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March 11, 2020

CELRC-PMD-EF

Dear Recipient,

The U.S Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District (Corps) will be preparing a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document on the impacts associated with a proposed replacement of grit dewatering equipment at the Gary Sanitary District (GSD) Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) in Lake County, Gary, Indiana. The proposed activity complies with Indiana's approved coastal management program and will be conducted in a manner consistent with such program. The Chicago District is requesting concurrence from the IDNR/LMCP.

The WWTP is a regional facility servicing an area of approximately 400 square miles and a population of roughly 180,000 in the communities of Gary, Hobart, Merrillville, and Lake Station. The first step in the treatment process occurs at the headworks of the plant, which consists of a single trash rack followed by a mechanical screening and grit removal. Grit removal is accomplished by the dewatering system consisting of: grit pumps, grit classifiers, process piping, grit hopper and bin activator. The existing grit dewatering system was originally constructed in the 1960s and upgraded in 2001. The operations and maintenance staff have noticed deteriorating performance, particularly during high flow weather events, which was confirmed during a 2018 condition assessment of the existing grit dewatering system.

The Gary Sanitary District is working with the Corps to replace the existing grit dewatering equipment with higher capacity and more robust equipment, creating a system that allows GSD to efficiently remove the grit loading it receives from the collection system and reducing the burden on the primary treatment systems. The equipment is housed in the Screen Building and Detritor Building. Project boundaries for the Grit Dewatering Improvements Project are shown in Enclosure 1.

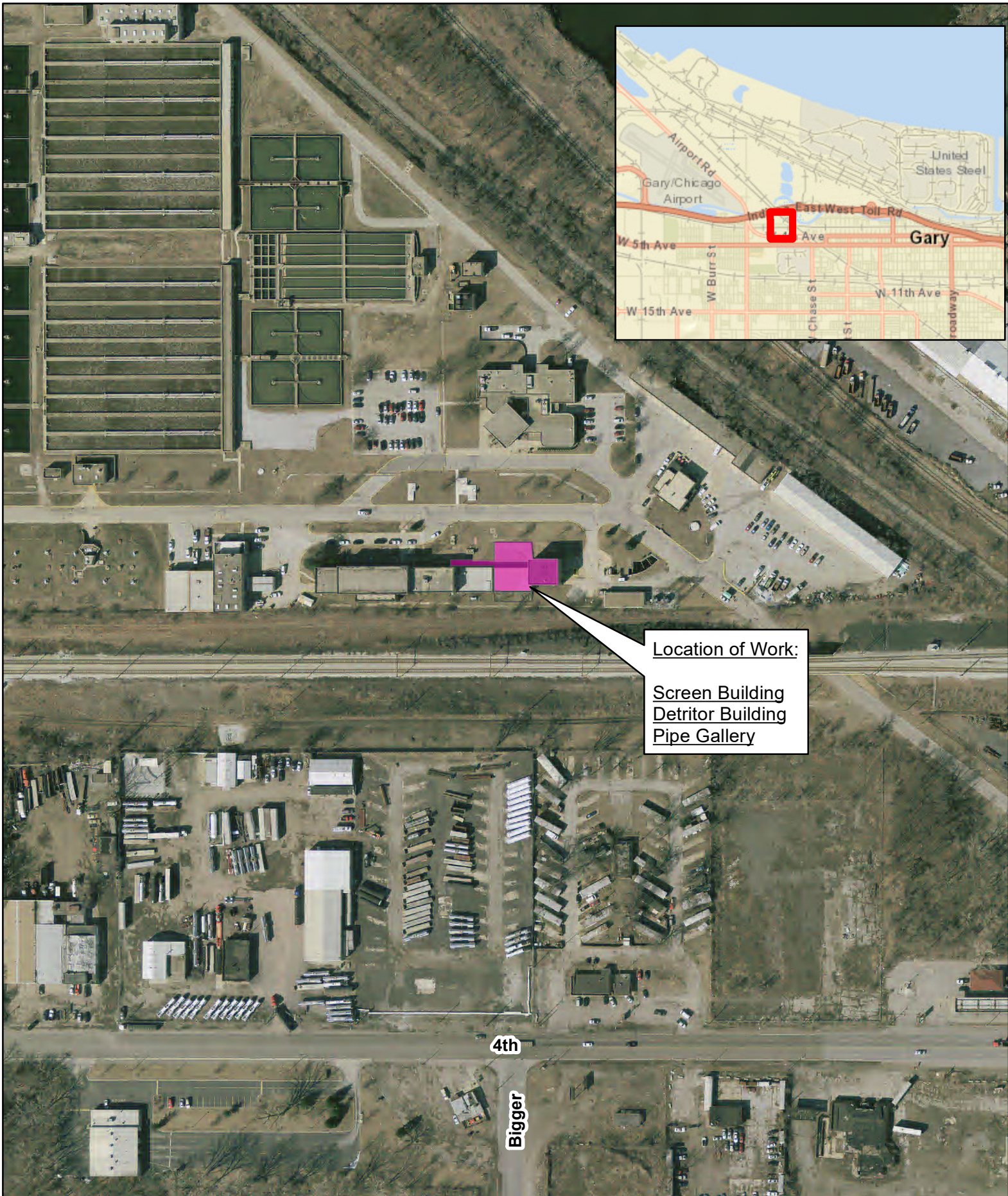
Please provide concurrence or any comments, marking your reply to the attention of Mr. Robbie Sliwinski, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 231 South La Salle Street, Suite 1500, Chicago, Illinois 60604, or by email at robbie.sliwinski@usace.army.mil. Questions should be directed to Mr. Sliwinski at (312) 846-5486.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susanne J. Davis".


Susanne J. Davis, P.E.
Chief of Planning Branch

Enclosures



Location of Work:
 Screen Building
 Detritor Building
 Pipe Gallery

Legend

 Grit Dewatering Improvement



1 inch = 208 feet

Gary Sanitary District

Grit Dewatering Improvement Project

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