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January 6, 2025

Federal Consistency Coordinator
Illinois Coastal Management Program
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
160 N. LaSalle Street
Suite 703
Chicago, IL 60601

Re: Lake Michigan Dredging Permit in Evanston

Attached you will find a copy of the US Army Corp of Engineers Application Form and maps, which the City of Evanston submitted for permission to dredge at the Church Street Boat Ramp in Evanston.

The request will permit continuation of the dredging operation previously authorized by the ten-year permit in 2015. Our proposal involves continuing the process of dredging up to 15,000 cubic yards of sand annually from the Church Street Boat Ramp, when necessary. The dredging operation is scheduled to commence on May 1, 2025, and will conclude no later than May 20, 2025, to ensure the ramp is operational by mid-May. Historically, similar dredging activities, weather permitting, have been completed in fewer than seven days.

The proposed activity complies with Illinois' approved coastal management program and will be conducted in a manner consistent with such policies. Additionally, the City of Evanston is dedicated to help ensure the long-term environmental and economic health of the shoreline and the waters of Lake Michigan.

Contact Information

Name: Tim Carter

Title: Lakefront and Athletics Division Manager, Parks and Recreation

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Fax:

Email:

Mailing Address:

The City of Evanston is not pursuing or utilizing federal funding for this project.

If you have any questions about this request or need further information, please contact me at

Sincerely,

Tim Carter
Lakefront and Athletics Division Manager, Parks and Recreation

Enclosure:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
APPLICATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT

For use of this form, see 33 CFR 325. The proponent agency is CECW-COR.

Form Approved -
OMB No. 0710-0003
Expires: 2027-03-31

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authorities: Rivers and Harbors Act, Section 10, 33 USC 403; Clean Water Act, Section 404, 33 USC 1344; Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, Section 103, 33 USC 1413; Regulatory Programs of the Corps of Engineers; Final Rule 33 CFR 320-332. Principal Purpose: Information provided on this form will be used in evaluating the application for a permit. Routine Uses: This information may be shared with the Department of Justice and other federal, state, and local government agencies, and the public and may be made available as part of a public notice as required by Federal law. Submission of requested information is voluntary, however, if information is not provided the permit application cannot be evaluated nor can a permit be issued. One set of original drawings or good reproducible copies which show the location and character of the proposed activity must be attached to this application (see sample drawings and/or instructions) and be submitted to the District Engineer having jurisdiction over the location of the proposed activity. An application that is not completed in full will be returned. System of Record Notice (SORN). The information received is entered into our permit tracking database and a SORN has been completed (SORN #A1145b) and may be accessed at the following website: <http://dpcl.d.defense.gov/Privacy/SORNsIndex/DOD-wide-SORN-Article-View/Article/570115/a1145b-ce.aspx>

(ITEMS 1 THRU 4 TO BE FILLED BY THE CORPS)

1. APPLICATION NO.	2. FIELD OFFICE CODE	3. DATE RECEIVED	4. DATE APPLICATION COMPLETE
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(ITEMS BELOW TO BE FILLED BY APPLICANT)

5. APPLICANT'S NAME First - Timothy Middle - C Last - Carter Company - City of Evanston E-mail Address - _____	8. AUTHORIZED AGENT'S NAME AND TITLE (agent is not required) First - Michael Middle - Last - Callahan Company - City of Evanston E-mail Address - _____
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6. APPLICANT'S ADDRESS:	9. AGENT'S ADDRESS:
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7. APPLICANT'S PHONE NOS. w/AREA CODE a. Residence b. Business c. Fax	10. AGENTS PHONE NOS. w/AREA CODE a. Residence b. Business c. Fax
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STATEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION

11. I hereby authorize, Michael Callahan to act in my behalf as my agent in the processing of this application and to furnish, upon request, supplemental information in support of this permit application.

2024-12-04

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

NAME, LOCATION, AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY

12. PROJECT NAME OR TITLE (see instructions)
 Church St. Boat Ramp Annual Dredging

13. NAME OF WATERBODY, IF KNOWN (if applicable) Lake Michigan	14. PROJECT STREET ADDRESS (if applicable) Address 1647 Sheridan Road
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15. LOCATION OF PROJECT Latitude: +N 42.04607 Longitude: -W -87.67156	City - Evanston State- Illinois Zip- 60201
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16. OTHER LOCATION DESCRIPTIONS, IF KNOWN (see instructions)

State Tax Parcel ID 11-18-407-001-0000 Municipality City of Evanston

Section - SE Township - 41N Range - 14E

17. DIRECTIONS TO THE SITE

The physical location of the dredging is, Church Street Boat Ramp at the terminus of Church Street at Lake Michigan, 1647 Sheridan Road, Evanston, Cook County, Illinois, 60201, (42.04607, -87.67156). Driving directions: Enter at the Clark St. Beach Driveway entrance at 1811 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL.

