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In Reply Refer to:
Environmental Resources Branch

Draft
INTEGRATED FEASIBILITY REPORT/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY
CONTINUING AUTHORITIES PROGRAM
SECTION 205 OF THE FLOOD CONTROL ACT OF 1948, AS AMENDED
EASTWICK, PHILADELPHIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

In accordance with Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended, Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, notice is hereby given that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District, is issuing a draft integrated feasibility report and environmental assessment (IFR/EA) titled *Eastwick, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, Flood Risk Management, Continuing Authorities Program, Section 205 of the Flood Control Act of 1948, as amended*. The EA evaluates several alternative flood risk management solutions, and identifies a preferred alternative/tentatively selected plan (TSP).

For the preferred alternative/TSP, the USACE, in partnership with the Philadelphia Water Department, proposes to construct a levee to manage flooding from Cobbs Creek during high streamflow events in the Eastwick neighborhood of Philadelphia (i.e., the tentatively selected plan). The 1300-foot long levee would be located along the left bank of Cobbs Creek within the city-owned Eastwick Regional Park and Clearview Landfill (Figure 1). The levee design was modeled to be effective to reduce flooding up to and including the 1% AEP (Annual Exceedance Probability) (100-year floodplain).

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, a draft IFR/EA and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) statement has been prepared for this project, and is being circulated to the appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and the interested public. This document can be obtained from:
<http://www.nap.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/PublicNoticesReports.aspx>.

In accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, impacts on wetlands would be avoided or minimized, if possible. If it is not possible, wetland impacts would be mitigated. All required permits would be obtained.

In accordance with Section 307 (c) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, an activity affecting land or water uses in a State's coastal zone must be consistent with the enforceable policies of a State's Coastal Zone Management Program. Concurrence with the USACE's CZM consistency determination is being requested from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

It has been determined that the proposed work is not likely to adversely affect any listed species or their critical habitat pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as amended.

Review of the National Register of Historic Places indicates that no registered properties, or properties listed as eligible for inclusion, would be impacted.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-267), requires all Federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). No effects on EFH are expected.

All practicable means to avoid or minimize adverse environmental effects have been incorporated into the TSP. The public and all agencies are invited to comment on this proposal. More detailed information on this work is available for public review at the Philadelphia District Office.

Any person may request, in writing, to the District Engineer, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this proposal. Requests for a public hearing shall state, in detail, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

All comments on the work described in this public notice should be directed to Mr. Peter R. Blum, P.E. ATTN: Environmental Resources Branch, at PDPA-NAP@usace.army.mil no later than 30 days from the date of this notice.

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Figure 1 – Eastwick Project Area