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PUBLIC NOTICE

Comment Period Begins: September, 27 2022
Comment Period Ends: October 27, 2022
File Number: NAE-2020-00988
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The District Engineer has received a permit application to conduct work in waters of the United States from Mike Heinke, Mohawk Northeast at PO Box 37, Plainsville, Connecticut 06047. This work is proposed in the Thames River at 1 Eastern Avenue, New London, Connecticut 06351. The site coordinates are: Latitude 41.366005 Longitude -72.093493.

The project involves the following work:

1. The mechanical dredging of approximately 140,000 CY, or up to 170,000 CY with a 1 foot over dredge, of material from a 755,800 SF area. The material will be disposed of on-site for the creation of a solid fill pier. Dredge depth will be to -20 mean low water feet with additional -1 foot for the over dredge.
2. The fill of 96,200 SF of tidal waters to increase the upland area at the project site. This includes the installation of approximately 1030 LF of steel sheet pile bulkhead to support the new shoreline. A boulder slope on the north and south ends of the bulkhead will be constructed to establish some aquatic habitat diversity.

The work is shown on the enclosed plans entitled "INTERMODAL and HEAVY LIFT WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT," on 6 sheets, and dated "May 18, 2022" with a revision date of "8/8/2022".

Mohawk Northeast does recognize that there will be some requirement to compensate for the permanent loss of estuarine resources. To that end, Mohawk is prepared to provide some combination of on-site enhancement and offsite mitigation. Off-site mitigation may be in the form of direct project implementation, coordinated in-kind services as courtesy, or in-lieu fee or project payment. Avoidance and minimization of the project has been considered. The current project is a redesign from the original proposal which included the construction of a 100 foot by 400 foot pier which has now been eliminated. Part of the site redesign includes a habitat improvement at the north and south bulkhead limits, as recommended by a local benthic ecology expert.

AUTHORITY

Permits are required pursuant to:

- ☒ Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899
☒ Section 404 of the Clean Water Act
☐ Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which may reasonably accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are: conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural value, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain value, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District (USACE), is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. The USACE will consider all comments received to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Where the activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States or the transportation of dredged material for the purpose of disposing it in ocean waters, the evaluation of the impact of the activity in the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act, and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-267), requires all federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). Essential Fish Habitat describes waters and substrate necessary for fish for spawning, breeding, feeding or growth to maturity.

This project will have an adverse effect on 19.6 acres of EFH. This habitat consists of mostly of fine muddy sand. Loss of this habitat may adversely affect species that use these waters and substrate. The District Engineer has made a preliminary determination that site-specific impacts may be substantial. Accordingly, the USACE will submit an expanded EFH assessment to the National Marine Fisheries Service, who in turn will provide conservation recommendations to the USACE. The USACE will coordinate with the applicant regarding implementation of these recommendations. The EFH consultation will be concluded prior to the final decision.

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT

Based on his initial review, the District Engineer has determined that little likelihood exists for the proposed work to impinge upon properties with cultural or Native American significance, or listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, no further consideration of the requirements of

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Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, is necessary. This determination is based upon one or more of the following:

- a. The permit area has been extensively modified by previous work.
- b. The permit area has been recently created.
- c. The proposed activity is of limited nature and scope.
- d. Review of the latest published version of the National Register shows that no presence of registered properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein are in the permit area or general vicinity.
- e. Coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer(s).

ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSULTATION

The USACE has reviewed the application for the potential impact on Federally-listed threatened or endangered species and their designated critical habitat pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as amended. It is our preliminary determination that the proposed activity for which authorization is being sought is designed, situated or will be operated/used in such a manner that it is not likely to adversely affect a listed species or their critical habitat. We are coordinating with the National Marine Fisheries Service and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on listed species under their jurisdiction and the ESA consultation will be concluded prior to the final decision.

OTHER GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

The states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island have approved Coastal Zone Management Programs. Where applicable, the applicant states that any proposed activity will comply with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the approved Coastal Zone Management Program. By this Public Notice, we are requesting the State concurrence or objection to the applicant's consistency statement.

