

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

DETROIT DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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IN REPLY REFER TO

Engineering & Technical Services  
Regulatory Office  
File No. LRE-2007-0540020

John G. Cameron, Jr.  
Harbor Shores Community Redevelopment.  
111 Lyon Street, Northwest  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503-2413

Dear Mr. Cameron:

Please refer to your application for a Department of the Army permit to discharge fill associated with construction of the Harbor Shores mixed use development including a golf course, housing and commercial buildings in wetlands adjacent to and in the Paw Paw River at Benton Harbor, Saint Joseph, and Benton Township, Michigan.

We have received a copy of a letter sent to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Grants Management, by the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS, copy enclosed), wherein they deny your request for a transfer of park property in Jean Klock Park, as submitted. Transfer of park lands is necessary to allow construction of 3 holes of your proposed 18-hole golf course.

Paragraph 320.4(j)(1) of the regulations for the Regulatory Program of the Corps of Engineers, published in the Federal Register on November 13, 1986, states that the DA permit will be denied without prejudice when required Federal, State, or local authorization and/or certification has been denied. Therefore, your permit request is denied as of this date.

We understand you intend to ask NPS to revisit its decision to deny your initial request. Please keep us advised so that we may determine if proposed modifications to your proposal would be acceptable under Corps regulations.

Should you receive an approval from NPS, you must contact us, in writing, to obtain a DA permit. Work can be accomplished only after receipt of a DA permit. There is no assurance that you will receive a DA permit after satisfactory resolution with NPS.

We remind you that work within Corps of Engineers jurisdiction can be accomplished only after receipt of a DA permit. Should you have questions on this matter, contact Thomas E. Allenson at the above address or telephone (313) 226-2221. Please refer to File Number: LRE-2007-0540020.

Sincerely,



John Konik  
Chief, Regulatory Office  
Engineering and Technical Services

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Enclosure

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NPS, Jim Krejci  
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