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Public Outreach

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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31401
February 2024**





DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, SAVANNAH DISTRICT
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**Request for Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Sites
for the Brunswick Harbor Modifications, Glynn County, GA
Savannah District**

ACTION: Request for Sites for Beneficial Use of Dredged Material.

SUMMARY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District (Corps) is seeking sites for the beneficial use of new work material resulting from the Brunswick Harbor Modification Project (BHMP). The amount of potential available dredged material for beneficial use is approximately 205,000 cubic yards of mostly sandy material, this material would be obtained from the bend widener near the Cedar Hammock Range (between Stations 20+250 and 23+250) shown in the figure below.

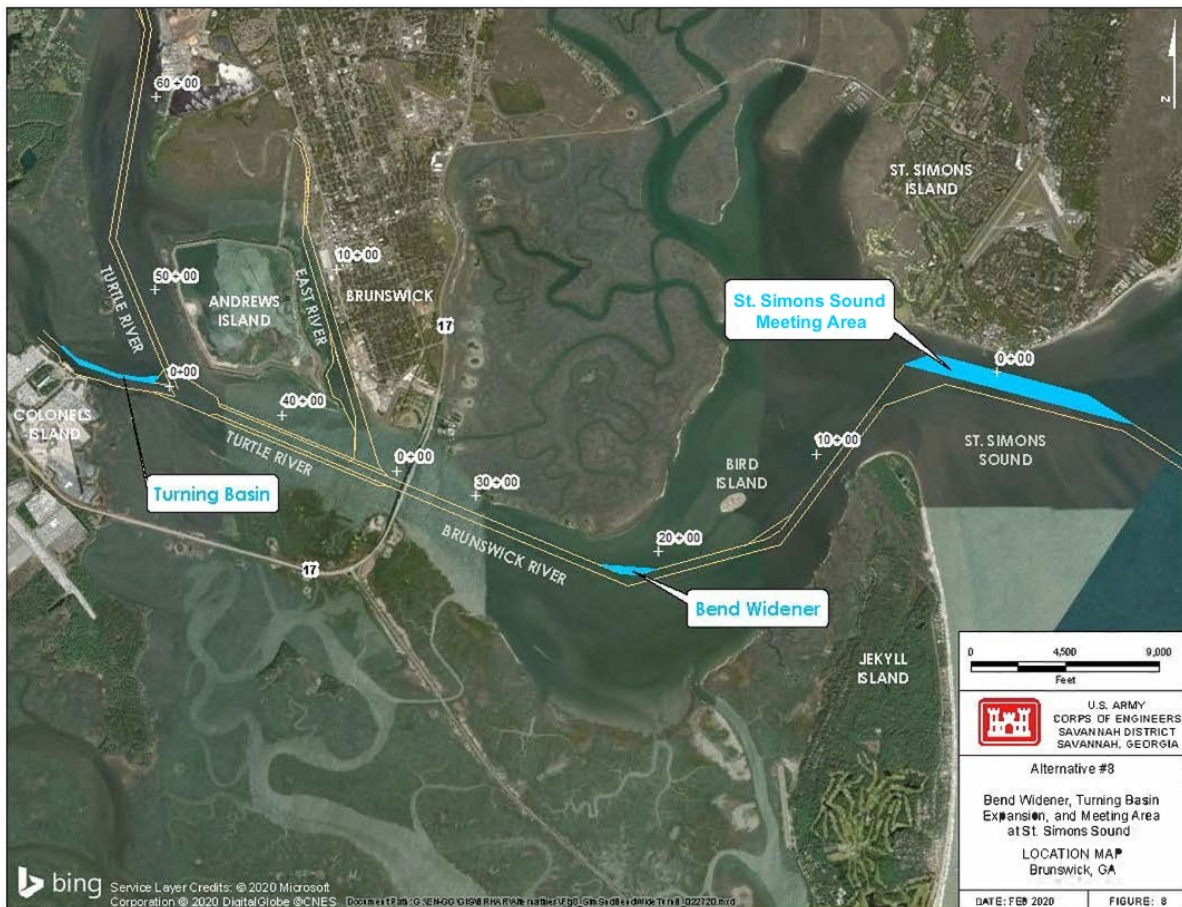


Figure 1. BHMP locations of widening areas. The bend widener consists of mostly sandy material and is suitable for beneficial use. The turning basin consists of mostly fines and is not suitable for beneficial use. The St. Simons Meeting Area does not require removal of material.

