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Public Notice

APPLICATION NO.:	SHC-MVK-2014-993
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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. 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 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), which applies to structures or work in navigable waters of the United States, and 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

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Location of Work: Section 45, T8N-R10E, latitude 31.6815°, longitude -91.4363°, within the Bayou Cocodrie drainage basin, Concordia 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 waters, including wetlands of the United States in Concordia Parish, Louisiana. The applicant proposes to construct a seawall on Lake St. John.

The applicant's stated purpose is to build up the property to become useful for a building site. The applicants proposes the construction of a sheet pile wall in the immediate location of the old, existing wall, and fill the area behind the wall to the approximate elevation of 62-64 msl.

The proposed project includes the construction of a bulkhead approximately 425 feet in length and 10 to 12 feet in height across the entire front, and one side of the property. The bulkhead would retain backfill of approximately 7,500 cubic yards that would provide usable lake frontage condition outside the LADOTD Highway right-of-way. The backfill would be graded to the approximate level of the existing ground. The new bulkhead would be constructed at the location of an existing bulkhead. The further development of the improved property would be primarily residential. The applicant proposes to mitigate for all jurisdictional impacts by purchasing credits from an approved mitigation bank.

The vegetation within the project area consists primarily of giant cutgrass, American water horehound, elephant ear, and climbing hempuine. Soils within the project site consist of Bruin silt loam.

The placement of dredged and/or fill material in other waters of the United States associated with constructing a seawall 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: No known historic properties exist in the proposed permit area.

Copies of the public notice have been sent to 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 habitat: Least tern, Fat pocketbook, Pallid sturgeon, 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 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.

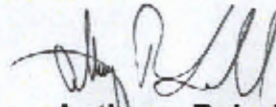
Evaluation Factors: The decision whether or not to issue a permit will be based upon an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which may 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.



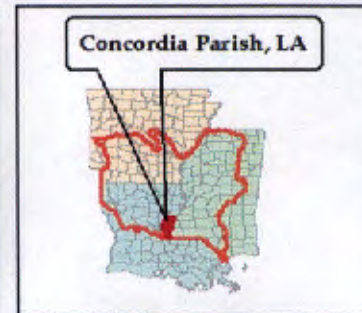
**Anthony R. Lobred
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Legend

-  Project Area
-  Wetlands - 0.25 acres
-  Other Waters - 0.25 acres

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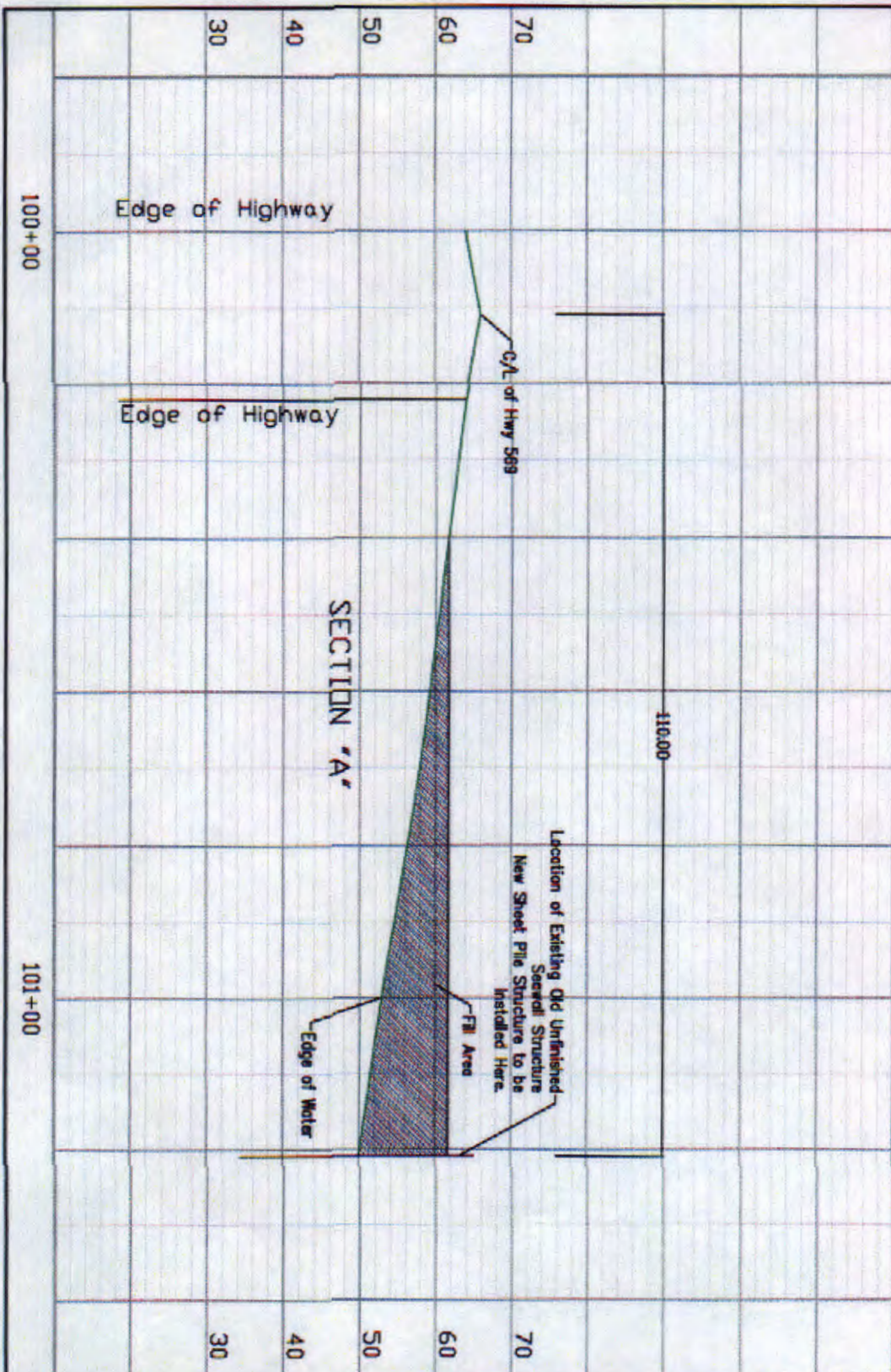
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