

Initial Public Notice
Cedar Shores Bank Stabilization
Oacoma, Lyman County, South Dakota
June 2013

Public notification is hereby given by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) of the intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposed project at Cedar Shores Resort in the City of Oacoma, Lyman County, South Dakota. The South Dakota Department of Game Fish and Parks (SDGFP) has requested Federal assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) to reduce the long-term risk to the existing infrastructure due to the erosion of the western bank of the Missouri River from Hwy 16 to Cedar Shores Resort. State funding will also be provided by from SDGFP, the South Dakota Department of Environment & Natural Resources (SDDENR) and the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT). This notification is provided pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), Executive Orders 11988 – *Floodplain Management*, and Executive Order 11990 – *Wetland Protection*, and all applicable Federal agency implementation procedures.

FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) provides funds for the planning and implementation of mitigation projects prior to a disaster event. Funding these plans and projects reduces overall risks to the population and structures, while also reducing reliance on funding from future disaster declarations. Grant applications for related projects intended to reduce the risk of future damage have also been submitted to several other federal, state and local agencies. In accordance with NEPA, an EA will be prepared to evaluate the potential impact of the proposed project on the human and natural environment. The EA addresses related actions that will be carried out concurrently as part of the other initiatives and is being prepared in cooperation with USCG, US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE), SDGFP, SDDENR and SDDOT.

BACKGROUND

Due to flooding, the west bank of the Missouri River from Hwy 16 to Cedar Shores Resort has eroded at an accelerated rate, posing a risk to the existing infrastructure. The existing infrastructure includes Shoreline Drive, pedestrian facilities, utility lines such as sewer and water, and Cedar Shores Campground and Resort. The erosion has encroached on the pedestrian facilities and portions of the Cedar Shores Campground and Resort. Shoreline Drive is currently not experiencing roadway stability issues, continued erosion would become an issue. The existing infrastructure is vital to the residents in this area in order to access their properties and receive services such as sewer and water. The existing infrastructure is also vital for the visitors to access the area's recreational opportunities.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Proposed Action is to reduce the long-term risk to the existing infrastructure posed by the

Missouri River bank erosion by stabilizing the shoreline from Hwy 16 to the Cedar Shores Resort. Alternatives will be considered that evaluate ways to stabilize the shoreline as part of the EA.

All required federal, tribal, state and local permits and approvals, such as a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit, will be identified in the EA and would need to be obtained prior to construction. The EA process will also include Section 106 coordination due to the Federal agency involvement for the Proposed Action.

A public comment period will remain open for 15 days following publication of this notice. In addition to this initial comment period, a final opportunity for public review and comment period will be provided when the Draft EA becomes available.

Initial comments will be accepted for 15 days from the date of this notice. Interested parties may submit comments or request additional information by contacting:

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