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ALTERATION OF A U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CIVIL WORKS PROJECT PURSUANT TO 33 USC 408: CONSTRUCTION OF A TIDAL DOCKING STRUCTURE GREENWICH HARBOR FEDERAL NAVIGATION PROJECT (FNP) GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District (USACE) is evaluating plans under 33 U.S.C. 408 (Section 408) to allow construction of a tidal docking structure in Greenwich Harbor proposed by Caryl Englander. The proposed structure will partially sit within the 3:1 setback of the USACE maintained Greenwich Harbor FNP. Setbacks are designated to ensure that no structures encroach beyond the top edge of the navigation channel, including appropriate side slopes, and that there is sufficient clearance for dredging the navigation channel to its full width and depth, including slide slopes. Setbacks are defined as the sum of the project depth times three (3). The proposed project consists of the replacement of a 4' by 24' concrete floating dock with an 8' by 20' floating dock supported by two (2) steel pilings and the installation of a 13' by 16' boat lift supported by three (3) 16" steel pilings. The direct impact on the FNP offset is the installation of approximately two (2) 16" steel pilings.

This Notice is being issued pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 408, USACE Engineering Circular (EC) 1165-2-220, Executive Order 11988 – Floodplain Management, and Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500-1508) for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 et. seq.) and the USACE Procedures for Implementing NEPA (33 CFR 230). Section 408 allows USACE to grant permission for the alteration, occupation, or use of a USACE civil works project if it is determined that the activity will not be injurious to the public interest and will not impair the usefulness of the Federal project. USACE has made the preliminary determination that the construction of the tidal docking structure will not have a negative impact on public interest, use, or our ability to maintain the Greenwich Harbor FNP. The public is invited to provide comment associated with this Section 408 evaluation. To request more information contact: Christina Comeau, New England District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742, (978) 318-8705, Christina.M.Comeau@usace.army.mil. The comment period will end on June 18, 2024. Letters should be postmarked by this date.