18. Nature of Activity (Description of project, include all features)

Throughout the year sand accumulates inside the Church Street Boat Harbor. As a result, each spring sand needs to be removed from harbor. Depending on the year, up to 15,000 cubic yards of sand annually could be removed from the Church Street Boat Harbor. Sand dredged from this area is then relocated to an area immediately just south of the boat ramp in the water. Dredging is either done by mechanical equipment (bucket excavator and loader) or vacuum excavation, from the shore or from a small barge platform type of boat - depending on the amount needed to be removed. When sand is being removed by using a piece of equipment being operated from onshore, the sand is placed on the concrete at the ramp, where a loader picks up and deposits the sand in the disposal area. Should a small barge platform be used, sand is placed on the barge and then moved to the designated area for disposal. Approximate size of area, where sand needs to be removed is 29,433 square feet.

The plan is to remove sand that has accumulated along the pier in the east portion of the harbor and an area directly in front of the launch lanes to the mouth, the northeast east corner of the Harbor to the mouth, and immediately outside the mouth. We estimate approximately 9,000 to 15,000 cubic yards of sand would be dredged from the harbor, depending on the amount of sand that was brought into the harbor over the winter months.

19. Project Purpose (Describe the reason or purpose of the project, see instructions)

Traditionally, the City of Evanston hires a contractor each spring to remove sand that accumulates inside the harbor and at the mouth so members of the public can have access to launch power boats up to 26ft in length onto the waters of Lake Michigan. Depth of access in the main area of the harbor is between six feet and seven feet. This depth has been determined by guidelines and recommended standards for the launching of power boats that are up to twenty six feet in length. Dredging work occurs in late April, so the ramp can open and be usable by early May. In addition to the ramp being used by the public, the City needs to utilize the ramp for launching power boats for emergency water rescue, aquatic camps, and recreation programming. The Parks and Recreation Department launches and operates four motor boats from this location, five days a week for nine weeks. Currently, there are 600 participants enrolled in Aquatic Camps. Without performing the dredging work, the launch facility could not be opened, which would impact City operations.

Furthermore, in 2024, the City of Evanston received correspondence from the US Coast Guard outlining their intention to cease operating the Wilmette and Kenosha Coast Guard Stations. This recent development will consequently render the Evanston Fire Department, along with the joint rescue boat stationed in Wilmette, as the only water rescue assets on the north shore. With the shift, the southwest waters of Lake Michigan will be served by year-round stations in Milwaukee and South Calumet Harbor - Chicago (near the Indiana border) and the seasonal location at Navy Pier. It is critical that the Evanston Fire Department have access to the harbor to launch the EFD fire rescue boat and water rescue jet skis. The Evanston Fire Department also responds to water related emergencies on the Lake Michigan waters up to Highland Park.

Due to an increase in the frequency of more powerful storms, the City of Evanston is experiencing accelerated backfilling of the ramps and mouth, impeding vessel launches by the end of August. Given that the standard boating season spans from mid-May to mid-October, City staff recommends the comprehensive dredging of the harbor on an annual basis to ensure optimal and prolonged utilization for recreation and emergency water operations. Average depths in the harbor have varied each year and ranged from three feet to eight feet before dredging. Attached is map of the dredging and disposal area.

USE BLOCKS 20-23 IF DREDGED AND/OR FILL MATERIAL IS TO BE DISCHARGED

20. Reason(s) for Discharge

~~Dredged sand is placed south of the ramp for purposes of beach nourishment for this area.~~

21. Type(s) of Material Being Discharged and the Amount of Each Type in Cubic Yards:

Type Amount in Cubic Yards	Type Amount in Cubic Yards	Type Amount in Cubic Yards
9,000 to 15,000 CY		

22. Surface Area in Acres of Wetlands or Other Waters Filled (see instructions)

Acres Approximate acreage for the disposal area is 13.7 acres
 or
 Linear Feet

23. Description of Avoidance, Minimization, and Compensation (see instructions)

Depth readings are charted in the harbor, prior to any work and dredging is performed only in areas, that do not meet a minimum depth of 6 to 7 feet. Water testing is completed annually to meet quality standards and testing requirements as outlined in the permit.

