

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Levee Tree Removal Project

Q: What is the 'Levee Tree Removal Project'?

A: As part of the Levee Recertification Project, the US Army Corps of Engineers has issued a directive that the Port remove all trees along the 5.5-mile stretch of levee that encroach on the levee slopes, within 15' of the toe of the slope and within the levee right-of-way.

Q: What is the timeline to remove the trees?

A: November 2011 through July 31, 2012

Q: When will the project start?

A: The anticipated start date for the project is late December, 2011

Q: How many trees and what species are being removed?

A: Approximately 1800. Size range from ½" to 30" diameter , primarily cottonwood

Q: How is tree disposal being handled?

A: The contactor awarded the project is responsible for the disposal of trees to an offsite location. Trees and limbs smaller than 3" diameter may be mulched and distributed on areas between the ordinary high water mark and outside the toe of the slope of the levee. However, the majority of the grindings will be hauled off-site.

Q: What, if any, permits are required for this project?

A: HPA and Nationwide Permit No. 31(Maintenance of Existing Flood Control Systems)

Q: Will there be closures of the levee during the project?

A: Temporary closures of sections of the levee will be implemented during the project for public safety. Trucks and equipment will be using the levee access road. Signage will be posted regarding closures

Q: What are the hours of operation during the project?

A: The hours of operation will vary depending on daylight conditions. General working hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. M-F. The hours of operation may increase as daylight hours lengthen.