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PUBLIC NOTICE DWB 914-24

All interested parties are herein notified that the Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District (dwb), has received application materials dated January 25, 2024, from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for approval of location and plans for the construction of a causeway over a navigable waterway of the United States. The comment period for this public notice is 15 days due to the short construction and removal timeline as well as limited impacts to maritime traffic.

Previously, a public notice was released regarding the related temporary bridge. That notice (DWB-912-23) can be found here: [:Public Notices for Bridges | Navigation Center \(uscg.gov\)](#).

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Muskingum River, mile 49.4, on McConell's Island Channel, at Village of McConnelsville and Malta, Morgan County, Ohio.

CHARACTER OF WORK: Construct a temporary 80-foot causeway in length to carry construction traffic over the canal for approximately three months during the winter season when the canal is closed to recreational traffic. The causeway will aid in construction of the temporary bridge in support of the Muskingum River Lock and Dam No. 7 McConnelsville Dam Replacement. The temporary causeway will be removed when the construction of the temporary bridge is complete, and the canal will be returned to pre-construction elevations.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

The proposed temporary causeway will close the canal to recreational traffic during the winter time for approximately 3 months while a temporary bridge is constructed. The causeway will be removed prior to the opening of the locks for the 2024 boating season.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District is the lead Federal agency for satisfying the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District is acting on behalf of the U.S. Coast Guard for all environmental control laws. An Environmental Assessment dated 14 September 2021 was completed pursuant to NEPA, as amended. The U.S. Guard has tentatively determined that the proposed action will not have a significant impact for the purposes of NEPA and plans to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact for the project. Documents may be provided electronically and are available for review at the above address, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., excluding Federal holidays.

A Director's Authorization has been received from Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. This will serve as the water quality certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, as amended. No wetlands will be taken or affected by this project.

The causeway is located in the floodplain. The 100-year flood elevation is 665.8 feet. Elevation is referenced to NAD 83 and NAVD 88 datum. Approximately 1,550 cubic yards of fill material will be placed below the 100-year flood elevation for the construction of the causeway, temporary bridge and approaches.

The decision as to whether to grant approval of the location and plans for the proposed action rests primarily upon the effect it has on navigation.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:

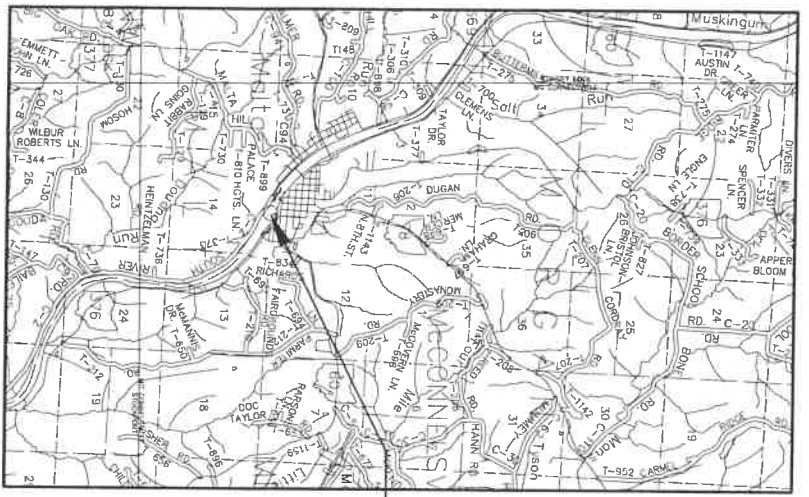
Mariners are requested to comment on the proposed causeway and its effect on navigation. Interested parties are requested to express their views, in writing, on the proposed causeway project including its possible impacts to navigation.

We will forward comments of an environmental nature such as those regarding wildlife refuges, public parks, historic sites, wetlands, floodplain issues, air, water quality, environmental justice, etc. to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District. Comments will be received for the record at the address noted in the header or via email Eric.Washburn@uscg.mil through February 10, 2024.

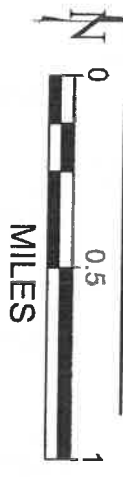
Map of location and plans attached.

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By direction of the Commander,
Eighth Coast Guard District

