

**Public Notice** 

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Reply To: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Attn: CEMVS-OD-F 1222 Spruce Street St. Louis, MO 63103-2833 Public Notice No. <u>P-2942</u> (2015-854) Public Notice Date <u>February 24, 2016</u>

Expiration Date

## Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until: March 15, 2016

Interested parties are hereby notified that a request has been received for a Department of the Army, Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act permit, to install two additional boat docks and mooring points for recreational pleasure craft and less frequent mooring of short-term duration excursion vessels, on the Mississippi River.

**<u>COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u>**: Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers File Number shown above and must reach this office no later than the above expiration date to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ATTN: OD-F (Charles Frerker) 1222 Spruce Street St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

**<u>APPLICANT</u>**: Mr. Michael Osborne, Emerald City Enterprises, LLC, P.O. Box 55, Clarksville, Missouri 63336 (573) 324-4983.

**LOCATION:** The project is located at the applicant's existing Clarksville Boat Club property, which is at 301 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street, in Clarksville, Pike County, Missouri. The boat docks and mooring apparatus would be located adjacent to the right descending bank of the Mississippi River, at approximate river mile 273.0 (See Attachment).

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The applicant requests permission to install two boat dock structures within the existing Clarksville Boat Club property. An existing boat dock would be removed and replaced with an "E" shaped boat dock. This dock would be approximately 60-feet-long and installed directly adjacent to the riverbank. Three extensions from the bankline dock structure would project 30-feet riverward to form the "E" shaped boat dock. The walkway portion of the dock and extensions would be approximately 6-feet-wide. The dock structures would have enclosed float apparatus secured to the underside at appropriate spacing for stable walking conditions. The dock would be secured to mooring points installed in the adjacent bankline with connecting cable/winch systems to allow adjustments to coincide with changing river heights. Recreational vessels travelling the river could temporarily dock their boats and visit the applicant's proposed restaurant/lounge building to be constructed on an adjacent, non-jurisdictional area where the applicant's existing boat club building would be demolished. The applicant also proposes to install an 8-feet-wide by 200feet-long dock parallel with the riverbank. This dock would be installed immediately downstream of the proposed "E" shape dock and would also be positioned directly against the bankline. It would be multi-purpose to allow recreational vessels to temporarily moor their boats parallel to the dock or for infrequently mooring larger tour boats visiting the area for short duration stays. Individuals on the recreational vessels or the tour boats would have the opportunity to visit shops and historic areas of Clarksville during short stops in the area. The applicant hopes to provide additional temporary mooring, visitation and economic gain for the local

the area for short duration stops. Individuals on the recreational vessels or the tour boats would have the opportunity to visit shops, restaurants and historic areas of Clarksville during short stops in the area. The applicant hopes to provide additional temporary mooring, visitation and economic gain for the local economy. The applicant has contacted different tour vessel companies that periodically travel the river about potentially using the longer dock as a temporary mooring stop. There is no contract in place that the cruise line vessels would use the facility. If they do not, the longer dock would still allow access for recreational craft to temporarily dock at the facility (See Attachments).

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Additional information may be obtained by contacting the applicant, Mr. Michael Osborne at **573-324-4983** or U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Project Manager, Mr. Charles Frerker at electronic mail: *charles.f.frerker@usace.army.mil* 

<u>AUTHORITY</u>: This permit will be processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

**<u>PUBLIC HEARING</u>**: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding the public hearing.

**ENDANGERED SPECIES:** The proposed project is within the range of the endangered Indiana bat (**Myotis sodalis**), Gray bat (**Myotis gricescens**), Fat pocketbook mussel (**Potamilus capax**) and the threatened Northern long-eared bat (**Myotis septentrionalis**), and Decurrent false aster (**Boltonia decurrens**). A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act as amended, has been made that the proposed activity is not likely to affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. In order to complete our evaluation, written comments are solicited by this public notice from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals.

<u>CULTURAL RESOURCES</u>: The St. Louis District will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the public in response to this public notice and we may conduct, or require a reconnaissance survey of the project area.

**EVALUATION:** The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit that may reasonably be expected to accrue from the described activity must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the described activity will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion, and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army 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 these proposed activities. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army 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 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.

In accordance with 33 CFR 325.3, it is presumed that all interested parties and agencies will wish to respond to public notices; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the proposed project.

Danny D. McClendon, Chief Regulatory Branch

Attachments

## NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 21 days from the date of issuance of this notice.





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Two Proposed Boat Docks, River Mile 273(R) Clarksville, Pike County, Missouri