



Public Notice

**U S Army Corps
of Engineers**
Huntington District

In reply refer to Public Notice No.
LRH-2007-630-SCR

Issuance Date:
August 24, 2007

Stream:
Un Trib Big Walnut Creek

Closing Date:
September 23, 2007

Please address all comments and inquiries to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District
ATTN: CELRH-OR-F Public Notice No. (reference above)
502 Eighth Street
Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070

Phone: (304) 399-5210

PUBLIC NOTICE: The purpose of this public notice is to inform you of a proposal for work in which you might be interested. It is also to solicit your comments and information to better enable us to make a reasonable decision on factors affecting the public interest. We hope you will participate in this process.

REGULATORY PROGRAM: Since its early history, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has played an important role in the development of the nation's water resources. Originally, this involved construction of harbor fortifications and coastal defenses. Later duties included the improvement of waterways to provide avenues of commerce. An important part of our mission today is the protection of the nation's waterways through the administration of the Corps Regulatory Program.

SECTION 404: The Corps is directed by Congress under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344) to regulate the discharge of dredged and fill material into all waters of the United States, including wetlands. The intent of the law is to protect the nation's waters from the indiscriminate discharge of material capable of causing pollution and to restore and maintain their chemical, physical and biological integrity.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The following application has been submitted for a Department of the Army Permit under the provision of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. This notice serves as the Corps of Engineers' request to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) to act on Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the following application:

APPLICANT: Mr. Robert Talbot
4252 Shire Cove Road
Hillard, Ohio 43026

LOCATION: The proposed project is located in an unnamed perennial tributary to Big Walnut Creek south of London Groveport Road and west of a railroad near Lockbourne in Hamilton Township, Franklin County, Ohio.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED WORK: Based on information provided by the applicant approximately 2,679 linear feet of stream (0.31 acre) would be relocated for the purpose of preparing the site for a proposed warehouse facility for a Kellogg's distribution center. Plans of the proposal are attached to this notice.

ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS: A total of 0.31 acre of jurisdictional waters of the United States would be filled as a result of the proposal. The project does not require access to or siting within the waters of the United States to fulfill its basic purpose and is considered a non-water dependent activity; therefore, the applicant is required to show that other less damaging practicable alternatives are not available that would achieve the applicant's goal. The Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines state that for non-water dependent activities, practicable alternatives are presumed to be available unless clearly demonstrated otherwise. The applicant is required to provide an alternative analysis prior to receiving authorization for the placement of fill material. The applicant has submitted the required alternative analysis and it is currently under review. No permit will be issued until our review of the alternative analysis clearly shows that upland alternatives are not available to achieve the applicant's goal.

MITIGATION PLAN: To compensate for impacts to 2,679 linear feet of stream (0.31 acre), the applicant proposes to mitigate the impacts by creating approximately 2,590 linear feet of natural stream design with a 3.76 acre riparian buffer. Plans are available upon request.

A section 401 Water Quality Certification is required for this project. It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain the certification from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES: The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and it has been determined that there are currently no historic properties listed in the National Register in the area affected by the project. The applicant provided a copy of the "Phase I Cultural Resources Management Survey for a 34.4 ha (85 ac) Development Site in Hamilton Township, Franklin County, Ohio." This office submitted the report to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). A copy of this public notice will be furnished to the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office for their review. Comments concerning archeological sensitivity of the project area should be based upon collected data.

ENDANGERED/THREATENED SPECIES REVIEW: The project is located within the known or historic range of the following endangered species:

Indiana Bat
Scioto Madtom
Clubshell Mussel
Northern Riffle Shell Mussel
Rayed Bean Mussel

The Huntington District has consulted the most recently available information and based on the proposed avoidance and minimization measures stated in an E-mail dated January 24, 2007 the United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), the project may effect, but is not likely to adversely affect the Indiana bat provided the applicant does not clear suitable habitat for the Indiana bat during the designated roosting period of April 15th to September 15th. Due to the nature and location of the

project, this office has determined implementation of the proposal will have no affect on the Scioto Madtom, Clubshell Mussel, Northern Riffle Shell Mussel or Rayed Bean Mussel. This public notice serves as a request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species may be present in the area which would be affected by the proposed dredging activities, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1972 (as amended).

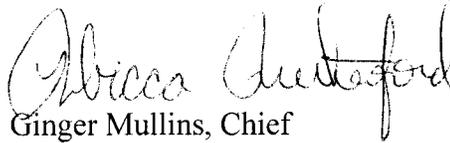
PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW AND COMMENT: Any person who has an interest that may be adversely affected by the issuance of a permit may request a public hearing. The request must be submitted in writing to the District Engineer on or before the expiration date of this notice and must clearly set forth the interest which may be adversely affected and the manner in which the interest may be adversely affected by the activity. This application will be reviewed in accordance with 33 CFR 320-331, the Regulatory Program of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and other pertinent laws, regulations, and executive orders. Our evaluation will also follow the guidelines published by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to Section 404(b) (1) of the CWA. Interested parties are invited to state any objections they may have to the proposed work. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit that reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors that may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; of 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. Written statements on these factors received in this office on or before the expiration date of this public notice will become a part of the record and will be considered in the final determination. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: 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. For accuracy and completeness of the administrative record, all data in support of or in opposition to the proposed work should be submitted in writing setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition. 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.

