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Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District is considering an application for a Department of the Army permit for the work described herein. Comments should be forwarded to the Vicksburg District, Attention: CEMBK-OD-F, 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi 39183-3435.

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Application has also been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental quality, Office of Environmental Services for a Water Quality Certification 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 concerning the application can be filed with the 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.

<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.

<u>Name of Applicant</u>: Mr. Tom Janway City of Monroe 400 Lea Joyner Expressway Monroe, Louisiana 71201 <u>Name of Agent</u>: Mr. Randy Denmon Denmon Engineering Post Office Box 8460 Monroe, Louisiana 71211

Location of Work: The project is located in Section 42, Township 18N-Range 3E,

located at the 900 block of Erin Street in Monroe Louisiana, Ouachita Parish. The project is situated within the West Prong of Young's Bayou watershed of the Boeuf-Tensas basin (USGS HUC 08050001), however water is pumped to the the Lower Ouachita River (USGS HUC 08040207) during flood events.

<u>Description of Work:</u> (See enclosed map and drawings.)

The following description 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 associated with constructing a dry detention pond to increase capacity for a pumping station to relieve low-lying adjacent residential areas from floodwaters.

The City of Monroe is proposing a six and a half acre detention pond, eleven feet deep. The project is located within a residential area subject to flooding. An existing pump station is located immediately to the north of the proposed project area. Currently, the small sump (43 feet by 44 feet) collects floodwater runoff and pumps water to the Ouachita River approximately 1.23 miles away. The existing pump station has very little storage compared to the volume of stormwater during large flood events. The project would construct a detention pond adjacent to the pump station to retain water and add storage to the pump station. A 220 foot by 15 foot wide concrete ditch would be constructed to connect the detention pond to the pump station. Two cross drains would be added to connect flooded areas to the detention pond.

Approximately 1,152 cubic yards of concrete revetment blocks would be placed at the base of the detention pond. These concrete blocks are hollow to allow water infiltration during flood events and mowing during dry seasons. Approximately 150 cubic yards of concrete would be used to construct the concrete ditch to connect the detention pond with the pumping station. Approximately 1.68 acres of wetlands would be excavated and cleared and the existing 546 feet of ditch located within the project area would be lined with concrete. The applicant proposes to mitigate for all jurisdictional impacts by purchasing credits from an approved mitigation bank.

The placement of dredged and/or fill material in waters of the United States, 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.

<u>State Water Quality Permit</u>: 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.

<u>Cultural Resources</u>: The Regulatory Archaeologist has reviewed the latest published version of the <u>National Register of Historic Places</u>, 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 sites determined eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places are within the permit area or affected area.

<u>Endangered Species</u>: The following threatened or endangered species are known to preside in Ouachita Parish: northern long-eared bat (T), Louisiana black bear (T) and the red-cockaded woodpecker (E). 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.

<u>Flood Plain</u>: 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.

<u>Evaluation Factors</u>: 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.

<u>Opportunity for a Public Hearing</u>: 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.

