



US Army Corps
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Detroit District

Public Notice

Applicant: Grosse Ile Schools

In Reply Refer To: Corps File No. LRE-2011-00673-7

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Expires: March 3, 2012

Proposed After-The-Fact Water Pump Station and Seasonal Floating Intake Structure in the Detroit River at Grosse Ile, Michigan

Applicant: Anthony Krukowski for Grosse Ile Schools, 23276 East River Road, Grosse Ile, Michigan 48138.

Project Location: The site is located east of East River Road, across the street from Grosse Ile Jr. High School at Grosse Ile, Michigan.

Federal Authority: The applicant has applied for a Department of the Army permit under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.

State Authority: Coastal Zone Management Certification (or waiver thereof) is required from the State of Michigan if this proposed activity would occur within the designated coastal zone.

Project Description: As shown on the attached plans, the applicant has placed a pre-fabricated pump station and intake structure in the river. The pump station has been placed on an existing concrete pad and connected to approximately 40' of floating pipe that run from the pump station, down the shoreline, and into the river. The 40' floating pipe is a 8 inch diameter HDPE pipe with a 30 inch x 30 inch cylindrical screen on the end, which contains 1/8 inch diameter holes. The purpose of the work is to provide an irrigation system for watering Grosse Ile Middle School and Grosse Ile High School athletic fields. The applicant is proposing to place the pipes seasonally, placing them initially in the spring and removing them in the fall. The maximum expected intake velocity is approximately 5 feet per second.

The work described herein has been partially completed without benefit of a Department of the Army permit. The application is being processed pursuant to appropriate Department of the Army regulations. The District Engineer reserves the right to order the removal of work placed without benefit of a Department of the Army permit if he deems the public interest so requires.

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Other Authorizations: A permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality under applicable provisions of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), 1994 PA 451.

Comments: We are publishing this notice in compliance with Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 320-332. Comments on the project should be submitted in writing and postmarked or delivered by the expiration date of this public notice. Comments of a positive or negative nature may be submitted. All responses must refer to file number LRE-2011-00673-7. We will interpret a lack of response as meaning that there is no objection to the permit application. Comments should be filed with: Wally Gauthier, Chief, Permit Evaluation Branch B, Regulatory Office, Detroit District, Corps of Engineers, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226-2550. Comments may be e-mailed to: Gina.R.Nathan@usace.army.mil, but must include a name and mailing address.

Public Hearing: 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.

Evaluation: The decision whether to issue the Department of the Army permit will be based on evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. This decision will reflect the national concerns 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, historic properties, 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 and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

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.

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Endangered Species: We will review this application for the potential impact on threatened or endangered species pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as amended. We are not aware of the presence of any listed species or critical habitat at or in the vicinity of the proposed worksite.

Cultural Resources: The District Staff has reviewed existing information on historic properties potentially affected by the proposed project, including the National Register of Historic Places. There are no recorded historic properties within the permit area. The permit area has been so extensively modified by modern development that little likelihood exists for the proposed project to impinge upon an undisturbed historic property.

Additional Information: This public notice and drawings are also available for viewing/printing at: <http://www.lre.usace.army.mil/functions/rf/html/pncur.htm>. Questions concerning this application may be directed to Gina Nathan at the Corps of Engineers address listed above, or telephone number (313) 226-5383.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

Wally Gauthier
Chief, Permit Evaluation Branch B
Regulatory Office

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

We request that the above notice be conspicuously and continuously posted for the time period of this notice.