

Appendix B

Public Notice Responses

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STATE OF ALABAMA
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January 28, 2008

Nashville District Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Branch,
Mr. Richard D. Graham
3701 Bell Road
Nashville, TN 37214

Re: Public Notice No. 07-100, Proposed commercial marina and loading dock
with seven boat slips on Shoal Creek located in Lauderdale County, AL.

Dear Mr. Graham

Based on our initial review of information provided in Public Notice 07-100, ADCNR
submits the following comments and recommendations regarding implementation of the
proposed project:

- The Natural Heritage Section of the State Lands Division should be contacted to determine if there is a potential for adverse impacts to either state- or federally-protected species (Ms. Jo Lewis, 334-353-3051, jo.lewis@dcnr.alabama.gov). It is also necessary to coordinate with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regarding potential impacts to federally-protected species, but please note that USFWS does not provide information on state-protected species. If protected species are adversely impacted by the project, additional coordination with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (334-242-3851) and/or with USFWS (251-441-5181) will be required.
- No net loss of stream or wetland functions should occur as a result of the project. Adverse functional impacts may result from physical impacts to a stream or wetland, or from the alteration of a stream's natural flow regime or the impairment of wetland hydrology. Adverse stream impacts requiring mitigation may include accelerated siltation resulting from improper construction or erosion control practices, stream realignment, flow diversion or interruption, the placement of riprap or other fill in the streambed in such a way that habitat functions are impaired or fish movement is impeded under low flow conditions, and other modifications of habitat or hydrology which reduce the density or diversity of aquatic species.

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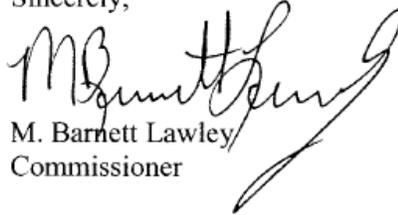
The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender, national origin, or disability in its hiring or employment practices nor in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services or activities.



- We encourage the utilization of BMPs in order to minimize shoreline erosion. Appropriate siltation barriers such as: green zones, sod strips, silt fences, or a superior means of erosion control should be used to minimize siltation downstream of the project site.
- We recommend the use of rip rap rather than sea walls to protect the shoreline from erosion. Rip rap better protects shallow water spawning, rearing and feeding habitat for fish and other aquatic species. We recommend that the larger rocks be replaced with smaller rocky structure (smaller rip rap) in order to provide some usable fish habitat. However, if seawall/bulkheading is authorized, we recommend rip-rap be placed at the tow of the structure in order to provide more suitable fish habitat.
- State water quality standards (particularly those related to erosion control, water turbidity, and dissolved oxygen) are strictly adhered to.
- Additional coordination with the Marine Police Division (256-582-1099) regarding navigational safety aspects associated with the project is also required.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project. If we may be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact this office (334-242-3851).

Sincerely,



M. Barnett Lawley
Commissioner

Cc: Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries,
ADEM

161 Kensington Drive
Florence, Al. 35633

February 2, 2008

Mr. Richard Graham
Nashville District Corp of Engineers
Regulatory Branch
3701 Bell Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37214

Dear Mr. Graham,

I read about the marina being looked at in Shoals Creek. I have just a few questions. One is whether this proposed marina will close the existing public boat ramp behind the current marina called Marina Mar? If it does I have a problem with that. The new site offers little protection for boaters who launch alone. Even with protection from the main creek traffic the added traffic from the marina will make it difficult for individuals to launch, park their vehicles, and get back to their boats before damage can be done to them. A large boat with no wake is still going to produce a wake for a small boat. The second question is will this marina result in that part of Shoals Creek becoming a no wake zone permanently? It should, however I can't tell you how many people don't even know what a wake is. Especially the younger jet skiers. Then you've got the bass tournaments where everyone comes flying into Shoals Creek to get to their fishing spot first. They don't abide by the no wake rules right now. When there's money on the line some people don't think rules apply. Will the marine police be out there patrolling? I'm not talking about at 9:00 AM, I'm talking about 5:30 AM or 6:00 AM when these tournaments take off. We both know that answer.

I wish you luck on this. However, I think with all the traffic already in this creek, this marina could create some major problems. I'll be following this one closely.

Sincerely,



Bob Gundersen

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Victor P. Dura

P.O. Box 509
Rogersville, AL 35652
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February 4, 2008



Nashville District Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Branch,
3701 Bell Road
Nashville, TN 37214
Attn: Richard D. Graham
via FAX to (615) 369-7501

Dear Mr. Graham:

Ref: Proposed Shoal Creek Marina, Public Notice: 07-100, Application No. 2001-00835

Area residents are only now finding out about the proposed marina. We have not had sufficient time to review the proposal so as to be able to comment intelligently. Consequently I would like to request a public hearing be held.

Sincerely,

Victor P Dura



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STATE OF ALABAMA
ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
468 SOUTH PERRY STREET
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36130-0900

January 29, 2008

TEL: 334-242-3184
FAX: 334-240-3477

Richard Graham
USACE Nashville District
3701 Bell Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37214

Re: AHC 08-0348
COE-T 07-100
Commercial Marina & Loading Dock
Mile 1.4R of Shoal Creek
Lauderdale County, Alabama

Dear Mr. Graham:

Upon review of the above referenced project, our files indicate that the specific location has never been surveyed for cultural resources and it is unknown if sites potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places exist here. The project area is similar environmentally to areas which are known to have significant cultural resources. Therefore, it must be considered archaeologically sensitive.

We request that a professional archaeologist conduct a cultural resource assessment for the entire project area in order to identify any cultural resources which may be present. The archaeologist's report should be submitted to our office for review and determination prior to any construction activities. In addition, we request that an architectural survey be conducted in order to document any structures at least 50 years old within a one mile radius of the project area.

We appreciate your efforts on this project. Should you have any questions, the point of contact for this matter is Greg Rhinehart at (334) 230-2662. Please have the AHC tracking number referenced above available and include it with any correspondence.

Truly yours,

Elizabeth Ann Brown
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

EAB/GCR/gcr

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STATE OF ALABAMA
ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
468 SOUTH PERRY STREET
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36130-0900

February 29, 2008

TEL: 334-242-3184
FAX: 334-240-3477

Richard Graham
USACE Nashville District
3701 Bell Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37214

Re: AHC 08-348
COE-T 07-100
Commercial Marina & Loading Dock
Mile 1.4R of Shoal Creek
Lauderdale County, Alabama

Dear Mr. Graham:

Upon review of the additional information forwarded by your office, we have determined that the proposed activities will have no effect on properties listed on or eligible for the National Register. Therefore, we concur with this project.

However, should artifacts or archaeological features be encountered during project activities, work shall cease and our office shall be consulted immediately. Artifacts are objects made, used or modified by humans. These include but are not limited to arrowheads, broken pieces of pottery or glass, stone implements, metal fasteners or tools, etc. Archaeological features are stains in the soil that indicate disturbance by human activity. Some examples are postholes, building foundations, trash pits and even human burials. This stipulation shall be placed on the construction plans to insure contractors are aware of it.

We appreciate your continued efforts on this project. Should you have any questions, the point of contact for this matter is Greg Rhinehart at (334) 230-2662. Please have the AHC tracking number referenced above available and include it with any correspondence.

Truly yours,

Stacy Mathorn
State Archaeologist for:

Elizabeth Ann Brown
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

EAB/SGH/GCR/gcr

10 MAR 2008

cc: Randy Rollinson
174 Maury Lane, Florence, AL 35643

GIL SELF
CHRIS SMITH
GREG BURDINE



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OF COUNSEL
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February 5, 2008

VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL & EMAIL richard.d.graham@lrm02.usace.army.mil
Nashville District Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Branch
Attn: Richard D. Graham
3701 Bell Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37214

Dear Mr. Graham:

Re: *Application No.:* 2001-00835/ *Expires:* February 9, 2008
Applicant: Randy Rollison
174 Maury Lane
Florence, AL 35634
Public Notice No.: 07-100
Date: January 9, 2008

Not only do I represent, but I am one of many residents of Maury Lane that are quite concerned over the "Proposed Commercial Marina and Loading Dock at Mile 1.4R, Shoal Creek, Opposite Tennessee River Mile 264.4R, Wilson Lake, Lauderdale County, Alabama." **Why wouldn't we be concerned?** Every time circumstances arise that increase the risk of injury to family, children, pets and property value, most reasonable people are concerned. I suspect that other than those who plan to profit from this venture, none of the residents of this area are desirous of seeing this project go through.

