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Army Corps Authorizes Use of Nationwide Permits to Ikea in Brooklyn, NY

New York – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New York District authorized, Feb. 22, 2006, the use of nationwide permits for the Ikea project proposed at One Beard Street, Red Hook, Borough of Brooklyn, NY. The nationwide permit authorizes bulkhead replacement and shoreline stabilization, removal of two sunken dry docks, together with minor dredging.

In making its authorization, the Corps coordinated with the New York State Historic Preservation Office (NYSHPO) and determined that Ikea's undertaking (that is, work to be performed pursuant to Department of the Army authorization) will have No Adverse Effect upon historic properties within the Corps jurisdiction.

It is important to note that the Department of the Army regulatory jurisdiction is limited only to those activities that would be performed in waters of the United States and activities that may affect eligible historic properties within the Corps of Engineers' jurisdiction. The Corps jurisdiction only covers a small portion of the work proposed by Ikea.

Prior to construction Ikea is required to submit a detailed plan to the Corps and NYSHPO, showing how their construction activities will be done in a manner that avoids impacts to the historic Graving Dock No. 2. The Corps and NYSHPO must approve that plan prior to initiating any construction.

In addition, a qualified archeological firm is required to monitor the removal of contaminated soils from Graving Dock No. 2 to ensure that any impacts to the graving dock are minimized.

A number of state and local agencies have regulatory authority over the entire site, and the overall project is receiving substantial review by those agencies.

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The applicant will also need to obtain approvals from the following:

- a. **NY State Department of Environmental Conservation:** Article 25 Tidal Wetlands permit, Water Quality Certification, Remediation Work Plan Approval, and State Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit for the proposed work.
- b. **City of New York:** New York City Building Permit, a New York City Department of Environmental Protection Site (NYCDEP) Connection Permit (stormwater and sanitary discharges), NYCDEP Private Water Main Permit, New York City Builders Pavement Plan Approval, and a New York City Department of Transportation Roadway Improvement Permit.

The Corps authorization is environmentally protective because:

- Existing deteriorated piers and sunken dry docks will be removed which improves aquatic habitat by decreasing shading of the waterway.
- The removal of the deteriorating timber piers and dry docks in a controlled manner eliminates the threat of damage to both recreation and commercial commuter and commercial petroleum product vessels.
- Stabilizing the eroding shoreline in a controlled manner, ends sediment and debris from getting into the waterways and waters of the harbor.