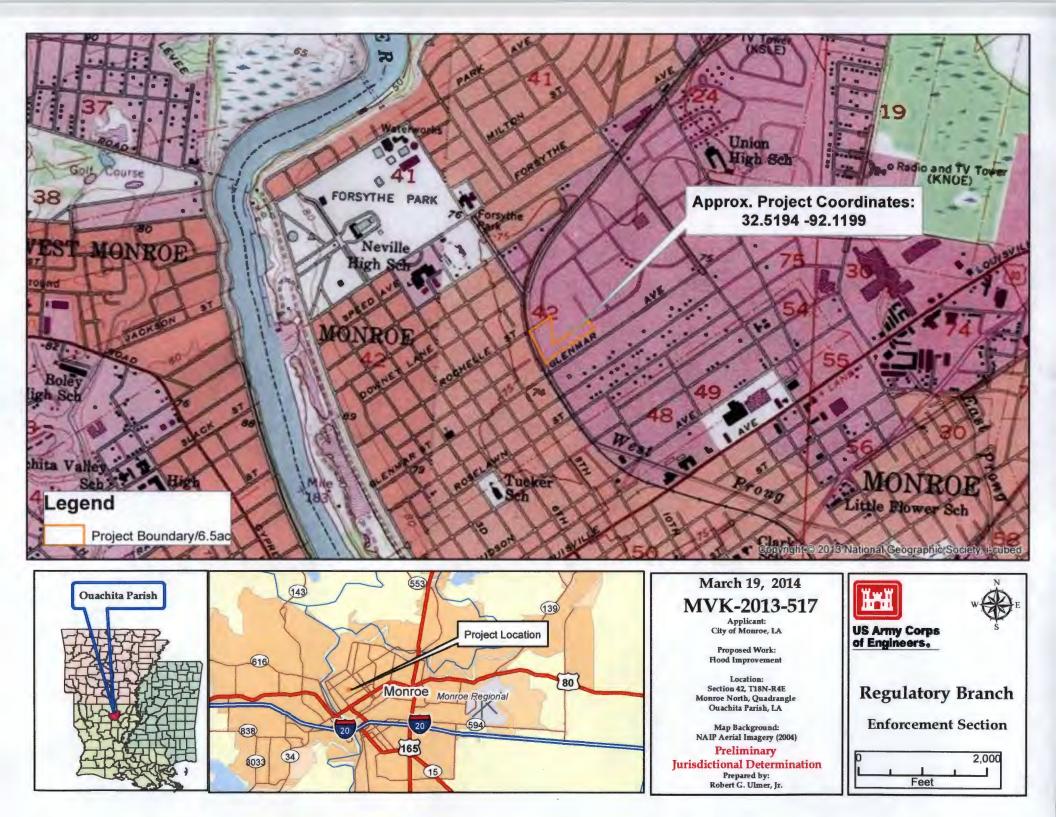
<u>Notification of Final Permit Actions</u>: Each month, the final permit actions from the preceding month are published on the Vicksburg District Regulatory web page. To access this information, you may follow the link from the Regulatory web page, and click on ORM Permit Decisions under Program Links.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

