nature in a way to keep it the way it is so the ones after you can enjoy it," he said.

The children who participated in this year's event were: Ariana Waite, Bryan Waite, Julia Waite, Zachary Sneeringer, Allie Herland, Kathryn Andon, Olivia Bankuti, Jamie Lydon, Nicolette Husselbee, Sofia Simeone, Morgan Taylor, Connor Tuttle, Meaghan Tuttle, Patricia Blumeris, Nick Kedzierski, Matt Kedzierski, Ben Walsh, Brian Walsh, Kaitlyn Rossi, Meredith Lawrence, Marissa Lawrence, Kyle Sheehan, Kayla Nason, and Tanner Nason.



Event attendees were able to look at bugs and other materials through microscopes.



Corey Rogowski (left) watches his brother, David, don fire gear during the fire safety presentation.



Geologists leave 'Rock Solid' impression on local students

"I want to be a geologist when I grow up."

Is there a compliment any higher than when a child is so inspired by an adult that the child wants to emulate that person? Such was the sentiment expressed in some of the 157 cards and letters of thanks received by two New England District geologists after they visited a local school to give geology presentations.

Rosemary Schmidt and Paul Young traveled to the Birch Meadow School in Reading, Mass., for four sessions on March 29 for the 2nd grade class and another four sessions for the 4th grade class on March 6. The geologists made the trip at the request of school officials. This is the second year that they presented their geology program.

The one-hour presentations were geared to where the children were in their geology lessons. "We found out in advance where the students were in their lesson plans and discussed the three rock types," said Paul. "Then we passed around various samples of those rock types."

The geologists discussed what they do for the Corps of Engineers, minerals and fossils, and then passed out samples for the children to examine up close. According to many of the letters received by the geologists, this was a special treat for the students. "I liked feeling the rocks because some were smooth and bumpy," said student Alex.

"The most interesting thing was holding all the astounding fossils, like the shells," remarked student Cinzia.

"It was nice of you to trust us with the diamond and the gold," remarked Bridget.

According to Paul, having the students touch the specimens is the best way to teach geology. "I've always believed that the 'hands on' approach is the best way to teach someone," said Paul. "To hold a specimen and examine it closely can spur the student to ask questions."

Rose and Paul's method of teaching seemed to have left an impression on the students. Many wrote about what they remembered learning the day of the presentation. "I think fossils are amazing because it shows us what was around long ago," wrote Lily.

"I learned so much my parents didn't even know about," wrote Robert. "I had fun telling them that some rocks can

float."

Student Alexia wanted to reciprocate with a little knowledge of her own. "Did you know that we eat only one type of rock? It's salt!"

Paul thought that both grade levels were equally intrigued with the presentations, and was amazed that children so young were learning about geology. "Rose and I both agreed that when we were in grammar school we did not encounter topics such as geology until we were in the 7th and 8th grades," he said.

The students' letters heaped great praise, not only on the presentations, but on the geologists themselves. "You were fantastic!" gushed Nicole. "We would love it if you could come back next year!"

"Thanks to you guys, I look at rocks with a whole new perspective," wrote Melissa. "You answered our questions really well. I mean you didn't start boring us with an answer that goes on and on."

Paul said that answering the hard questions in easy to understand words was difficult. "Some questions that the students asked were really well thought out and had us perplexed," he said. "One question asked by a 2nd grade girl was, 'When was dirt first found?' How do you answer a great question like that in simple terms that they can understand? Questions like this show that kids' thought processes are being stimulated at an earlier age which is great for science and other subjects in general."

More than one letter has inspired thoughts from the children to consider geology as a career. "It was so interesting to have you come in with all those rocks," wrote Grace. "I might be a geologist when I grow up. You're the best!"

"We are having an addition built on our house," said Joe. "I hope we find a lot of cool rocks from the construction."

"I would like to be a geologist someday," wrote Jacob. "It looks like a lot of fun."

"I think that geologists rock!" exclaimed Stephanie. "Rocks rock, too!"

Paul seemed to like that sentiment. "I think that would make a great bumper sticker."



The bridge, formally part of the "Big Dig" project, is decorated and ready for dedication.



Keith Beecher (left) helps Ed Calcutt, Todd Smola, and State Rep. Mark Carron cut the ribbon dedicating the new bridge.

Westville Lake community trail completed, dedication ceremony held

Article by Tom Chamberland, Westville Lake
Photos by C.J. Allen

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, Westville Lake Field Office along with the trail committees of the towns of Southbridge and Sturbridge held a dedication ceremony and trail walk of the completed Westville Community Trail and Heritage Connector Bridge on Saturday, May 8 at 10 a.m. The event began at the park at Westville Lake. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on the Heritage Connector Bridge at 10:30 a.m. Westville Lake Park Manager Keith Beecher, along with Park Rangers Merl Bassett and Tom Chamberland, co-hosted the ceremony and trail walk.