More specifically, our concerns are as follows:

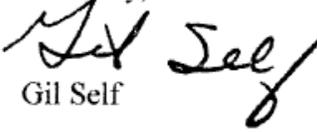
1. **An unavoidable increase in car traffic and accompanying risks.** Maury Lane, which is contiguous to this proposal, is a tranquil, narrow and unmarked dead end roadway that is not capable of safely handling the increase in car traffic. Even when the drivers are sober, which most are not after a summer day on the river, the increase in risks to personal injury is unavoidable. At

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present, there is no traffic light at this intersection, which would be needed given the vulnerability of people pulling boats, for instance. There is already a traffic light on the east side of the bridge less than 500 yards away, not to mention another traffic light to the west approximately 1,000 yards away. Alternatively, to place the egress and ingress to this proposal from Highway 72 would inevitably mean its placement would be right after crossing the bridge, which is also not a safe alternative. It is also my understanding that the State of Alabama has proposed a public boat ramp on its easement that is adjacent to Mr. Rollison's property, which would also serve to complicate matters.

2. **An unavoidable increase in boat traffic and accompanying risks.** As I'm sure you are aware, this area of Shoal Creek is already heavily used by the boaters who moor at Marina Mar, Emerald Beach and other locals. Likewise, this proposal would mean the third marina within a 1½-mile stretch of Shoal Creek. If you have ever observed the boat traffic in this area during the boating months, you would see that the width of the river can hardly accommodate it, and to add the 300-feet of a floating breakwater will narrow the river by approximately ¼ or greater. As residents of and observers of this river, we've all witnessed the carelessness and foolishness of boaters, both sober and not, especially those young people behind the wheel of boats and atop the seats of jet skies. There was a time in the not so distance past when many of us enjoyed fishing Shoal Creek, but to attempt to do so now, especially during the weekend, means to take your life into your own hands. All of this segues into the following concern:
3. **The environmental impact.** Most of us in this area have lived on Shoal Creek for decades, mainly because our love for the river and our desires to be good stewards of its health. The fact that there is no way the river can benefit, health wise, from this proposal causes many of its residents concern. Though I am not a scientist, I would venture to guess that the ecological balance between man and the river is fragile at best. From a personal standpoint, I have lived on Shoal Creek on and off for 45 years and I have witnessed a steady decline of the strip, crappie, crawfish, etc. and the introduction of zebra mussels and whatever weed it is that is taking over Pickwick Lake. I mention this only to illustrate the potential for harm from another insult to the river, such as this marina. What I do know is that more boats mean more petroleum spills and more boaters mean more plastic bottles and cans deposited in the river as well. Additionally, this 300-foot breakwater pier will undoubtedly impede the natural flow of the river resulting in a backup or accumulation of driftwood, leaves and other natural deposits.

For the above reasons, my clients and myself are requesting that a public hearing be held to consider the application.

Sincerely,

Gil Self

GPS/jlw

Graham, Richard D LRN

From: Graham, Richard D LRN
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2008 2:05 PM
To: 'Gil Self'
Subject: RE: Proposed Marina at Shoal Creek

Thank you for the additional information. I plan to extend the comment period for a few weeks.
rg

-----Original Message-----

From: Gil Self [mailto:gself333@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2008 2:01 PM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: Proposed Marina at Shoal Creek

Dear Richard,

You'll recall that I wrote you on February 5th regarding the proposed marina on Shoal Creek. In the letter that was overnighted to you and in my email, we requested that a public hearing be held. Since that time it has become even more evident that a public hearing be held, with one of the prevailing reasons being that very few people even knew about the "Public Notice." What is disturbing to the many people who are now concerned about this marina is that it appears to us is that there was an attempt to "keep this under the radar" or slip it through without those concerned being made aware. I have now learned that the Florence Planning Commission have now voiced their concern because there is no city sewage in that area and that there is not adequate land for a septic tank for a proposed marina this large. Likewise, I am reiterating our request for a public hearing. Thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Gil Self

Roger L. Babcock
2421 Chickasaw Drive
Florence, AL 35630

February 02, 2008

Nashville District Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Branch Attn: Richard D. Graham
3701 Bell Road
Nashville, TN 37214

RE: Shoals Creek Marina

Dear: Mr. Graham

It is disturbing to find out about your and Mr. Rollison's plans, just 4 days before the cut off comment date, to construct a LARGE facility that further congests a creek already chock full of summer season traffic.

I have my summer camp on Shoals Creek not far from what might be your proposed location. I tell you this to give creditability to my next request.

I respectfully request a plot plan of this proposed marina with a benchmark so I can identify where it is and how it will effect traffic and how large the "wake" restrictions will be beyond the 300' / 321'.

My second request is that you extend this comment period, at least for me, to give time to look at your plans and mail you my response.

Sincerely



Roger L. Babcock

File: Marina

Roger L. Babcock
2421 Chickasaw Drive
Florence, AL 35630

March 01, 2008

Phone
(256) 764-770

Nashville District Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Branch Attn: Richard D. Graham
3701 Bell Road
Nashville, TN 37214

RE: Shoals Creek Marina

Dear: Mr. Graham

What good does it do to have a comment period related to a proposed marina facility on Shoals Creek if you blatantly ignore the feedback you get.

Attached you will find a copy of my original letter filed within the time frame specified. Please respond.

Is this already a done deal and this process is just for show? Show me something Mr. Graham.

Sincerely



Roger L. Babcock

File: Marina 2

Attach: Original Letter

05 MAR 2008

**Roger L. Babcock
2421 Chickasaw Drive
Florence, AL 35630**

March 05, 2008

**Nashville District Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Branch
Attn: Richard D. Graham
3701 Bell Road
Nashville, TN 37214**

RE: Mr. Rollison's Shoals Creek Marina

Dear: Mr. Graham

After our discussion today and your conformation of the proposed marina location and your confirmation that hard construction would protrude across the water 300+ feet in one of the busiest areas of Shoals Creek I must protest that this facility is way too large for the proposed site.

The Marina owners, The Corps, TVA, or the Coast Guard will further restrict the creek by posting of "NO WAKE" markers until well over 1/2 of the waterway is restricted by this commercial endeavor.

Pleasure boat and personal watercraft traffic in this critical area is "extreme" during the June, July, & August summer season. All of us property owners in Shoals Creek must pass this facility going and coming from the Tennessee River each time we use our equipment. There is also a growing and annoying over use of the creek by those who trail there craft and "come in out of the wind" when the Mighty Tennessee gets rough.

Thank you for providing the detail information about where this facility is proposed and for taking the time to discuss the "wake" issue that further complicates this project.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. L. Babcock".

Roger L. Babcock

File: Marina 3

Attach: None

February 6, 2008

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o:

Regulatory Branch,
3701 Bell Road
Nashville, TN 37214

Dear Mr. Graham:

We reside on the banks of Sugar Creek, a tributary of Elk River. We have a great many friends living up and down Elk River who we visit often. We treasure the many natural resources of this watershed.

We believe that the current marina developments are fully sufficient for the needs of the community living around the Highway 72 area. We oppose any further marina development in this already pressured and fragile environment.

We specifically oppose Mr. Rollison's permit application for marina construction and request a public hearing be scheduled to allow open community review and comment on this application.