The Corps will evaluate the feasibility of the proposed sites using the following factors: environmental acceptability, benefits attained, distance from the dredge site, transportation costs, and construction costs. Sites will also be evaluated to determine if they meet the federal standard. Any proposed project that does not meet the federal standard may require a cost share agreement. Site submissions must address the ability to enter into a cost share agreement and funding availability.

DATES: Sites must be submitted to the Corps on or before August 5, 2023.

ADDRESS: Anyone wishing to provide beneficial use sites should submit the required information to CESAS-Planning@usace.army.mil, no later than 30-days from the date of this notice.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Name and location of the proposed site (please include latitude/longitude coordinates).
2. Purpose of the proposed site (i.e., provide shoreline stabilization, restore beach or bird habitat, enhance marsh, etc.).
3. Detailed Summary Description of the proposed project, including:
 - a. Approximate size of the site, a map image or Google Earth KMZ file of the project area.
 - b. Whether the public has the right to use the site in its entirety, from the low water line to the place where there is marked change in material or physiographic form, or to the line of permanent vegetation.
 - c. Detailed narrative of proposed benefits of the site, including any environmental, economic, recreational, and/or social benefits.
 - d. Conceptual plans (optional, if available)
 - e. Known environmental constraints.
4. Signed statement of interest from site sponsor. Statement of interest will need to address:
 - a. Ability to enter into a cost share agreement
 - b. Ability to provide all lands, easements, and rights-of-way (LER), and perform all relocations, required for placement.
 - c. Funding availability
 - d. Capability to partner with the Corps in the development of the design of the site and in environmental compliance processes.
 - e. Provide primary point of contact.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Section 125 of the WRDA of 2020 requires the Corps to maximize the beneficial use of dredged material obtained from construction of the Corps' projects. As part of this requirement, the Corps is seeking beneficial use sites of the new work material from the BHMP. Beneficial use is defined as productive and positive uses of dredged material.


These uses can have positive impacts to fish and wildlife habitat, economics, structure, and recreation. Examples of beneficial use include, but is not limited to, beach placement, marsh restoration, bird island creation, and shoreline stabilization. Guidance for Section 125 of the WRDA of 2020 can be found at: https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Project-Planning/Legislative-Links/wrda_2020/. Search Section 125(a)-(c) for links to the implementation guidance and other Section 125 information.

For more information about the Brunswick Harbor Modification Project please see the Integrated Feasibility Report (IFR)/Environmental Assessment (EA) at the following link: <https://www.sas.usace.army.mil/About/Divisions-and-Offices/Planning-Division/Plans-and-Reports/>.

For further information, please contact Ms. Summer Wright at summer.g.wright@usace.army.mil

Kimberly L. Garvey
Chief, Planning Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

July 5, 2023
Date



Kimberly L. Garvey
Chief, Planning Branch

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Public Comment

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February 2024**



Wright, Summer G CIV USARMY CESAS (USA)

From: CESAS-Planning
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2024 10:38 AM
To: Kajumba, Ntale; Douglas White
Cc: Wright, Summer G CIV USARMY CESAS (USA); Garvey, Kimberly L CIV USARMY CESAS (USA); Hill, Suzanne CIV USARMY CESAS (USA)
Subject: RE: Jekyll Island Shoreline Nourishment Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment Public Comment Period

Good Morning Ntale,

As this a supplemental environmental assessment, we have determined that the 15-day public review period is appropriate. Additionally, in review of the latest CEQ regulations, dated June 2023 at 40 CFR 1501.6(2), there are two circumstances that would require a 30-day public comment period. 1- action is closely similar to one that requires an EIS and 2- the nature of the action is without precedent. Neither of these circumstances apply for this project. Shoreline nourishment and similar beneficial use projects are routinely undertaken by the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Corps routinely prepares environmental assessments for these projects.

Furthermore, we have coordinated this 15-day review period with the state resource agencies that have been involved in the planning and design of the project, these agencies have not expressed concern with the 15-day public comment period.

For these reasons, we feel the 15-day public comment period is appropriate for the project and fulfills the requirements of NEPA.

To find the documents you can navigate to Brunswick Harbor Federal Project Actions, and click on the plus arrow next to the Jekyll Island Shoreline Nourishment EA. See screenshot below:

Brunswick Harbor Federal Project Actions

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- ⊕ Brunswick Deepening Andrews Island Mitigation Closeout Report
- ⊕ Brunswick Harbor Modification Study
- ⊕ Brunswick Harbor Modifications Study Feasibility Cost Share Agreement
- ⊕ SARBO Risk Assessment for Regional Harbor Dredging Contract 5.0
- ⊕ Brunswick Harbor Navigation Project Modifications and Harbor Dredging Operation Impact (FONSI), Glynn County, Georgia

⊕ Brunswick Harbor Modifications Project Jekyll Island Fishing Pier Shoreline Nourish

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Savannah District, in accordance with the Impact Assessment (SEA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) that evaluates the benefits of the proposed action, in collaboration with the Jekyll Island Authority, has designed the proposed action for the project. The project is subject to FONSI and requests comments by January 23, 2024.

- [Draft Supplemental EA and FONSI](#)
- [Public Notice](#)
- [Appendix A – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Endangered Species Act](#)
- [Appendix B – National Marine Fisheries Service Endangered Species Act](#)
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- [Appendix E – Magnuson–Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act](#)
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- [Appendix I – 60% Design](#)
- [Appendix J – Tier III Sediment Testing Report](#)

Please let us know if you have any additional questions.

Thanks,

Suzy

Suzanne Hill
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USACE- Savannah District
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From: Kajumba, Ntale <Kajumba.Ntale@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2024 10:09 AM
To: CESAS-Planning <CESAS-Planning@usace.army.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Jekyll Island Shoreline Nourishment Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment Public Comment Period

Good morning,

Based on the date of this notification, EPA presumes the review period is less than the standard interagency/public review for a DEA. Typically, the agencies have 30 days to review the DEA from the date of email notification. NEPA will need a standard period of 30 days to complete a review based on this notification date of 1/8.

Also, can you add more specific information as to where the draft EA can be found within the link below? After a cursory look at the link, I was unable to quickly ascertain where the EA was located. If not, please include an attachment with the specific DEA highlighted for review.

Thank you,

Ntale

Ntale Kajumba
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Sent: Monday, January 8, 2024 9:54 AM
Subject: Jekyll Island Shoreline Nourishment Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment Public Comment Period

Caution: This email originated from outside EPA, please exercise additional caution when deciding whether to open attachments or click on provided links.

Good morning,

The Corps is pleased to announce that the Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA)/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the beneficial use of dredged material for shoreline nourishment southwest of the Jekyll Island Fishing Pier in Glynn County, is now available for public comment. Please refer to the attached public notice for project information. Link to the draft SEA and associated appendices is below:

<https://www.sas.usace.army.mil/About/Divisions-and-Offices/Planning-Division/Plans-and-Reports/>

We are requesting comments by midnight January 23, 2024. Written comments should be postmarked or received by January 23, 2024.

Wright, Summer G CIV USARMY CESAS (USA)

From: Farmer, Andrea A CIV (USA)
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 2:13 PM
To: ER
Cc: Brown, Jonathan L CIV (USA); Wright, Summer G CIV USARMY CESAS (USA)
Subject: RE: Programmatic Agreement (PA): Brunswick Harbor Modification Project (BHMP), HP-191113-003
Attachments: Coordination Letter - Jekyll Island for GAHPD_Sept2023.pdf; Glynn HP-191113-003 Oct 17 2023.pdf

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your response letter. The Section 106 correspondence related to this action was sent back in September 2023, and your response letter was received on October 17, 2023 (attache). These letters and a discussion of the Section 106 action are included in the EA. Unless inadvertent discoveries are made, Section 106 compliance is now complete for this undertaking. Apologies for any confusion regarding the compliance completion for this action.

Best,
Andrea

From: ER <er@dca.ga.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2024 3:58 PM
To: Wright, Summer G CIV USARMY CESAS (USA) <Summer.G.Wright@usace.army.mil>
Cc: Parker, Rodney D CIV USARMY CESAS (USA) <Rodney.D.Parker@usace.army.mil>; meaganjones@crc.ga.gov; CSD Region 12 <region12@dca.ga.gov>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Programmatic Agreement (PA): Brunswick Harbor Modification Project (BHMP), HP-191113-003

From: Historic Preservation Division

Attached is our letter on the subject undertaking (in Adobe Acrobat PDF format)

Do not respond to this e-mail.

