

PUBLIC NOTICE

Los Angeles River Channel Subdivision Landscaping

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

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Public Notice No.: SPL-408-PN-2019-0004

Permit No.: SPL-408-2019-0004

Comment Period: 2019-06-28 to 2019-07-27

Requester: In compliance with U.S.C. Title 33, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, Section 408, Trumark Homes has requested permission from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to alter the Los Angeles River Channel.

Location:

The proposed action would take place along Los Angeles River Channel at 1771-1831 Blake Avenue in the Elysian Park area of the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California. Landscaping, linear park, exercise equipment, dog park, sidewalk, stairs, and an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramp would be installed landside of the existing bike path between the bike path and the edge of Los Angeles County Flood Control easement on the west bank of Los Angeles River Channel. Work would be confined to landside side of the existing bike path only, and no work would occur within the channel.

Requester's Proposed Action:

Trumark Homes is proposing to construct an 88 lot subdivision. A linear park will be constructed as part of this development, to be located landside of the existing bike path on the west bank of the LA River Channel in an approximately 14 ft wide unimproved area between the bike path and the property line. Specific elements of the linear park include grass landscaping, exercise equipment, a dog park (including fencing, signage and trash cans), sidewalk, stairs with retaining walls, and an ADA ramp with retaining walls. The purpose of the project is to enhance public recreation along the Los Angeles River via provision of amenities and by providing access between the existing bike path along the river (Los Angeles River Greenbelt Trail) and Blake Avenue.

Authority: The authority to grant permission for temporary or permanent use, occupation or alteration of any USACE Civil Works project is contained in Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, as amended, codified at 33 USC 408 ("Section 408"). Section 408 authorizes the Secretary of the Army, on the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers, to grant permission for the alteration or occupation or use of a USACE project if the Secretary determines that the activity will not be injurious to the public interest and will not impair the usefulness of the project. The Secretary of Army's authority under Section 408 has been delegated to the USACE, the Chief of Engineers. The Chief of Engineers has further delegated the authority to the USACE, Directorate of Civil Works and Division and District Engineers, depending upon the nature of the activity.

Limits of Section 408 Authority: A requester has the responsibility to acquire all other permissions or authorizations required by federal, state, and local laws or regulations, including any required permits from the USACE Regulatory Program under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403), Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC Section 1344), and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 USC 1413). In addition, an approval under Section 408 does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges nor does it authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.

Consideration of Comments: The Corps is soliciting comments from the public, Federal, State and local agencies and officials, and other interested parties. Comments will be made part of the record, and they will be considered before permission is granted to proceed with this action. Please limit comments to the area of the alteration and those adjacent areas that would be directly or indirectly affected by the alteration described in this public notice.

Submission of Comments: Interested parties may submit, in writing, any comments concerning this proposal. Comments should reference public notice no. SPL-408-PN-2019-0004 and be forwarded by the comment due date of July 27, 2019. Comments must be sent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Engineering Division, ATTN: Priyo Majumdar, 915 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 930, Los Angeles, California 90017-3409. Alternatively, comments can be sent electronically to Priyodarshi.Majumdar@usace.army.mil.

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