

Submittal Date – June 17, 2020

Congaree River Project

Stakeholder-Developed Modified Removal Action (MRA)

Weekly Status Report for Week Ending June 12, 2020

- June 8, 2020 DESC received approval from SCDHEC regarding the *Congaree River - West Bank Erosion Evaluation* submitted on June 3rd.
- June 8, 2020 DESC received approval from SCDHEC regarding the *Congaree River Bottom Erosion Potential Evaluation* submitted on June 3rd.
- June 8, 2020 DESC provided notification to SCDHEC that DESC plans to perform the annual surface water sampling event for the Congaree River on Tuesday, June 16th, 2020, weather, and river conditions permitting.
- June 8, 2020 DESC received an email response from the Guignard Associates, LLC to a Proposed Option to Lease email submitted by DESC on April 27, 2020. Among the issues listed in the email, the Guignard Associates informed DESC that access via Blossom Street (also referred to as the Southern Access Route) was no longer available: *“Please also be advised that, due to this passage of time, access to and from Blossom Street and the use of the Devine Street corridor can no longer be considered as those areas are now committed for a municipal road construction project that is the subject of a federal transportation grant.”*
- June 9, 2020 DESC forwarded to the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) - the June 3, 2020 submittal to SCDHEC - *Congaree River Bottom Erosion Potential Evaluation*.
- June 9, 2020 DESC forwarded to the USACE - the June 3, 2020 submittal to SCDHEC - *Congaree River - West Bank Erosion Evaluation*
- June 9, 2020 DESC forwarded to the USACE - the June 3, 2020 submittal to SCDHEC – Congaree River Project Weekly Progress Report for the week ending May 29, 2020.
- June 9, 2020 DESC forwarded to the USACE – the May 21, 2020 letter from SCDHEC that approved a schedule extension to September 30th, 2020 for the submittal of the permit application to the USACE.
- June 9, 2020 USACE provided an email acknowledging the receipt of the four emails listed above (June 9th) to DESC.
- June 10, 2020 DESC resubmitted the *Lower Flow Sensitivity Analysis*, prepared by WSP, dated July 26, 2019 to SCDHEC. In the cover letter of this submittal, DESC requested SCDHEC’s review and written approval of the work product and permission to create a “negligible” rise on the western shore. [The *Lower Flow Sensitivity Analysis* was previously provided to the USACE with a copy to SCDHEC - please refer to the August 28, 2019 entry in the Administrative Record].
- June 10, 2020 DESC forwarded the June 10th *Lower flow Sensitivity Analysis* and attached cover letter email listed above to the USACE.

- June 10, 2020 USACE acknowledged receipt of the June 10th email with the attached *Lower Flow Sensitivity Analysis* and cover letter to SCDHEC.
- June 10, 2020 DESC was preparing the next engineering evaluation submittal to SCDHEC that discusses three potential reinforcement alternatives for the rockfill cofferdam(s) and provides a recommendation for the preferred alternative.
- June 10, 2020 SCDHEC replied to email submittal of this date and SCDHEC informed DESC that a “Blossom Street access route is off the table.” SCDHEC also requested that DESC arrange a conference call with SCDHEC to discuss the status of the project.
- June 10, 2020 DESC submitted the weekly report to SCDHEC for the week ending June 5, 2020.
- June 11, 2020 DESC conducted a conference call with SCDHEC and discussed recent communications from the Guignard Associates, LLC stating that the Blossom Street access was no longer available due to a federal transportation project. DESC was instructed by SCDHEC to proceed with working on the Central Access and communicate the status with the local residents and businesses.
- June 11, 2020 USACE confirmed receipt of the two approvals from SCDHEC regarding the *West Bank Erosion Potential and River Bottom Erosion Evaluations*.
- June 11, 2020 USACE confirmed receipt of the Weekly Report for week ending June 5th, 2020.
- June 11, 2020 DESC discussed with the USACE, the first steps in re-establishing the previous Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to address the historical artifacts and updating the Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) plans. The USACE advised DESC that technically, the request for assistance with the project should come from SCDHEC, but offered to provide some initial guidance during the week of June 15th. DESC also informed the USACE of the unavailability of the Blossom Street and the Southern Access route.
- June 12, 2020 SCDHEC requested some potential dates (in the next few weeks) from DESC for availability to attend a teleconference meeting with SCDHEC and the Stakeholders.

Construction Season (May 1 – Oct 31) – Updated Monthly

(May 1 – May 31) 13 days WSE above cofferdam height (10.27)
9 days WSE above safe working height (7.0)
22 days of no work in the river due to high water in May 2020

*WSE – Water Surface Elevation at nearby Congaree River Gage Location