

APPLICANT:

Public Notice

ISSUED: October 1, 2020 EXPIRES: October 31, 2020

SECTION:

REFER TO: MVP-2020-01500-MJB 10 - Rivers and Harbors Act

1. APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO: construct a personal recreational dock in the Mississippi River.

Adam Kimball

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located in Section 11, Township 104 North, Range 4 West, Houston County, Minnesota. The dock is proposed within the Mississippi River near River Mile 699.5. The approximate UTM coordinates are Zone 15 N 4854425.1, E 638260.6. Latitude 43.829600, Longitude -91.281040.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AND STRUCTURE: The applicant is proposing to install a private recreational dock within 560 square feet of the Mississippi River. The dock would total approximately 352 square feet, the boat lift would be approximately 80 square feet, and the two jet ski lifts would total approximately 96 square feet within the Mississippi River. The dock pilings would be driven in via crane barge and a vibratory pile driver. The dock is proposed to be a Hewitt Truss floating boat dock. All work would be within the Mississippi River, other than the attachment of the dock ramp to shore. No discharge of dredged or fill material is proposed within an aquatic resource in association with this project.

SURROUNDING LAND USE: The project location is south (downstream) of the Canadian Pacific Railroad Bridge (Swing Bridge) located at River Mile 699.8 between La Crescent, MN and La Crosse, WI, and along the navigation channel of the Mississippi River. Residential homes located along the western shoreline are facing forested islands within the Mississippi River. Barge traffic must travel through the southwestern side of the railroad bridge that is south (downstream) of this project location, along the western shoreline in close proximity to the proposed dock.

2. SECTION 10 NAVIGATION CHANNEL

The project is located in proximity to the 9-foot navigation channel and effects to navigation are being evaluated. The Corps of Engineers is coordinating the project internally, as well as with the United States Coast Guard, and with the representatives from the River Industry Action Committee.

3. FEDERALLY-LISTED THREATENED OR ENDANGERED WILDLIFE OR PLANTS OR THEIR CRITICAL HABITAT

In accordance with the Official Species List generated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Information for Planning and Consultation website the project location is within the known or historic range of the following Federally-listed species:

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Northern Long-eared Bat Hibernates in caves and mines – swarming in

surrounding wooded areas in autumn. Roosts and forages in upland forests during spring and summer.

Higgins Eye (pearlymussel) Mississippi River

Sheepnose Mussel Mississippi River

This application is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Any comments it may have concerning Federally-listed threatened or endangered wildlife or plants or their critical habitat will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

4. HISTORICAL/ARCHAEOLOGICAL

The Corps will review information on known cultural resources and/or historic properties within and adjacent to the project area. The Corps will also consider the potential effects of the project on any properties that have yet to be identified. Any adverse effects on historic properties will be resolved prior to the Corps authorization, or approval, of the work in connection with this project.

The latest version of the National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and no listed properties (known to be eligible for inclusion, or included in the Register) are located in the project area.

5. PUBLIC HEARING REQUESTS

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, in detail, the reasons for holding a public hearing. A request may be denied if substantive reasons for holding a hearing are not provided or if there is otherwise no valid interest to be served.

6. PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW

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 which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects. Among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, 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 and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Environmental and other documents will be available for review in the St. Paul District Office.

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. 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.

7. REPLIES/COMMENTS

Interested parties are invited to submit to this office written facts, arguments, or objections within 30 days of the date of this notice. These statements should bear upon the suitability of the location and the adequacy of the project and should, if appropriate, suggest any changes believed to be desirable. Comments received may be forwarded to the applicant.

Replies may be addressed to:

Regulatory Branch St. Paul District Corps of Engineers c/o Meghan Brown 1114 South Oak Street La Crescent, MN 55947-1560

Or, IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT, contact Meghan Brown at the La Crescent office at 651-290-5688 or Meghan.J.Brown@usace.army.mil.