Sincerely,



Woodfin and Carla Gregg
PO Box 184
Athens, AL 35612

CLOVERDALE ROAD FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER

3502 CLOVERDALE ROAD
FLORENCE, ALABAMA 35633

TELEPHONE: (256) 764-1263

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EDWARD F. CROCKETT, III, M.D.

DIPLOMATE OF THE AMERICAN
BOARD OF FAMILY MEDICINE

FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY
OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

Nashville District Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Branch
Mr. R. D. Graham
3701 Bell Road
Nashville, TN. 37214

February 7, 2008

Dear Mr. Richard D. Graham;

I am writing to provide input on the proposed marina to be built on Shoal Creek in the Florence, Alabama area. I am a resident on Wilson Lake, and have a strong interest in any such projects. We have a very great need for additional marina facilities that would service Wilson Lake. I think there is a significant shortage of boat slips. We also need the extra fueling facility as well as the boat launch and loading area. It would be very nice if this facility also offered a restaurant or at least provided snack foods for the boating public. The proposed facility will be well received by the general boating public.

In the past similar proposed facilities have been blocked by a small number of people who had only their self-interest at heart. I hope that the regulatory agency will consider the greater good in this matter and approve this facility.

Dr. Ed Crockett

265 Indian Springs Drive
Florence, AL 35634

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Graham, Richard D LRN

my reply to him

From: Graham, Richard D LRN
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 2:25 PM
To: 'chuckrivers@comcast.net'
Subject: RE: Comments, Re: Proposed Shoal Creek Marina, Lauderdale County, AL

Thank you for your comment. We will add it to our file.

Richard Graham
Regulatory Branch
(615) 369-7507

-----Original Message-----

From: chuckrivers@comcast.net [mailto:chuckrivers@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, February 09, 2008 8:01 PM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: Comments, Re: Proposed Shoal Creek Marina, Lauderdale County, AL

Graham, Richard D LRN

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From: chuckdrivers@comcast.net
Sent: Saturday, February 09, 2008 8:00 PM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: Comments, Re: Proposed Shoal Creek Marina, Lauderdale County, AL

as comment

TO:
Nashville District Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Branch,
3701 Bell Road
Nashville, TN 37214
Attn: Richard D. Graham

FROM:
Charles L. Rose
President
Shoals Environmental Alliance
1206 N. Montgomery Ave.
Sheffield, AL 35660
H. (256) 381-2826
C. (256) 366-1937
chuckdrivers@comcast.net

Mr. Graham,
I am writing in regard to Application No. 2001-00835, a proposal by Mr. Randy Rollison to construct a commercial marina and loading dock at mile 1.4R, Shoal Creek, Lauderdale County AL.

I am opposed to the construction of this marina for several reasons. Additionally, I feel that the comment period should be extended and a public hearing should be held in consideration of this application.

Lack of Public Notice

No one even knew of this application until the last several days. The public comment period should be extended, so people have time to assess the application and complete comments.

Why doesn't the Corps of Engineers send out a Press Release when these applications are made? I assume a legal notice ran in a local paper, but no one saw it. A resident of Maury Lane told me he only found out about Mr. Rollison's application on Friday, Feb. 1.

The local paper, The TimesDaily ran a brief blurb about the application and comment period the next day, Saturday Feb. 2. I called the reporter, Dennis Sherer, and he told me he only found out because you, or someone else in your office, called him, asking for information about local historic society contacts.

I guess running a legal notice no one sees legally satisfies NEPA, but it certainly doesn't satisfy the spirit of the law, in my opinion.

Need for a Public Hearing

The Corps should hold a public hearing on this application. The public needs more information and they have a right to voice their concerns about this proposed marina project. Large developments that affect our shorelines and waterways shouldn't be snuck in under the public's radar.

If this marina has merit and will benefit the public, why cram it down the public's throat? Extend the comment period, hold a public meeting, let everyone be heard, and make the choice that is best in the public's interest.

Car Traffic

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There is no traffic light at the entrance to Maury Lane. Maury Lane is a narrow unmarked roadway. Will the egress and ingress be on Highway 72 unavoidably near the bridge or onto Maury Lane (from the drawings it appears to be on Maury Lane)? Maury Lane is a dead end. Will this increased traffic use create a safety hazard? Will there need to be yet another stop-light on this stretch of the highway?

Boat Traffic

This would be the 3rd marina within a one and a half mile stretch of the already heavily used Shoals Creek. The length of the proposed floating breakwater will extend 300 feet or roughly one-third of the width of Shoals Creek at this point. Will this create a hazard for boaters?

Environmental Impact

A new marina will invariably bring pollution (fuel run off, air quality, noise etc.) not only to its immediate location but it will also negatively

impact the downstream ecology and environment. There will be the potential for unexpected spills.

Will the Marina adversely affect the immediate neighborhood?

The proposed marina features a 300-slip dry stack storage building. Judging from drawings submitted by the developer, this structure might be 5-stories high. Will this tall building obstruct local residents' view of the creek? Their view of the bridge? Will it affect their property values? Will the increased traffic and noise keep them up at night?

Is this marina necessary?

This section of Shoal Creek is already well served by two existing marina, Marina Mar, on the west bank, just downstream of the US-72 bridge, and Emerald Beach Marina, about a mile upstream from the US-72 bridge, on the east bank. Is a third facility even needed? Will it have a negative economic impact on the two existing marina, which are not currently being used at full capacity?

Operating a marina can be a risky venture.

Many of the area's marinas are currently losing money. Why will this one be any different? It's often hard for marinas to be profitable. Like golf courses, they are "attractors" of more development, such as vacation homes and condos, but they're often perennial money losers and can depreciate in value over time. This is illustrated by the large turn-over

of owners and operators at the nearby Florence Harbor Marina on Pickwick Lake. #9-3

Does the developer have the proper financial resources to complete this project?

Furthermore, does he have enough additional funds to operate the marina at a loss until it starts to produce a profit? Has the property been assessed? Is Mr. Rollison bonded? If he goes bankrupt, will local residents stare for decades at an empty, rotting 5-story dry storage building a few doors up the street from them, because there was no money left to tear it down?

Something similar happened just east of Shoal Creek on the Elk River, when a granary business went bankrupt, leaving a huge grain silo and loading dock. Local residents told me the loading dock was eventually removed, but the silo is still there. When a developer proposed a marina on the Elk River a few years ago, TVA officials required him to be bonded so the facility could be removed if he went out of business. Will this be the case for Mr. Rollison?

Visual Impact

Wilson Lake and Shoal Creek are way overdeveloped already. Will this marina with its large dry storage building have a negative effect on the boaters view shed? Motorists' view shed? The local residents' view shed?

Safety Concerns

Shoal Creek is already heavily used. Folks who live along the creek have been complaining for several years now about how much boat traffic there is. Fishermen, boaters, swimmers & canoers have expressed safety concerns. Parents have expressed concerns for their children's safety. A marina with storage capacity for 300 plus more boats will certainly not help this situation.

Water Quality

Water quality might suffer from more than just fuel & oil spills from boats and leaky boat toilets. Judging by the developer's drawings, most of the marina site will be taken up by the dry storage building and the rather large parking lot. With all this impervious surface (asphalt parking lot, building roof) so close to the water, there should be a lot of run-off into Shoal Creek. Parking lot run-off is especially noxious, often containing trash falling or blowing out of car doors and splotches of motor oil, axle grease and transmission fluid leaking from cars.

The drawings in the application were hard for me to read, but I thought field lines for a septic system were indicated. I called the phone number listed in the public notice, (615) 369-7507, to find out if this was correct, but it seemed to be an incorrect number. Is there, in fact, a septic system? Wouldn't it have to be quite large to service the pump out station and marina restrooms? Has the site been tested?

Noise & Lights

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How much will noise from the marina affect nearby residents? The sound of boats & jet skis entering and leaving the marina, traffic going in and out, cars and trucks idling, the machinery that move the boats in and out of their slips in the dry storage building and into the water, the hum of industrial air-conditioners. Large numbers of people talking, shouting & laughing late at night. Parking lot lights, lights on the docks, etc., shining all night.

