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Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 1:16 PM
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Subject: RE: Wetlands Determination Request Perth Amboy (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Lauren,

The proposed work sounds like it complies with Nationwide 3 Permit for Maintenance as long as any refurbishment work (landscaping and retaining walls) remains within the existing footprint of the boat ramp or upland of the water. Please read all applicable general and regional conditions. You can always provide this office via mail with a complete permit application if you prefer to obtain a Nationwide verification for records purposes.

If anything changes with the project that would affect work in Waters of the United States, please contact this office for Nationwide Permit verification.

V/r,

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Hi Amanda,

Thank you again for your call earlier today, it was really helpful. We have received word back from the applicant on what refurbishing of the boat ramp entails. This is how she describes it:

"There was an asphalt boat ramp from the road sloped into the water. It was not maintained and eventually covered in sand, particularly as a result of Sandy. The City has already excavated the area, but landscaping and retaining walls needs to be installed."

Please let me know if you believe this can fit into NWP 3 as discussed on the phone, or if you need additional information on the proposed activity.

Thanks again for your help and patience on this project.

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Hi Amanda,

Thank you for your response. We overlaid the NJDEP MHWL with our project location (see map titled CoastalZoneManagementActMap with MHWL attached) and determined that the majority of project activities are located above the MHWL. As indicated in the project description provided (and documented on maps also included in previous coordination), the only planned activity that will be below the MHWL is " refurbishing the boat ramp" in Area 1 (see WaterfrontRecreationImprovements Map included here and in previous coordination for this site). However, this activity is covered under NWP 36 - Boat Ramps. Therefore, based on this information, I believe the only portion of the project regulated by USACE is the refurbishing of the boat ramp. If the applicant conforms to the conditions and mitigations listed in NWP 36, would be it permissible for this project to proceed without any additional USACE coordination as long as all other construction activities remain above the MWHL?

Thanks again for your time. Please don't hesitate to call me if you would like to discuss further.

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Lauren,

I am the project manager assigned to reviewing the submittal you emailed my supervisor. I have reviewed all of the information and need more clarification to understand what exactly you are asking for.

You refer to the email subject as a wetlands determination request. The USACE only reviews work within our jurisdiction and requires a jurisdictional determination. More information about how you can make that request can be found here: <http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/JurisdictionalDeterminations.aspx>

It appears that this project will require work within USACE jurisdiction. Particularly, any structures or fill below the plane of Mean High Water. Your proposed refurbishment work may qualify under nationwide permits. Please review our website and applicant information guide here: http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/Portals/37/docs/regulatory/geninfo/Applicant_Guide_2014.pdf

Feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

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