If you have any questions concerning our letter, please contact:
Michelle Bard at Michelle.Bard@dca.ga.gov

A free copy of Adobe Acrobat Reader can be downloaded from: www.adobe.com

PLEASE NOTE HPD's new address is: Attn: Environmental Review, 60 Executive Park S, Atlanta, GA 30329

Mail forwarding is no longer available. To avoid delays, we recommend submitting projects to ER@dca.ga.gov.



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HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kimberly Garvey
Chief, Planning Branch
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District
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Attn: Summer Wright

FROM: Michelle Bard
Environmental Review Historian
Historic Preservation Division



RE: Receipt of Public Notice

**Programmatic Agreement (PA): Brunswick Harbor
Modification Project (BHMP)**

Project Number: HP-191113-003

County: Glynn

DATE: January 26, 2024

The Historic Preservation Division has received the public notice dated January 8, 2024, for the above referenced project. Our comments are offered to assist the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in complying with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA).

Thank you for notifying our office of this proposed undertaking. We look forward to receiving Section 106 compliance documentation when it becomes available and working with you as this project progresses.

Please refer to the above-referenced project number in future correspondence regarding this project. If we may be of further assistance, please contact me at Michelle.Bard@dca.ga.gov or (770) 212-4888 or Noah Bryant, Compliance Review Archaeologist, at Noah.Bryant@dca.ga.gov or (404) 679-0649.

cc: Rodney Parker, USACE
Meagan Jones, Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia
Jennifer Fordham, DCA Regional Services, Region 12

Wright, Summer G CIV USARMY CESAS (USA)

From: CESAS-Planning
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 6:15 PM
To: Pace Wilber - NOAA Federal; CESAS-Planning
Cc: Garvey, Kimberly L CIV USARMY CESAS (USA); Hill, Suzanne CIV USARMY CESAS (USA)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Jekyll Island Shoreline Nourishment Supplemental Environmental Assessment Public Comment

Pace-

Thank you for response. We will keep you informed on project status.

Suzy

From: Pace Wilber - NOAA Federal <pace.wilber@noaa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:25 AM
To: CESAS-Planning <CESAS-Planning@usace.army.mil>
Cc: Garvey, Kimberly L CIV USARMY CESAS (USA) <Kimberly.L.Garvey@usace.army.mil>; Hill, Suzanne CIV USARMY CESAS (USA) <Suzanne.Hill@usace.army.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Jekyll Island Shoreline Nourishment Supplemental Environmental Assessment Public Comment

Hi Summer.

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) reviewed the project described in public notice dated January 8, 2024, for the placement of dredged material from the Brunswick Harbor Modification Project into the intertidal and subtidal habitat along the shoreline southwest of the Jekyll Island Fishing Pier. Based on the information in the notice, we confirm the District's determination that the proposed work would occur in the vicinity of essential fish habitat (EFH) designated by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, or the NMFS. Present staffing levels preclude further analysis of the proposed work and no further action is planned. This position is neither supportive of nor in opposition to authorization of the proposed work. If further coordination on this action is needed, please let us know.

Pace

On Mon, Jan 8, 2024 at 10:19 AM CESAS-Planning <CESAS-Planning@usace.army.mil> wrote:

Good morning Pace,

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Also attached is Appendix E – MSA that includes the EFH assessment, which we have already sent for your review, but are attaching for your convenience.

We are requesting comments by midnight January 23, 2024.

Thank you,

Summer Wright

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From: Farmer, Andrea A CIV (USA)
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2024 8:37 AM
To: Erin Paden
Cc: Wright, Summer G CIV USARMY CESAS (USA)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Section 106 Consultation - Jekyll Island Shoreline Nourishment - Brunswick Harbor Modification

Good morning Erin,

Thank you for your response. I will indicate in our files that the Brunswick Harbor is out of the Shawnee's AOI.

Have a wonderful day!

Best regards,

Andrea Farmer, RPA
Archaeologist, Savannah District
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From: Laserfiche Notification <donotreply@laserfiche.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 3:56 PM
To: CESAS-Planning <CESAS-Planning@usace.army.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Section 106 Consultation - Jekyll Island Shoreline Nourishment - Brunswick Harbor Modification

This email is in response to Jekyll Island Shoreline Nourishment - Brunswick Harbor Modification. The project is out of the Shawnee Tribe's area of interest. If you have any questions, you may contact me via email at Section106@shawnee-tribe.com.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely,



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