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LOCATION MAP



PROJECT SITE



VICINITY MAP

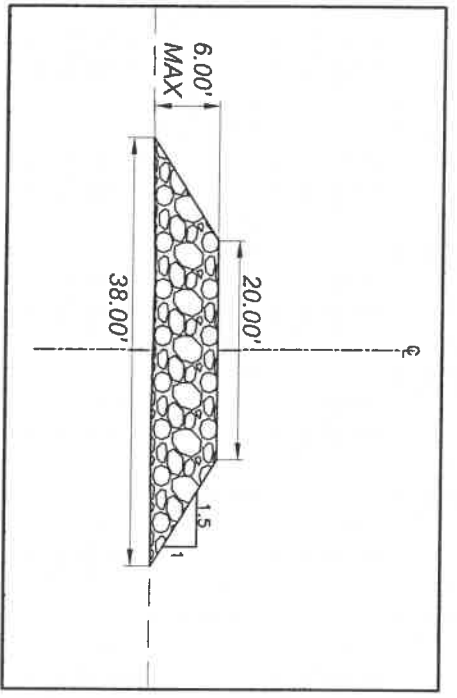
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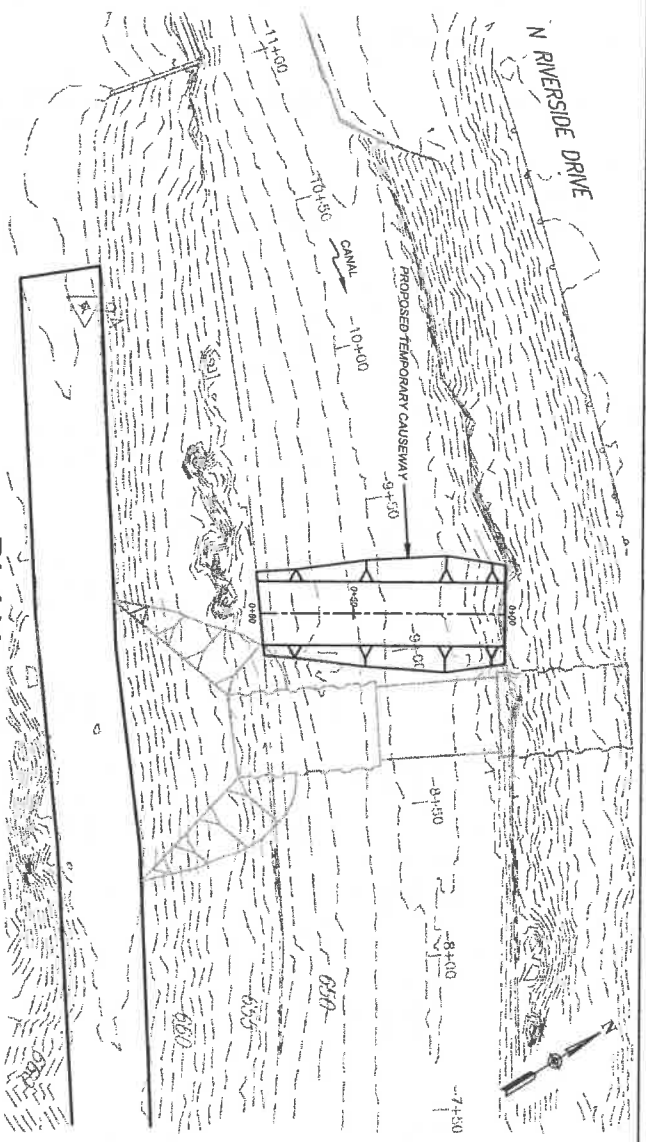
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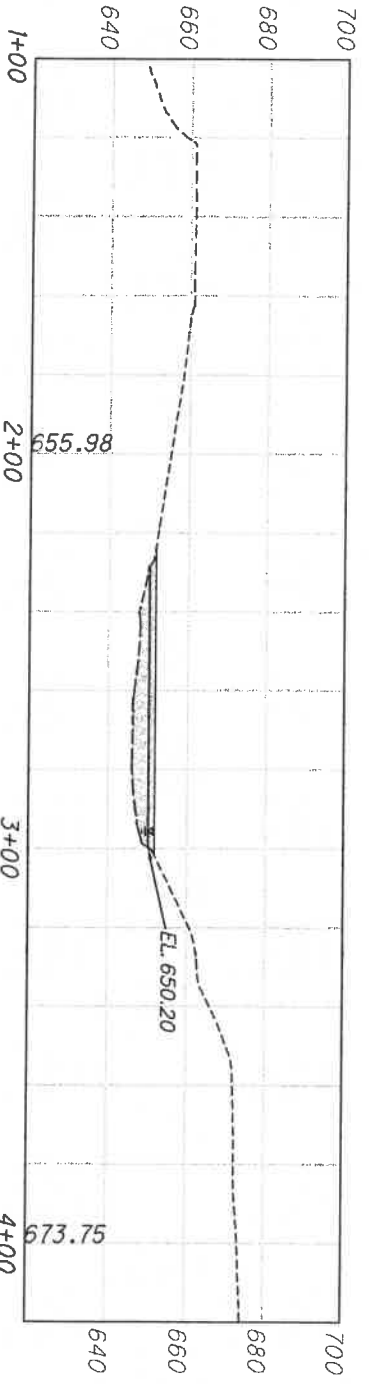


TYPICAL SECTION



PLAN

- NOTE:
1. CAUSEWAY DOES NOT PROVIDE CLEARANCE FOR A NAVIGATIONAL CHANNEL.
 2. PROPOSED CAUSEWAY LENGTH = 80.00'
 3. MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF PROPOSED CAUSEWAY = 6.00'
 4. NORMAL WATER EL. 690.20



ELEVATION

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LEGEND
 HORIZONTAL DATUM = NAD 83
 VERTICAL DATUM = NAVD88

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