Local Residents

I know from telephone calls I have received that a large group of residents in the Maury lane neighborhood are not very happy about having this marina down the street from them. Large developments such as this one shouldn't be forced on folks without adequate public notice, an extended comment period and a public hearing to let them voice their opinions and concerns.

Thank you for letting me comment.

Regards,

Charles L. Rose
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chuckrivers@comcast.net

Graham, Richard D LRN

From: Graham, Richard D LRN
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 1:53 PM
To: 'Margmick271@aol.com'
Subject: RE: Proposed Marina on Shoal Creek.

09 am

Thank you for your comment. We will add it to our file.

Richard Graham
Regulatory Branch
(615) 369-7507

-----Original Message-----

From: Margmick271@aol.com [mailto:Margmick271@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 03, 2008 6:09 PM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: Proposed Marina on Shoal Creek.

Mr. Graham, if you check out the traffic on this particular spot on Shoal Creek you would realize that a marina here would be a disaster! My daughter lives just up the creek and I am constantly holding my breath for these kids that are pulled on rafts and such here. The boats are just bow to motor in both directions every weekend during the summer! I just know some kid is going to get run over soon! Please let the Corp of Engineers check out this area before they approve this because if they do I am sure they will realize that they is just not enough room to accommodate another marina.

Margie Anderton
271 CR 68
Killen, Al 35645
256-757-7064

Graham, Richard D LRN

From: Graham, Richard D LRN
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 1:55 PM
To: 'Caw2566@aol.com'
Subject: RE: another shoals marina, not a good idea!



Thank you for your comment. We will add it to our file. Please provide me with your mailing address. Thanks again.

Richard Graham
Regulatory Branch
(615) 369-7507

-----Original Message-----

From: Caw2566@aol.com [mailto:Caw2566@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 03, 2008 7:00 PM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: another shoals marina, not a good idea!

dear mr. graham,

due to increased traffic on an already over-congested area of shoals creek, i am against the new project.
the quality of life in the area will suffer, as will the creek from additional pollution, noise, and the wakes of speeding boats and water-jets that already make it impossible to enjoy a quiet evening on the creek.
we are kayakers and canoeists, some of us like to fish in shoals creek, too.
some folks only care about the commercial value of our waterways and access to them.
well, to them we must say' "enough is enough".

sincerely,

robert highfield

Graham, Richard D LRN

From: Graham, Richard D LRN
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 1:56 PM
To: 'nancymusesea@aol.com'
Subject: RE: Proposed Shoal Creek Marina

ay^o

Thank you for your comment. We will add it to our file.

Richard Graham
Regulatory Branch
(615) 369-7507

-----Original Message-----

From: nancymusesea@aol.com [mailto:nancymusesea@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 03, 2008 10:37 PM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: Proposed Shoal Creek Marina

Dear Mr. Graham,

I am alarmed and dismayed that are plans in motion to build a marina on Shoal Creek. I have serious doubts that this creek can stand any more development and boating activity not only for environmental reasons but for safety reasons. Many days there is already too much boating and other motorized recreational traffic which poses an obvious hazard to all involved.

I wish to request that a public meeting be held and advertised in a prominent place in the local newspaper the Times Daily (Florence, AL) about this with public comment and questions in the near future before any further action is allowed concerning the development of this marina.

I will look forward to hearing from you and hope you can provide a time and place where this meeting will be held.

Sincerely,

Nancy Muse
246 Robinhood Dr.
Florence, Alabama 35633

Graham, Richard D LRN

From: Graham, Richard D LRN
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 1:57 PM
To: 'gloverg@uah.edu'
Subject: RE:

glover

Thank you for your comment. We will add it to our file.

Richard Graham
Regulatory Branch
(615) 369-7507

-----Original Message-----

From: gloverg@uah.edu [mailto:gloverg@uah.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2008 11:27 AM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Cc: chuckrivers@comcast.net; janice@wildsouth.org
Subject:

Mr. Richard D. Graham,

I am writing to voice my concerns and objections to the proposed Shoal Creek marina. A new marina will invariably bring pollution (fuel run off, air quality, noise etc.) not only to its immediate location but will also negatively impact the downstream ecology and environment.

I believe there should be a public hearing and debate on this matter. There are a great many North Alabama residents who are opposed to the rampant development (and its attendant environmental, ecological and esthetic degradation) of our waterways solely for the profit and benefit of a few politically well connected businessmen and developers.

I strongly encourage you to reject the Shoal Creek marina proposal.

Sincerely,

Gary Glover
335 S Old Six Mile Rd
Somerville, AL 35670

Graham, Richard D LRN

From: Graham, Richard D LRN
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 1:59 PM
To: 'robin burchfield'
Subject: RE: Public Notice No 07-100

Agreement

Thank you for your comment. We will add it to our file.

Richard Graham
Regulatory Branch
(615) 369-7507

-----Original Message-----

From: robin burchfield [mailto:rockinrob35652@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2008 4:09 AM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: Public Notice No 07-100

Nashville District Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Branch
3701 Bell Rd
Nashville, Tn. 37214

Attn: Richard D. Graham

My name is Robin Burchfield and I live in Lauderdale Co. I have several concerns about building a new marina on Shoals Creek. Most are environmental/ecological effects this marina will have on our Creek. I have listed a few of my concerns below.

Negative Environmental/Ecological Impact:

Fuel leakage from boats; direct human waste (urine, feces, trash into river at Marina. IF 50 Boat slips are to be added to new marina starting out and say 25 boats a day get gas and spill an average of 1/2 TO 1 GALLON of fuel. THAT'S 25 TO 50 GALLONS IN THE RIVER. POLLUTION Kills! WHERE WILL FUEL TANKS BE? IN WATER OR ON SHORE?

Fuel prices are OUTRAGEOUS now. No one will be able to afford gas at the marina. Will the builder be responsible for returning the area on the water back if he goes belly up or will everyone else have to deal with an abandoned floating dock? What will happen when the flash flooding comes down the creek and destroys the docks and damages the new Hy 72 bridge? I hope this is being considered. I have seen the damage done on Shoals Creek flooding. Homes and docks have been destroyed over and over thru the years.

Boat trash (just look at the shoreline now; it*s a disgrace).

Too much boat traffic on Shoals Creek(IE Numerous residences/boathouses;Marinas) There is no room now, especially on weekends and holidays. This leads to erosion of our shorelines because of the wakes from boats and personal water craft and damages docks, seawalls, washes out rip rap.

Negative impact on fish population. (Shoals Creek already in danger from too much sediment runoff, flooding, bottom life is rated poor, much pressure from fishermen, and general abuse by the public)

Trash and abuse to area between Hwy 72 and "marina" area will increase.

Negative impact on wildlife -

Increased criminal activity

This will be a privately owned business that will rent to anyone.

Theft of property from local boathouses and homes will increase.

Lauderdale County is a "dry" county.
A marina will certainly bring in alcohol and the related crimes. (DUI in both cars and boats, and all the related criminal activity that comes with alcohol)

If boat rentals and personal watercraft rentals are allowed marina should be responsible for the checking of Al. boating license.

There will be absolutely no police protection.
there is only one Alabama Marine Policeman for the whole area of Wilson and Wheeler Lakes)

This business will struggle to make money (For example, the restaurant/Marina in McFarland Park has struggled from the beginning. The Harbor has changed hands; the Restaurant has failed under numerous different owners/renters.

The marina and wave-break will cause a navigation obstruction. 300 foot protruding out into the creek will differently cause problems.

None of the numerous residents that I have talked to want this and will not support it (IE use the marina, restaurant, boats etc). There are only a handful of people that think this is a good idea.. They have obviously not thought this thru. Any good it would do (selling a few hamburgers, gasoline, and picnic supplies) will certainly be offset by the many, many problems it will cause.

" WE CAN LEAVE NO GREATER GIFT FOR OUR CHILDREN THAN TO LEAVE THE WATERSHEDS ENTRUSTED TO OUR CARE HEALTHIER AND MORE DIVERSE."