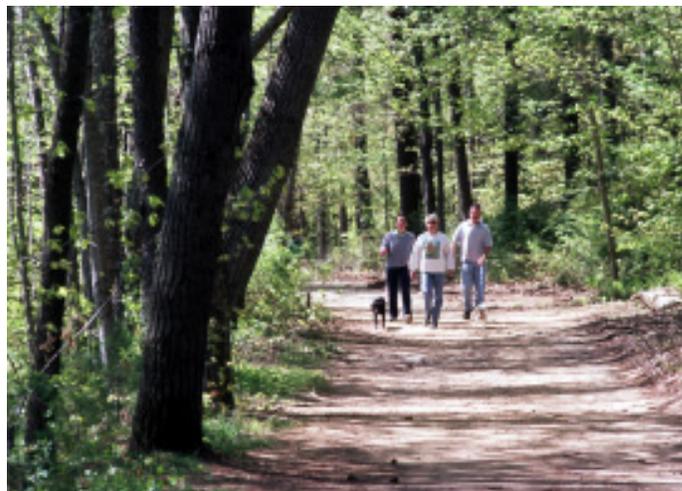
The 1.7-mile Westville Community Trail was completed with the installation of an 85' bridge across the inlet channel

at Westville Dam. This concrete and steel bridge, recycled from the Big Dig Project in Boston, was named the Heritage Connector Bridge. It re-connects the two heritage-rich communities of Sturbridge and Southbridge, and the Grand Trunk Trail in Sturbridge to the Heritage Trail in Southbridge, creating a loop trail around Westville Lake. This community trail and bridge symbolically reconnects the once thriving Westville community and its historical lore from both the Southbridge and Sturbridge sides of the Quinebaug River. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dammed the river in 1962, creating the Westville Lake flood control project.

Among those who attended the ceremony were state Rep. Mark J. Carron, D-Southbridge; Westville Park Ranger Tom Chamberland; Todd Smola, legislative aide to State Rep. Reed V. Hillman, R-Sturbridge; and Ed Calcutt, president of the Grand Trunk Trailblazers.



Keith Beecher says a few words during the dedication ceremony.



Residents enjoy a stroll along the Westville Community Trail.

Corps proposes maintenance dredging of Wells Harbor entrance channel, settling basin

by Timothy Dugan
Public Affairs

The New England District is proposing maintenance dredging of the entrance channel and settling basin of the Wells Harbor Federal Navigation Project in Wells, Maine. The proposed work in the federal navigation project at Wells Harbor involves maintenance dredging of the 8-foot-deep entrance channel and portions of the 8-foot-deep settling basin.

“Project users have reported that shoaling in the entrance channel has created hazardous conditions and that the settling basin is shoaling,” said Project Manager Jack Karalius. “Maintenance dredging of about 10,000 cubic yards of sand will remove the most restrictive shoals in the entrance channel, and will partially return the settling basin to its former capacity.”

The federal entrance channel has an authorized depth of 8 feet below Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) and an authorized width of 100 feet from deep water in the Gulf of Maine, extending northwesterly about 2,050 feet, through the jettied inlet to about the point where the jetties diverge. The settling basin is located between the shore arms of the two jetties in the outer harbor, is generally rectangular in area, approximately 6 acres, and has an authorized depth of 8 feet.

Only the entrance channel and the settling basin, and not the entire Federal navigation project, will be dredged at this time since these features are more critical for navigation safety.

“The channel provides access to and from the ocean for small commercial fishing, shellfishing, and seasonal recreational craft based at Wells Harbor,” Karalius said. “It is the only developed harbor area in the town of Wells and the largest public anchorage in Maine

between York Harbor and Saco Bay.”

There is a public boat ramp in Wells Harbor and a wharf owned and operated by the town of Wells.

“Maintenance dredging of about 10,000 cubic yards of material will partially restore the federal project to authorized dimensions,” Karalius said. “Shoaling in the channel has decreased project depths since the last mainte-



Wells Harbor

nance dredging, and is making navigation in this harbor hazardous and difficult.” The most recent maintenance dredging of the entrance channel was done in June 2002.

“The proposed work would remove the areas that have shoaled, and provide safe access to the Harbor at all tide stages. A significant number of commercial and recreational vessels use the harbor,” Karalius said.

The 8-foot settling basin continues to shoal so that about three-quarters of it is above the authorized depth of -8 feet mean lower low water, and about 20 percent of the settling basin has shoaled above MLLW.

