



US Army Corps
Of Engineers
Chicago District

Public Notice

Application No.
408-LRC-2021-0009

Comment Period Begins:
March 22, 2021

Comment Period Ends:
April 12, 2021

PROPOSED ALTERATION TO A FEDERAL CIVIL WORKS PROJECT

- REQUESTER:** Department of Natural and Applied Sciences,
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
- AFFECTED PROJECT:** Green Bay Harbor Navigation Project, Cat Island
Dredged Material Management Facility
- PROPOSED ALTERATION:** Install a Modus antenna and base station on an
existing signpost, install Modus nodes at two to three
additional locations along the causeway, and
temporarily place planks on the dredged material to
access nesting areas.

Interested parties are hereby notified that a request has been received for permission for the activity described herein and as shown on the attached drawings. You are invited to provide your comments on the proposed work by the expiration date, which will become part of the administrative record and will be considered in the decision.

Written comments should be emailed to the Chicago District Section 408 Coordinator at Chicago408@usace.army.mil

AUTHORITY:

This request will be reviewed according to the provisions of Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 408), and the policy and procedural guidance in Engineer Circular 1165-2-220.

EVALUATION FACTORS:

Proposed alterations are assessed to determine impacts to the *usefulness of the USACE Project*. The objective of this determination is to ensure that the proposed alteration will not limit the ability of the USACE project to function as authorized and will not compromise or change any authorized project conditions, purposes or outputs. All appropriate technical analyses including geotechnical, structural, hydraulic and hydrologic, real estate, construction, and operations and maintenance requirements, will be conducted, and the technical adequacy of the design will be reviewed.

Proposed alterations will also be reviewed to determine the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, on the *public interest*. Evaluation of the probable impacts that the proposed alteration to the USACE project may have on the public interest requires a

careful weighing of all those factors that are relevant in each particular case. The benefits that reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be compared against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. Factors that may be relevant to the public interest depend upon the type of USACE project being altered and may include, but are not limited to, such things as conservation, economic development, historic properties, cultural resources, environmental impacts, water supply, water quality, flood hazards, floodplains, residual risk, induced damages, navigation, shore erosion or accretion, and recreation.

The Corps of Engineers is also soliciting comments from the public, Federal, state and local agencies, Indian tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed activity. Once this office completes a review of the comments received, it will be determined whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permission for this proposal.

To prepare this decision, comments are taken into consideration to assess impacts on the public interest factors listed above, as well as endangered species, historic properties, water quality, and general environmental effects.

PRELIMINARY EVALUATION OF SELECTED FACTORS

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES:

The Corps of Engineers has determined that the proposed activity may affect a Federally-listed endangered/threatened species or designated critical habitat. Consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) has been initiated.

HISTORIC PROPERTIES/CULTURAL RESOURCES:

The District has made a preliminary determination that the project does not have the potential to cause effects to historic properties, and therefore the District's responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act appear to be satisfied.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

A preliminary determination has been made that an environmental impact statement is not required for the proposed work.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT:

The proposed activity is subject to review for consistency under the policies of the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program ("WCMP"). The WCMP is taking comments on impacts to coastal resources and the state's identified enforceable policies. More information can be found at <https://coastal.wisconsin.gov>. Comments may be sent to coastal@wisconsin.gov or Wisconsin Coastal Management Program P.O. Box 8944 Madison, WI 53708-8944.

FIGURES:

