



CITY OF SUFFOLK

P. O. BOX 1858, SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA 23434, PHONE 934-3111

CITY MANAGER

February 25, 1991

Mr. Walter Price
2913 Pinewood Circle
Suffolk, Virginia 23435

Dear Mr. Price:

As you know, the City of Suffolk has received notification from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that the Bennett's Creek Dredging Project is to be terminated. Attached for your information is a copy of the official correspondence the City received from the Corps stating that all work on the Project has been terminated.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Underwood
Interim City Manager

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Attachment



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
NORFOLK DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
FORT NORFOLK, 803 FRONT STREET
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA 23510-1096

February 20, 1991

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:
Plan Formulation Branch

Mr. Thomas G. Underwood
Interim City Manager
Post Office Box 1858
Suffolk, Virginia 23434

Dear Mr. Underwood:

I am writing to advise you of the current situation with regard to our navigation study at Bennett Creek.

The President's Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 1992, which was just released, has critically curtailed the Corps Continuing Authorities Program in FY 1992 and beyond. In order to cover the Federal Government's commitments to undertake projects already approved for construction, the Norfolk District has been directed to make adjustments to the FY 1991 program.

In this regard, the Norfolk District has been notified to immediately terminate activities on all navigation studies, including Bennett Creek, being conducted under Section 107 of the River and Harbor Act of 1960, as amended. Therefore, no further pre-construction activity can be undertaken by us on this study. If this situation changes, I will notify you as soon as possible.

As you are aware, the work accomplished on this study, to date, includes the completion of a Detailed Project Study report recommending the construction of a channel at the mouth of Bennett Creek. The next stage of effort would have been the accomplishment of detailed engineering and design leading to project construction. We had recently requested the funding to accomplish this effort and had received assurances from your office that the necessary oyster ground releases and the extension of the use of the Harbour View dredged material placement site could be obtained.

City officials and the Bennett Creek residents have worked long and diligently with my staff on the Bennett Creek project and I regret any hardship and despair that may result from this turn of events. At your request, members of my staff can be available to discuss this matter with you. If you have any questions on this information, contact Mr. James R. Creighton, Continuing Authorities Program Coordinator, at (804) 441-7769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. C. Johns".

R. C. Johns
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
District Engineer