I would like to request a public hearing.

Sincerely,

Robin Burchfield
1194 Barnett Rd.
Rogersville,Al.35652
256-247-1549
E-mail rockinrob35652@yahoo.com

Graham, Richard D LRN

From: Graham, Richard D LRN
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 2:00 PM
To: 'jim&irene'
Subject: RE:

copy

Thank you for your comment. We will add it to our file.

Richard Graham
Regulatory Branch
(615) 369-7507

-----Original Message-----

From: jim&irene [mailto:2fowlers@wildblue.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2008 9:06 AM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject:

We would like to submit our objections to the proposed marina and 300-slip dry stack storage building on Shoals creek near Florence Alabama.

1. Boat traffic is already quite heavy on the creek.
2. There is a marina just downstream of the US-72 bridge and another about a mile upstream.
3. The large scale of the marina would adversely impact the amount of pollution in an already polluted waterway.

James Fowler
Irene Fowler
106 Gillis Drive
Lexington Al. 35648
2fowlers@wildblue.net

Graham, Richard D LRN

From: Graham, Richard D LRN
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 2:02 PM
To: 'Lou Parbery'
Subject: RE: Shoals Creek additional Marina

agm

Thank you for your comment. We will add it to our file. Please provide me with your mailing address. Thanks.

Richard Graham
Regulatory Branch
(615) 369-7507

-----Original Message-----

From: Lou Parbery [mailto:blp@hiwaay.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2008 8:19 AM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: Shoals Creek additional Marina

Please do your job and have a public hearing with proper notice for this request from local developer to add yet another Marina to Shoals Creek.

I'm concerned about pollution, water safety, added traffic, real need for another Marina among other issues that need to be discussed at a public hearing.

Concerned citizen!

Lu Parbery

Graham, Richard D LRN

From: Graham, Richard D LRN
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 2:05 PM
To: 'wpmurrey3@bellsouth.net'
Subject: RE: Shoal Creek

against

Thank you for your comment. We will add it to our file.

Richard Graham
Regulatory Branch
(615) 369-7507

-----Original Message-----

From: wpmurrey3@bellsouth.net [mailto:wpmurrey3@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2008 5:09 PM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: Shoal Creek

Dear Mr. Graham,

I have been going to the Tennessee River, the Elk River, and Shoal Creek all of my life. I own property and a home on the Elk River. I understand that there has been an application made for a marina to be put on the Shoal Creek. We have several friends that live on the Shoal Creek, and we go from our place on the Elk River by boat to Shoal Creek. There are already two marinas on Shoal Creek. I feel that these two are adequate enough. I feel that Shoal Creek is on the very brink of being over-crowded..

I urge you to consider this before making a decision to allow this to happen. I also urge you to hold a public meeting, and get some input from the local residents.

Sincerely,

W. Preston Murrey III

400 Jennifer Circle

Rogersville, AL

Graham, Richard D LRN

From: Graham, Richard D LRN
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 2:10 PM
To: 'hallieamu@comcast.net'
Subject: RE: Shoals Creek Marina Proposal

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Thank you for your comment. We will add it to our file.

Richard Graham
Regulatory Branch
(615) 369-7507

-----Original Message-----

From: hallieamu@comcast.net [mailto:hallieamu@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2008 10:30 PM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: Shoals Creek Marina Proposal

Mr. Graham:

As a citizen who has lived on the Shoals Creek segment of Wilson Lake for over 60 years and has seen what the boating traffic has done to the lake environment in recent years, it is definitely my feeling that the Corps of Engineers should hold a public hearing on the application made by Randy Rollison to build another marina just upstream from U. S. 72. I might add that a large marina is already on the opposite side of the bridge crossing U. S. 72.

Prior to my retirement, I worked 19 years for the Tennessee Valley Authority Environmental Engineers and therefore I feel that I have some good knowledge relative to what excessive boating can do to our lakes.

Please, extend the comment period; hold a Public Meeting; let everyone interested be heard; and make the choice that is best in the public interest.

R. C. Underwood, jr.
400 Hillside Drive
Florence, Alabama 35634

Phone 256-757-4014

Graham, Richard D LRN

From: Graham, Richard D LRN
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 2:27 PM
To: 'Sue Roessel Dura'
Subject: RE: Shoals Creek Marina

ag comment

Thank you for your comment. We will add it to our file.

Richard Graham
Regulatory Branch
(615) 369-7507

-----Original Message-----

From: Sue Roessel Dura [mailto:srdura@hiwaay.net]
Sent: Saturday, February 09, 2008 11:59 AM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: Shoals Creek Marina

Dear Richard D. Graham,

Apparently, a legal notice was run in the Times Daily on Jan. 9 regarding this new marina, but I just found out about it today.

I understand that the marina's docks, walkways, beakwaters, etc. would be contained in a 300' x 321' area of the creek. The proposed marina would also feature a 300-slip dry stack storage building.

It is apparent that boat traffic is already quite heavy on the creek; there is a marina just downstream of the US-72 bridge and another about a mile upstream.

I would like to voice my opposition to this project and request that the public comment period be extended. Our waterways are already degraded by over use and should be preserved and improved by limiting impacts such as this marina.

All the best,

Susan Roessel
PO Box 509
Rogersville, AL 35652
256-247-1431
SRDura@hiwaay.net

Graham, Richard D LRN

From: Graham, Richard D LRN
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 2:09 PM
To: 'whistlerc42@aim.com'
Subject: RE: proposed Shoal Creek marina

Again, thank you for your second comment. We will add it to our file. Please provide me with your mailing address. Thanks.

Richard Graham
Regulatory Branch
(615) 369-7507

-----Original Message-----

From: whistlerc42@aim.com [mailto:whistlerc42@aim.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2008 5:52 PM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: proposed Shoal Creek marina

A new marina is being proposed for Shoal Creek adjacent to the US 43/72 highway bridge. I believe that a public hearing should be scheduled and the comment period extended before this project progresses.

With another large marina just across the highway the traffic congestion will be a major problem and the boat traffic on this narrow reach of creek will be horrible.

A new marina is the last thing needed at this locality.

Sincerely,

Charles Harlan

Graham, Richard D LRN

From: whistlerc42@aim.com
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 5:08 PM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: Re: proposed marina on shoals creek,killen al.

Mr Richard Graham,

Thank you for your reply. My mailing address is:

Charles Harlan
2108 Berry Circle
Florence,Al. 35630

-----Original Message-----

From: Graham, Richard D LRN <Richard.D.Graham@usace.army.mil>
To: whistlerc42@aim.com
Sent: Mon, 11 Feb 2008 2:01 pm
Subject: RE: proposed marina on shoals creek,killen al.

Thank you for your comment. We will add it to our file. Please provide me with your mailing address. Thanks.

Richard Graham
Regulatory Branch
(615) 369-7507

-----Original Message-----

From: whistlerc42@aim.com [mailto:whistlerc42@aim.com <mailto:whistlerc42@aim.com?>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2008 3:21 PM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: proposed marina on shoals creek,killen al.

Mr. Graham,

there are already two marinas in the vicinity of the proposed marina,one immediately accross the highway, the other about 3/4 mi upstream. there are numerous residences and a large volume of boat traffic and other water sport uses in this locality. the addition of another marina would create such a congestion and to make the waterway virtually unusable and would seriously impact the property values of those nearby. i am a boater,owning a pontoon boat and a large runabout, but i urge you to prevent this marina project from moving forward.

Thank you,

Charles Harlan

Graham, Richard D LRN

From: clhdoss@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 8:39 PM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: Re: Proposed Marina - Shoal Creek

again

Mr. Graham:

My mailing address is: Linda Doss
164 Robbins Beach Road
Killen, AL 35645
(Phone: 256-757-2500)
(cell: 256-335-2398)

Thank you again for your help and consideration.