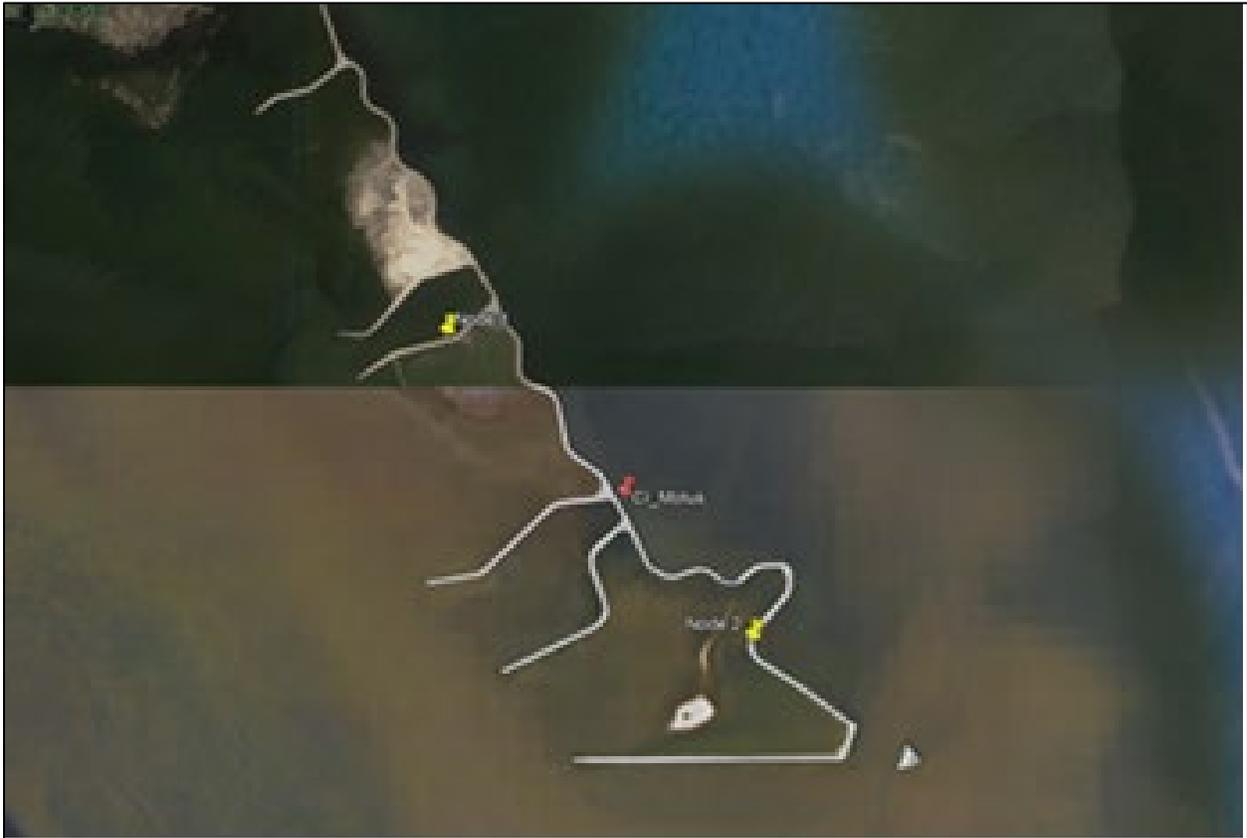


Figure 1. Red pin is approximate location of the Modus antenna, yellow pins are approximate locations of the Modus nodes.



Figure 2. Modus antenna



Figure 3. Example of signpost to be used for antenna mounting.

FIGURES, CONTINUED:

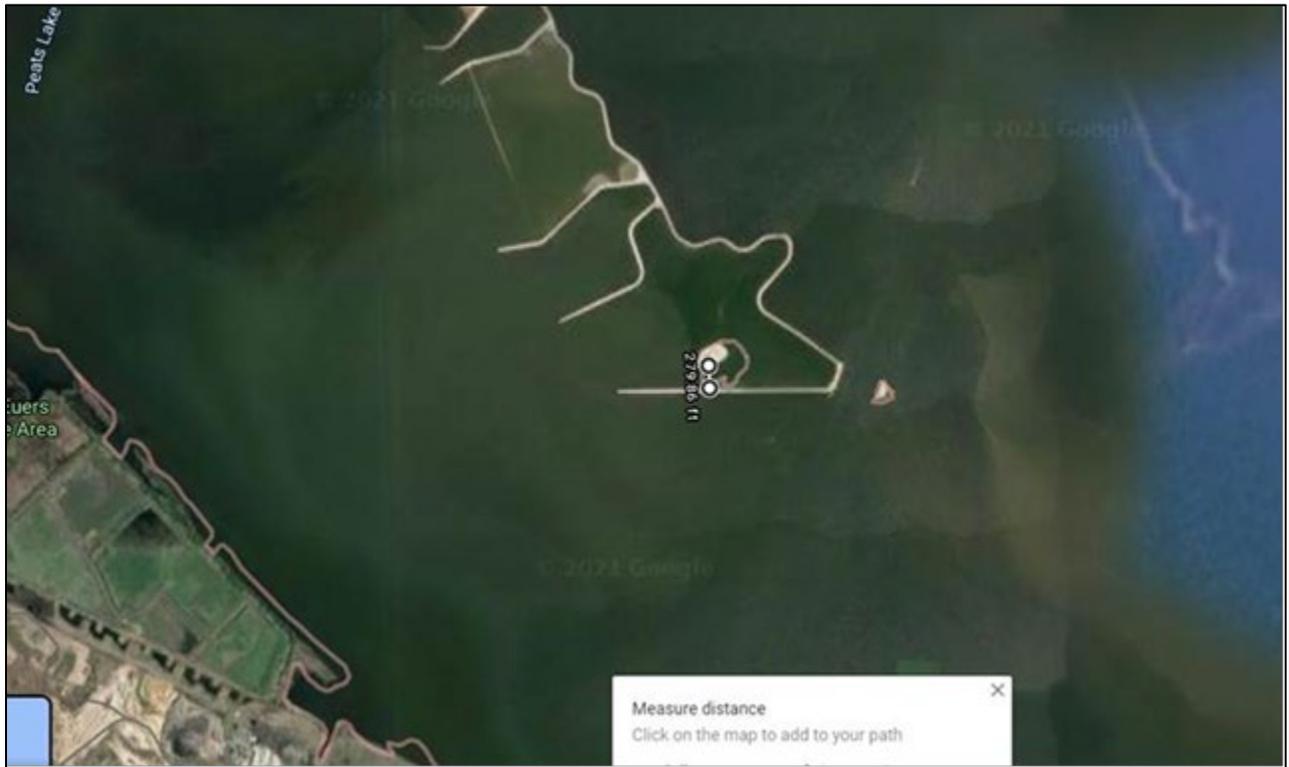


Figure 4. Approximate location of the temporary plank access area.