

- PUBLIC NOTICE -

**ALTERATION OF A U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CIVIL WORKS PROJECT PURSUANT TO 33 USC 408
PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE ANSONIA RIVER WALK, SEGMENTS 3 & 4, ANSONIA,
CONNECTICUT**

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District (USACE) is evaluating plans pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 408 (Section 408) to allow the city of Ansonia to construct the Ansonia River Walk Project, Segments 3 & 4 in Ansonia, Connecticut. The proposed project consists of the construction of a multi-use, bituminous concrete, pedestrian path along the Naugatuck River in Ansonia, CT. The River Walk will be located on the crest of the Naugatuck River Left Bank and Beaver Brook River Right Bank Flood Damage Reduction System (FDR System), owned and operated by the city of Ansonia. The path will use the existing access ramps (No. 1 and No.2) to reach the levee crest. The proposed River Walk is approximately 2,500 feet in length beginning at the Target store driveway on Main Street and continuing south to an entrance on Main Street.

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 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Procedures for Implementing NEPA (33 CFR 230). Section 408 allows USACE to grant permission for the alteration, occupation, or use of USACE civil works projects 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. A decision on a Section 408 request is a Federal action, and therefore subject to NEPA and other environmental compliance requirements. The FDR System provides flood protection in the city of Ansonia from the Naugatuck River and Beaver Brook. The city of Ansonia's Department of Public Works operates the FDR System. The action that affects the Federal project involves the construction of the bituminous path, overlook, benches, bike racks and fencing on the crest and land side slope of the FDR System. USACE has determined that the action is categorically excluded under NEPA, and therefore, an Environmental Assessment is not required for this action. The public is invited to provide comment. To request more information contact: Kevin DiRocco, Levee Safety Program Manager, New England District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742, (978) 318-8396, Kevin.J.DiRocco@usace.army.mil. The comment period will end on March 12, 2020. Letters should be postmarked by this date.