

## **DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

### **Section 202 McDowell County Nonstructural Project laeger Town Hall Relocation McDowell County, West Virginia**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District (Corps) has conducted a supplemental environmental analysis in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. The Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) dated **DATE OF EA**, for the Section 202 McDowell County Nonstructural Project addresses relocation of the existing laeger Town Hall in McDowell County, West Virginia. The purpose of the McDowell County Nonstructural Project is to implement flood risk management measures to reduce flooding impacts and damages for the residences and businesses of McDowell County, West Virginia.

The Final SEA, incorporated herein by reference, evaluated various alternatives for potential relocation sites in the study area. Section 2.0 of the SEA discusses the proposed action and alternatives and the proposed action alternative includes:

- Construction of a replacement town hall building at the proposed locations. Relocation would include office space based on the number of paid employees; a conference room of approximately 750 square feet; restrooms that are sized according to current handicap accessible standards; an external workshop/garage; and parking that would allow for 20 vehicles. Space allowances for the offices would include files, a desk, chairs, and computer equipment. The workshop would be sized for the Town's various tools and equipment such as power tools, shelving, trimmers, ladders, etc.

In addition to a "no action" plan, three alternatives were evaluated. The alternatives sites included:

- Alternative Site A (Old Pioneer Bank): This alternative site is located adjacent to Center Street in laeger, WV and is approximately 0.50 acre. The site was acquired and demolished through the Section 202 floodproofing program.
- Alternative Site B (Old A.F. and A.M. Lodge): This alternative site is located along Center Street in laeger, WV and is approximately 0.50 acre. The site was acquired and demolished through the Section 202 floodproofing program. This site was eliminated as an alternative due to insufficient size or usable area.
- Alternative Site C (Downtown): This alternative site is located along Center Street adjacent to the existing town hall in laeger, WV and is approximately 0.75 acre. This site was acquired and demolished through the Section 202 floodproofing program. The site was eliminated as an alternative due to the removal of fill that would be required should the site be developed.

#### **SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS:**

For the No Action Alternative and Alternative A, the potential effects to the following resources were evaluated, as appropriate. The evaluation of effects was focused on key resources affected by the proposed alternatives. A summary assessment of the potential effects of the Proposed Action Alternative are listed in Table 1:

**Table 1: Summary of Potential Effects of the Proposed Action**

	Insignificant effects	Insignificant effects as a result of mitigation	Resource unaffected by action
Aesthetics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Air quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aquatic resources/wetlands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Invasive species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fish and wildlife habitat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Threatened/Endangered species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other cultural resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Floodplains	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hazardous, toxic & radioactive waste	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hydrology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Navigation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Noise levels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public infrastructure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Socio-economics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental justice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soils	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tribal trust resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Water quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Climate change	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Transportation and traffic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wild and Scenic Rivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Prime and Unique Farmland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

All practical and appropriate means to avoid or minimize adverse environmental effects were analyzed and incorporated into the recommended plan. Best management practices (BMPs) as detailed in the SEA will be implemented, if appropriate, to minimize impacts. For additional details of the proposed action alternative, see Section 3.0 of the SEA.

No compensatory mitigation is required as part of the recommended plan.

A 30-day public, state, and agency review of the Draft SEA and FONSI will be completed on DATE. All comments submitted during the public review period will be responded to in the Final EA and FONSI.

Pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers determined that the recommended plan will have no effect to the following federally listed species or their designated critical habitat: Gray bat, Indiana bat, Northern long-eared bat, Virginia big-eared bat, and Big Sandy crayfish.

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers determined that the recommended plan has no effect on historic properties.

Technical, environmental, economic, and cost effectiveness criteria used in the formulation of alternative plans were those specified in the Water Resources Council's 1983 Economic and Environmental Principles and Guidelines for Water and Related Land Resources Implementation Studies. All applicable laws, executive orders, regulations, and local government plans were considered in evaluation of alternatives. Based on this report, the reviews by other Federal, State and local agencies, Tribes, input of the public, and the review by my staff, it is my determination that the recommended plan would not cause significant adverse effects on the quality of the human environment; therefore, preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

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