From: Graham, Richard D LRN
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 2:04 PM
To: 'clhdoss@aol.com'
Subject: RE: Proposed Marina - Shoal Creek

Thank you for your comment. We will add it to our file. Please provide me with your mailing address. Thanks.

Richard Graham
Regulatory Branch
(615) 369-7507

-----Original Message-----

From: clhdoss@aol.com [mailto:clhdoss@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2008 9:47 AM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: Proposed Marina - Shoal Creek

Dear Mr. Graham:

I am writing regarding the proposed Marina on the West side of Shoal Creek near Highway 72, in Lauderdale County, Alabama. The gentleman requesting the permit to build the marina is Randy Rollison.

I am respectfully requesting a public hearing regarding this venture, prior to permission being granted for the start of construction.

As a longtime resident of Shoal Creek, I am deeply concerned about the impact this marina will have on an already severely congested area of the creek. The summer boat traffic in this small area is already out of control, and another marina with additional slips could prove catastrophic, not only from a safety standpoint, but also from the aspect of environmental concerns.

Having spent my entire life living in this area, I have watched the creek change from a beautiful, safe recreation area used by local boaters and fishermen to a litter-lined "interstate". We haul at least 2 pickup truckloads (full!) of plastic and garbage from boats to the landfill every year. We do not allow our teenager on the lake on the weekends, because of the danger now created by speeding "ocean-going" cigar boats and overzealous bass fishermen racing to their "spots".

This part of the creek is narrow and VERY CONGESTED. We have relied on the Army Corps of Engineers to help keep our lake clean and safe for many years. I feel that the local citizens deserve the respect of a Public Hearing prior to this decision being made.

I anxiously await your reply. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda Doss
256-335-2398 (cell)
clhdoss@aol.com <mailto:clhdoss@aol.com>

Graham, Richard D LRN

From: Harriet Johnston [gennej@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 10:54 PM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: Re: Shoal Creek Marina

against

Mr. Graham,
My mailing address is as follows:

Harriet Johnston
P.O. Box 1064
Athens, AL 35612

Thank you,
Harriet Johnston

----- Original Message -----

From: Graham, Richard D LRN <mailto:Richard.D.Graham@usace.army.mil>
To: Harriet Johnston <mailto:gennej@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 2:18 PM
Subject: RE: Shoal Creek Marina

Thank you for your comment. We will add it to our file. Please provide me with your mailing address. Thanks.

Richard Graham
Regulatory Branch
(615) 369-7507

-----Original Message-----

From: Harriet Johnston [mailto:gennej@msn.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 09, 2008 11:58 PM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN; Vic Dura
Subject: Shoal Creek Marina

Nashville District Corps of Engineers
Regulator Branch
Attn: Richard D. Graham

Dear Sir,

Concerning the proposed Shoal Creek Marina application, please allow for a public meeting to allow the people to voice and discuss their opinions about this development. Our waterways are under attack with the rapid development, massive sprawl and abuse of the ecological and environmental balance between man and nature. Water (the lack of quality, clean water) has become one of the most valuable and rapidly extinct resources that man and all species on earth must have to live. Just consider the recent fight with Georgia, Florida and Alabama over water resources. The Tennessee Valley waterways have been so abused and trashed through the years that the rapid over-development must be wisely controlled or everyone of us will suffer.

Issues that need to be investigated are:

1. Environmental impact. Our waterways are already polluted, trashed and contaminated with chemicals.

What if areas have to posted because of pollution and contamination?
2. Safety: There is very little monitoring of boat traffic and unsafe drivers. Does the increased traffic present a problem? With the addition of 300 plus boats has the area been surveyed for the safety of those who use the waterways?

3. Construction impact on the land and water. Proper landscaping with minimum impact on water banks.

4. Monitoring the operations of the marina for impact of pollution, water quality and boat safety.

5. Channels along the tributaries, channels and slews of the Tennessee are becoming very narrow and dangerous with debris, logs and drift wood.

Thank you for your consideration of the issues. We must no longer sacrifice our waterways for economic purposes. The quality of water and the existing beautiful waterways are not endless. Continuing to ignore this fact will be disastrous for life of all species in and along the entire Tennessee River and its tributaries. This is our lesson for the future.

Regards,
Harriet Johnston
Athens, AL

Graham, Richard D LRN

From: Graham, Richard D LRN
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2008 2:35 PM
To: 'mary wakefield'
Subject: RE: marina at Shoal Creek Bridge



Thank you for your comment. It will be added to the file.

Richard Graham
Regulatory Branch
(615) 369-7507

-----Original Message-----

From: mary wakefield [mailto:marywake35653@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2008 2:11 PM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: marina at Shoal Creek Bridge

Dear Sir:

I am writing to tell you that I am very opposed to premitting a new marina to be located on Shoal Creek near hwy 72 in Florence, AL.

I grew up being able to swim, canoe, water ski and go boating on Shoal Creek. I lived in North Alabama for 60 years. I now live in Brandon, MS, so I have no property interest on Shoal Creek but I often tell people what a beautiful place the Tennessee River and the Shoal Creek area is.

Since many people share my opinion, Shoal Creek is a very heavily used place. I believe adding another marina there would make it too crowded and possibly dangerous, as well as adding polution and taking away from the beauty that we love.

So please, don't let another marina locate there. When I visit in N. Alabama I want to see the beautiful place I remember.

Thank you for your attention.

Mary Wakefield
13 Timber Ridge Dr.
Brandon, MS 39042

Graham, Richard D LRN

From: Graham, Richard D LRN
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 7:53 AM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: FW: Marina on Shoal Creek

against

My home address is 1973 Lingerlost Road, Killen, Alabama, 35645. Thanks for your interest in my concerns. Len Maguire

-----Original Message-----

From: Graham, Richard D LRN
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2008 3:33 PM
To: 'leonardmaguire@bellsouth.net'
Subject: FW: Marina on Shoal Creek

Please provide me with your mailing address and you will be sent a letter regarding any public hearing that might be held. Thanks.

Richard Graham

-----Original Message-----

From: Graham, Richard D LRN
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 9:24 AM
To: 'Leonard Maguire'
Subject: RE: Marina on Shoal Creek

Thank you for your comment. We will add it to the file. Please provide me with your mailing address. I will send you a letter regarding any public hearing that might be held. Thanks.

Richard Graham
Regulatory Branch
(615) 369-7507

-----Original Message-----

From: Leonard Maguire [mailto:leonardmaguire@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 9:07 AM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: Marina on Shoal Creek

I live on Wilson Lake near the entrance to Shoal Creek and I am concerned about the impact this proposed marina will have on the lake environment. I had recently read in the paper about another marina development project that is proposed on Wilson Lake. From what I read is that they plan to build a 360 boat marina at the old Point Restaurant area near Wheeler Dam. They also plan to have a Hotel and restaurant and a large number of Condominiums. It seems to make more sense to build a marina at that end of the Lake which dose not have much development than at the Shoals creek area which already has two marinas. Also at the Point site there is an existing restaurant and development which had been abandoned which would benefit by renewal. In addition there would be no traffic problems or disruptions since there is very little development in that area. Has the overall proposed development of the lake shore been taken into consideration? I hope there will be a public hearing on these matters. Do I have to write a formal letter to request that a public hearing be held? Yours Leonard Maguire

Graham, Richard D LRN

From: Paige B Gray [paige.b.gray.i0ic@statefarm.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 9:38 AM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: RE: Comments regarding the proposed marina on shoals creek

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333 Crestwood drive in Florence, al 35633 thanks!

-----Original Message-----

From: Graham, Richard D LRN [mailto:Richard.D.Graham@usace.army.mil]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 9:27 AM
To: Paige B Gray
Subject: RE: Comments regarding the proposed marina on shoals creek

Thank you for your comment. We will add it to the file. Please provide me with your mailing address. Thanks.

Richard Graham
Regulatory Branch
(615) 369-7507

-----Original Message-----

From: Paige B Gray [mailto:paige.b.gray.i0ic@statefarm.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 9:00 AM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: Comments regarding the proposed marina on shoals creek

We are avid boaters on the TN River and Wilson Lake.

