

US Army Corps of Engineers. Philadelphia District

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Public Notice

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June 19, 2017

Application No.

File No.

In Reply Refer to:

REGULATORY BRANCH

This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments and recommendations from the public concerning issuance of a Department of the Army permit for the work described below.

APPLICANT: Berkeley Township

P.O. Box 627

Pinewald Keswick Road Bayville, NJ 08721

AGENT: Remington Vernick and Vena

9 Allen Street

Toms River, NJ 08753

WATERWAY: Barnegat Bay

LOCATION: 299 Butler Boulevard

Berkeley Township, NJ 08721 (39.886129, -74.136189)

ACTIVITY: The applicant proposes to remove the existing and install a new bulkhead, remove and install two new groins with solar navigation lights, replenish the beach with sand and install a new crabbing dock. A total of 136, 10" diameter piles will be driven on the project site. However, only 79 piles will be placed below the Mean High Water Line (MHWL). The proposed northern construction includes replacement of an existing 155 linear foot deteriorating bulkhead with a new 99 linear foot by 2 foot wide timber and vinyl sheeting bulkhead, a 90 linear foot by 3.5 foot wide timber/vinyl groin, and a 195 linear foot x 4 foot wide crabbing dock. Total area of impacts is 1,294 square feet for the northern construction portion of the project. The proposed southern construction includes replacement of an existing 217 linear foot bulkhead with a 150 linear foot by 2.5 foot wide timber/vinyl groin, and a 67 linear foot by 2 foot wide new timber bulkhead with vinyl sheeting. Total area of impact of 629 square feet for the southern construction portion of the project. All in water work will be performed from a barge that will be moved along both the northern and southern bulkheads. Lastly, the beach reconstruction includes

the placements of 740 cubic yards or 6, 450 square feet of engineered beach sand from Lacey Natural Sand along the existing beach area to expand the beach.

PURPOSE: The applicant's stated purpose is to restore and enhance resiliency against wave action on the beach area located at the end of Butler Boulevard in Berkeley Township, Ocean County, New Jersey. The project will also restore the beach to pre-Sandy conditions since the entire area was severely eroded during Superstorm Sandy.

A preliminary review of this application indicates that the proposed work may adversely affect listed species or their critical habitat pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as amended. However, with best management practices implemented in the project this determination could be modified. This determination will be coordinated with The National Marine Fisheries Service.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the activity's probable impact including its cumulative impacts on the public interest. The decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the work must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the work will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs and welfare of the people. A Department of the Army permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

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.

Comments on the proposed work should be submitted, in writing, within 30 days to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District, Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-3390.

The permit action may have the potential to impact historic properties eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The USACE Cultural Resource Specialist will consult with the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office and make a determination on potential impacts to historic properties.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act 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). A

preliminary assessment of the species listed in the "Guide to Essential Fish Habitat Designations in the Northeastern United States, Volume IV: New Jersey and Delaware", dated March 1999, indicated that the project may have an adverse effect on EFH and the species of concern.

Analysis of the Effects: The United Stated Fish and Wildlife Service will need to initiate consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service to ensure that any action taken will not have a substantial effect on EFH.

Compensatory mitigation according to Federal regulation 33 CFR 325.1(d)(7), applicants wishing to discharge dredged and fill material into waters of the U.S. must include a statement on how they have avoided and minimized impacts as well as how they intend to compensate for unavoidable impacts. The applicant has avoided/minimized impacts to the aquatic environments by staging all construction equipment for the fill portion of the project on uplands as well as making sure fill is only being placed to pre-sandy conditions.

In accordance with Section 307(c) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, applicants for Federal Licenses or Permits to conduct an activity affecting land or water uses in a State's coastal zone must provide certification that the activity complies with the State's Coastal Zone Management Program. The applicant has stated that the proposed activity complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the approved State Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program. No permit will be issued until the State has concurred with the applicant's certification or has waived its right to do so. Comments concerning the impact of the proposed and/or existing activity on the State's coastal zone should be sent to this office, with a copy to the State's Office of Coastal Zone Management.

In accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, a Water Quality Certificate is necessary from the State government in which the work is located. Any comments concerning the work described above which relate to Water Quality considerations should be sent to this office with a copy to the State.

The evaluation of the impact of the work described above on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act.

