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Public Notice

APPLICATION NO.:	<u>CPM-MVK-2013-274</u>
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DATE:	<u>March 20, 2015</u>
EXPIRATION DATE:	<u>April 10, 2015</u>

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District, and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services are considering an application for a Department of the Army Permit and State Water Quality Certification for the work described herein. A water quality certification is required in accordance with statutory authority contained in the LRS 30:2074 A (3) and provisions of the Clean Water Act. Comments should be forwarded to the Vicksburg District, Attention: CEMVK-OD-F, at the above address, and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, Post Office Box 4313, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313, and must reach these offices by the cited expiration date.

Law Requiring a Permit: Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), which applies to discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

Name of Applicant:
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Coushatta, Louisiana 71019

Location of Work: Section 2, T13N-R11W, latitude 32.1493, longitude -93.4614 within the Middle Red-Coushatta drainage basin, in Red River Parish, Louisiana.

Description of Work: (See enclosed map and drawings).

The following descriptions of the proposed project and associated impacts are based upon information provided by the applicant.

The applicant is applying for a Department of the Army permit for the discharge of dredged and/or fill material into wetlands associated with the mechanized land clearing and construction of a greentree reservoir in Red River Parish, Louisiana. The applicant's stated purpose is to create waterfowl habitat for hunting.

The proposed work would involve the construction of a levee in the project area. The proposed levee would be approximately 432 feet in length, with an 8-foot top width, 4-foot base width, a 3-foot deep trench, and a minimum of 3:1 side slopes. The levee would contain a 3-foot X 3-foot flashboard riser with a 12-inch discharge pipe.

The proposed project would involve the mechanized land clearing of approximately 5.5 acres of wetlands. The construction of the levee would permanently impact approximately 0.24 acre of wetlands. There would be approximately 5.26 acres of wetlands seasonally inundated by the proposed reservoir.

Approximately 1,115 cubic yards of fill material would be placed in jurisdictional areas for levee construction. Fill material would be obtained from a bar ditch on site.

Vegetation growing in the wetland area includes Black willow, Button bush, and Water elm. Hydric soil within this project consists of Moreland clay.

The applicant has proposed to mitigate for the unavoidable loss of wetland functions and values by purchasing credits from an approved mitigation bank within the same 8-digit HUC 11140204.

The placement of dredged and/or fill material in waters of the United States associated with the mechanized land clearing and commercial development requires a Department of the Army Permit.

Upon reviewing this notice, you should write to this office to provide your opinion of the impacts this work will have on the natural and human environment, and address any mitigation you believe is necessary to offset these impacts. Other comments are welcome, but the above information will further our review of the applicant's plan as proposed. Comments of a general nature are not as helpful as those specific to the impacts of the subject project.

State Water Quality Permit: The State Pollution Control Agency must certify that the described work will comply with the State's water quality standards and effluent limitations before a Corps permit is issued.

Cultural Resources: The Regulatory Archaeologist has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, state lists of properties determined eligible, and other sources of information. The following is

current knowledge of the presence or absence of historic properties and the effects of the proposed undertaking upon these properties: An historic properties investigation has been conducted within the permit area. No other sites determined eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places are within the permit area or affected area. Copies of the public notice have been sent to the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office, Federally-recognized Tribes and other interested parties for comment on potential effects to historic properties that could result from the proposed activity.

Endangered Species: Our initial finding is that the proposed work would not affect the following endangered species or their critical habitats: Interior least tern and Pallid sturgeon. This proposal is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and any comments regarding endangered species or their critical habitat will be addressed in our evaluation of the described work.

Flood Plain: In accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Flood Plain Management and Use), participating communities are required to review all proposed development to determine if a flood plain development permit is required. Flood plain administrators should review the proposed development described in this public notice and apprise this office of any flood plain development permit requirements.

Evaluation Factors: The decision whether or not to issue a permit will be based upon an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its expected adverse effects. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among these are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, historic values, fish and wildlife values, flood damage prevention, land use classification, navigation, recreation, water supply, water quality, energy needs, safety, food requirements and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Evaluation of the proposed activity will include application of the guidelines published by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act.

