

Public Notice

**U.S. Army Corps
of Engineers**
Pittsburgh District

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US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District
1000 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186

Application No. 2016-53

Date: November 23, 2016

Notice No. 16-62

Closing Date: December 12, 2016

1. TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The following application has been submitted for a Department of the Army Permit under the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.
2. APPLICANT: Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, District 10-0
Route 286 South
P.O. Box 429
Indiana, Pennsylvania 15701
3. LOCATION: The project is located in Center Township and Homer City Borough, Indiana County, Pennsylvania. Decimal Degrees: 40.54861 N, -79.15528 W
4. PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The applicant proposes to place fill material into waters of the United States for the purpose of a safety improvement project along State Route (SR) 0119 between the intersections of SR 0056/SR 3056 and SR 2023 (Lucerne Road). In addition, Tide Road (T-840) will be relocated with direct access provided to SR 0119 so that the bridge structure on SR 0119 can be removed. SR 0119 will be widened to accommodate the proposed safety improvements, which results in unavoidable impacts to wetlands and waterways. Yellow Creek and four unnamed tributaries to Yellow Creek (UNT-4, UNT-7, UNT-8, and UNT-10) will be impacted as a result of the project. Ten of the sixteen wetlands delineated within the project area will also be impacted.

The proposed work will impact five streams resulting in approximately 1,302 linear feet (LF) of permanent and 491 LF of temporary impacts and ten palustrine emergent wetlands totaling approximately 0.23 acre of permanent impact and 0.11 acre of temporary impact. The applicant proposes to mitigate for the unavoidable stream impacts by relocating the impacted streams on-site at a 1:1 ratio. Vegetative plantings will be provided along the relocated UNT-7 and UNT-8. Wetland mitigation will be accomplished by debiting 0.23 acre from the Indiana County Wetland Bank. Drawings of the proposed project are attached. Additional details and/or drawings of the proposed project and mitigation areas are available upon request.

5. ENCROACHMENT PERMIT: The applicant must obtain a Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit which includes 401 Water Quality Certification from the:

*Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Southwest Regional Office
Waterways and Wetlands Section
400 Waterfront Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4745*

Telephone: 412-442-4000

6. IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES: The District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project will have no effect on endangered species or threatened species, or result in destruction or adverse modification of habitat of such species which has been determined to be critical. While concurrence with this determination is not required, this Public Notice serves as a request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1972 (as amended

7. IMPACT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES: The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted, and it has been determined that there are no properties currently listed on the register which would be directly affected by the proposed work. If we are made aware, as a result of comments received in response to this notice, or by other means, of specific archeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical sites or structures which might be affected by the proposed work, the District Engineer will immediately take the appropriate action necessary pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 - Public Law 89-665 as amended (including Public Law 96-515).

8. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in the paragraph below entitled "RESPONSES," that a public hearing be held to consider this application. The requests for public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

9. EVALUATION: Interested parties are invited to state any objections they may have to the proposed work. 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 proposals must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal 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

