

Submittal Date – June 10, 2020

Congaree River Project

Stakeholder-Developed Modified Removal Action (MRA)

Weekly Status Report for Week Ending June 5, 2020

- May 29, 2020 DESC requested an initiation date of June 3, 2020 for the weekly report. SCDHEC approved the June 3rd submittal date for the initial weekly report.
- June 1, 2020 DESC and its' Consultants planned and coordinated the schedule for the next Congaree River Surface Water Sampling Event, tentatively scheduled for June 16, 2020. DESC will provide the required 5-day notice prior to the scheduled event, which is dependent upon predicted river conditions and the weather forecast – closer to the planned sampling date. [River gage readings of 4.0 feet or less are preferred to safely complete the sampling event, sampling at slightly higher gage readings is left to the discretion of the field crew on the day of the event. The highest gage reading for a past sampling event was 5.38 feet.]
- June 2, 2020 DESC's Consultants updated the routine tracking of the USGS Congaree River gage data for May 2020.
- June 3, 2020 DESC submitted the *Congaree River - West Bank Erosion Evaluation* to SCDHEC and requested the Department's written approval/concurrence of this study prior to making any permit application submittal to the United State Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).
- June 3, 2020 DESC submitted the *Congaree River Bottom Erosion Potential Evaluation* to SCDHEC and requested the Department's written approval/concurrence of this study prior to making any permit application submittal to the United State Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).
- June 4, 2020 DESC updated a draft submittal package that will include the *Low flow Sensitivity Analysis*, prepared by WSP, dated July 26, 2019.
- June 4, 2020 DESC's Consultants updated the Total Suspended Sediment (TSS) Monitoring Plan, Navigation Plan, and Mussel Relocation Plan that will be included in the USACE permit application.
- June 4, 2020 DESC contacted Guignard Partnership, LLC via email inquiring as to the status of an April 27, 2020 communication regarding the Option to Lease a portion of the Guignard's property.
- June 5, 2020 DESC's Consultants continued progress to finalize the *Congaree River Project – Stability Analysis* and design drawings (for the addition of reinforcement of the rock filled cofferdam as approved by SCDHEC on April 21, 2020).
- June 5, 2020 SCDHEC provided an email update to the Stakeholders on the overall status of the project and provided a link to two recent engineering studies submitted to SCDHEC by DESC on June 3, 2020 (listed above). SCDHEC also offered to set-up a virtual meeting to discuss the current path of the project, should the Stakeholders wish to have a status meeting.

- June 5, 2020 Congaree River Keeper provided a response to the SCDHEC email that concurred with trying to set-up a virtual meeting sometime this month for all of the Stakeholders.
- June 5, 2020 DESC's Consultants evaluated the various requirements associated with the design and permit requirements for the construction of the "Southern Access" culvert crossing.
- June 5, 2020 DESC made a follow up contact with the current HOA board president regarding ways to conduct an informational meeting. City Club Condo board to discuss internally and get back with DESC.

Seasonal days available to work in the River for 2020 (May 1 – October 31):

13 total days – gage reading was above 10.27 feet = approximate height of proposed Area 1 cofferdam.

9 total days – gage reading was below 7.0 feet – approximate water surface elevation that work may be safely performed until cofferdam is built and stabilized, depending on the specific activity.

31 – 9 days = 22 days of no work in the river due to high water defined as greater than 7.0 feet gage reading