

PUBLIC NOTICE

Army Corps of Engineers To Conduct an Aerial Geophysical Survey as part of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study of Nantucket Beach Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS)

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District with assistance from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District Military Munitions Design Center, and their contractor Weston Solutions, Inc. will conduct an aerial geophysical survey of the Nantucket Beach Project Areas starting the week of 5 March 2012 and ending sometime around the end of the second week of March. This is a tentatively scheduled window. Depending on weather, the aerial survey may start and end a week later. The public is advised that a low flying helicopter retrofitted with geophysical instrumentation will be flying over an area of roughly 2,500 acres. *The helicopter flyover will result in intermittent, temporary road detours/closures in the area (Milestone Rd, Bunker Rd, Russell Way, New South Rd, Waquoit Rd, and Bartlett Rd) that may result in traffic delays of approximately 10 minutes. Traffic road signs, police details and other personnel will be used to help control the traffic detours/closures. Every effort will be made to minimize impacts to traffic.*

The purpose of the aerial geophysical survey is to detect potentially buried munitions in areas that could not be mapped by ground geophysical surveys. Geophysical surveys use sophisticated metal detectors to find buried metallic objects that could potentially be military munitions. The area to be flown is shown on maps that can be viewed on the Corps website. A photo of the helicopter equipped with geophysical instrumentation is also provided. The helicopter will stay approximately 300-500 feet away from any homes. Ground based geophysical surveys will also be conducted on the beach, land and immediate offshore areas following the aerial survey (April-June timeframe). The ground based geophysical surveys will be conducted following transect and grid clearing in vegetated areas in order to allow small crews to follow up with investigating and manually digging on the detected metallic objects.

The Corps website can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

www.nae.usace.army.mil

[Once on the website, click on projects, then Massachusetts, then Nantucket to view the project page, then project photos, and aerial geophysical survey](#)

The New England District is in the process of sending out rights of entry to affected property owners in the area. Please contact Ms. Carol Ann Charette at 978-318-8605 (Office) or 978-505-2918 (Cell) if you have any questions or concerns regarding this project.