24. Is Any Portion of the Work Already Complete? Yes No IF YES, DESCRIBE THE COMPLETED WORK

25. Addresses of Adjoining Property Owners, Lessees, Etc., Whose Property Adjoins the Waterbody (if more than can be entered here, please attach a supplemental list)

a. Address- Adjacent Park Space. Owned by City of Evanston - 2100 Ridge Ave

City - Evanston State - Illinois Zip - 60201

b. Address- Northwestern Sailing Center, 1823 Campus Dr (1,400 feet to the north)

City - Evanston State - Illinois Zip - 60208

c. Address- Private Residence, 943 Edgemere Ct. (3,750 feet to the south)

City - Evanston State - Illinois Zip - 60202

d. Address-

City - State - Zip -

e. Address-

City - State - Zip -

26. List of Other Certificates or Approvals/Denials received from other Federal, State, or Local Agencies for Work Described in This Application.

AGENCY	TYPE APPROVAL*	IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	DATE APPLIED	DATE APPROVED	DATE DENIED
IEPA	401 - 10 Year	2022-LM-67298	04/12/2022	05/11/2022	

* Would include but is not restricted to zoning, building, and flood plain permits

27. Application is hereby made for permit or permits to authorize the work described in this application. I certify that this information in this application is complete and accurate. I, further certify that I possess the authority to undertake the work described herein or am acting as the duly authorized agent of the applicant.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

2024-12-04

DATE

SIGNATURE OF AGENT

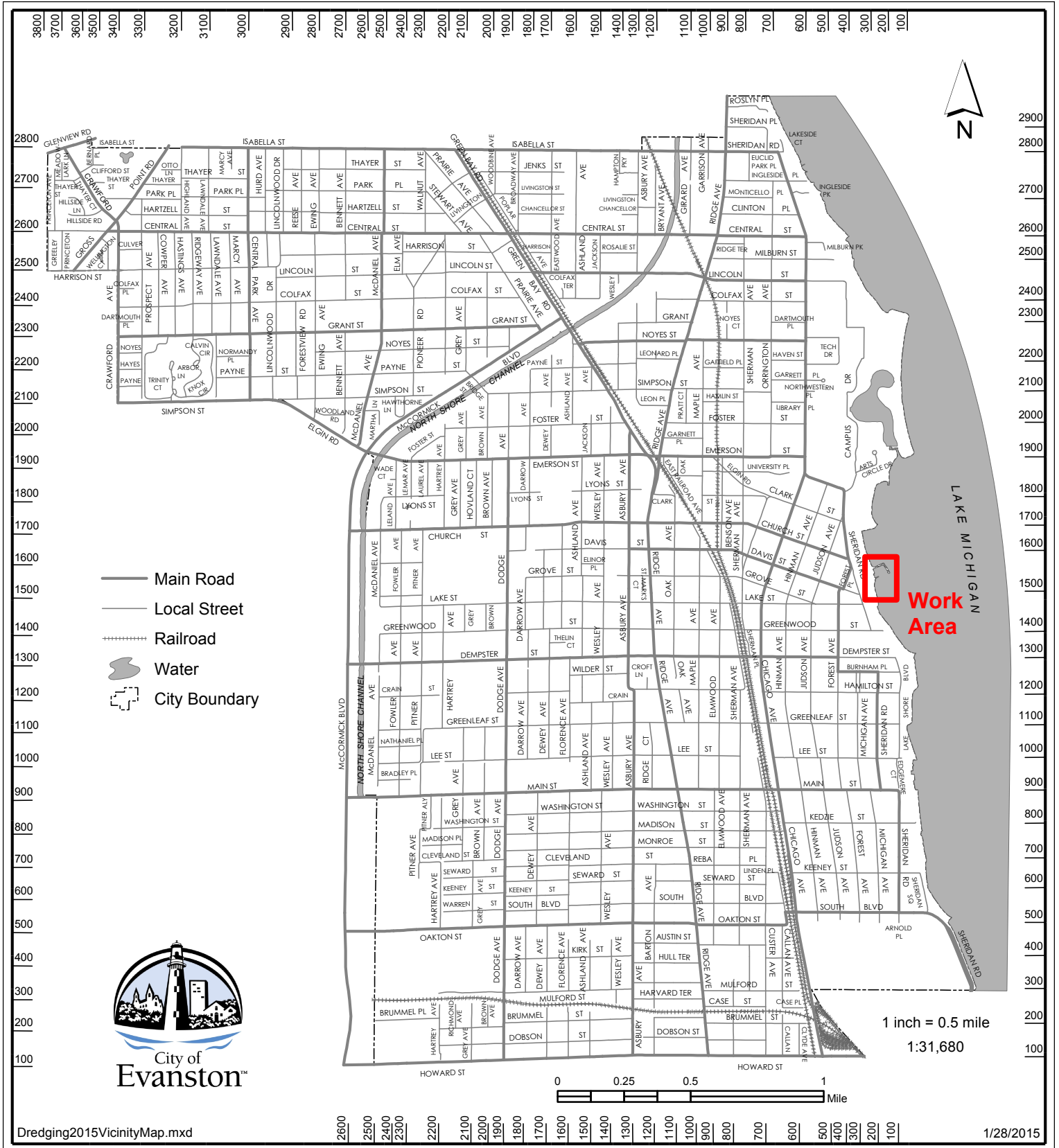
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The Application must be signed by the person who desires to undertake the proposed activity (applicant) or it may be signed by a duly authorized agent if the statement in block 11 has been filled out and signed.