We would support a new marina due to the fact yes, we do have emerald beach and marina mar BUT both are in desperate need of updates.

We do not see this happening in the near future.

We are in full support of a nice marina with possible gas pumps and a clean area to use while on The water.

We do keep our boat at Turtle Point currently which is in great condition so I do believe another nice Marina would only benefit this area.

Thanks, Paige Gray

Graham, Richard D LRN

From: Gail Johnson [ggjohn@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2008 3:58 PM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: Re: Rollison Public Notice, File No. 200100835

Thank you: My mailing address is: Gail Johnson, 110 Karley Lane, Florence, AL. 35630

"Graham, Richard D LRN" <Richard.D.Graham@usace.army.mil> wrote:

Please provide us with your mailing address and you will be provided a letter regarding any public hearing that might be held. Thanks.

Richard Graham

-----Original Message-----

From: Graham, Richard D LRN
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2008 4:07 PM
To: 'Gail Johnson'
Subject: Rollison Public Notice, File No. 200100835

Attached is a copy of the public notice for the proposed work, and it should answer most, if not all, of your questions. Feel free to call me at (615) 369-7507 if I can be of further assistance. Thanks for your interest.

Richard Graham
Regulatory Branch

Dear Sir:

I have just learned of the proposed marina project on Shoals Creek located on Maury Lane upstream from the highway 72 bridge. As property owners on Shoals Creek, my husband and I have some questions and concerns about the proposal. First, can you tell me exactly what the location is of the proposed marina? Who is the developer? Whose property is it?

Given the brief period of time that this information has been known, could there be a public meeting held in regard to this with questions and answers from concerned residents? Only last summer, I was told of an ongoing renovation/addition of the Emerald Beach marina property; how can we possibly need another marina if this one is being expanded and upgraded?

Thank you for your attention to this matter--We value highly our property on Shoals Creek and would like to see things done for the best interest of maintaining the beauty and appeal of this area.

Sincerely,
Gail Johnson

Graham, Richard D LRN

From: albernauer@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2008 1:24 PM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: Re: Proposed Marina @ Shoal Creek

again

My mailing address is Anne Bernauer
305 Perritt Cove
Florence, AL 35634

Actually to be "just hearing about this" from what you sent on Jan. 9 is pretty good - almost a month - not bad... thank you for the response...

-----Original Message-----

From: Graham, Richard D LRN <Richard.D.Graham@usace.army.mil>
To: albernauer@aol.com
Sent: Tue, 19 Feb 2008 5:21 pm
Subject: RE: Proposed Marina @ Shoal Creek

Thank you for your comment. We will add it to our file. I don't know why you are just hearing about this, as I sent a copy of the public notice to your local newspaper (The Times Daily) and to others (mayor, county judge, radio station, TV station, state representatives, postmaster) on January 9, 2008. Please provide us with your mailing address. Thanks.

Richard Graham
Regulatory Branch
(615) 369-7507

-----Original Message-----

From: albernauer@aol.com [mailto:albernauer@aol.com <mailto:albernauer@aol.com?>]
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2008 10:33 AM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: Proposed Marina @ Shoal Creek

Thank you for letting me voice my opinion re: the propped marina.

1. Why are we just now hearing about this? I think the public should be able to voice their concerns.
2. The proposed site is very difficult to access from Hwy. 72 - no light, small road entrance.
3. The waterway area will become a nightmare of water traffic and congestion - this really needs to be considered...we have already had several deaths from boating accidents in congested areas on our lake/creek - do we really NEED this marina?

I think NOT!!!

Anne Bernauer
256-757-9008
305 Perritt Cove
Florence, AL 35634

Graham, Richard D LRN

From: ltittrell@bellsouth.net
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2008 1:15 PM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: RE: address

Terry Littrell 68 Smith Lane, Killen, AL. 35645

----- Original message -----

From: "Graham, Richard D LRN" <Richard.D.Graham@usace.army.mil>
>
> Thank you for your comment. We will add it to the file. Please provide
> me with your mailing address.
>
> Richard Graham
> Regulatory Branch
> (615) 369-7507
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Terry [mailto:ltittrell@bellsouth.net]
> Sent: Monday, February 18, 2008 12:43 PM
> To: Graham, Richard D LRN
> Subject: MARINA AT SHOAL CREEK
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> low clearance of old bridge would be a negative for putting marina
> north of old bridge. the old bridge needs to be removed. it is an
> eyesore for the area. thanks
> Terry Littrell, KILLEN AL..

Graham, Richard D LRN

From: Graham, Richard D LRN
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2008 8:26 AM
To: 'qlang@bellsouth.net'
Subject: Rollison proposed marina on Shoal Creek: Public Notice No. 07-100

against

Thank you for your comment. We will add it to our file. I had sent a copy of the public notice to your local newspaper (The Times Daily) and to others (mayor, county judge, radio station, TV station, state representatives, postmaster) on January 9, 2008. From what I have gathered, we did not start receiving comments until after I had called the Times Daily to get some information from Mr. Dennis Sherer about the town's historic preservation group. Only during our conversation did he request that I send another copy of the public notice to the newspaper. Were it not for that freak call (I hardly ever call newspapers - they usually call us) and the subsequent news article in the paper, you likely would still not know about this. So I am glad to receive your comment concerning this matter. If you want, we can add your email address to our database and you will be contacted when we publish each future public notice.

Richard Graham
Regulatory Branch
(615) 369-7507

-----Original Message-----

From: Quint Langstaff [mailto:qlang@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2008 1:13 PM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: marina

To whom it may concern,

I have been a resident of the Shoals area since 1959. I have been a licensed Realtor since 1984 and a broker since 1989. I also grew up on the lake and own a lake home at Kilburn Beach. My concerns regarding the marina being proposed at Shoal Creek Bridge are many. Not the least of which is, do we really need it? I also fear that the neighbors on Maury Lane will suffer a hit in their property values. I rarely have to wait for very long when filling my gas tank at either Emerald Beach or Marina Mar and about the only time it gets a little hectic is on a holiday weekend, such as July 4th. While the bridge was being built the no wake zone was in effect and I would assume that with where the marina is being proposed would reinstate a large portion of that which really slows down the traffic. Ingress and egress, I believe will become a car traffic nightmare as traffic is zooming westward only to have to come to a screeching halt as a big boat on a trailer in trying to get in or out. I am against this proposal and in closing would like to add one item or question. I, only recently heard the first word about this. I am unaware of neighbors being notified that this was a proposal. Please, in the future, make sure it is clear to everyone, what is being considered. Open communication really does make such a difference to all concerned. Thank you for your attention and time.

Sincerely,

Quint Langstaff
2015 County Road 41
Florence, Al. 35633
1-256-764-8869

SUBJECT: File No. 2001-00835; Proposed Commercial Marina and Loading Dock @ Mile 1.4R, Shoal Creek, Opposite Tennessee River Mile 264.4R, Wilson Lake, Lauderdale County, AL

Mr. Richard D. Graham,

Being the closest property owners in the proximity of the proposed Marina and Loading dock, We feel the need to express our opinion. For several reasons, we think that this would be an asset to us and to many others.

As for us and the other residents near the proposed site, we know that Mr. Randy Rollison has lived @ his current residence for many, many years. We know that he has kept a beautiful home and a clean landscaped yard throughout that time. Therefore, we have no doubt that he would do the same with this business. If for any reason we, or any other resident living near the business has a problem or a concern, We know that Mr. Rollison would do everything possible to rectify the problem and/or deal with our concern in a timely manner.

As for the other residents of The Shoals area (which consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia), we feel that this proposed Marina would be very welcomed by them, as well. Being that we have an overwhelming amount of boating enthusiast in the area and the few marinas w/ boat storage that we have are near full, we know that a new boat storage facility is much needed.