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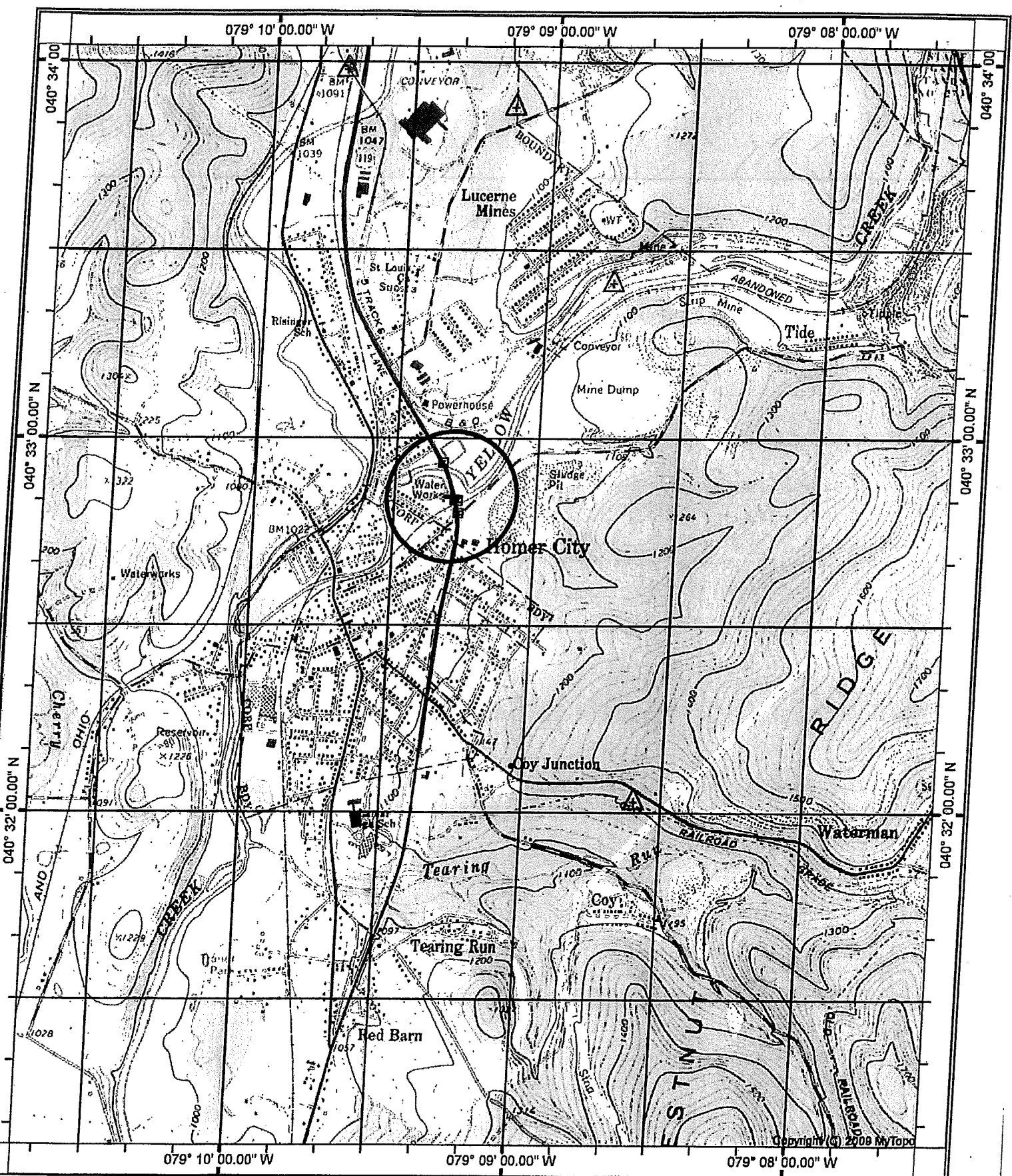
needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs; considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties 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 overall public interest of the proposed activity. The evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under the authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR Part 230).

10. RESPONSES: A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest. Written statements concerning the proposed activity should be received in this office on or before the closing date of this Public Notice in order to become a part of the record and to be considered in the final determination. Any objections which are received during this period may be forwarded to the applicant for possible resolution before the determination is made whether to issue or deny the requested DA Permit. All responses to this notice should be directed to the Regulatory Branch, attn Allen R. Edris at the above address, by telephoning (412) 395-7158, or by e-mail at allen.r.edris@usace.army.mil. Please refer to CELRP-OP-F 2016-53 in all responses.

