



PUBLIC NOTICE

**US Army Corps
of Engineers**
Rock Island District

Applicant: City of Clinton, Iowa

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Section 10

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

1. Applicant. City of Clinton, Iowa, 611 S. 3rd Street, Clinton, Iowa 52732.
2. Project Location. Section 6, Township 81 North, Range 7 East, Clinton County, in the City of Clinton, Iowa; Mississippi River mile 518.6.
3. Project Description. To mechanically dredge accumulated sediments in order to allow excursion boats to access an existing concrete pier. The purpose of the project is to provide adequate water depths to allow excursion boats participating in the "Grand Excursion" trip to tie off to an existing concrete pier to allow passengers to disembark and tour the City of Clinton. The City proposes to mechanically excavate approximately 3000 cubic yards of accumulated sediment to create approximately 8 feet of water depth for the excursion vessels. An area approximately 100 feet long by 120 feet wide will be dredged. The sediment will be transported by truck and/or barge to a previously utilized temporary placement site located near the Highway 136 Bridge in Clinton.
4. Agency Review.
 - a. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers. The Department of the Army application is being processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).
 - b. State of Iowa. A copy of the application has been submitted to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for review. The applicant has also applied for authorization of work in the floodplain pursuant to Chapter 455B of the Iowa Code and other applicable state permits.
5. Historical/Archaeological. The Corps consulted with the State of Iowa geographic information systems (GIS) archeological site and survey databases as maintained by the Office of the State Archaeologist of Iowa and the State Historical Society of Iowa and current as of August 2003. The query determined that there were no previously recorded archeological sites in the permit area and that the area had not been surveyed. The permit area is a dredging location in the active channel of the Mississippi River with dredged material disposal at a previously approved disposal site. The Corps has determined that no historic properties are affected by issuance of this permit for maintenance dredging because the work is confined to the active riverbed and disposal will be in a nearby parking lot. Therefore it is the opinion of the Corps that issuance of the permit will not affect historic properties because "the nature, scope, and magnitude of the work, and/or structures to be permitted are such that there is little likelihood that a historic property exists or may be affected" (33 CFR Part 325, Appendix C.3.b).
6. Endangered Species. District staff have 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. Based upon the information provided and available at this time, our preliminary determination is that the proposed activity would have no effect on federally-listed endangered or threatened species or critical habitat. While no consultation has been initiated with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) at this time, we are further coordinating this application with the FWS and the respective resource agencies through this public notice. Accordingly, our preliminary determination is subject to change should further information become available.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. Reply to the Corps. Comments concerning the Corps permit should be addressed to the District Engineer, US Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, ATTN: OD-P, Clock Tower Building - Post Office Box 2004, Rock Island, Illinois 61204-2004. **Mr. Jon Klingman (309/794-5329)** may be contacted for additional information.

Attach
Plan

Jon A. Klingman
Project Manager
Regulatory Branch

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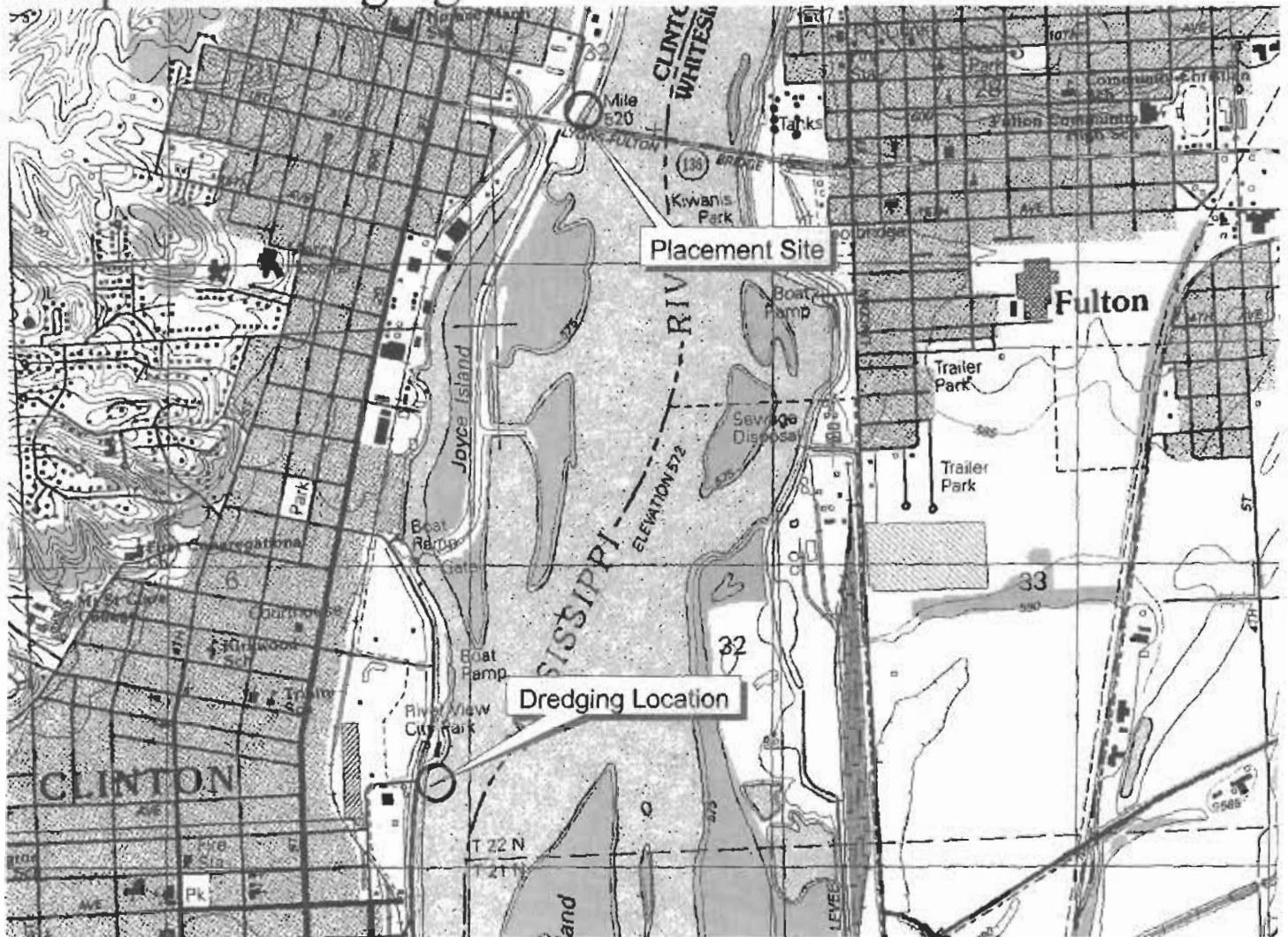
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Proposed Dredging





