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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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**Comment Period Closes:** May 5, 2024

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### 30-DAY PUBLIC NOTICE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SLASON BRIDGE APPROACH BALL MOUNTAIN LAKE SOUTH LONDONDERRY, VERMONT

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), New England District, plans to perform work at the Ball Mountain Lake (BML) Flood Risk Management Project, subject to the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (Public Law (P.L.) 91-190)]. The work involves road widening at the approach to Slason Bridge to improve access by large vehicles to Winhall Brook Camping Area at Ball Mountain Lake Dam in Londonderry, Vermont. The BML Flood Risk Management Project was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1938 (P.L. 75-761), which was modified by the Flood Control Act of 1941 (P.L. 77-228). Attachment 1 lists pertinent laws, regulations, and directives.

**Project Description:** The proposed action consists of temporary construction activities to remove the existing 150-foot-long gabion basket retaining wall, widen the road about 20 feet, replace a drop inlet stormwater structure, and construct a new retaining wall (prefabricated modular block gravity wall) about 200 feet long. The drop inlet drainage structure will be made of precast concrete and include a 17-foot drainage pipe. Riprap will be placed to stabilize side slopes and gravel will be placed at the road's shoulder. A 4-foot-tall chain link fence will be constructed along the upper edge of the new retaining wall. The project may require blasting of rock ledge encountered at the site and the trucking of debris and construction materials to and from the site will be required.

**Purpose of Work:** USACE ensures the safe operation of the BML project and associated recreation areas which includes maintaining safe vehicle access. The roadway approach to Slason Bridge currently does not accommodate large recreational vehicles (RVs) or emergency response vehicles (ERVs) due to a limited turning radius before the bridge. Widening the road and providing more space so vehicles can align with the bridge crossing will permit larger vehicles to access the Winhall Brook Camping Area, which is a popular camping area at BML, particularly during the summer season.

**Alternatives:** In addition to the proposed action, the Environmental Assessment evaluates the no action alternative.

**Additional Information:** Additional information may be obtained from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, project manager Mark Godfrey and biologist Hannah Doherty at the address shown above. These individuals may also be reached by phone or email: Mark at 978-318-8689 or email at Mark.E.Godfrey@usace.army.mil and Hannah at 978-318-8685 or email at Hannah.L.Doherty@usace.army.mil.

**Coordination:** The proposed work has, or will be coordinated with the following agencies:

**Federal:**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

**State of Vermont:**

Vermont Agency of Natural Resources  
Vermont State Historic Preservation Officer

**Tribal Nations:**

Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)  
Narragansett Indian Tribe  
Elnu Wabanaki Tribe

**Local:**

Town of Jamaica

**Environmental Impacts:** An environmental assessment is available for review upon request. I have made a preliminary determination that an environmental impact statement for the proposed road improvements is not required under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. This determination will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice.

**Other Information:**

a. **Local Sponsor:** Town of Jamaica

b. **Floodplain Management:** In accordance with Executive Order 11988, USACE has determined that the proposed work will not contribute to negative impacts or damages caused by floods.

c. **Endangered Species:** It is our preliminary determination that the project is not likely to adversely affect threatened or endangered species. USACE is in coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure that the proposed activity will not significantly

affect any species or critical habitat designated as endangered or threatened pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 844).

d. Cultural Resources: USACE is in coordination with the Vermont State Historic Preservation Officer, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), Narragansett Indian Tribe, and Elnu Wabanaki Tribe in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

Please bring this notice to the attention of anyone you know to be interested in this project. Comments are invited from all interested parties and should be directed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742-2751, ATTN: Grace Moses; or emailed to [C.Grace.Moses@usace.army.mil](mailto:C.Grace.Moses@usace.army.mil) within 30 days of this notice.

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Attachments

## Attachment 1

### PERTINENT LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND DIRECTIVES

Clean Water Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.)

National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.)

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661-667e)

Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a, et seq.)

National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (54 U.S.C. 300101 et seq.)

Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.)

Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.)

Federal Water Project Recreation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 460L-12 et seq.)

Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended (54 U.S.C. 200302 et seq.)

Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, 24 May 1977

Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands, 24 May 1977

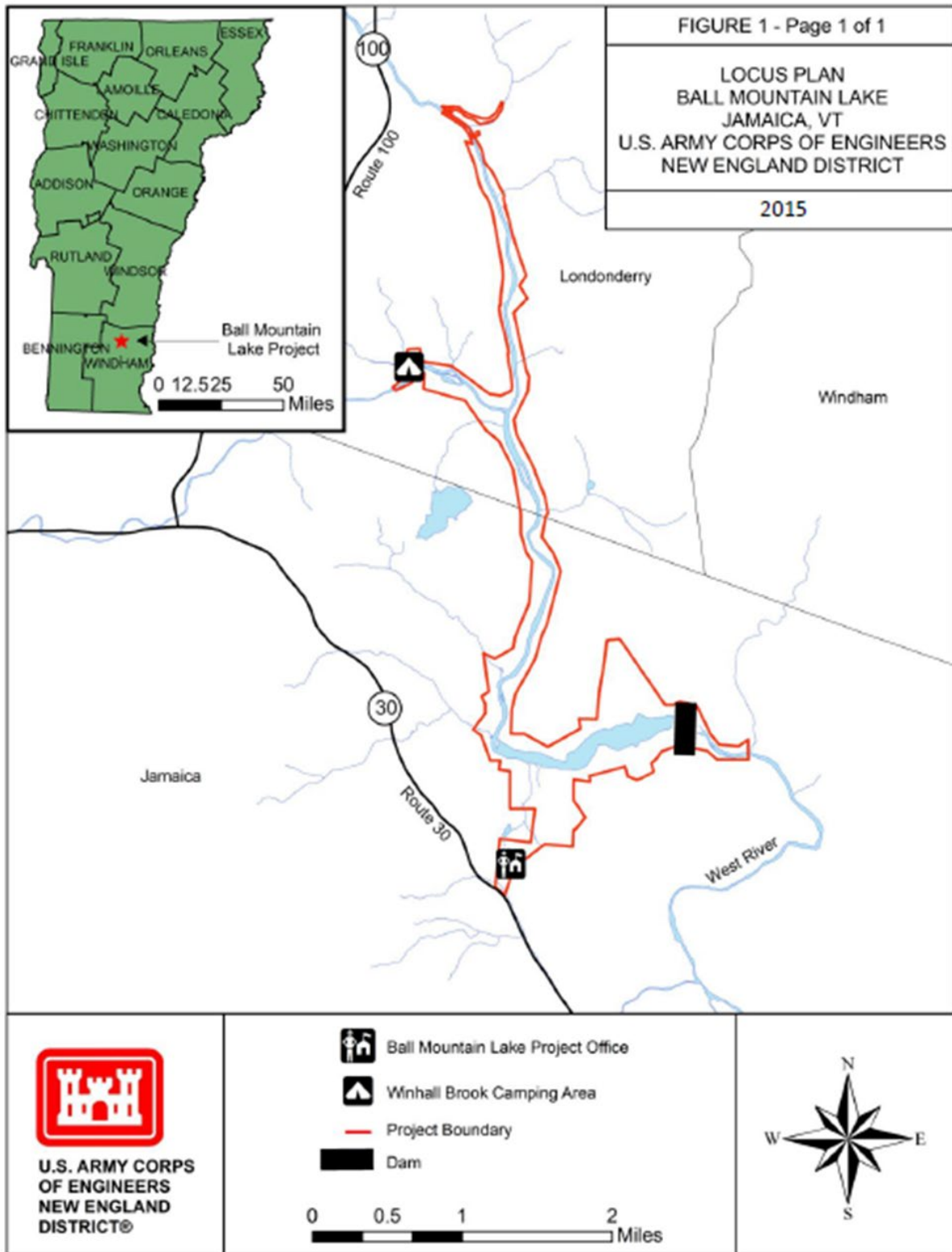
Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations, 11 February 1994

Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks, 21 April 1997

Executive Order 14008, Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad, 27 January 2021

## Attachment 2

### Ball Mountain Lake Project and Winhall Brook Camping Area



**Attachment 3**  
Proposed Construction Area and Slason Bridge Location