The following authorizations have been applied for, or have been, or will be obtained:

- (X) Permit, license or assent from State.
- (X) Permit from local wetland agency or conservation commission.
- (X) Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

COMMENTS

In order to properly evaluate the proposal, we are seeking public comment. Anyone wishing to comment is encouraged to do so. Comments should be submitted in writing by the above date. If you have any questions, please contact Richard Kristoff at (978) 318-8171, (800) 343-4789 or (800) 362-4367, if calling from within Massachusetts.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for a public hearing shall specifically state the reasons for holding a public hearing. The USACE holds public hearings for the purpose of obtaining public comments when that is the best means for understanding a wide variety of concerns from a diverse segment of the public.

The initial determinations made herein will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice.

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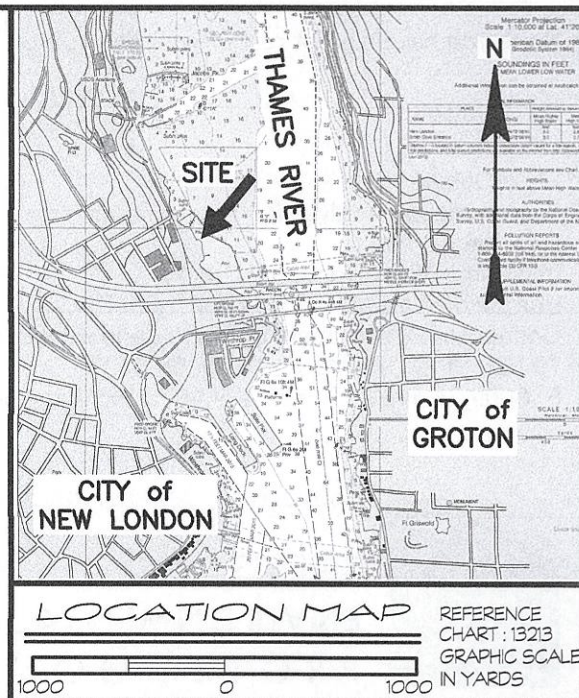
All comments will be considered a matter of public record. Copies of letters of objection will be forwarded to the applicant who will normally be requested to contact objectors directly in an effort to reach an understanding.

THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN AUTHORIZATION TO DO ANY WORK.



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The logo is an oval emblem. Inside the oval, a sailboat is on the left and a tugboat is on the right, both on a body of water. A pier extends from the left towards the center. The word "DOCKO" is written in a semi-circle at the top, and "INCORPORATED" is written in a semi-circle at the bottom, separated by small diamond shapes.

A circular professional engineer seal for the State of Connecticut. The outer ring contains the text "STATE OF CONNECTICUT" at the top and "CORPORATE PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING" at the bottom, separated by two stars. The inner circle features a central shield with a gear and a plow, with the word "ENGINEER" written across it. Below the shield is the number "No. 0441". The name "DOCKO, INC." is written in a large, stylized, handwritten font across the seal.

Keith B. Nelson, Docko Inc. 8/12/2022 10:11 AM Mohawk NE NL I-C.dwa

GENERAL NOTES

1. SEE REFERENCE MAPS BELOW:

- PROPERTY (A-2) BOUNDARY SURVEY REFERENCE PLAN TITLED, "PROPERTY BOUNDARY SURVEY" PROPERTY OF EASTERN AVENUE PROPERTIES, INC. LEWIS STREET, NEW LONDON, CT, BY: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND MAPPING, 61 LIBERTY STREET, CHESTER, CT 06412, DATED: 9-16-2019.
- TOPOGRAPHIC (T-2) SURVEY REFERENCE PLAN TITLED, "TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY" PROPERTY OF EASTERN AVENUE PROPERTIES, INC. LEWIS STREET, NEW LONDON, CT, BY: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND MAPPING, 61 LIBERTY STREET, CHESTER, CT 06412, DATED: 9-16-2019.
- TIDAL WETLANDS OBSERVED BY RICHARD SNARSKI, CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL WETLANDS SCIENTIST, SEE PLAN ENTITLED, "MOHAWK NE SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION AND TIDAL WETLAND EXHIBIT", SHEET 1 OF 1, BY: DOCKO INC., DATED: 10/2/2019.
- USGS NEW LONDON QUADRANGLE, CONNECTICUT - NEW YORK MAPPING.
- NOAA NAUTICAL CHART 13213, PAGE 4 - NEW LONDON HARBOR AND VICINITY.

2. ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS, PER CITY OF NEW LONDON GIS INFORMATION:

JOSEPH SALVATORE
CT PORT AUTHORITY
455 BOSTON POST RD.
OLD SAYBROOK, CT 06475

JADE BONELLI
97 ADELAIDE ST.
NEW LONDON, CT 06320

CITY OF NEW LONDON
181 STATE ST
NEW LONDON, CT 06320

WEST BANK PROPERTIES, LLC
170 CANAL STREET
PO BOX 37
PLANTSVILLE, CT 06779

FELIPE MULERO
746 PROSPECT STREET
WETHERSFIELD, CT 06109

JOSE CHAVEZ AND
DORIS RIVERA
89 ADELAIDE STREET
NEW LONDON, CT 06320

JON PROVOST
633 VAUXHALL STREET
NEW LONDON, CT 06320

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DOT
ADELAIDE STREET
NEW LONDON, CT 06320

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GENESEE AND
WYOMING RAILROAD
75 HAMMOND STREET
WORCESTER, MA 01610

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NEW LONDON, CT 06320

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GROTON, CT 06340

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29 HEMPSTED ST
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ANGEL AND JOSE GARCIA
25 ROSEMARY ST
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SUNSHINE INVESTMENTS, LLC
121-2 BLOOD ST
OLD LYME, CT 06371

HELEN RAZWADOWSKI
11 GRANITE STREET
NEW LONDON, CT 06320

LIST OF DRAWINGS

3. TIDAL CONVERSION DATA TABLE:

DESCRIPTION	NAVD88	MLW	MLLW
HTL	2.1	3.8	3.9
CJL	2.1	3.8	3.9
MHW	0.9	2.6	2.7
MSL	-0.3	1.4	1.5
NAVD	0	1.7	1.8
MLW	-1.6	0	0.1
MLLW	-1.8	-0.1	0

SHEET NO.	DRAWING NAME	DWG. DATE	REVISIONS	
			NO.	DATE
1	OVERALL PLAN	5/18/2022	1	8/8/2022
2	VICINITY MAP	5/18/2022		
3	GENERAL NOTES AND LIST OF DRAWINGS	5/18/2022	1	8/8/2022
4	EXISTING CONDITIONS	5/18/2022	1	8/8/2022
5	PROPOSED CONDITIONS	5/18/2022	1	8/8/2022
6	SECTION A-A	5/18/2022	1	8/8/2022

REVISED ON 8/8/2022 - USACE COMMENTS



PROJECT: INTERMODAL AND HEAVY LIFT
WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT
LOCATION: CITY OF NEW LONDON
NEW LONDON COUNTY, CONNECTICUT
WATERWAY: THAMES RIVER
DATE: MAY 18, 2022
APPLICANT: MOHAWK NORTHEAST, INC.

AGENT: SHEET 3 OF 6

DOCKO, INC.

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RAIL ROAD CROSSING

QUONSET HUTS

APPROX. LIMIT OF TEMPORARY IMPACTS
(DREDGE AREA: 755,800± S.F.)

PROPOSED BULKHEAD
-35' WIDE CONCRETE HEAVY LIFT PATH
-3' WIDE ASPHALT BUFFER BETWEEN
CONCRETE CAP AT SHEETPILES
-TIMBER FENDER PILES, APPROX. 10' O.C.
(NEW FILL AREA: 96,200± S.F.)

APPROX. BULKHEAD LENGTH
(± 1,030 L.F.) SUMMARY:
NORTH WALL ± 275 L.F.
EAST WALL ± 550 L.F.
SOUTH WALL ± 205 L.F.

THAMES RIVER



RIPIARIAN LINE PER FILARDI MAP

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B-3 /
C-3

B-4

B-5

B-6

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DREDGE AREA
(+/- 20FT.)

