



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, ROCK ISLAND DISTRICT
PO BOX 2004 CLOCK TOWER BUILDING
ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS 61204-2004

May 11, 2011

Planning, Programs, and
Project Management Division

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District (District) is proposing an experimental project through the Lake Koshkonong Planning Assistance to States Authority (Project) designed to help protect the Mud Lake Wetland Complex (MLWC). The Project is located in Lake Koshkonong on the northeast side of Stinkers Bay in Jefferson County, Wisconsin (Enclosure 1).

The MLWC is a high quality wetland in danger of becoming part of Lake Koshkonong due to the erosion of the small spit of land that currently divides the two bodies. The experimental Project consists of a shallow broad dredge cut (approximately 200' x 200' x 2') in Stinkers Bay near the North Shore Boat Launch, construction of a stone breakwater approximately 330' long, and placement of the dredged material behind the breakwater up to the shore line. The intent is to reinforce the narrow spit of land separating Lake Koshkonong and the MLWC, therefore protecting the MLWC (Enclosure 2).

The breakwater will be located off shore between ½ mile and 1 mile south of the dredge cut (Enclosure 2). If the breakwater is constructed in the northern portion of the area, terrestrial access would be via North Shore Road to Lamp Road (staging) then across private property or, if work occurs in the winter, on ice. If the breakwater is in the southern portion, terrestrial access will have to be determined, or if the work occurs in winter, on ice.

The exact location of the breakwater has yet to be determined because a record search revealed previously recorded archaeological sites in the vicinity of Lake Koshkonong. These sites could be impacted by the access roads and placement of dredge material on the shore line. Therefore, the District proposes an Area of Potential Effect (APE) as defined by the area shown on Enclosure 2 and proposes a Phase I Intensive Archeological Survey (Phase I) within the terrestrial portions of the APE.

By copy of this letter, the District invites those on the attached Distribution List to comment on the Project and the District' recommendation for a Phase I Survey, as promulgated by the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the recent 1999 amendments. If the interested parties on the Distribution List are aware of other interested parties not listed, please contact the undersigned with the missing addresses. Likewise, if anyone desires to be removed from the Distribution List on future topics relevant to compliance with the NHPA on the Project, please contact the undersigned and the address will be removed.

Questions concerning the Project or the recommendation for a Phase I Survey should be directed to Mr. Brant Vollman of our Environmental and Economics Branch, telephone (309) 794-5857, or by writing write to the address above, ATTN: Planning, Programs, and Project Management Division (Brant Vollman).

Sincerely,





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Enclosures



Enclosure 2 - Lake Koshkonong Dredge Location and APE

-  Proposed access road
-  Proposed dredge location
-  Proposed breakwater vicinity
-  Proposed Area of Potential Effect (APE) - approx. 57 acres



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