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Public Notice

APPLICATION NO.:

CPM-MVK-2014-92

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August 5, 2014

EXPIRATION DATE:

August 26, 2014

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LADEQ), 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 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Title 30, Chapter 11, Part IV, Section 2074 A (93) and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L. 95 217). Comments should be forwarded to the Vicksburg District, Attention: CEMVK-OD-F, at the above address, and must reach this office by the cited expiration date. Also, comments concerning the application can be filed with the LADEQ, Office of Environmental Services within 20 days of this notice to the following address: Office of Environmental Services, Post Office Box 4313, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313.

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has additional information on file in their office in Baton Rouge which may be inspected at any time between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Copies may be obtained from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality upon payment of cost of printing.

<u>Law Requiring a Permit</u>: 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:
Standard Enterprises
3104 Breard Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Name of Agent:
Mr. Michael Henry
Hydrik Wetlands Consultants
2323 Highway 190 East, Suite 2
Hammond, Louisiana 70401

<u>Location of Work</u>: Section 9, T17N-R4E, latitude 32.4751N, longitude -92.0706W within the Boeuf drainage basin, in Ouachita 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 development of a residential area in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana. The applicant's stated purpose is to provide low income housing in a location as predefined by Louisiana's Housing Corporation (LHC).

The proposed Pleasant Trinity Estates (PT) would be constructed on a 16-acre parcel of land. The development would be comprised of approximately 50 single-family residential house lots, associated roads/streets, and utilities as a planned residential development. All 50 homes, infrastructure, and drainage will be built at the same time. The road would consist of curb and gutter with asphalt driving surface and underground drainage. The utilities, primarily electric, would be aerial service to each home. The development would have green space and park areas for use by the residents. The project would consist of a minimum lot size of 13,600 square feet (0.08 acre).

The total amount of wetlands impacted by the project would be approximately 9.4 acres of scrub-shrub wetlands. Approximately 10,000 cubic yards of clean silt fill and 8,000 cubic yards of concrete would be used as fill for the development. The applicant has proposed to mitigate for the unavoidable loss of wetland functions and values by purchasing credits from an approved mitigation bank.

Vegetation growing in the wetland area includes Bushy bluestem, Yellowsedge bluestem, Chinese privet, American sweet gum, and Rattlebush. Hydric soil within this project consists of Alligator Clay.

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: The permit area is composed of low-lying wetlands with no existing or subsided natural levee landforms: and therefore, has a very low potential for yielding unidentified cultural deposits that may be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. 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: Louisiana black bear and Red-cockaded woodpecker. This proposal is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and any comments regarding endangered species or their critical habitat would 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.

<u>Public Involvement</u>: 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/offices/od/odf/main.asp, or go directly to the Final Permit Actions web page at http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/offices/od/odf/PubNotice/MonthlyNotice/pnmain.asp.

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Chief, Evaluation Section

Regulatory Branch





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Applicant: Standard Enterprises

Proposed Work: Residential Development

Location: Sections 9, T17N-R4E Monroe South, Quadrangle Ouachita Parish, LA

Map Background: NAIP Aerial Imagery (2004)

Preliminary

Jurisdictional Determination
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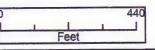


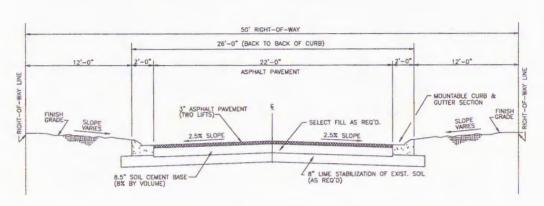


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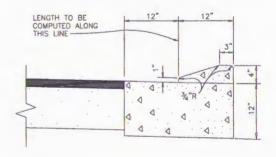




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GENERAL NOTES:

- THE CONTRACTOR SHALL MAINTAIN ADEQUATE DRAINAGE DURING CONSTRUCTION OF THIS PROJECT.
- 2. EROSION CONTROL TO BE MAINTAINED DURING CONSTRUCTION.
- 3. SILT FENCING, BALED HAY ETC. TO BE USED AROUND CATCH BASINS DURING CONSTRUCTION.
- ANY "SOFT" EARTHWORK MATERIAL FOUND UNDER PROPOSED ROADWAY SITE TO BE REMOVED, BACKFILLED WITH SUITABLE MATERIAL AND COMPACTED TO 95% MAXIMUM DENSITY.
- 5. EMBANKMENT UNDER PROPOSED BUILDINGS TO BE COMPACTED TO 95% MAXIMUM DENSITY.
- TRAFFIC CONTROL SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN A MANNER SET FORTH IN THE MANUAL OF UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.