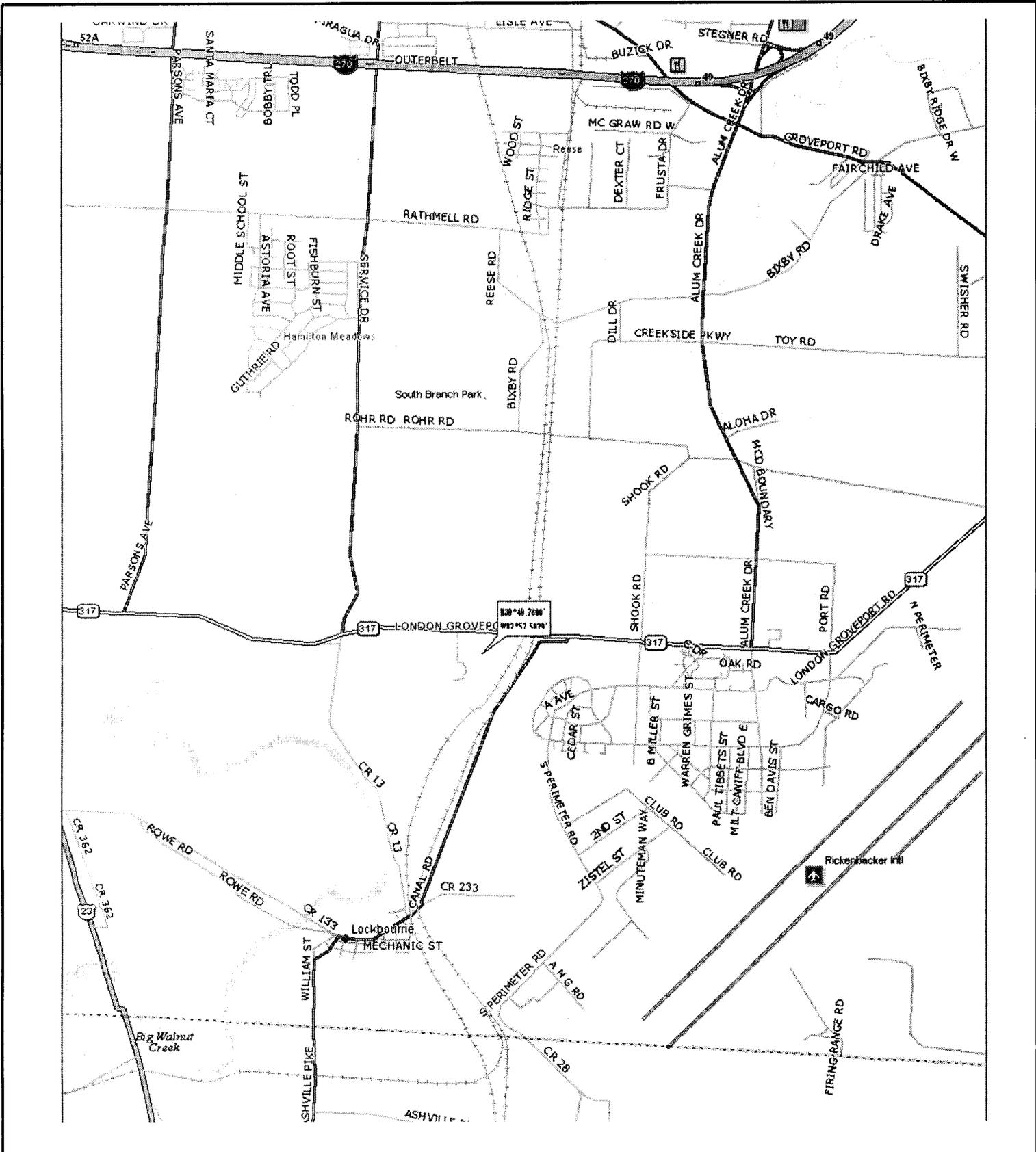
CLOSE OF COMMENT PERIOD: All comments pertaining to this Public Notice must reach this office on or before the close of the comment period listed on page one of this Public Notice. If no comments are received by that date, it will be considered that there are no objections. Comments and requests for additional information should be submitted to:

North Regulatory Permit Section - CELRH-OR-FN-2007-630-SCR
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Huntington District
502 Eighth Street
Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070

Please note, the names and addresses of those who submit comments in response to this public notice become part of our administrative record and, as such, are available to the public under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Thank you for your interest in our nation's water resources. If you have any questions concerning this public notice, please contact Mr. Stan Walker of the North Regulatory Section at 304-399-5210.


for Ginger Mullins, Chief
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Site Location Map
 85+/- Acre London Groveport Road Site
 Franklin County, Ohio

