



Public Notice

Applicant:
City of Akron

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Application No: 2013-01211
Section: OH

All written comments should reference the above Application No. and be addressed to:
Buffalo District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Branch (Attn: Michael W. Smith)
1776 Niagara Street
Buffalo, New York 14207-3199

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO SOLICIT COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE ADVERSE AFFECT TO A HISTORIC PROPERTY ASSOCIATED WITH A DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT APPLICATION. THE ADVERSE AFFECT MUST BE RESOLVED BEFORE THE CORPS CAN AFFIRM THE USE OF A NATIONWIDE PERMIT #12 (UTILITY LINE ACTIVITIES) TO AUTHORIZE THIS PROJECT. NATIONWIDE PERMIT # 12 AUTHORIZES ACTIVITIES REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND REMOVAL OF UTILITY LINES AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES IN WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES.

The City of Akron has applied for a Department of the Army permit to discharge fill material into approximately 145 linear feet of stream in order to provide access to an upland work area and for staging of equipment and materials. This undertaking requires a Department of the Army Permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The project is located along Riverview Road, City of Akron, Summit County, Ohio. See the attachments for the location of the project and drawings depicting the proposed work.

The Corps of Engineers has determined that this project will have an adverse effect on the Ohio and Erie Canal, a property eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places because a portion of the eligible property (Lock 22 of the Ohio and Erie Can) would be removed as a result of the undertaking.

Specifically, the City of Akron, Department of Public Service, plans to remove the existing cap made of brick and concrete on 287 feet of the sewer line and replace it with new cast-in-place concrete walls and top panels in order to expand the capacity of the sewer line. Approximately 120 feet of the 287 feet of sewer line was constructed in the 1930's inside Lock 22 of the Ohio & Erie Canal. A portion of the west wing wall of Lock 22 is exposed at the surface but will not be disturbed by the project. The remainder of the Lock 22 walls is beneath an earthen embankment and is therefore not exposed at the surface. Excavations would occur to expose the lock walls and then the upper sections would be removed and the new sewer walls installed on top of the lock walls (Sheet 3 of 3). No more of the lock wall is proposed to be removed than is necessary to construct the new sewer cap. The new sewer walls on the remaining 167 feet of former canal would be supported on pilings spaced every 12 feet and drilled to a depth of 50-60 feet.

The sewer improvements will be conducted in order to increase the capacity of the sewer line and are required as part of the City of Akron's Consent Decree with the United States Environmental Protection Agency. This is a pilot project. If successful these construction methods would be continued on an additional 6000 feet of sewer line to an existing wastewater treatment plant.

The overall setting will not change as a result of the undertaking. As stated above, the portions of Lock 22 of the Ohio and Erie Canal proposed to be impacted lie beneath an earthen embankment so is not visible at the surface. The current proposal is to replace the earthen embankment over the exposed Lock 22 following the installation of the new cap.

A draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) will be prepared in an attempt to mitigate the adverse effects to the historic property.

Location and details of the above-described work are shown on the attached maps and drawings.

Comments or questions pertaining to the work described in this notice should reference the Application Number and be directed to the attention of Michael W. Smith, who can be contacted at the above address, by calling (716) 879-4262, or by e-mail at: michael.w.smith@usace.army.mil. A lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the work as proposed.

This notice is promulgated in accordance with Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, parts 320-330, and 36 CFR 800. Any interested party desiring to comment on the work described herein may do so by submitting their comments, in writing, so that they are received no later than 4:30 pm on the expiration date of this notice.

