

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO ALTER A U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROJECT UNDER SECTION 408

TITLE: South Jersey Gas Company – JFK Road Gas Main Renewal Project - Installation of One New Natural Gas Main Utility Line via Horizontal Directional Drilling Method beneath the Maurice River Federal Navigation Channel in the City of Millville, Cumberland County, New Jersey

PUBLIC NOTICE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: NAP-2022-00274-95

PUBLIC NOTICE COMMENT PERIOD:

Begins: **09 March 2022**

Expires: **08 April 2022**

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army Section 408 permission for certain work at or near a federal project of the United States, as described below and shown on attached figures. Written comments are being solicited from anyone having an interest in the requested alteration. Comments will become part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE's) administrative record and will be considered in determining whether to approve the request. Comments supporting, opposing, or identifying concerns that should be considered by the USACE in its decision process are all welcome.

This public notice is not a paid advertisement and is for public information only. Issuance of this notice does not imply USACE endorsement of the project as described.

1. REQUESTER: In compliance with 33 USC 408 (Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899; hereinafter Section 408), South Jersey Gas Company has requested permission to install, via the Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) method, one new natural gas main utility line beneath the Maurice River Federal Navigation Channel in the City of Millville, Cumberland County, New Jersey.

2. LOCATION: The proposed project is located at the Maurice River between Ware Avenue and Riverside Drive, approximately 610.0-linear feet south of the West Main Street Bridge, in the City of Millville, Cumberland County, New Jersey. Approximate center coordinates: 39.393561, -75.040288.

3. LOCATION MAP(S)/DRAWING(S): Please see attached Project Plans (Sheet 1 of 1).

4. REQUESTER'S PROPOSED ACTION: From upland entry and exit pits, install, via the HDD method, one (1) new 8.0-inch diameter steel natural gas main utility line to 15.0-feet

beneath the existing river bottom; corresponding to a distance of approximately 202.0-linear feet between the Mean High Water lines at the eastern and western banks of the Maurice River.

5. REGULATORY AUTHORITY: This request will be reviewed according to the provisions of Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 408). A requestor has the responsibility to acquire all other permissions or authorizations required by federal, state, and local laws or regulations, including any required permits from the USACE Regulatory Program under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403), Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC Section 1344) and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 USC 1413). Any Section 10/404/103 permit decision associated with the proposed alteration is separate from and will not be included in the Section 408 permission decision. An approval under Section 408 does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges nor does it authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE: A decision on a Section 408 request is a federal action, and therefore subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other environmental compliance requirements. While ensuring compliance is the responsibility of USACE, the requester is providing all information that the Philadelphia District identifies as necessary to satisfy all applicable federal laws, executive orders, regulations, policies, and ordinances. Based on information provided by the applicant to date, current Corps regulations governing NEPA implementation, and/or the contents of existing NEPA documentation if available, it is likely that the proposed action will be determined to be categorically excluded from the need to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This determination will be finalized following completion of agency coordination and prior to issuance of the Section 408 Permission Decision.

7. EVALUATION: As part of its evaluation, USACE will first make a determination that the submittal from the requestor is complete. The Philadelphia District is working closely with the requestor to ensure that all required technical plans, maps, drawings, and specifications are provided and are complete. Once the package is complete, a District-led review will be conducted to determine, in accordance with Engineering Circular (EC) 1165-2-216, whether the proposed alteration will impair the usefulness of the USACE Project or be injurious to the public interest, as follows:

- A. *Impair the Usefulness of the Project Determination.* The Philadelphia District's Section 408 review team will determine if the proposed alteration will limit the ability of the federally authorized project to function as authorized, or will compromise or change any authorized project conditions, purposes or outputs.
- B. *Injurious to the Public Interest Determination.* Proposed alterations will be reviewed to determine the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, on the public interest. Evaluation of the probable impacts that the proposed alteration to the USACE project may have on the public interest requires a careful weighing of all those factors that are relevant in each particular case. Factors that may be relevant to the public interest depend upon the type of USACE project being altered

and may include, but are not limited to, such things as conservation, economic development, historic properties, cultural resources, environmental impacts, water supply, water quality, flood hazards, floodplains, residual risk, induced damages, navigation, shore erosion or accretion, and recreation. The decision whether to approve an alteration will be determined by the consideration of whether benefits are commensurate with risks. If the potential detriments are found to outweigh the potential benefits, then it may be determined that the proposed alteration is injurious to the public interest.

8. SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: The USACE 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 the proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by USACE to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permission 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 considered in making a final determination whether the proposed action will be categorically excluded from the need to prepare further NEPA documentation. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

- A. It should be noted that materials submitted as part of the Section 408 request become part of the public record and are thus available to the general public under the procedures of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Individuals may submit a written request to the Philadelphia District Corps of Engineers, Office of Counsel to obtain copies of said materials under the FOIA.
- B. It is presumed that all parties viewing this notice will wish to respond to this public notice; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the project as described.

9. COMMENT SUBMISSION AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Written comments on the described work should reference the USACE Public Notice Identification Number found on the first page of this notice. Comments must reach this office no later than the stated expiration date of the Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments or requests for additional information should be mailed or emailed to the following address:

Email: JuanCarlos.Corona@usace.army.mil

Mailing Address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

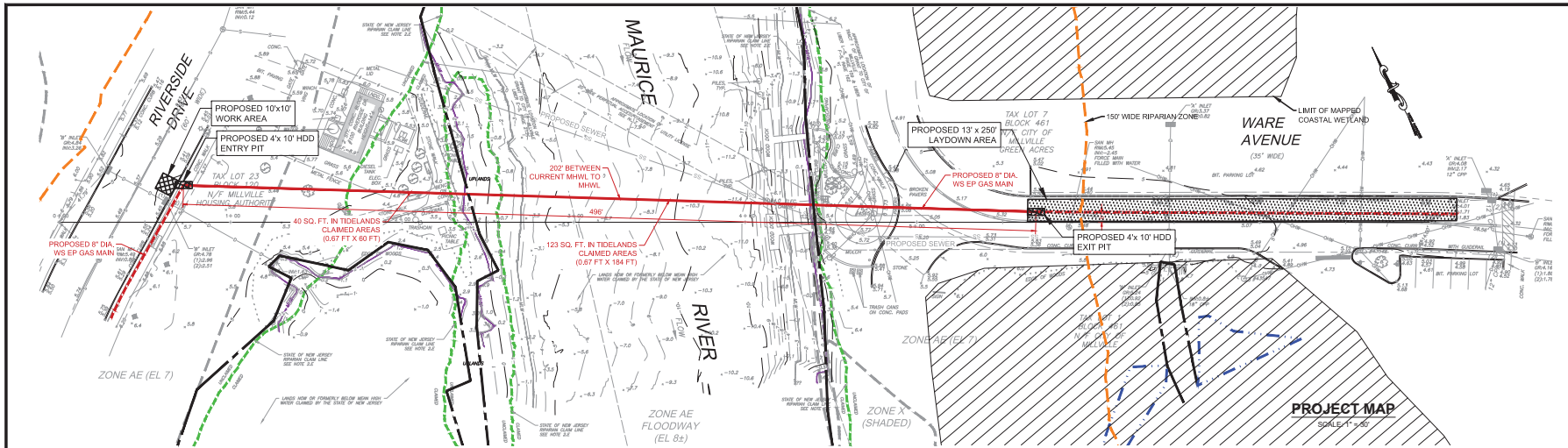
Philadelphia District

ATTN: Juan Carlos Corona

7th Floor

100 Penn Square East

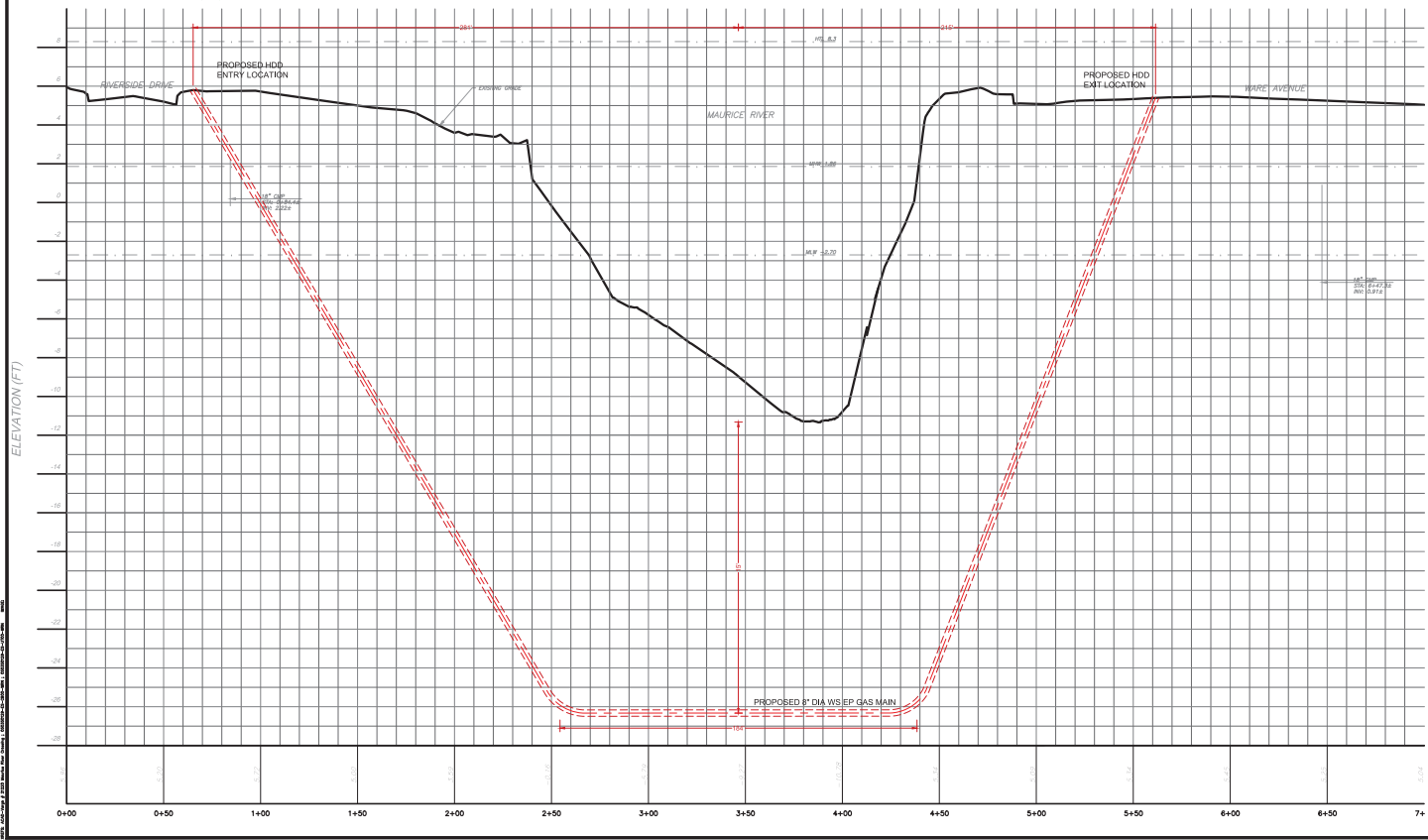
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REV / ISSUE	DATE	DESCRIPTION

LEGEND

- CURB
- EDGE OF PAVEMENT
- EDGE OF STONE
- EDGE OF DIRT
- INSTALLATION OPENINGS
- LAYDOWN AREA
- MAPPED COASTAL WETLANDS
- PROPOSED GAS MAIN
- PROPOSED HDD
- PS&S DELINEATED WETLAND LINE
- MEAN HIGH WATER (EL. 1.86)
- WETLAND TRANSITION LINE
- RIPARIAN ZONE
- NJ RIPARIAN CLAIM LINE
- TOP OF BANK