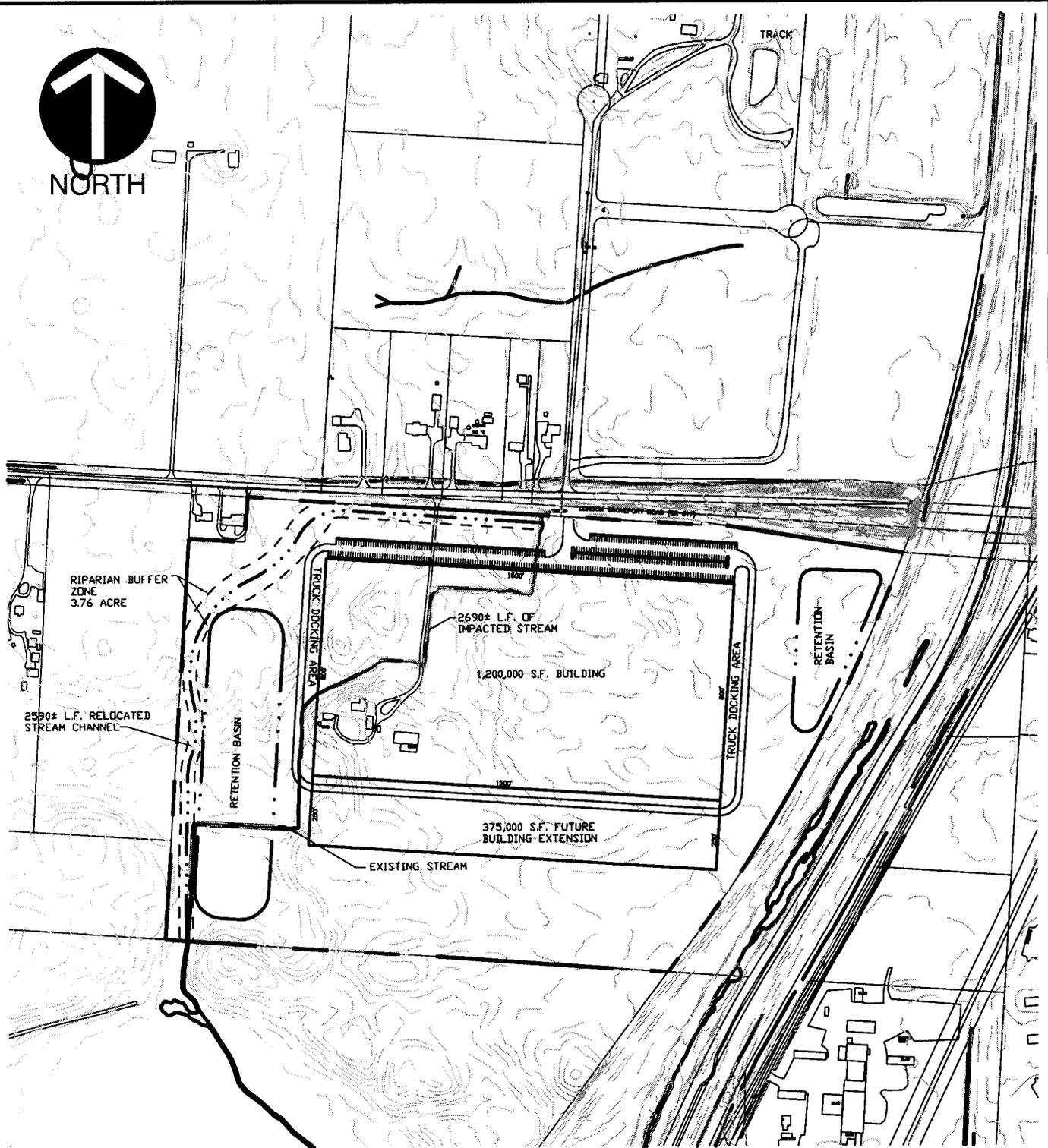
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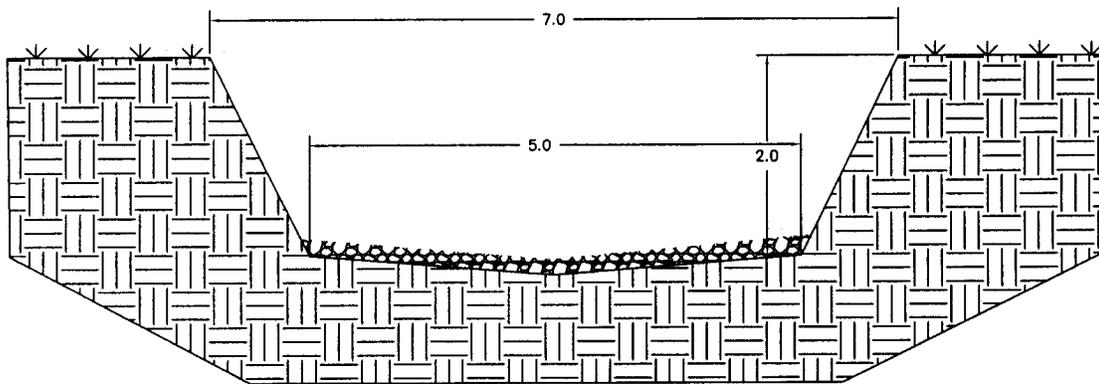
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