PUBLIC NOTICE



696 Virginia Road Concord, MA 01742-2751 Date: August 14, 2015

Comment Period Ends: October 5, 2015

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On August 17, 2015 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will release, for public review, a Draft Dredged Material Management Plan (DMMP) and Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for Long Island Sound that was requested by the Governors of Connecticut and New York, in their letter of February 8, 2005 to the Chief of Engineers. The need for a DMMP was also identified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) June 3, 2005 Rule that designated two of the Sound's historic open-water dredged material placement sites, the Central Long Island Sound and Western Long Island Sound Sites for continued use.

A Public Notice, dated July 23, 2015, indicated that the draft DMMP and Draft PEIS review period would be 30 days and close on September 18, 2015. USACE has extended the review period to run through October 5, 2015.

Mail your comments so that they will be received in Concord, MA on or before October 5, 2015. Address written comments to:

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In addition to, or in lieu of, sending written comments, you are invited to attend one of our public hearings. Several presentations will be made at the public hearings that will assist document reviewers in understanding the process that was used in formulating and screening various management alternatives. The public hearings dates and locations are:

Monday - August 24, 2015 Village Center at Port Jefferson 101-A East Broadway Port Jefferson, NY 11777

Concord, MA 01742-2751

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. Hearing to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - August 25, 2015 Marriot Long Island 101 James Doolittle Blvd Uniondale, NY 11553

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. Hearing to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday - **August 26, 2015** University of Connecticut, Stamford 1 University Place, Stamford, CT 06901 Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. Hearing to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday - August 27, 2015 Holiday Inn New London 35 Governor Winthrop Blvd New London, CT 06320 Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. Hearing to begin at 6:00 p.m.

All interested federal, state and local agencies, interested private and public organizations, and individuals are invited to attend. Persons wishing to provide oral comments are asked to register prior to the start of the hearing. Transcripts of the meetings will be prepared. The hearing procedures are available upon request. After these comments are reviewed, any significant new issues are investigated, and any necessary modifications are made, a Final DMMP/PEIS will be published and distributed. The Final DMMP/PEIS will contain the Corps responses to comments received on the Draft PEIS.

The draft DMMP and PEIS are available on our web site at: http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/ProjectsTopics/LongIslandSoundDMMP.aspx

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