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This newsletter is provided as a courtesy of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers as a way to keep the citizens of Belle, W.V. up-to-date on activities during construction of the replacement lock at Marmet Locks and Dam. The newsletter is intended to provide information on current and future activities throughout the construction of the replacement lock.

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This photo shows pier sites. There are a total of 11 out of 14 sites under construction; six of which are completed.

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Construction Activities

There has been a lot of activity upstream over the last few months. The work has consisted of pier excavation, concrete placement of pier caps (as shown in the photo to the left), installation and removal of fences, and the addition of a drainage ditch at the 15th Street.

Eleven of the 14 pier sites are under construction, and six are complete. The remaining three pier sites located near the upstream cofferdam will be constructed later. As mentioned in earlier issues, concrete placement will occur at night. The 11 pier sites currently under construction are expected to be completed by late November 2005.

The remaining foundation for the upstream guidewall is the nose cell. This cell will be located upstream of the pier sites and is the last concrete foundation structure upstream. The nose cell will be similar in size and construction as one of the four harbor headwall cells constructed in the spring. This cell will be driven to rock and constructed of concrete to resist head-on impacts from barges. The contractor has informed the Corps that this activity will require additional sheet pile to be driven to shore up the excavation and allow the construction workers a safe environment. The contractor has also notified the Corps that they plan to begin this work in October as follows: Initial excavation-one week, 10-1/2-hour shift starting at 6:00 pm; Pile Driving-1.5 weeks, 10-1/2 hour shift starting at 6:00pm; Final excavation-one week, 10-1/2 hour shift starting at 6:00pm.

The temporary fence section between 17th Street and the permanent upstream fence has been removed and installation of the permanent fence is underway. Removal of resident fences is nearing completion.

The 15th Street ditch construction is complete. This ditch is located next to the permanent boundary fence on government property and is perpendicular to 15th Street.

Recent downstream activities include the new lock chamber construction, Burning Springs channel relocation and wetlands creation.

Seventy monoliths will be erected to create the lock chamber and we are 35 percent complete. Remaining excavation to the Burning Springs channel and the wetlands should be complete by the end of this month.

The total construction project is 54 percent complete.

Quarterly Community Workshop

Date: Thursday, Sept. 22, 2005
Time: Between 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Location: Corps of Engineers Construction Office
1923 West Dupont Avenue, Belle, W. Va.

The next community involvement quarterly information meeting hosted by the Corps of Engineers is Thursday, September 22, 2005, between 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Corps Resident Engineer's Office. It is not necessary for everyone to arrive at 4:30 p.m. since the presentation and tour lasts approximately 30 minutes per person. Therefore, come later if you would like; presentations and tours will continue until 7:00 p.m.

These information workshops are held quarterly to provide information to the community about the ongoing construction activities and seek input on how the Corps and contractor can reduce impacts to the surrounding communities. Representatives from the Corps are available to answer questions and provide tours of the construction site.

For more information, contact Jeffrey Jezewski at 304-399-5573 or 304-360-0292. Or you can email Jeffrey.Jezewski@lrh01.usace.army.mil.

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Community Relations

The Corps hosted an information workshop at the resident engineer office, Thursday, June 23, 2005. About 20 members of the community participated in the workshop and project tours.

The following concerns and comments were raised at the meeting:

1) Citizens were interested in the schedule for removal of personal fences next to project perimeter fence. **Work completed.**

2) Citizens were interested in the schedule to replace the upstream temporary perimeter fence.

Work is underway (see Construction Activities on page 1.

3) Citizens were interested in the schedule for construction of Burning Springs Channel. **Work is underway (see Construction Activities on page 1.**

4) Citizens were interested in additional aerial photos. These photos can be accessed by the following: Go to ftp site below to download (save or copy) photos.

<ftp://ecftp.lrh.usace.army.mil/internal/Marmet%20Resident%20Photos/>

When you click on site, you will be prompted to enter a username and password.

Both the username and password is **pubload**; type **pubload** in the username box and **pubload** in the password box. Then click log on.

You will see several picture files. Select which picture you would like and download (copy or save) it. If you would like to view pictures before downloading them; go to your toolbar and select view and select thumbnails (this may take a few minutes). Each photo is a large file and may require a few minutes to download.

To download (save or copy) a photo to your hard drive (c:/); simply right click on the photo you wish to download and click copy to folder. You will then be prompted to place the photo in a folder on your hard drive (c:/). You could also copy and paste the photo to a location on your hard drive.

Answers and updates to concerns from previous workshops

- West Virginia Division of Highways has agreed to clean street drains and catch basins at 15th Street. The work is on their schedule.

- Kokosing-FruCon has installed a sprinkler system that extends from their office to the harbor headwall area. The system will run on weekends and during non-work periods to reduce dust from the haul road.