Randel V. Holder Chief, Evaluation Section Regulatory Branch

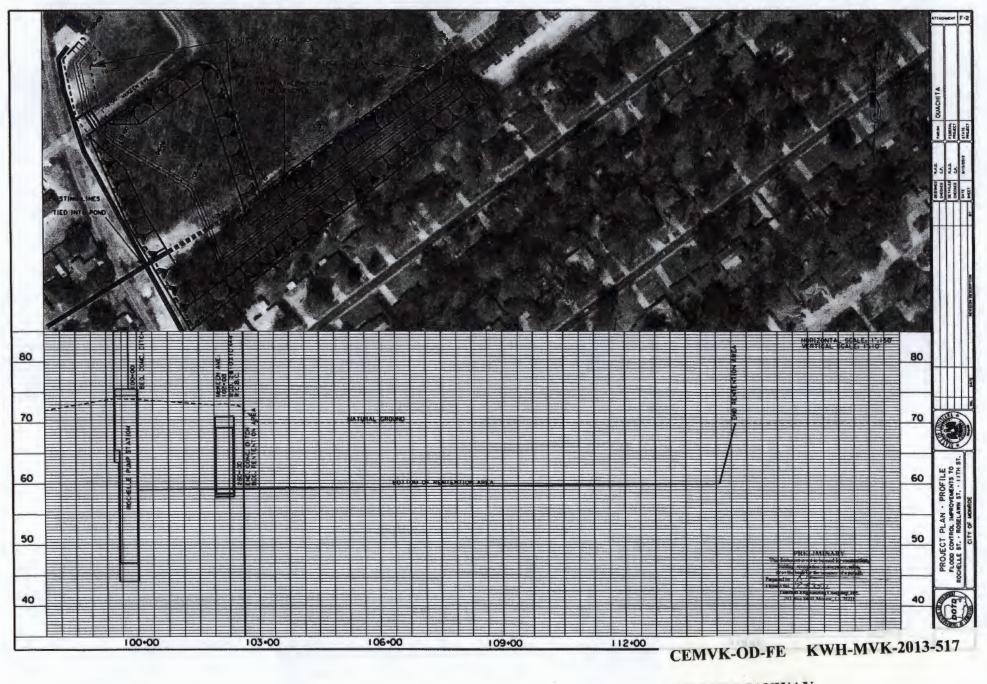




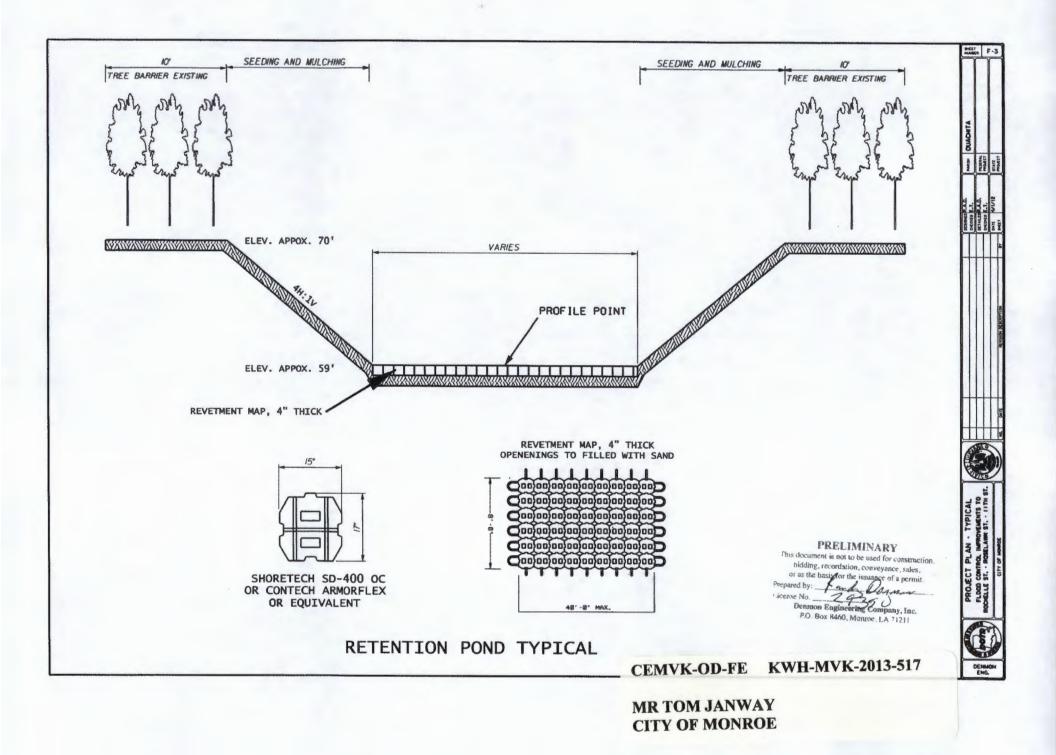
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| Applicant: City of Monroe, LA | US Army Corps |
| Proposed Work: | or Engineers. |
| Flood Improvement | |