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 application. Requests for a public hearing shall state in writing, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Additional information concerning this permit application may be obtained by calling at (215) 656-8597, via email at Genevieve.T.Rybicki@usace.army.mil, or writing this office at the above address.

Edward E. Bonner Chief, Regulatory Branch

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LOCATION MAP

PROJECT

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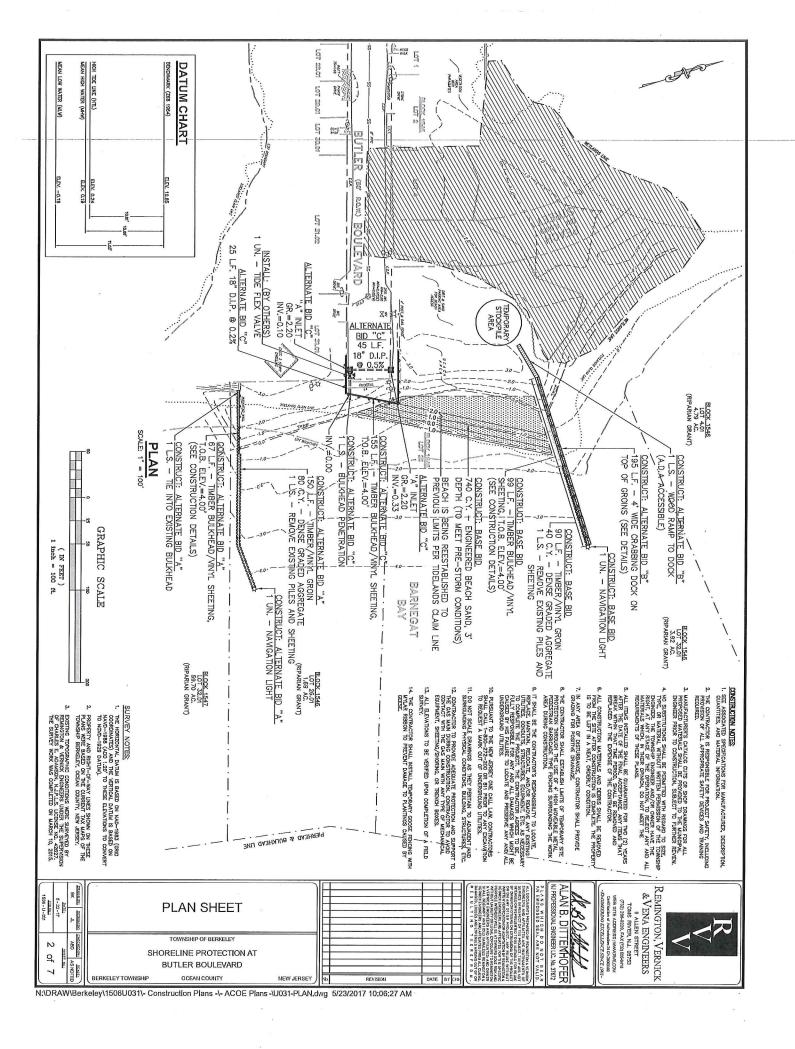
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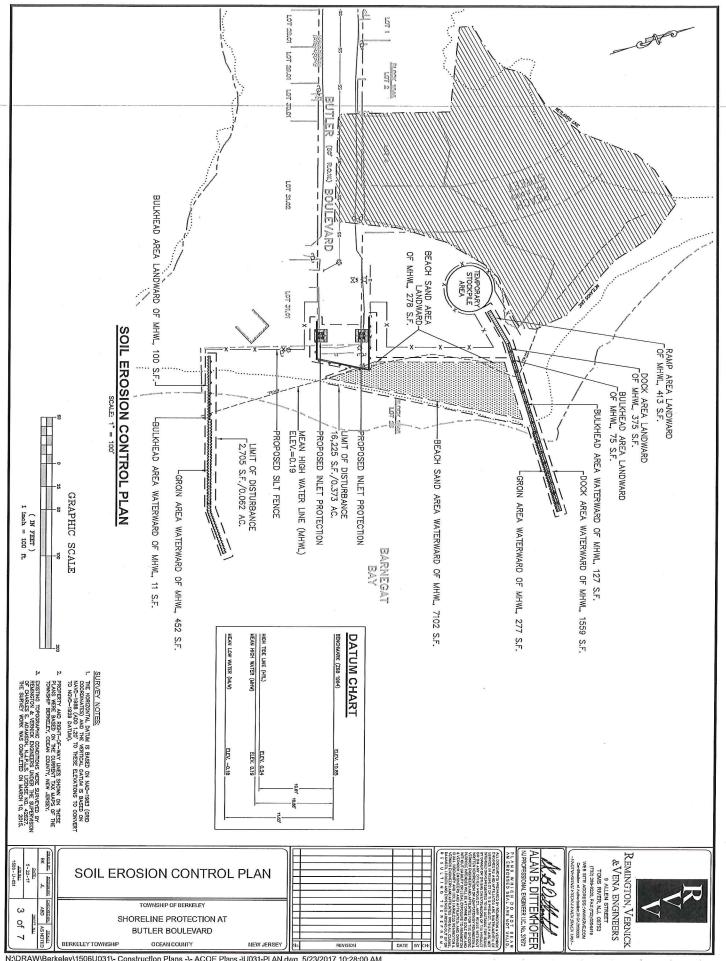
