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NJ Environmental Lobby

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Save the Bay

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VIA E-MAIL AND FACSIMILE

RE: PN # SHREWSBURY RIVER 09

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept these comments on behalf of Clean Ocean Action (COA), regarding the proposed maintenance dredging of up to 140,000 cubic yards (CY) of material from the Shrewsbury River Federal Navigation Project with subsequent placement on nearby beaches and / or at an upland site(s). COA is a regional, broad-based coalition of over 125 conservation, environmental, fishing, boating, diving, student, surfing, women's, business, service, and community groups with a mission to improve the degraded water quality of the marine waters of the New Jersey/New York coast. We recognize the need to dredging channels in order to maintain safe navigation and support the beneficial use of dredged material. However, we are disappointed at the lack of information in the public notice. We also urge the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (ACOE) to continue to coordinate the dredging operations and placement with managers of the Bayshore region's dredged material management plan (DMMP).

LACK OF INFORMATION

The public notice (PN) includes a very broad description of the dredging project. We understand from state officials that since the release of this PN, the actual extent of dredging has been modified to include only areas that have greater than 90% sand, and that this material will be used for beach replenishment. However, the PN also includes sediments that will require upland placement, and the project description



fails to provide necessary information on the sediment quality or potential upland placement locations of the dredged material that is less than 90% sand. Without this important information, it is impossible for the public to review and comment. Therefore, when the ACOE is ready to begin the dredging of any material that is less than 90% sand, a supplemental Public Notice must be issued that includes information on sediment quality and upland placement sites. COA would like to clarify that this request for an additional public review and comment opportunity should not impede on currently scheduled dredging operations and placement of the sand portion of the project. As this PN does provide adequate information on those sediments that are greater than 90% sand and we understand the need to maintain the current schedule for the sand portion of the dredging project.

COORDINATION WITH BAYSHORE DMMP

COA has been working in partnership with the Bayshore Regional Watershed Council, the Hazlet Area Quality of Life Alliance, and local citizens and government officials to develop a long-term, regional DMMP for the Bayshore region of Monmouth County. This newly released DMMP covers the entire sediment cycle from reducing sources, to accumulation of bottom sediments, and to the ultimate management of dredged material, including the establishment of a coordinated dredging and management process. It also identifies areas within the region that could benefit from placement of dredged material, based on quality. This effort was partially funded through a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation and included input from appropriate state and federal regulatory authorities. We understand the ACOE Project Manager, Joe Olha was recently informed of the availability of the DMMP by plan manager, Steve Taylor. We urge the ACOE to continue to work with Steve Taylor and other plan manager to better coordinate dredging and placement efforts, as well as reference the information available in the Bayshore DMMP.

Moreover, COA encourages development of a DMMP for the Shrewsbury/Navesink Rivers that includes citizen and community involvement from the beginning stages of development through its completion and ongoing use.

We appreciate the opportunity to review the proposed project and request a written response to these comments.

Sincerely,



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