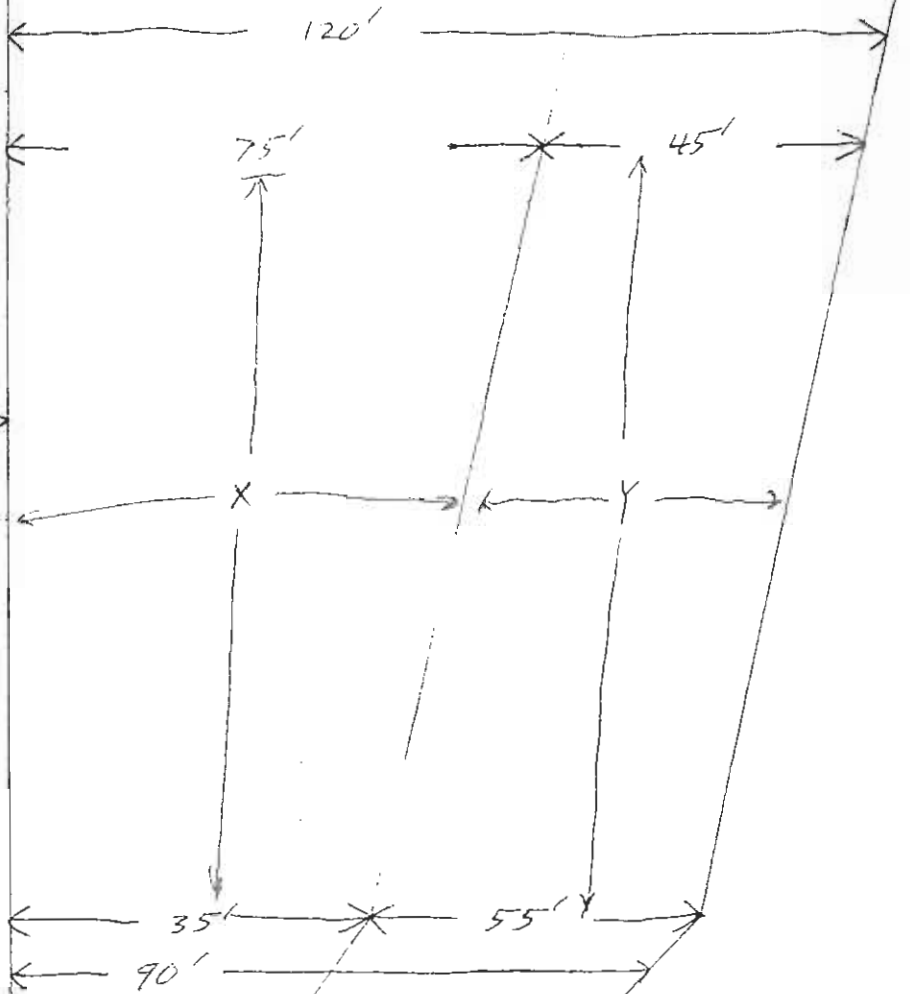
Looking downstream from the top of the flood control levee, the concrete pier is marked by an X. The dredging site would start 20 feet east of the pier and extend easterly out into the Mississippi River.

N 1'

100'

concrete pier

20'



The area to be dredged begins 20 feet out from the concrete pier. The area marked X is currently land $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 feet above the water level. The area marked Y is under water to a depth of 7 feet \pm . Dredging will result in an 8 feet \pm depth to enable Grand Excursion river boats to dock at the concrete pier.