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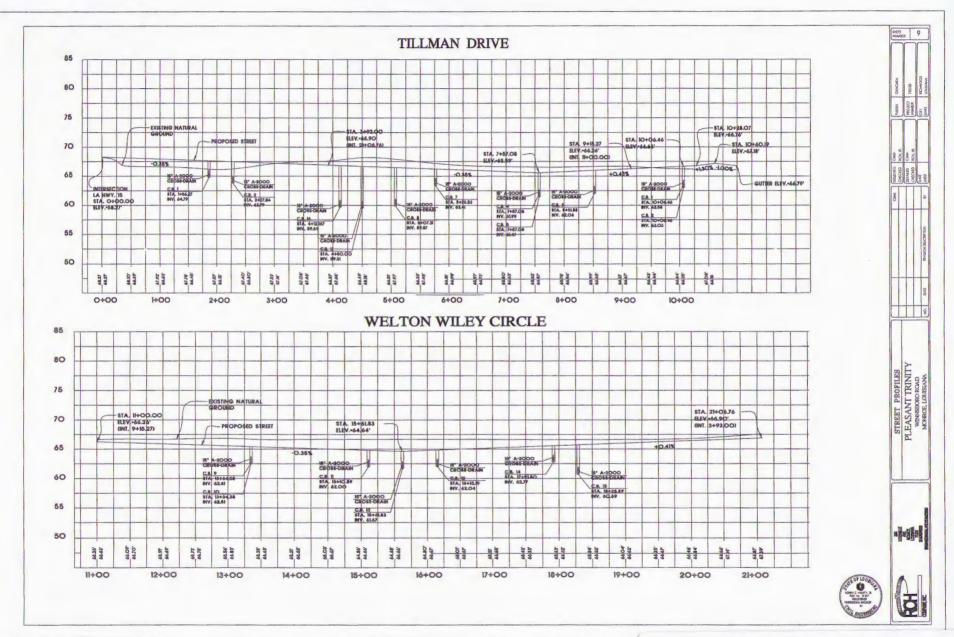
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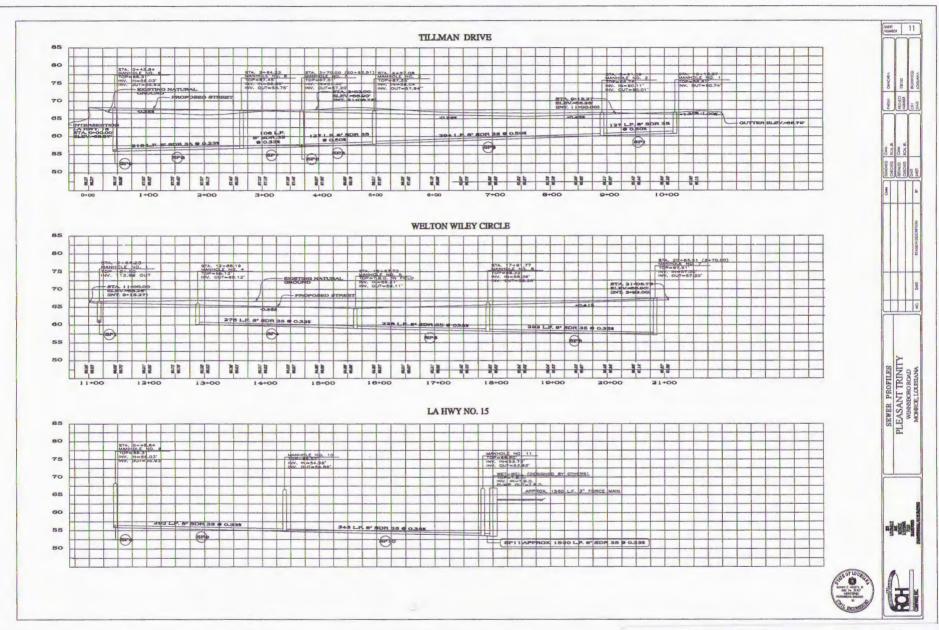
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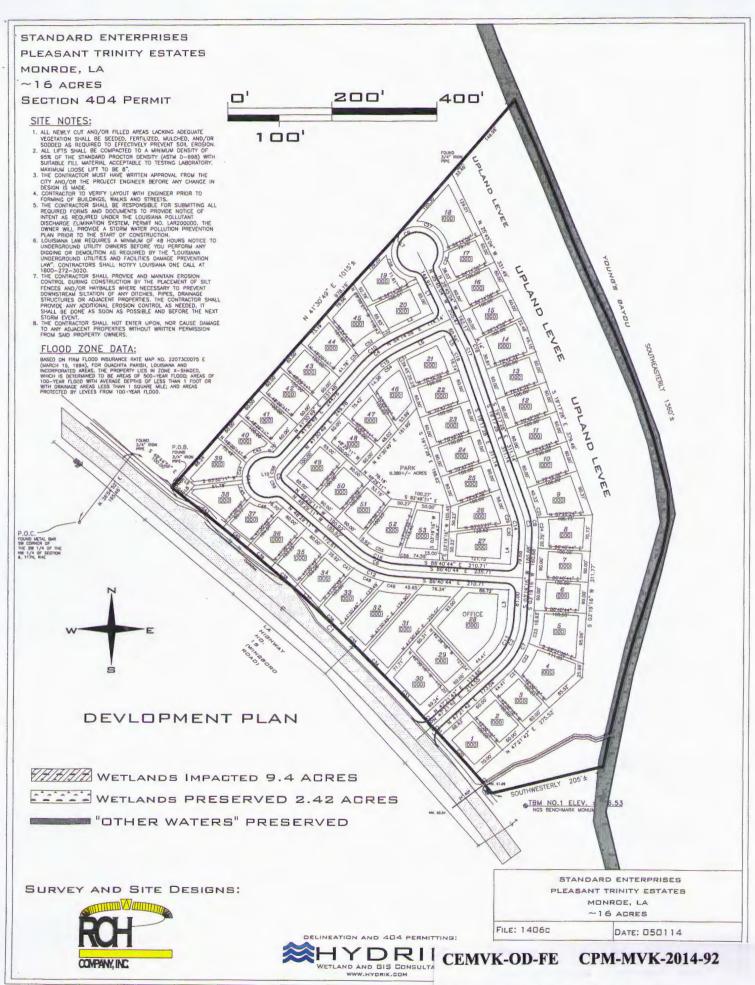


