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Public Notice

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| APPLICATION NO.: | CPM-MVK-2014-988 |
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| DATE: | February 17, 2015 |
| EXPIRATION DATE: | March 9, 2015 |

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality are considering an application for a Department of the Army Permit and State Water Quality Certification for the work described herein. Comments should be forwarded to the Vicksburg District, Attention: CEMVK-OD-F, and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality at Post Office Box 2261, Jackson, Mississippi 39226-2261, 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:
Honorable Butch Lee
City of Brandon
1000 Municipal Drive
Brandon, Mississippi 39042

Name of Agent:
Mr. Walt Dinklelacker
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Post Office Box 2836
Ridgeland, Mississippi 39158

Location of Work: Sections 17 and 18, T5N-R3E, latitude 32.2717N, longitude -90.0271W, within the Middle Pearl-Strong River drainage basin, Rankin County, Mississippi.

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 to conduct regulated activities in jurisdictional wetlands. The applicant's stated purpose is to construct a recreational complex that would provide passive and active recreational opportunities and direct health and safety benefits for local residents while stimulating the local economy and utilizing abandoned space within the city limits.

The proposed recreational complex would consist of the construction of approximately 15 regulation baseball fields on an 80.28-acre parcel of land located along the south boundary of Boyce Thompson Drive and east of Mississippi Highway 18. Associated amenities (restrooms, concessions, and spectator area) and parking would be constructed. The proposed parking would be approximately 288,803 square feet. The proposed complex would consist of the construction of 8 small baseball fields totaling 348,480 square feet (1 acre each), 4 medium baseball fields totaling 261,360 square feet (1.5 acres each), and 3 large baseball fields totaling 397,267.2 square feet (3.04 acres each).

Approximately 17.72 acres of bottomland hardwood wetlands and approximately 0.24 acre of emergent wetlands would be impacted. Approximately 24.7 acres of bottomland hardwood wetlands and 7.4 acres of emergent wetlands would be avoided. Approximately 1,963 linear feet of an intermittent stream and 2,490 linear feet of a perennial stream would be avoided. Approximately 45,000 cubic yards of contaminant free soil would be used for the proposed project.

The vegetation at the project site consists of American sycamore, red ash, black willow, common hackberry, water oak, red maple, and Juncus. Hydric soils within the project site consist of Oaklimeter silt loam.

The applicant has proposed to mitigate for the unavoidable loss of wetland impacts through on-site mitigation and purchasing credits from an approved mitigation bank within the same 8-digit HUC unit 3180002.

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 in the permit area. This office is currently coordinating with the State Historic Preservation Office and Federally Recognized Tribes. Copies of the public notice are being sent to 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 nor their critical habitats: Atlantic sturgeon, Ringed map turtle, and Louisiana black bear. 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.

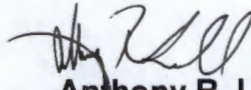
Flood Plain: In accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Flood Plain Management and Use), participating communities are required to review all proposed development to determine if a flood plain development permit is required. Flood plain administrators should review the proposed development described in this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