The work will be performed by the government-owned special-purpose dredge CURRITUCK contingent on availability of the dredge, funding, and all required State and Federal approvals. The dredge will remove the material from the channel and settling basin and

place it in a previously-used nearshore area off Wells Beach, about 5,000 feet south of the dredge site. The work will take about one week and will be performed when funds become available.

The dredged material will be placed nearshore off Wells Beach, and will function as a feeder berm, providing a sand source for nourishment of the beach.

Based in part on a review of historical data and a lack of potential sources of contaminants, it is the Corps’ preliminary determination that the material is acceptable for disposal as proposed.

Officials from the town of Wells have requested that this project be maintained. An Environmental Assessment for this work is being prepared and will be made available for review upon request.

Preliminary determinations indicate that the proposed activity will not affect an endangered or threatened species or critical habi-

tat designated as endangered or threatened pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

The proposed work is maintenance involving previously dredged areas and a previously used disposal site, and is not likely to affect any cultural or archaeological features or resources.

The Corps has assessed the effects the proposed project is likely to have on Essential Fish Habitat, and has determined that there will be no significant impacts on the designated fisheries resources.

An application for Water Quality Certification, for disposal of the dredged material, has been submitted to the Maine State Planning Office and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, along with a request for the state’s concurrence with the Corps determination of federal consistency with the State’s approved coastal zone management program.

WWII tribute dedicated during Memorial Day weekend

The National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., was dedicated on May 29, the start of the Memorial Day weekend.

The four-day dedication observance will include a WWII-themed exhibition on the National Mall, a memorial service at the Washington National Cathedral, and an entertainment salute to the WWII veterans from the armed services performing units.

This memorial is to honor the 16 million Americans who served in the armed forces, the 400,000 who died, and the millions who supported the war effort on the homefront.

The memorial was authorized by Congress in 1993. More than 400 different memorial designs were considered, but the one envisioned by Austrian architect Friedrich St. Florian was se-

lected. Construction began in 2001.

The memorial consists of a wide plaza with granite columns and arches, as well as a pool and bronze sculptures. It is located between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial, making it the only monument on the Mall's central axis dedicated to a 20th century event. The National Park Service anticipates that 3.5 million people will visit the memorial annually.

Honor members of the World War II generation by enrolling them in the World War II Registry, a list of individual Americans who participated in the war effort.

To search for currently enrolled honorees, or to enroll a family member or friend go to

<http://www.wwiimemorial.com/default.asp?page=registry.asp&subpage=intro>.

Congratulations...

...to **James M. West**, Park Ranger at Tully Lake, who was selected as the WE Committee's Employee of the Month for May 2004. James received the honor for his exceptional efforts in procuring the necessary material and resources needed to produce 140 aluminum signs for the Gulf Region Division, Southern District in Basrah, Iraq. James created the signs electronically, using the software and hardware in the New England District Sign Shop, located at Tully Lake. He researched the World-Wide-Web for available graphics and logos and created others from scratch.

James took the lead, made necessary revisions and shipped the signs on March 16, which was within 10 days of receipt of the funds for this work order.

... to the **Nantasket Beach Seawall Emergency Repair Project Delivery**

Team for being selected as the WE Committee's Team of the Month for May 2004.

Team members include **Kirk Bargerhuff, Robert Byrne, Joseph Colucci, John Kedzierski, Theodore Lento, Scott Michalak, Thomas Rosato, Rosemary Schmidt, and John Winkelman.**

According to the citation, the team "did an outstanding job of opening the lines of communication between state agencies and local town representatives and citizens on proposed emergency repair plans for the Nantasket Beach Seawall in Hull, Mass."

Members of the team attended several public meetings and working groups within the two-week period to get the project back on track. The team demonstrated an outstanding level of technical competence and credibility during these meetings.

District, EPA, hold public information meetings

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and methods that were evaluated in the EIS.

The FEIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with the designation of these sites as long-term disposal sites for dredged material. Both sites are existing dredged material disposal sites that have been used for several years.

The New England District and EPA have heard a great deal of testimony for the EIS over the past few years. When the EIS was in draft form, the two agencies co-hosted six public hearings in New York and Connecticut to promote public participation in the process.

As a result of that participation, the FEIS includes a response to comments document and Final Site Management and Monitoring Plans, which were prepared as a result of comments received on the Draft EIS during the meetings.

General information on Long Island Sound is available at <http://www.epa.gov/ne/eco/lis/index.html>. An electronic version of the FEIS and various other materials related to dredge material disposal site designation are available at <http://www.epa.gov/ne/eco/lis/dreg>.

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Left: Joe DiGiovanni, Henry Gatto, Caroline Caira, and Bob Harrington enjoy each other's company during Henry's retirement party in this early 1990's photo.

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