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## Mercy Hospital seeks Corps permit to place fill material to expand hospital complex in Portland

**CONCORD, Mass.** – Mercy Hospital is seeking a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District to conduct work in waters of the United States in conjunction with expanding its existing hospital complex in Portland, Maine.

Mercy Hospital proposes to fill approximately 3.49 acres of freshwater wetland adjacent to the Fore River in Portland in order to expand an existing hospital complex. The expansion will include the addition of 250,000 square feet of space to house the Emergency Department, an expanded Acute Care Center, hospital support services, and medical office space. The expansion will allow the hospital to consolidate the two separate facilities they currently operate into one single campus.

To compensate for the project's unavoidable indirect impacts to aquatic resources, the permit applicant proposes a contribution to the Maine Natural Resource Mitigation Fund (Maine In-Lieu Fee Program). The applicant is proposing these measures seeking to lessen the project's impact on aquatic resources.

The application for the federal permit was filed by Mercy Hospital with the Corps of Engineers in compliance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, which regulates the discharge or fill of material in United States waters, including wetlands.

The public notice, with additional information, can be viewed on the Corps website at <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Regulatory/Public%20Notices/>.

Public comments referencing this permit request by Mercy Hospital (File # NAE-2012-00084) should be forwarded no later than Nov. 16, 2012 to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, Maine Project Office (ATTN: Jay Clement), 675 Western Ave., #3, Manchester, Maine 04351. Additional information is available from Permit Project Manager Jay Clement at 207-623-8367, Extension 1 or by email to [jay.l.clement@usace.army.mil](mailto:jay.l.clement@usace.army.mil).

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