- SUBJECT MATTER:**
- THIS SURVEY WAS PERFORMED WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A REPORT OF TITLE AND IS SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS OF RECORD AND OTHER PERTINENT FACTS WHICH A CURRENT REPORT OF TITLE WOULD DISCLOSE.
 - REFERENCE MAPS:
 - EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN OF WARE AVENUE PUBLIC MARKET FACILITY PREPARED BY THE CITY OF MILLVILLE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, DATED 2009A, LAST REVISED 10/05E.
 - TERRITORY SURVEY TOLLGATE MAP OF WARE AVENUE PUBLIC MARKET FACILITY PREPARED BY THE CITY OF MILLVILLE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, DATED 2003D, LAST REVISED 03/08E.
 - CONSTRUCTION PLAN FOR MILLVILLE SEWER DEPARTMENT WEST SIDE PUMP STATION AND FORCE MAIN PREPARED BY ADAMS, ROBINSON & REGAN ASSOCIATES, INC., DATED 11/10/08E.
 - NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GENERAL PARCEL PROPERTY MAP ROUTE 481 TOLL SECTION 1 BRIDGE OF MAURICE RIVER, DATED 2010A.
 - STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MAP SHOWING CONVEYANCE ON MAURICE RIVER NORTH, JULIUS SHEET NO. 203-1890.
 - TAX ASSESSMENT MAPS OF THE CITY OF MILLVILLE, CLAMBERLAND COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, SHEETS 17 AND 46.
 - UTILITIES SHOWN HEREON ARE BASED ON OBSERVABLE EVIDENCE AT THE TIME OF THE SURVEY. UNDERGROUND UTILITIES MAY NOT NECESSARILY BE COMPLETE AND MUST BE FIELD VERIFIED PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION FROM TO ANY GROUND DISTURBANCE AND/OR EXCAVATION CONTRACTOR AND/OR OWNER MUST CONTACT NEW JERSEY ONE CALL (811).
 - HORIZONTAL DATUM IS REFERENCED TO NEW JERSEY STATE PLANE COORDINATES (NAD 83-2011).
 - VERTICAL DATUM IS REFERENCED TO NAVD 83.
 - FLOOD ZONES PLOTTED HEREON ARE REFERENCED TO THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP FOR CLAMBERLAND COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, MAP NUMBER 110302E, EFFECTIVE 9/15/2010.
 - PHYSICAL FEATURES AND TOPOGRAPHIC INFORMATION TAKEN FROM A FIELD SURVEY PERFORMED BY VARDO ASSOCIATES IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2011.
 - RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND TAX LOT INFORMATION TAKEN FROM TAX MAPS REFERENCED IN NOTE 2.F.
 - THIS PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS, TITLE AND INTEREST OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND TO AS MUCH OF THE PROPERTY AS IS NOW OR WAS FORMERLY FLOWED BY MEAN HIGH WATER.
 - ELEVATIONS SHOWN BELOW ARE REFERENCED TO NOAA TIDE STATION 863-742 MANANTICO CREEK, NEW JERSEY, TIDE EPOCH 1989-1994.
 - HIGH TIDE LINE - HIGHEST PREDICTED (HTL) = 6.3 FEET
 - MEAN HIGH WATER (MHW) = 5.8 FEET
 - MEAN HIGH WATER (MHW) = 5.8 FEET
 - MEAN TIDE LEVEL (MTL) = 4.4 FEET
 - MEAN LOW WATER (MLW) = 2.9 FEET
 - MEAN LOWER LOW WATER (MLLW) = 2.30 FEET

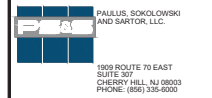
- REFERENCE PLANS:**
- PROPOSED EXISTING GAS MAIN LOCATION AND HDD DESIGN OBTAINED FROM THE PLAN ENTITLED "PROPOSED 12" DIA WS EP GAS MAIN RENEWAL, APP BY MAIN, JPK RIVER CROSSING, MAURICE RIVER, MILLVILLE CITY, CLAMBERLAND COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PREPARED FOR CONSULTANT, PAULUS, SOKOLOWSKI AND SARTOR, LLC, DATED 02/07 AND 02/07 AND 02/07 AND 02/07.
 - PLAN & PROFILE, MAURICE RIVER CROSSING, MAURICE RIVER, TOWNSHIP, CLAMBERLAND COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PREPARED FOR SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY, DATED 10/30/21, AS PREPARED BY PROVIDE TITLE AND SERVICES, BY ROBERT E. VARGAS, L.S.
 - COASTAL WETLANDS AS PROVIDED BY NJ-GarHW-NDP-1970 WETLANDS BASEMAPS.
 - A 150 FOOT RIPARIAN ZONE IS ASSUMED PER NATURAL HERITAGE DATABASE SEARCH RESULTS OBTAINED FOR THE PROJECT, WETLANDS AND TOP-OF-BANK DELINEATED BY PS&S ON OCTOBER 11, 2021.



PROJECT PROFILE
SCALE: HORIZONTAL: 1"=30'
VERTICAL: 1"=3'

CLIENT

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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION NO. 24528032700

ALL INFORMATION ON THIS PLAN IS BASED ON THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE CLIENT. THE ENGINEER HAS CONDUCTED VISUAL GENERAL VERIFICATION OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE CLIENT. THE ENGINEER HAS CONDUCTED VISUAL GENERAL VERIFICATION OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE CLIENT. THE ENGINEER HAS CONDUCTED VISUAL GENERAL VERIFICATION OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE CLIENT.



PROJECT

JFK ROAD GAS MAIN RENEWAL PROJECT (MAURICE RIVER CROSSING)

MILLVILLE CITY, CLAMBERLAND COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

SHEET TITLE

PERMITTING PLAN: HORIZONTAL DIRECTIONAL DRILL CROSSING PLAN AND PROFILE

PROJECT NO.: 05035.0129 DRAWN BY: CZ
SCALE: AS SHOWN CHECKED BY: MM
DATE: 2/4/2022 SHEET 1 OF 1
SHEET NO. **G-01**