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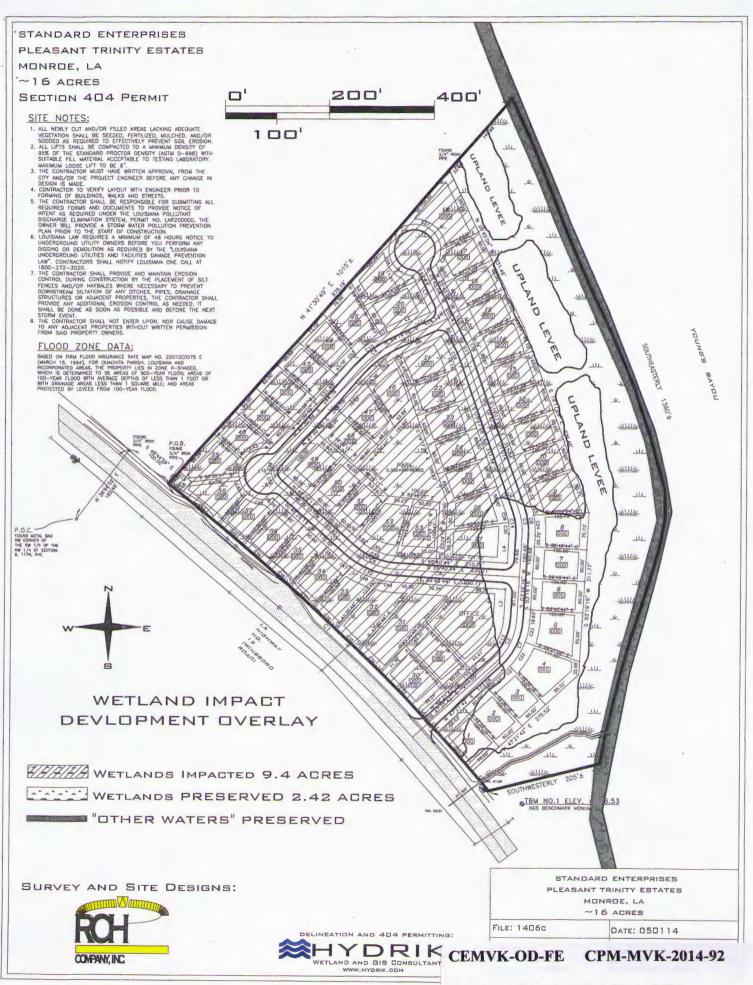


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