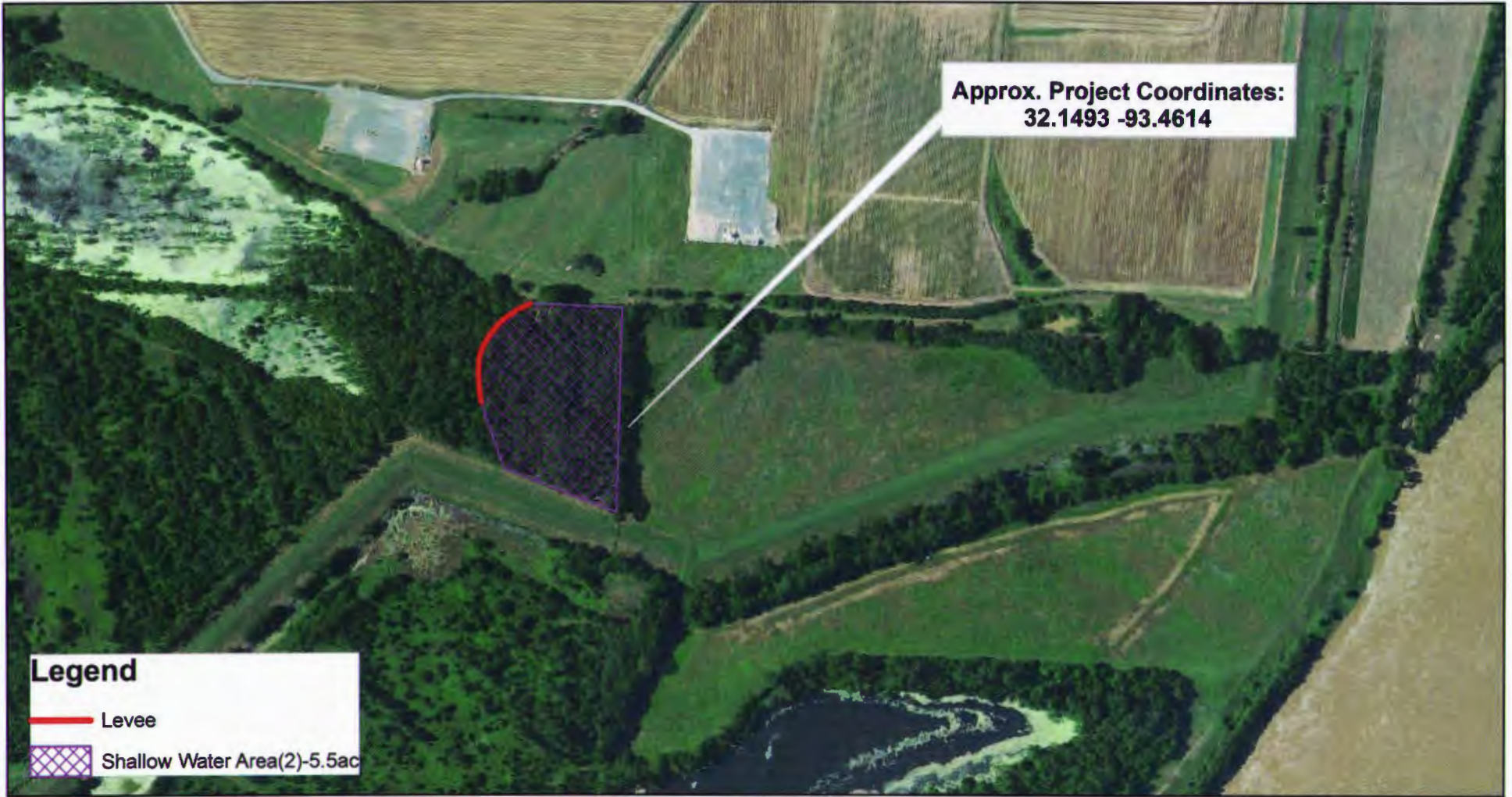
Public Involvement: The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties. These comments will be used to evaluate the impacts of this project. All comments will be considered and used to help determine whether to issue the permit, deny the permit, or issue the permit with conditions, and to help us determine the amount and type of mitigation necessary. This information will be used in our Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing.

Opportunity for a Public Hearing: Any person may make a written request for a public hearing to consider this permit application. This request must be submitted by the public notice expiration date and must clearly state why a hearing is necessary. Failure of any agency or individual to comment on this notice will be interpreted to mean that there is no objection to the proposed work. Please bring this announcement to the attention of anyone you know who might be interested in this matter.



Notification of Final Permit Actions: Each month, the final permit actions from the preceding month are published on the Vicksburg District Regulatory web page. To access this information, you may follow the link from the Regulatory web page, <http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>, and click on ORM Permit Decisions under Program Links.

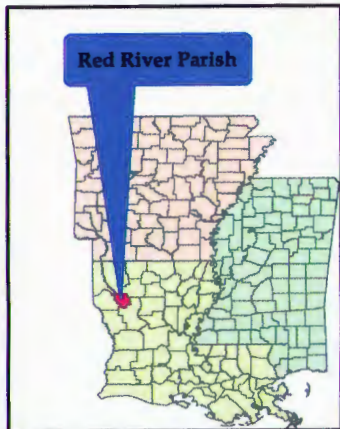


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


Legend

-  Levee
-  Shallow Water Area(2)-5.5ac



19 April 2013
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 Applicant:
 Robert Bethard
 Proposed Work:
 Land Clearing & Dam/Water Control Construction
 Location:
 Sections 2, T13N-R11W
 East Point, Quadrangle
 Red River Parish, LA
 Map Background:
 NAIP Aerial Imagery (2004)
Preliminary
Jurisdictional Determination
 Prepared by:
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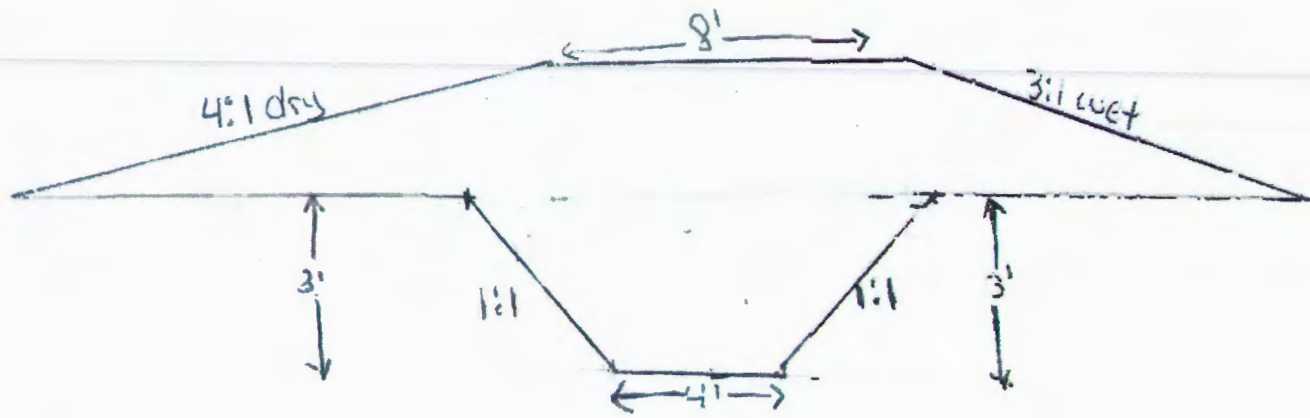
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Enforcement Section

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 Feet

1" = 4'

Typical Cross Section
EAST Dike



1600 ft - Core Trench length 8' Top
3:1 wet slope 4:1 dry slope
Core Trench Bed 3ft deep min
4ft wide
1:1 slopes

This is an ESTIMATE
only ADD should
NOT be used for
Construction.

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