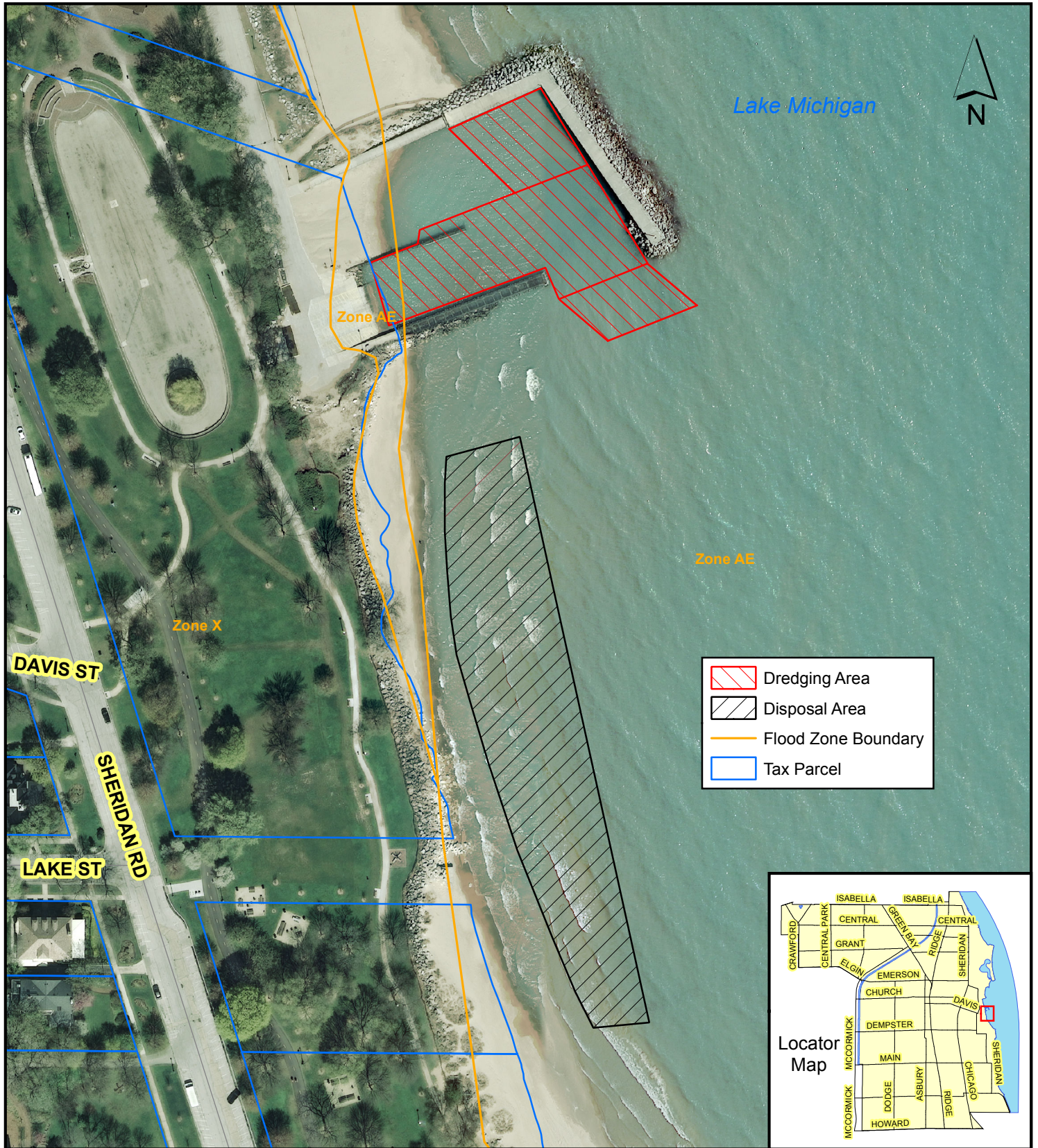
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2024 Dredging Vicinity Map



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City of Evanston Dredging & Disposal Areas



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