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Public Notice

APPLICATION NO.:

RVH-MVK-2013-832

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DATE:

December 23 2014

EXPIRATION DATE:

January 13, 2015

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District proposes to discharge dredged and fill material into waters of the United States pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for the proposed construction 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 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.

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:

Ms. Katherine Hatcher New Quest Properties 8827 West Sam Houston Parkway Suite 200 Houston, Texas 77040 Name of Agent:

Mr. David Ray Williamson Cardno MM&M 910 Pierremont Road Suite 255 Shreveport, Louisiana 71106 <u>Location of Work</u>: Sections 8, T16N-R13W, within the Red River drainage basin, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

<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 the development of a retail center.

The proposed project is a 53-acre retail development identified as the Shreveport Town Center. The proposed retail development would include a new YMCA building and associated facilities, two banks, fuel center, a 123,000 square foot retail building, eight smaller retail stores, associated parking, signage, a stormwater detention pond, two lakes, streets, lift station, utilities, drainage, required rights-of-way, and landscaping. The proposed project would also include demolition and removal of existing facilities on the site, relocation of utilities, land clearing and grading by dozers, excavations by backhoes for construction of subsurface utilities and drainage, roads and building constructions activities and land scraping related to construction.

Approximately 32,000 cubic yards of graded natural soil, 32,000 cubic yards of sandy clay base material, and 1,620 cubic yards of 6-inch concrete/rebar would be used as fill material. Approximately 0.39 acre of jurisdictional wetlands and 1.46 acres of jurisdictional pond would be impacted. 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.

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.

<u>Cultural Resources</u>: 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. An historic properties investigation has been conducted within the permit area.

Currently this office is coordinating with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Federally Recognized Tribes and other interested parties regarding potential effects to historic properties that could result from the proposed activity.

Endangered Species: The following threatened or endangered species are known to preside in Caddo Parish: Earth Fruit (T), Pallid sturgeon (E), Interior Least tern (E), and 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.

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/Missions/Regulatory.aspx, and click on ORM Permit Decisions under Program Links.

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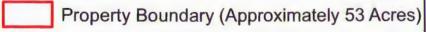
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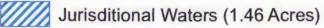




Legend







Water Control Pipe

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Applicant: YMCA of Northwest Louisiana

> Proposed Work: Commercial Construction

Location: Section 8, T16N-R13W Shreveport East, LA Quadrangle CaddoParish, Louisiana

Map Background: NAIP Aerial Imagery (2010)

Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination

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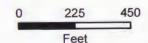




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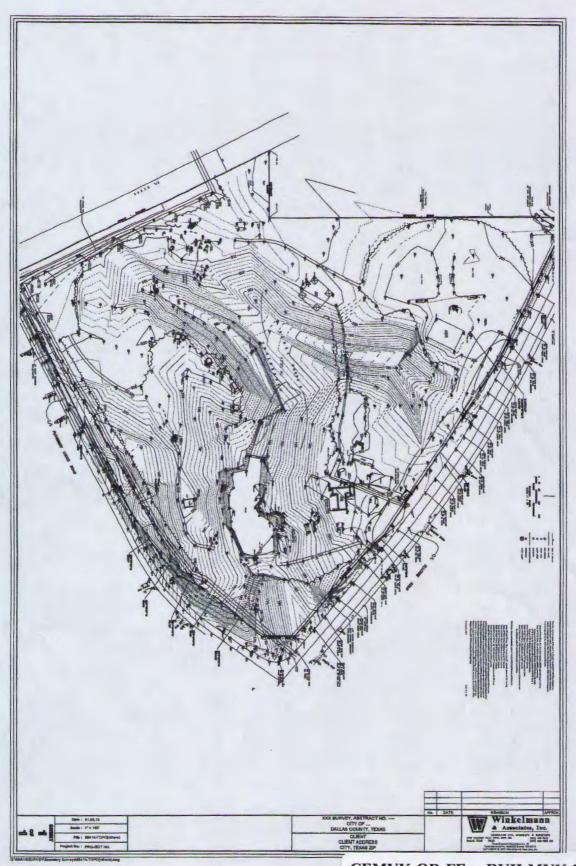
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