| Location: Section 42, T18N-R4E Monroe North, Quadrangle Ouachita Parish, LA | Regulatory Branch |
| Map Background: NAIP Aerial Imagery (2004) | Enforcement Section |
| Preliminary | |
| Jurisdictional Determination Prepared by: Robert G. Ulmer, Jr. | 0 300 |
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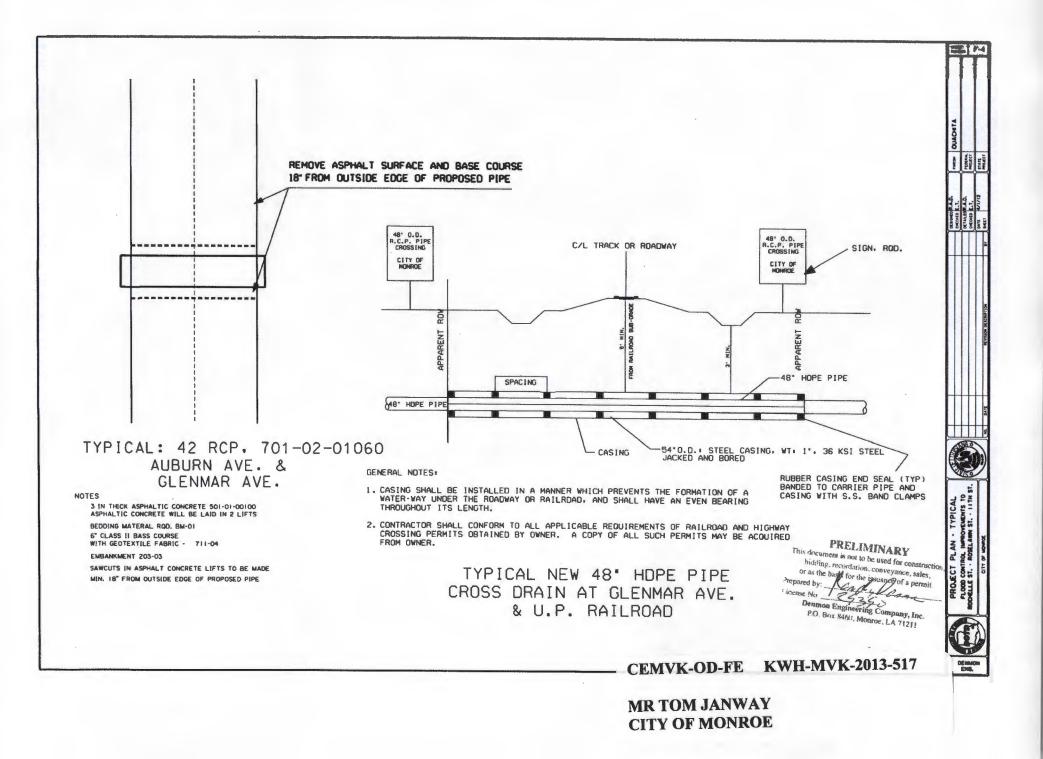


