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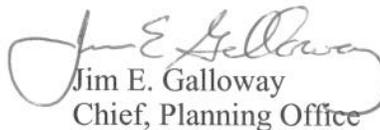
The enclosed Environmental Assessment (EA)—*Detroit Beach, Frenchtown Township Monroe County, Michigan*—is provided for your review. The EA addresses the potential environmental impacts associated with constructing replacement flood protection works to help provide permanent flood risk reduction for the Detroit Beach community. The existing seawall and tie back dikes at Detroit Beach are dilapidated and will eventually fail. Alternatives considered include: 1) No Federal Action, 2) Rehabilitate the Existing Flood Protection Wall, 3-8) Construct New Flood Protection Structure (various design alternatives), 9) Armor the Existing Fronting Dike, 10) Activate the Flood Warning System, and 11) Conduct Buyouts. The proposed action is a combination of Alternative 5 – “Replace Existing Flood Wall with New Floodwall,” which would be a H-pile/concrete panel design along the Lake Erie Shore, and Alternative 10, Activate the Flood Warning System. Additional work is proposed along the earthen dikes that tie the seawall back to higher ground, including conversion to wall in some locations

The EA includes a Section 404(b)(1) evaluation, pursuant to the Clean Water Act, for fill placement into the waters of the United States as part of the replacement of existing flood protection. Any person who has an interest that may be affected by the proposed in-water placement of fill material may request a public hearing. The request must be submitted in writing within the comment period of this notice and must clearly set forth the interest that may be affected and the manner in which the interest may be affected by this activity.

Any comments on this proposed riverbank protection project should be made before the 30-day public review period which closes July 7, 2010; otherwise it will be assumed you have no comment. Please direct your comments to:

U.S. Army Engineer District, Detroit
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Following the comment period and a review of the comments received, the District Engineer will make a final decision regarding the necessity of preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed emergency riverbank protection project. Based on the conclusions of this EA, it appears that preparation of an EIS will not be required.


Jim E. Galloway
Chief, Planning Office

Enclosure

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