

January 13, 2012

Ms. Stacy Marshall
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Waukesha, WI 53186

Re: Lake Koshkonong Experimental Project
MARS Project Number: 1453

VIA: E-MAIL

Dear Stacy,

As you requested, this letter confirms that we do not propose to include compensatory mitigation as part of the construction of the Lake Koshkonong Experimental Project. The applicant for this project is the Rock Koshkonong Lake District. Montgomery Associates is the project consultant for the Lake District, and, as you know, we recently supplied you supplemental data for this permit application in our letter of December 20, 2011.

The reason that we have not proposed compensatory mitigation as part of this project is that one of the purposes of the project is to demonstrate the practicability of providing wetland shoreline protection and eroded wetland restoration using dredge spoil material. To use a popular expression, we believe this proposed project is "self-mitigating". The specific reasons for not proposing compensatory mitigation for this project are:

1. The area of shallow dredging for shoreline navigation access that is located north of the dredge spoil placement/wetland restoration area does not contain significant aquatic vegetation or other habitat that that would be important to replace or restore;
2. Similarly, the area of the containment berm and dredge spoil placement does not contain significant aquatic vegetation or other habitat;
3. With the exception of the crest of the containment berm, the entire area of proposed dredge spoil filling will be planted with wetland vegetation, therefore producing a net increase in wetland area post-project; and
4. The location of the dredge spoil placement will cover an existing breach in the shoreline protection project on the shoreline adjacent to Mud Lake. If this shoreline breach is not repaired, wetland erosion will accelerate compared to the historical wetland loss in this area. The shoreline protection breach area does not include any significant habitat or wetland species.

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We would be happy to discuss these issues with you further, as you complete your permit application review.

Please contact me at (608) 829-4422 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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