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Enclosure:

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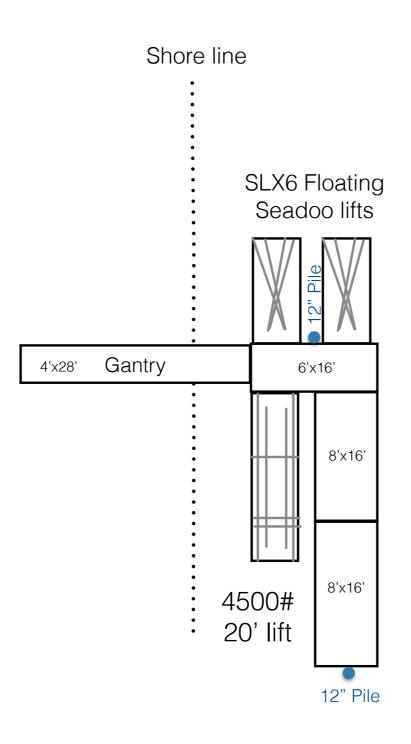


Address: 418 Shore Acres Rd LaCrescent, MN 55947		U.S. Army Corps of Engineers St. Paul District Regulatory Branch Received: 08/18/2020 By: JAS	
18. Nature of Activity (Description of Hewitt Truss floating dock per Dock Materials: 2-12" STEEL PILES 4-4X16 TRUSS FLOATING 1-6X16 TRUSS FLOATING 1-4X28 ALUMINUM GANGV 1-4500# 20' BOAT PORT 2-Seadoo floating lift	drawing with galvanized steel frame and po	wder coated aluminum decking.	
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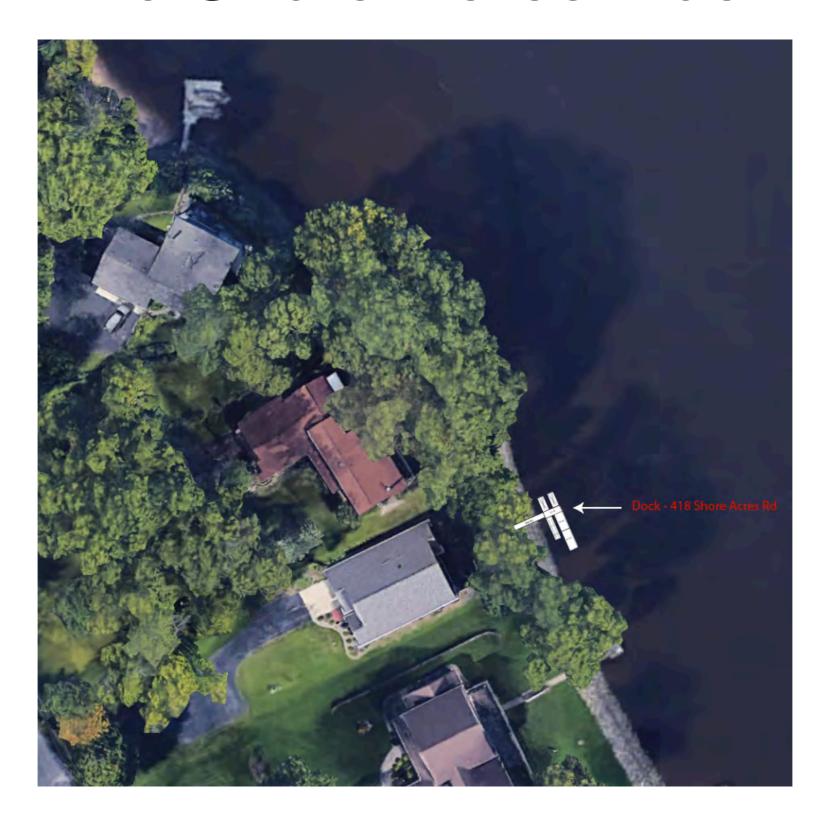
17. DIRECTIONS TO THE SITE

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