APPROXIMATE OUTER BOUNDARY OF STATE FILED

RIPIARIAN LINE PER FILARDI MAP
RIPIARIAN AREA

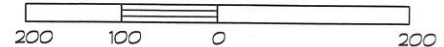
RAISED MATERIAL TRANSFER CONVEYOR FROM RAIL-TO-BARGE
(LAND-BASED SECTION SHOWN ONLY FOR CLARITY)

BOULDER SLOPE AT TOE OF BULKHEAD
(NORTH AND SOUTH LIMITS ONLY)

5' GRADE BEAMS
AT MOBILE STRUCTURE
EXISTING STORMSEWER OUTFALL

PROPOSED
CONDITIONS

GRAPHIC SCALE 1" = 200'



PROPOSED RAIL SPURS

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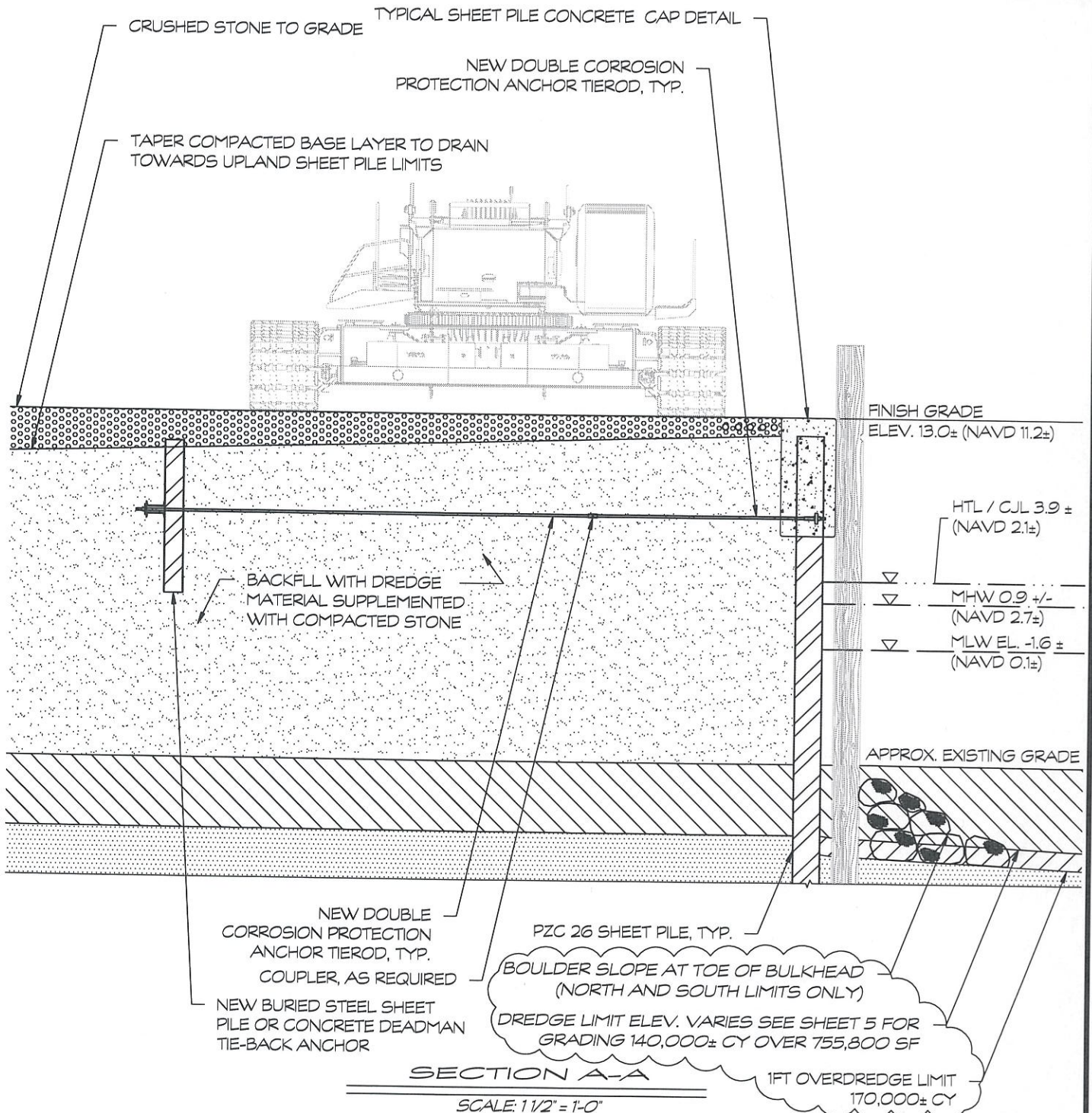
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