

Appendix L

Wild and Scenic Rivers Consultation (NPS)

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Northeast Regional Office
200 Chestnut Street, 3rd Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19106

**Re: Resiliency Embankment
Somers Point
Atlantic County, New Jersey
M.A. # 7031.8**

Dear Mr. Kenny:

Enclosed please find enclosed the following regarding the above referenced project:

1. One (1) 24" X 36" set of plans for the Somers Point – Mays Landing Road Resiliency Embankment

The City of Somers Point welcomes your comments regarding the project. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to call.

Very truly yours,

MOTT ASSOCIATES, LLC



Gregory K. Schneider, PE, PP, PLS, CME
City Engineer



United States Department of the Interior

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(GREG)

Mr. Greg Schneider
Mott Associates, LLC
3122 Fire Road
Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

RE: Higbee Marina Project, Lots 2 and 2.01, Block 1612, Somers Point, Atlantic County, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Schneider:

The above-referenced project is proposed to be constructed in the Great Egg Harbor River, which is a designated National Scenic and Recreational River (P.L. 102-536). Such rivers are protected under Section 7(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Pursuant to Section 7(a): "No department or agency of the United States shall assist by loan, grant, license or otherwise in the construction of any water resources project that would have a direct and adverse effect on the values for which such river was established."

The National Park Service considers federal water resource projects to include dams, diversion projects, bridge and roadway projects involving construction in the bed or the banks of the river, bank stabilization projects, docks, piers and other federal actions that typically involve permitting under the Clean Water Act.

Proposed is a marina improvement project that will result in the construction of an embankment, removal of a U shaped dock and its 96 existing pilings, and replacing it with the construction of three fixed docks, two floating docks and three finger docks, with 48 pilings to support the new docks. All marina facility materials, including piles, will be composed of non-polluting materials and transient mooring facilities, and will have pumpout facilities, potable water and available electricity.

Also proposed is the dredging of the access channel to the marina. The dredging will be restricted to 6' feet at MLW, and will trace the historic marina access/egress channels, minimizing impacts to shellfish habitat. New dredging is not proposed with this project.

As proposed, the Higbee Marina improvement project will not adversely impact the Great Egg Harbor River's values. Should you have questions regarding this determination, or should elements of the project change, please notify me at (610) 203-4248.

Sincerely,

Paul Kenney, River Manager, Great Egg Harbor National Scenic & Recreational River