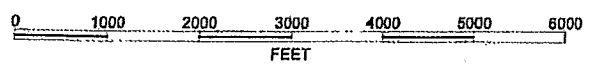
FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

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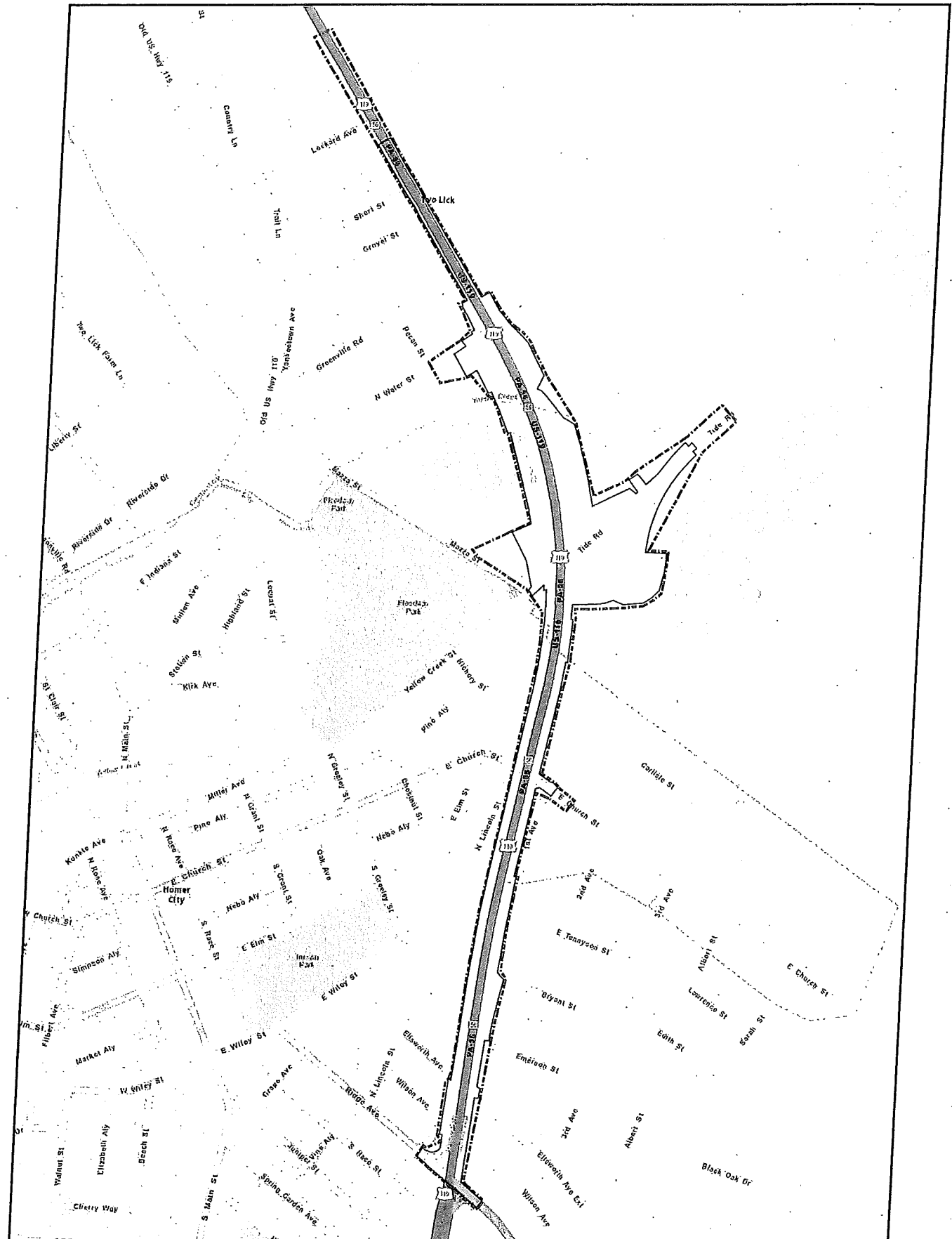
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Regulatory Branch



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US 119 Three Bridges
Center Township, Indiana County
USGS Quad: INDIANA, PA MPMS #101483
BMS: 32-0119-0190-0990, 32-0119-0190-1188, 32-0119-0200-0000
BRKEY: 19008, 19009, 19010



119 Three Bridges Project
 Homer City Borough and Center Township
 Indiana County, Pennsylvania
 USGS Indiana Quadrangle
 Vicinity Map

----- NPDES Boundary

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Topography Source: National Geographic Society (NGS)



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