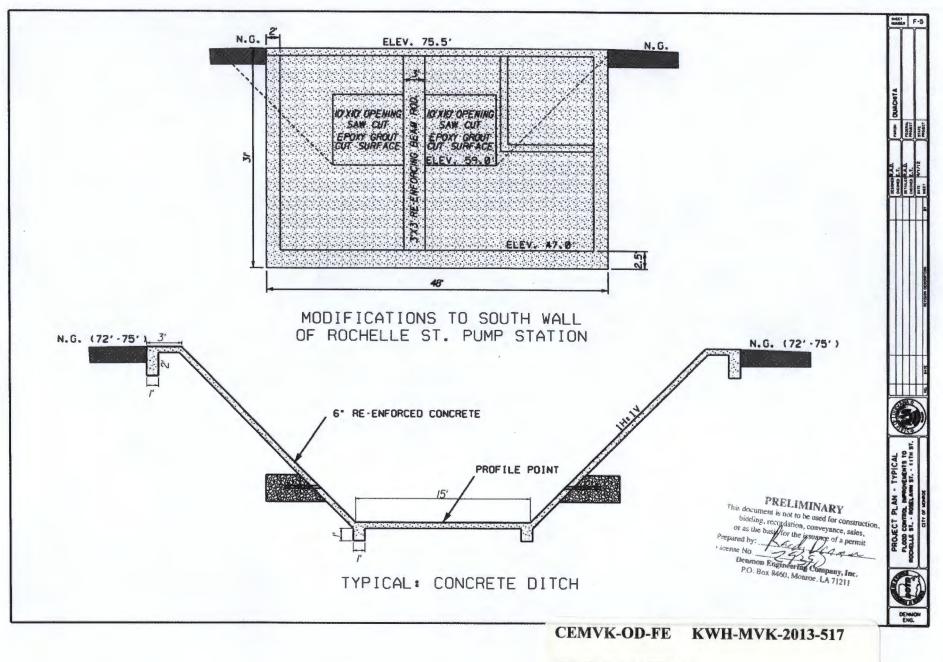




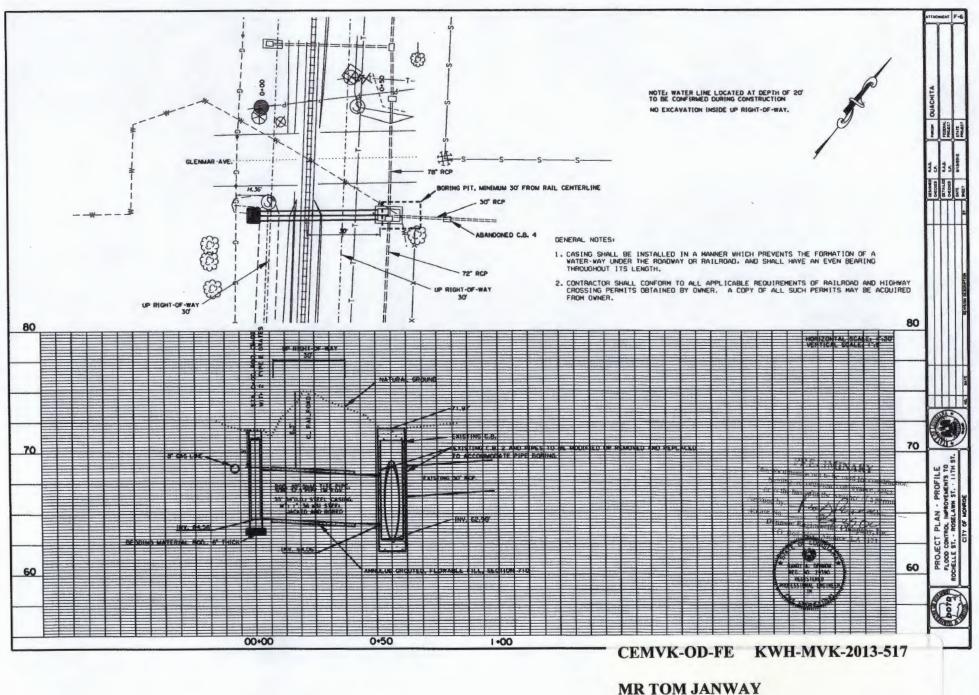
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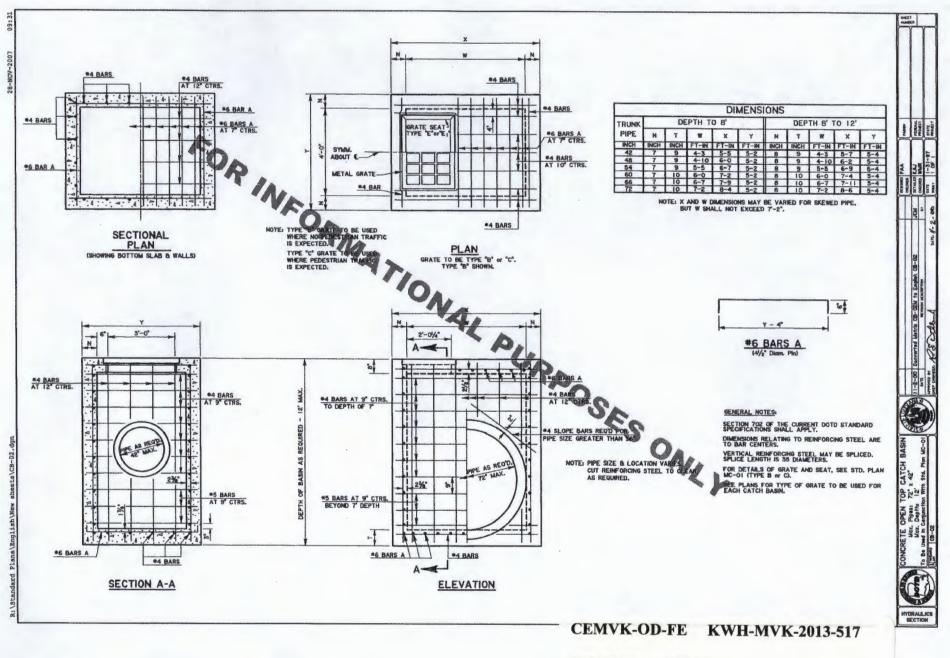




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