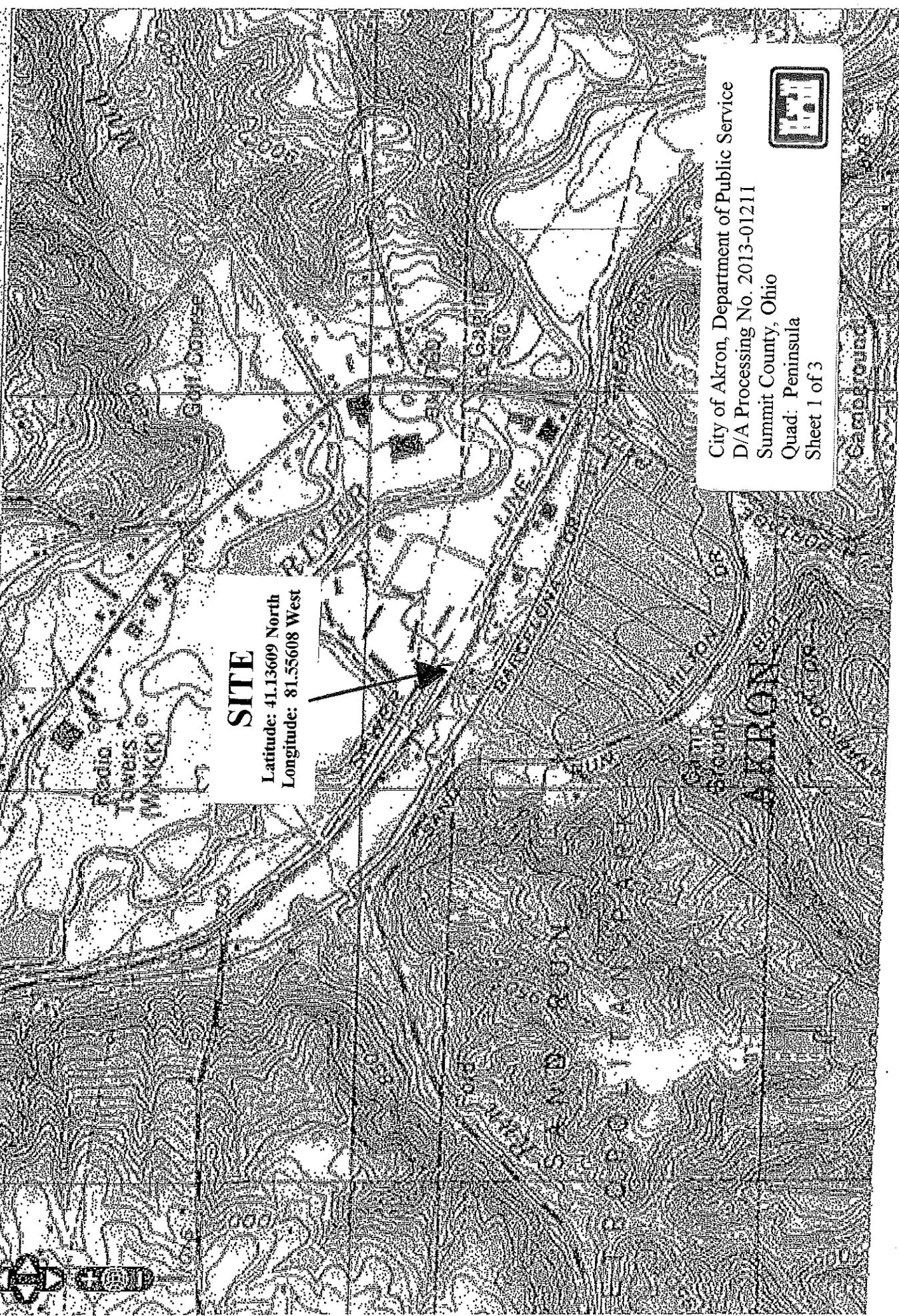
The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider, evaluate, and resolve the impacts of this proposed undertaking on historic properties.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be fully considered during the historic properties consultation process. All written comments will be made a part of the administrative record which is available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act. The Administrative Record or portions thereof may also be posted on a Corps of Engineers internet web site. Due to resource limitations, this office will normally not acknowledge the receipt of comments or respond to individual letters of comment.

SIGNED

Diane C. Kozlowski
Chief, Regulatory Branch

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