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IN REPLY REFER TO

Project Planning Branch

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District prepared a Draft Detailed Project Report with Integrated Environmental Assessment (DPR/EA) and unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to evaluate potential effects of constructing streambank stabilization along the Tennessee River in Chattanooga, Hamilton County, TN to protect wastewater infrastructure (see enclosed area map).

A Scoping Letter was mailed on July 7, 2025, to solicit comments from the Public, various State and Federal Agencies, and other stakeholders. Comments assisted in the evaluation of the proposed alternatives and were incorporated into the report. The EA evaluates the No Action Alternative (no construction of stabilization measures) and several alternative structural measures including riprap placement to top-of-bank, placement of an offset riprap berm, installation of gabion baskets, and replacement and relocation of utilities. **Placement of an offset riprap berm is the Tentatively Selected Plan.** An initial draft of the DPR/EA indicated the tentatively selected plan would not cause significant adverse effects on the quality of the human environment; therefore, preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement would not be required. The Tentatively Selected Plan includes placement of approximately 8,250 tons of riprap in an offset berm configuration approximately two feet above high water mark.

The EA evaluates environmental effects of all action alternatives and the no action alternative under the following categories: Climate; Soils; Surface Water and Other Aquatic Resources; Fish and Wildlife Habitats; Endangered and Threatened Species; Recreational, Scenic, and Aesthetic Resources; Cultural Resources; Air Quality; Noise; Hazardous and Toxic Substances; and Socioeconomic and Environmental Justice.

This letter serves as a Notice of Availability for reviewing the draft DPR/EA and unsigned FONSI. The draft report is prepared in accordance with the June 30, 2025 Department of Defense National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Procedures. Electronic copies can be found at: <https://usace.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16021coll7/id/28482>.

We request comments be sent by email to [sidney.b.riddle@usace.army.mil](mailto:sidney.b.riddle@usace.army.mil) no later than thirty calendar days from the date of this letter to ensure consideration in the final DPR/EA. If you are unable to access an email account, you may send written comments to the address listed on the letterhead, ATTN: CELRN-PMP (Sid Riddle).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure