



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Rock Island District

PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Iowa Department of Natural
Resources - Lansing Village
CEMVR-OD-P-2020-0772

Date: July 16, 2020
Expires: July 30, 2020
Section 10

**Joint Public Notice
US Army Corps of Engineers
Iowa Department of Natural Resources**

1. **Applicant.** Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

2. **Project Location.** Section 33, Township 99 North, Range 3 West; near Lansing in Allamakee County, Iowa; approximate Mississippi River mile 662.0. Datum NAD-83. UTM Zone 15, Northing 4801047.481, Easting 645176.384. Latitude: 43.3482, Longitude: -91.2087.

3. **Project Description.**

a. **Previously Issued Permit:** The applicant was issued a 10 year dredging permit (CEMVR-RD-376450) November 16, 1999 to maintain the access for Lansing Village. The last time area was dredged was 2007. The current request is identical in dredge area and dredge spoil placement.

b. **Current Request:** The applicant proposes to perform maintenance dredging via mechanical means at the existing marina. An area measuring approximately 550 feet long by 80 feet wide will be dredged. Approximately 7000 cubic yards of material will be dredged, removing approximately 2.5 feet of material, during each occurrence to provide a water depth of 8 feet at flat pool. Dredging frequency is estimated to be once every other year. The dredged material will be placed in the existing adjacent dredged material placement site. There will be no return water from the dredged material placement site. Site was previously issued dredging permit.

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Drawing 2 of 2...Detail Map

4. **Agency Review and Where to Reply.**

a. The Department of the Army application is being processed under provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

b. **State of Iowa.** The project plans have been submitted to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for state certification of the proposed work in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The certification, if issued, will express the Department's opinion that the proposed activity will comply with Iowa's water quality standards (Chapter 61 IAC). Written comments concerning possible impacts to waters of Iowa should be addressed to: Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034. A copy of the comments should be provided to the Corps of Engineers office (see paragraph 11. of this public notice for address).

5. **Historical/Archaeological.** The District consulted with the Iowa geographic information systems archeological site and survey databases online. No previous cultural resource surveys have been completed in the permit area. The proposed activity is maintenance dredging in the existing marina. This will only include removal of recently accumulated sediments. Dredged material disposal is planned for a forested area west of the marina previously used for dredge disposal. The intent is to increase the elevation within the floodplain forest through placement of thin layers of dredged material to increase tree survival and species diversity by decreasing annual flood inundation days. With the following special condition language included in the permit verification it is the opinion of the District there will be **no effect** to the resources:

- All relocation and distribution of dredge material will be performed when surface conditions are dry and sufficiently stable to support equipment so as to not cause any more compaction or other disturbance than has occurred in the project vicinity in the past.

6. **Endangered Species.**

a. District staff has performed a preliminary review of this application for the potential impact on threatened or endangered species pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as amended. The following threatened or endangered species are listed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) as occurring in Allamakee County, Iowa:

- Northern Long-eared Bat
- Northern wild monkshood
- Prairie Bush Clover
- Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid
- Western Prairie Fringed Orchid
- Rusty Patched Bumble Bee
- Iowa Pleistocene snail
- Sheepnose Mussel
- Higgins' Eye Pearly Mussel

b. After review of the above information and the report from IADNR Sovereign Lands, our preliminary determination is that this project will have “**no effect** any listed species or Critical Habitat.” Accordingly, our preliminary determination is subject to change should further information become available.

7. **Dredge/Fill Material Guidelines.** The evaluation of the impact of the proposed activity on the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR Part 230).


8. **Public Interest Review.** The decision whether to issue the Corps permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts 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 reasonably may be expected to 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 values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, 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.

9. **Who Should Reply.** The Corps of Engineers 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. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers 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. These statements should be submitted on or before the expiration date specified at the top of page 1. These statements should bear upon the adequacy of plans and suitability of locations and should, if appropriate, suggest any changes considered desirable.

10. **Public Hearing Requests.** Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. A request may be denied if substantive reasons for holding a hearing are not provided.

11. **Reply to the Corps.** Comments concerning the Corps permit should be addressed to the US Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, Attn: OD-P (D. Hardy), Clock Tower Building - Post Office Box 2004, Rock Island, Illinois 61204-2004. **Mrs. Donna Hardy** may be contacted for additional information at (309) 794-5378 or email at donna.r.hardy@usace.army.mil.

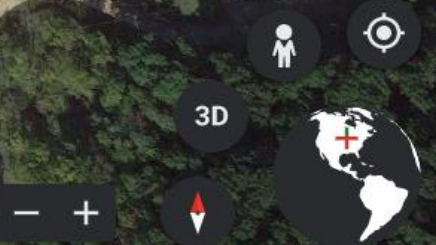
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Plan


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Regulatory Branch

Iowa DNR – Lansing Village
Red – Dredge Material Placement
Blue – Area to be dredged



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AERIAL VIEW MAP

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