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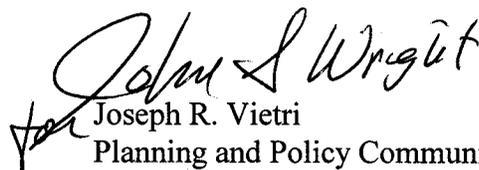
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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, New England District, CENAE-EP-P

SUBJECT: Final Mill River and Mill Pond Ecosystem Restoration Report (ERR), Stanford, Connecticut PWI #172202

1. The subject report, Final Mill River and Mill Pond Habitat Restoration Project Detailed Project Report, Stanford, Connecticut – PWI # 172202 is approved and efforts may begin for the preparation of Plans and Specifications. Note that the PCA with the City of Stamford is not to be executed, until the matter of the outstanding debt owed by the City to the Federal government is resolved.
2. The ERR evaluated four detailed alternative restoration plans at Mill Pond and Main Street Dam including the no action alternative. Three alternatives included some of the following components: removal of the Main Street Dam site and opening up anadromous fish passage, riparian habitat restoration, freshwater wetlands restoration, tidal wetland restoration, restoration of unrestricted river flow at Pulaski Street Bridge, construction of a fish ladder at on Main Street Dam. Anticipated environmental benefits range from 3.3 habitat units (effective habitat acres) for the no action alternative to 58.7 effective habitat acres. The recommended alternative (revised alternative 2 in the ERR) would remove the Main Street Dam and concrete retaining walls and restore a natural stream channel through a quarter-mile reach of Mill River, which would open up 4.5 miles of riverine habitat to anadromous fish and restoration of 4 acres of riparian habitat within Mill River Park, riparian habitat restoration along the river, totaling an additional 1.53 acres, restoration of 0.8 acres of tidal wetlands and removal of abandoned concrete blocks and gate structures beneath the Pulaski Street Bridge.
3. The cost of the project is \$5,571,000. The non-Federal sponsor, the City of Stanford concurs with the recommendations of the ERR and intends to sign the negotiated Model Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) and is responsible for 35% of the cost of the project including the value of LERRD's and 100% of the cost for operation and maintenance of the project. An Environmental Assessment was circulated and a FONSI signed on 31 August 2004.
4. This completes Milestone C-5. For further information, please contact NAE/NAU DST, attn: Mr. Larry Cocchieri at (718) 765-7071.


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