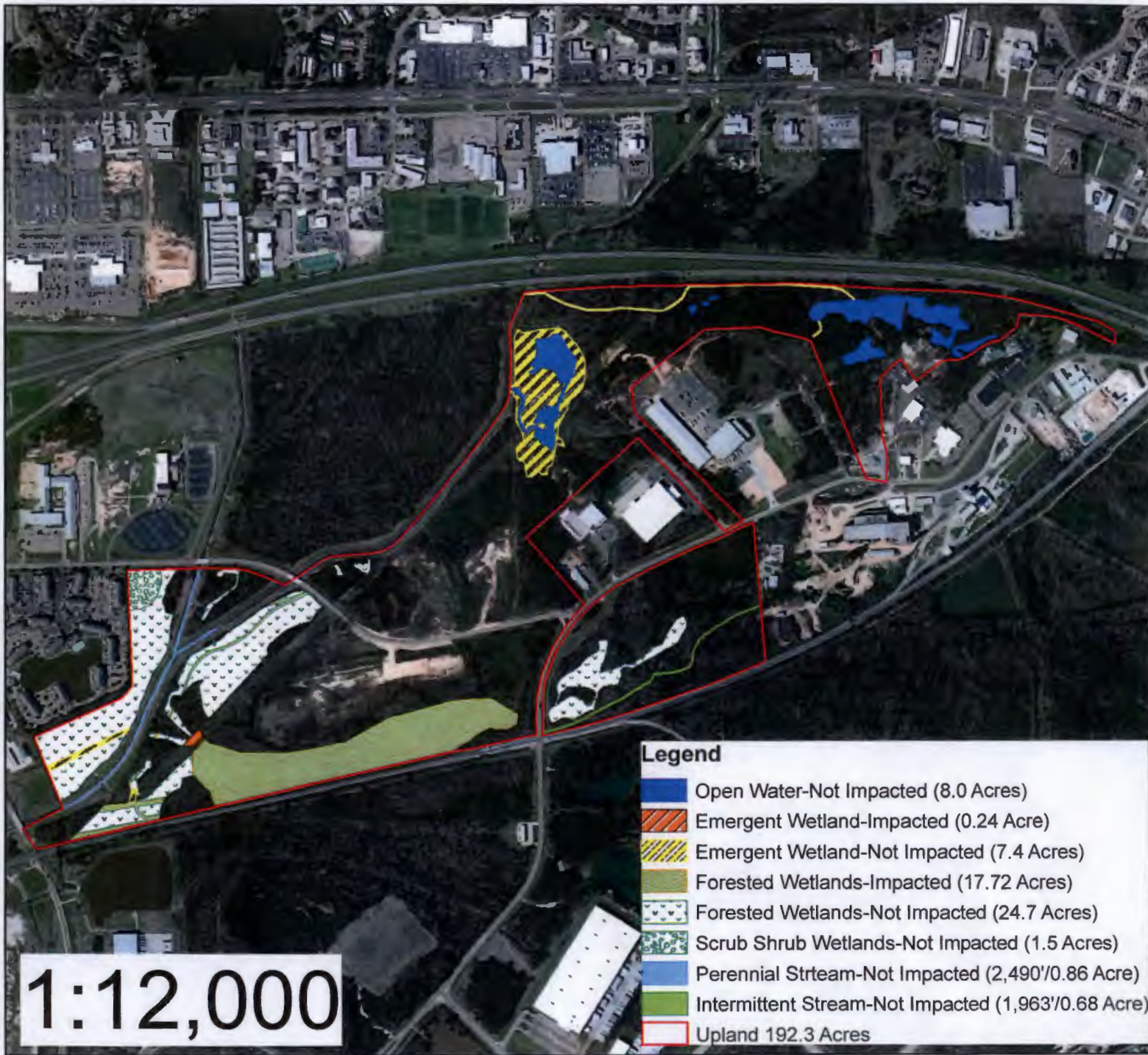
Public Involvement: The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties. These comments will be used to evaluate the impacts of this project. All comments will be considered and used to help determine 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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Regulatory Branch**



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Legend

-  Open Water-Not Impacted (8.0 Acres)
-  Emergent Wetland-Impacted (0.24 Acre)
-  Emergent Wetland-Not Impacted (7.4 Acres)
-  Forested Wetlands-Impacted (17.72 Acres)
-  Forested Wetlands-Not Impacted (24.7 Acres)
-  Scrub Shrub Wetlands-Not Impacted (1.5 Acres)
-  Perennial Stream-Not Impacted (2,490/0.86 Acre)
-  Intermittent Stream-Not Impacted (1,963/0.68 Acre)
-  Upland 192.3 Acres

Rankin County, MS



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Headwaters Inc.
Rankin Trails Project
Rankin County, MS

