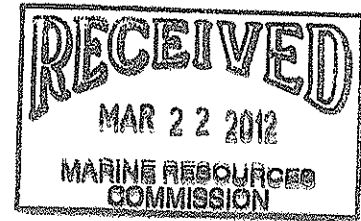


PROTEST

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Subject: VMRC #11-1830 Long Creek Dredging Application



Dear Mr. Wood,

I have just concluded the reading of your e-mail response to citizens regarding the above referenced application and it is obviously apparent that you are sadly misinformed.

The language in the application is quite clear. The City intends to use Maple Street as a mechanically dredged spoils transfer site contrary to previous permit application language that was originally modified to include some specific shoaling areas where the spoils were designated to be transferred at Crab Creek rather than Maple St. Further, as a resident bordering Long Creek for over 46 years, I have never witnessed the mechanical transfer of dredged spoils at the Maple St. site, however, as of today, I've actually heard of a few days of the mechanical transfer of sand in 2006. Your letter infers that this was a busy area, one in which residents were accustomed to a mechanical dredging transfer operation. This couldn't be further from the truth.

Certainly, it may be more expedient and less expensive to correct spot shoaling areas via a mechanical method rather than a hydraulic technique, but the elimination or transfer of the dredged spoils mechanically is an entirely different issue. Depositing/transferring such spoils at Maple Street is wrong and contrary to the ruling by the Board of Zoning Appeals, contrary to the recommendations of the Beaches and Waterways Commission, and, yes, it even flies in the face of your own sponsored resolution to remove Maple Street as a dredged spoils transfer site under the SSD program. The effects of off-loading barges loaded with spoils mechanically has the same impacts to the community under any name you use.

Mr. Wood, I should not have to remind you that transferring spoils at this site is an industrial operation and is contrary to the City's Comprehensive Plan, the site is zoned residential (R7.5), and the City does not own the site. It is true that the City does have an easement in conjunction with the Army Corps of Engineers, but that is to facilitate the 'hydraulic' dredging of Long Creek as promised to the residents during negotiations with the Civic leagues in 1987, of which I was a part.

As such, the original application was approved as hydraulic only. The modification later for mechanical dredging was connected to small shoaling areas that required further approvals from government agencies. Crab Creek, according to Mr. Roehrs letter to VMRC seemed to be the site of choice for mechanical off-loading of spoils, which is City owned, zoned B4, where yearly mechanical dredging operations are necessary.

Frankly, the past permit has been expired for quite some time. With that in mind, the privately owned parcel at Maple St. has now been determined by the City's Board of Zoning Appeals to be an unacceptable site for a mechanically dredged spoils transfer site.

The continuing nightmare we citizens of Long Creek have experienced clearly illustrates that the City, through its Public Works Department, has been hell bent for quite some time to establish Maple Street as a mechanical transfer site. They have exemplified the old adage of not letting facts get in the way of obtaining an objective. I only hope that you would not be a part of that adage, but would rather be a spokesperson for your constituents.

Respectfully,

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