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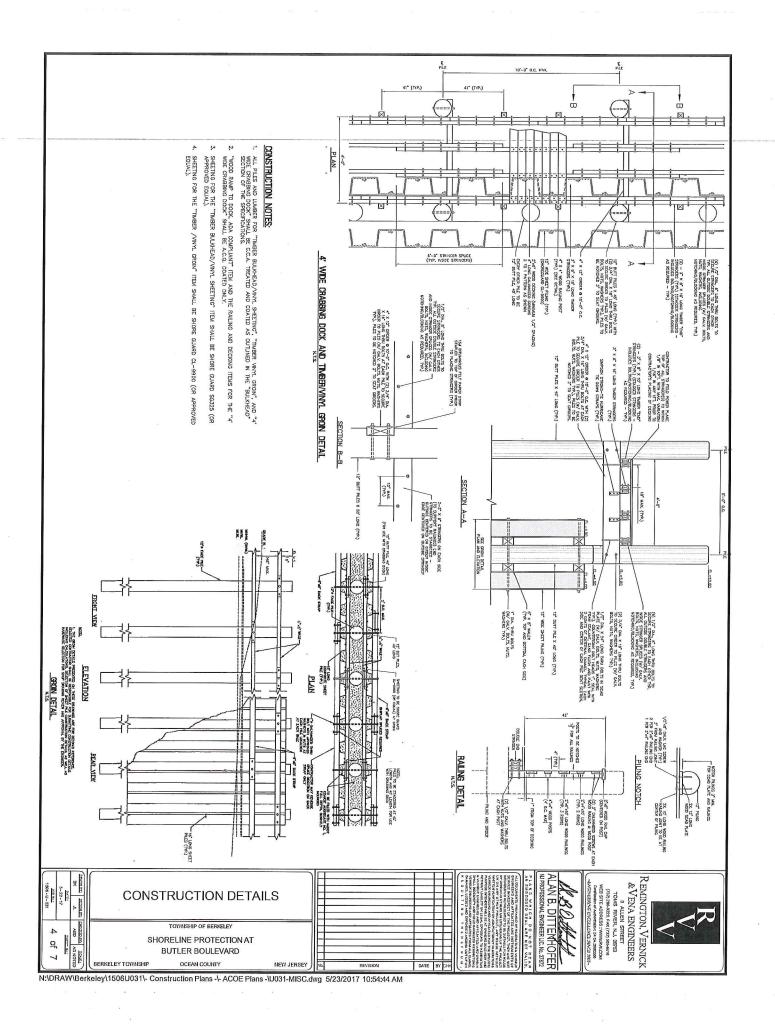
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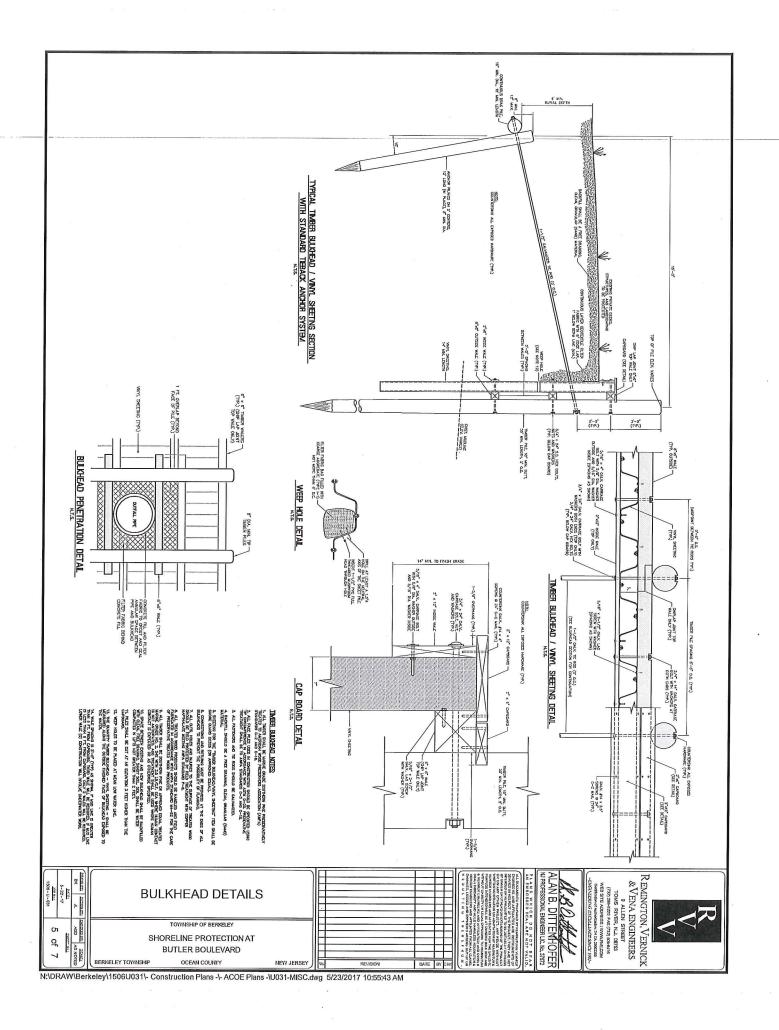
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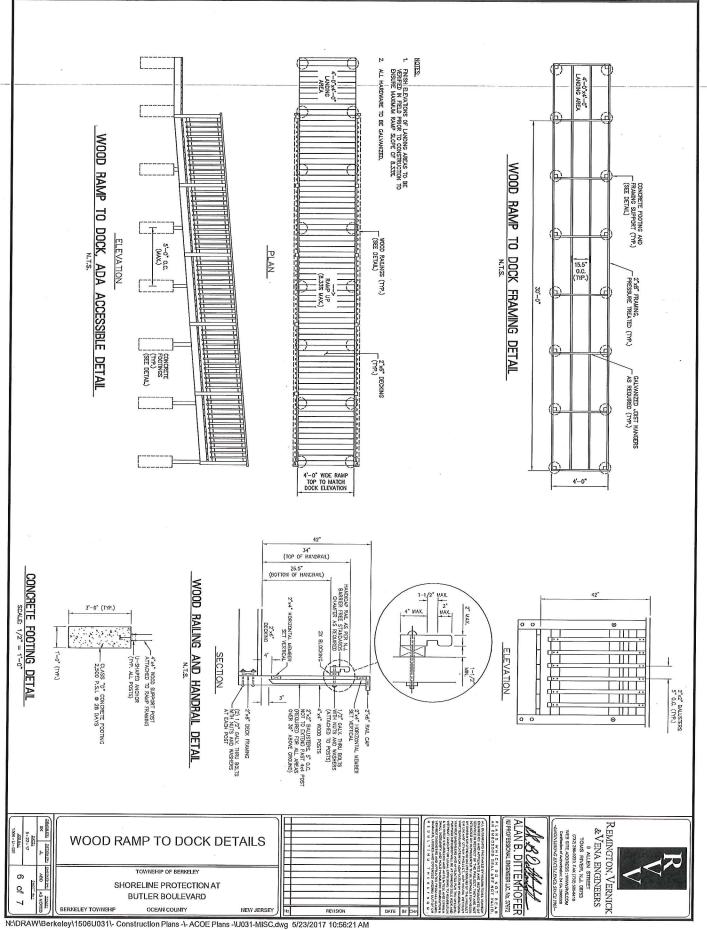
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