

Report to Congress for Future Water Resources Development (WRRDA 7001) Submission Package

Proposal Name: Section 111 Shore Damage Mitigation Project (Camp Ellis Jetty Spur) - Saco, ME

Submission Date: 08/09/2017

Proposal ID Number: c6b6b1e8-68a6-4e02-8227-1d8a8b705a87

Purpose of Proposal: The purpose of this request is to increase the authorized funding level (a modification) for an USACE project. In 2007, the Camp Ellis Section 111 project was authorized for roughly 27 million dollars, however an updated report completed by the district office now has that figure closer to 75 million to complete this project. The City of Saco is requesting Army Corps HQ include an increase to 75 million as part of its report to Congress for further authorization.

1. Administrative Details

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by Agency: City of Saco

Locations: ME

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Supporting Documents

File Name	Date Uploaded
Camp Ellis - 1908 map overlay.pdf	08/09/2017
Support Letter - Army Corps of Engineers 8-08-17.pdf	08/09/2017

2. Provide the name of the primary sponsor and all non-Federal interests that have contributed or are expected to contribute toward the non-Federal share of the proposed feasibility study or modification.

Sponsor	Letter of Support
City of Saco(Primary)	To whom it may concern; In 2007, the Camp Ellis Section 111 project was authorized for roughly \$27 million; however an updated report completed by the district office now carries a price tag closer to \$75 million to achieve the same goal. The City of Saco is in full support of the Army Corps Headquarters asking Congress to further increase the authorization amount so that this project can get under way. In addition to its economic impact, the safety and well being of the people of Camp Ellis and Saco, Maine, depend on this project coming to fruition.

3. State if this proposal is for a feasibility study, a modification to an authorized USACE feasibility study or a modification to an authorized USACE project. If it is a proposal for a modification, provide the authorized water resources development feasibility study or project name.

Modification to an Authorized USACE Project : Camp Ellis Section 111 - Shore Damage Mitigation Project

4. Clearly articulate the specific project purpose(s) of the proposed study or modification. Demonstrate that the proposal is related to USACE mission and authorities and specifically address why additional or new authorization is needed.

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5. To the extent practicable, provide an estimate of the total cost, and the Federal and non-Federal share of those costs, of the proposed study and, separately, an estimate of the cost of construction or modification.

	Federal	Non-Federal	Total
Study	\$0	\$0	\$0
Construction	\$75,000,000	\$0	\$75,000,000

Explanation (if necessary)

This Section 111 project does not have a local share component. The Army Corps has accepted full responsibility for this structure and the effects it has had on Saco Bay and the Camp Ellis/Saco Shoreline.

6. To the extent practicable, describe the anticipated monetary and nonmonetary benefits of the proposal including benefits to the protection of human life and property; improvement to transportation; the national economy; the environment; or the national security interests of the United States.

The safety and well being of the people of Camp Ellis and Saco, Maine, depend on successful action by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Unfortunately, it is also precisely because of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that the safety and well being of this particular community are at risk. In 1867, in response to the outcry by industries along the Saco River, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New England Division began construction of a large stone jetty on the north side of the river mouth. The purpose of the jetty was to maintain a navigation channel and reduce the cost of channel maintenance. As has long been known by the residents of Camp Ellis and was confirmed by an Army Corps study in the early 2000's, this jetty has altered the pattern of currents and sand deposition and is the primary cause of the devastating erosion of Camp Ellis. The extent of the erosion is truly shocking. Some properties have washed into the sea in the last 100 years. The houses that are now in danger were once six or more houses back from the sea. See attachment in question 10 which is a google earth image with a parcel map overlay from 1908. Commercial growth or redevelopment of current property has not occurred because property owners are uncertain about what the future holds. Adding this jetty spur would increase the likelihood of more investment in this seaside community.

7. Does local support exist? If 'Yes', describe the local support for the proposal.

Yes

Local Support Description

The City of Saco has lost nearly 40 properties in the last 100 years due to the Army Corps project in its current form. The addition of a spur to the jetty will hopefully alleviate this problem.

8. Does the primary sponsor named in (2.) above have the financial ability to provide for the required cost share?

Yes

Additional Proposal Information

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Camp Ellis - 1908 map overlay.pdf

Primary Sponsor Letter of Support

(As uploaded)

Support Letter - Army Corps of Engineers 8-08-17.pdf



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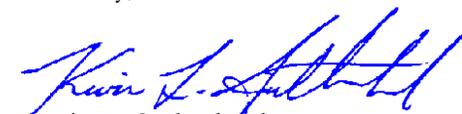
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Sincerely,



Kevin L. Sutherland