Also, The Shoals area is growing as our leaders of the cities and also the State of Alabama are enticing new residents and businesses, lowering the jobless rate, and very much encouraging tourism in our area. We feel that this business would be a step in the same direction that our leaders are working so hard to accomplish.

We very much appreciate your time and hope that you will consider our opinion in any decisions that may still have to be made. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us @ (256) 767-2937.

Sincerely,
Robert and Angela Hendrix
Property owners of:
182 Maury Lane & 200 Maury Lane
Florence, AL 35634

Graham, Richard D LRN

From: Noel and Robert Beck [noelmbrobwb@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 11:20 PM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: Re: Shoals Creek Marina

against

It is in the public interest to consider environmental concerns raised by this proposal.
Noel M. Beck

----- Original Message -----

From: "Graham, Richard D LRN" <Richard.D.Graham@usace.army.mil>
To: "Noel and Robert Beck" <noelmbrobwb@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 2:32 PM
Subject: RE: Shoals Creek Marina

Why would you like to request a public hearing?

Richard Graham
Regulatory Branch
(615) 369-7507

-----Original Message-----

From: Noel and Robert Beck [mailto:noelmbrobwb@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 2:26 PM
To: Graham, Richard D LRN
Subject: Shoals Creek Marina

I would like to request a public hearing on the proposed marina on Shoals Creek, Florence, Alabama. Thank you, Noel M. Beck, 229 West Lelia Street, Florence, Alabama 35630

BONNIE (ROGERS) WADDELL
145 MAURY LANE
FLORENCE, AL. 35634

February 21, 2008

Regulatory Branch
Department of the Army
Nashville District, Corps of Engineers
3701 Bell Road
Nashville, Tn. 37214

ATTN: Richard D. Graham

Dear Mr. Graham

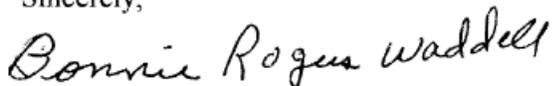
RE: File No. 2001-00835, Proposed Commercial Marina

The marina proposed in your notice is located directly across Maury Lane from my home. Maury Lane is a very small neighborhood of homes with no commercial establishment other than one small restaurant that facts U.S. Highway 72 and corners on Maury Lane. I have been a resident of this neighborhood for 51 years and I cannot understand how a commercial establishment of this size can be placed in an area of private homes like we have on Maury Lane.

There are many things that I am very concerned about. I am concerned about the added traffic right in my front door on a road that is narrow and only has one outlet. I am concerned about the size of the proposed building and parking lot, added noise at all hours as well as commercial lighting of a very large parking lot. We already have two marinas in this area only a short distance from this proposed location. Even if we could handle all of the inconveniences what will this do to the value of our homes?

I respectfully request a public hearing on this proposal so that our entire neighborhood can ask many questions that greatly concern us.

Sincerely,



Bonnie (Rogers) Waddell
256 757 4559

25 FEB 2008

BONITA ROGERS ERWIN
4023 DOE CREEK DRIVE
FLOYDS KNOBS, IN. 47119

February 21, 2008

Regulatory Branch
Department of the Army
Nashville District, Corps of Engineers
3701 Bell Road
Nashville, Tn. 37214

ATTN: Richard D. Graham

Dear Mr. Graham

RE: File No. 2001-00835, Proposed Commercial Marina

I own two houses just across the street from the proposed commercial marina. The addresses are 193 Maury Lane and 195 Maury Lane.

I am greatly concerned about this proposed business in our neighborhood. Our little area was not designed for the magnitude of traffic, noise and general disruption that this will bring to our small area of homes.

I respectfully request a public hearing on this proposal so that the questions of the property owners can be presented.

Sincerely,



Bonita (Rogers) Erwin
256 757 4559

11325 Cabriolet Run
Fort Wayne, IN 46845
March 4, 2008

o.j.

Mr. Richard D. Graham
Nashville District Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Branch
3701 Bell Road
Nashville, TN 37214

Dear Mr. Graham:

Subject: File # 2001-00835

Thank you for the notice regarding the proposed marina and loading dock at Shoal Creek in Florence, Alabama. The map attached to the notice indicates that a restaurant and other retail buildings are also included in the proposal. I am strongly opposed to this project.

My sister and I are joint owners of property at 4407, 4409, and 4411 Florence Boulevard, Florence, Alabama. Our property is adjacent to Maury Lane and directly across Maury Lane from the proposed marina and loading dock. I have a strong, direct interest in maintaining the serenity of the residential neighborhood along Maury Lane.

The proposed project appears to be a very large one. I understand that there would be a boat storage facility which would be a metal building about three stories tall and that it would be located next to Maury Lane and across the street from residential property on Maury Lane. Such a large facility would negatively impact the aesthetics of the area and would be detrimental to the residential nature of the neighborhood along the Lane.

The entrance to the proposed marina appears to be on Maury Lane. This narrow, two-lane road is not equipped to handle the heavy traffic which would be generated by such a large facility as the proposed marina, loading dock, restaurant, and retail stores. In addition, Highway 72 is an extremely busy thoroughfare. Trying to enter and exit it across traffic via Maury Lane is already difficult and tricky.

The wastewater and sewage disposal facilities planned for the project would border Maury Lane and would be directly across the street from residential properties. This would be very unappealing, to say the least. In addition, whether it be because the water table in this area is so high, or because the ground will not readily absorb water, or both, this area has a history of problems with septic tanks and field lines. A drainage problem with such a large facility as the proposed marina could cause sewage to drain directly into Shoal Creek, thereby negatively affecting the water quality.

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Mr. Richard D. Graham
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In summary, I am opposed to the project because the aesthetics and serenity of the residential neighborhood would be negatively impacted; the extra traffic generated from such a facility would be more than Maury Lane could handle, given the current conditions; and the wastewater and sewage disposal facility would be detrimental to the aesthetics of the neighborhood, as well as to the water quality of Shoal Creek.

Thank you for your consideration of the above points which outline my reasons for opposing this project.

Sincerely yours,

Glenda K. Richter

Glenda K. Richter

689 Brewer Drive
Nashville, TN 37211
March 10, 2008

Nashville District Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Branch
3701 Bell Road
Nashville, TN 37214

Attention: Richard D. Graham

Subject: File # 2001-00835

Dear Mr. Graham:

My sister and I own property at 4407, 4409, and 4411 Florence Boulevard, Florence Alabama, which is directly across Maury Lane from the proposed marina and loading dock on Shoal Creek. I understand that a restaurant and other retail facilities are also planned for this project. I am opposed to this project for several reasons.

From looking at the maps furnished, this will apparently be a massive project, with a large boat storage facility, which will be next to and directly across the street from residential property on Maury Lane. You stated that the boat storage facility would probably be a metal building and might be as much as three stories tall. That kind of building would not fit in with the residential properties along Maury Lane. I do not know the zoning regulations for the property, but do feel that this large a facility would be a detriment to the residential neighborhood, and should not be allowed.

I understand there will be a sewage pump out station on the dock and an underground holding tank next to the edge of the water. "Sanitary marine septic and storage tanks" are planned on the property bordering on Maury Lane. There will be wastewater disposal field lines between the septic tank and the creek. I do not believe that a septic tank and field lines will work in this location for such a large facility. Before her death, my Mother owned property at 191, 193 and 195 Maury Lane. These were small rental houses, and she constantly had trouble with the septic tanks and field lines at each of the houses, even though she added extra field lines to the properties. If there is any problem with the drainage, it will run directly into Shoal Creek.

It appears that the entrance to this marina will be on Maury Lane. Maury Lane is a very narrow two-lane road, and was not designed to handle the extra traffic of a development of this size. There is also the problem of extra traffic entering and exiting Florence Boulevard (Highway 72) at Maury Lane. It is always difficult to enter Florence Boulevard from Maury Lane if you want to turn left. Most of the time, my husband and I just turn right and go to the first crossover and make a U-turn because it seems safer than trying to cross the traffic.

Thank you for your consideration of my objections to this project.

Very truly yours,


Robbie N. Reeves

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