**Preliminary
Jurisdictional Determination**

Jeremy Stokes

Location

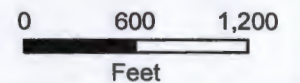


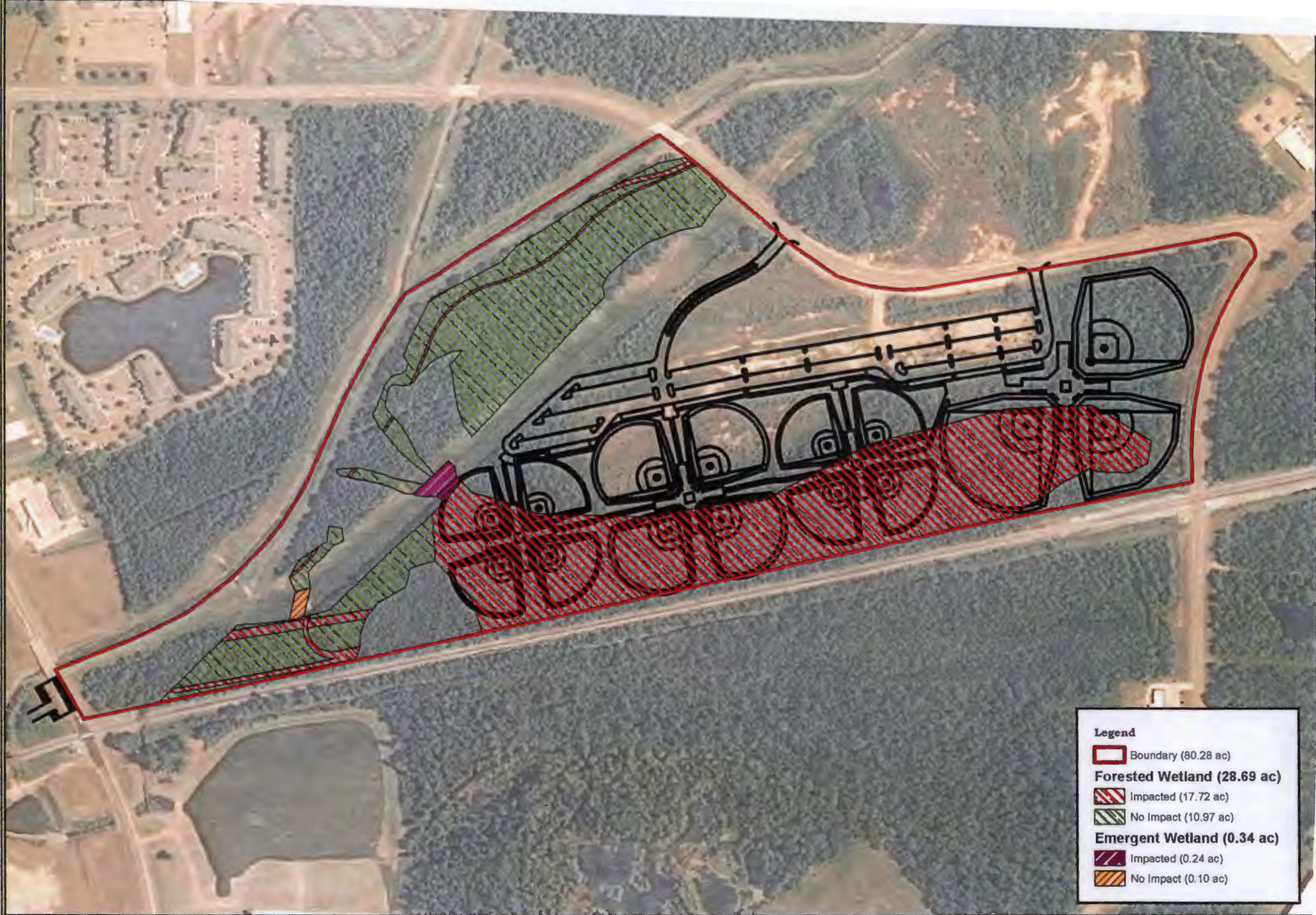
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Enforcement Section





| Legend | |
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|  | Boundary (80.28 ac) |
| Forested Wetland (28.69 ac) | |
|  | Impacted (17.72 ac) |
|  | No Impact (10.97 ac) |
| Emergent Wetland (0.34 ac) | |
|  | Impacted (0.24 ac) |
|  | No Impact (0.10 ac) |

Legend

 Site Boundary (80.28 ac)

