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Public Notice

APPLICATION NO.:	SHC-MVK-2014-919
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DATE:	May 14, 2015
EXPIRATION DATE:	June 4, 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 10385, Jackson, Mississippi 39289-0385, 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:
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Jackson, Mississippi 39236

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Location of Work: Section 11, T7N-R1E, latitude 32.46002°, longitude -90.15826°, within the Middle Pearl-Strong drainage basin, Madison 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 for the discharge of dredged and/or fill material into wetlands of the United States in Madison County, Mississippi. The applicant proposes to expand Cypress Lake Subdivision.

The applicant's stated purpose of the proposed project is to construct 54 single family residential lots to the existing Cypress Lake Subdivision. The proposed project would include the installation of roads and cul-de-sacs. A seawall would be installed around the perimeter of the pond to make a clean pond edge.

The purpose of the project is to provide single family residential homes to residents of Madison County, Mississippi. The Cypress Lake Subdivision has been fully developed and inhabited. This expansion would allow for additional people to build homes in this highly desired area.

The proposed project would impact 0.36 acre of emergent wetlands, 0.82 acre of scrub-shrub wetlands, 1.8 acres of forested wetlands, and 0.11 acre of an ephemeral stream. Approximately 7,500 cubic yards of compacted fill would be used for the proposed project. There would be no impacts to the jurisdictional pond.

Dominant vegetation within the forested wetlands consists of Chinese tallow tree, Loblolly pine, Thorny locust, Southern dewberry, Black grass, Big carpetgrass, Southern three-awned grass, Poison ivy, Common rush, Papyrus, Goldenrods, Knotweed, Water oak, American sycamore, American elm, Switchcane, Groundsel tree, Rush, and Wild raspberries. The soils within the project site consist of Loring silt loam and Riedtown silt loam.

The applicant has proposed to mitigate for the unavoidable loss of wetland and stream impacts through purchasing mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank within the Pearl River watershed.

The placement of dredged and/or fill material in waters, including wetlands 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.

Cultural Resources: The Regulatory Archaeologist has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, 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 proposed work and/or structures are of such limited nature and scope that little likelihood exists for the proposed project to impinge upon a historic property, even if present within the affected area. In a letter dated February 2, 2015, the Mississippi Department of Archives and History stated no cultural resources are likely to be affected. Copies of this 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 habitats: Rabbitsfoot, Louisiana black bear, Northern long-eared bat and Ringed map turtle. 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.

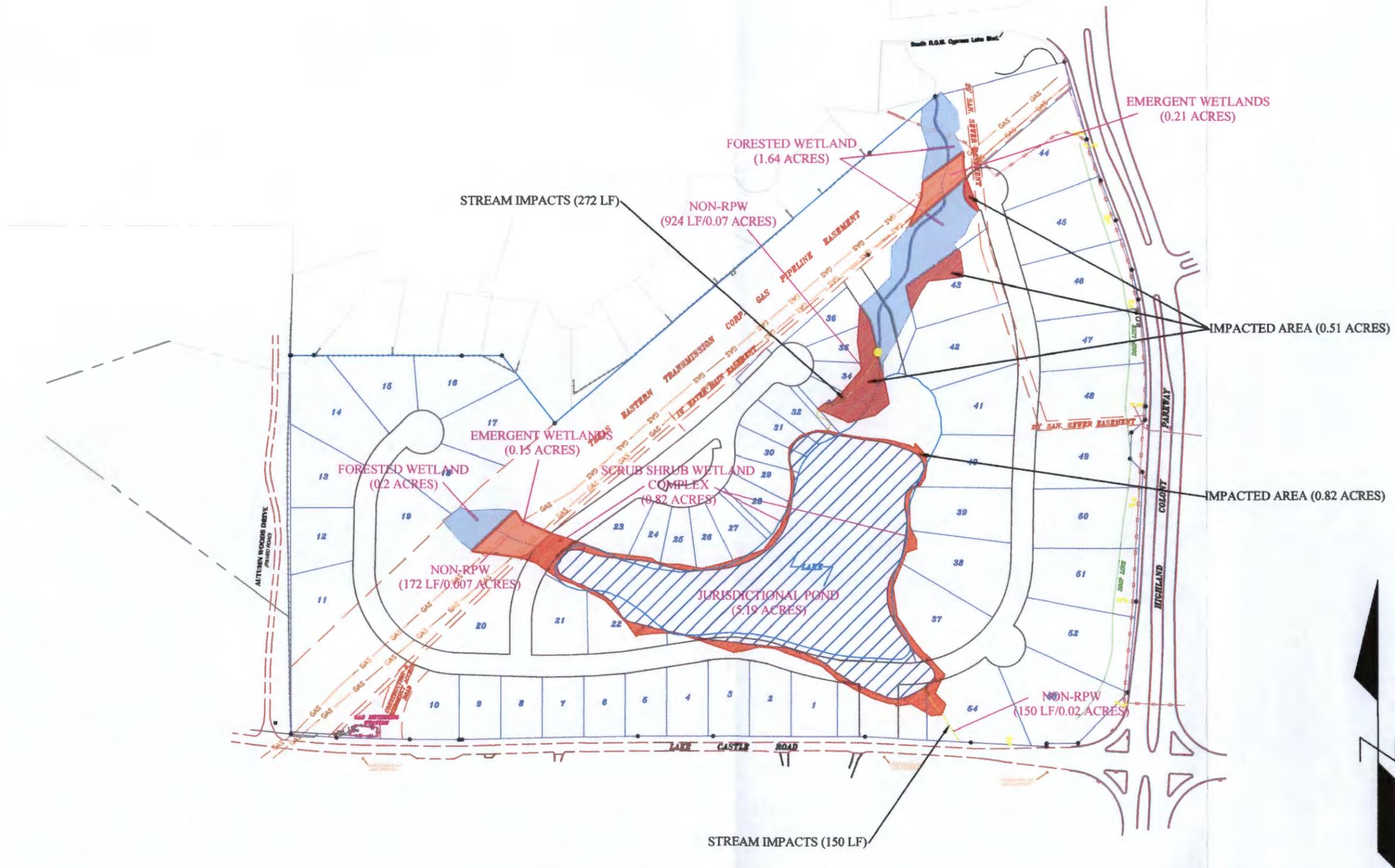
Public Involvement: The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties. These comments will be used to evaluate the impacts of this project. All comments will be considered and used to help determine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

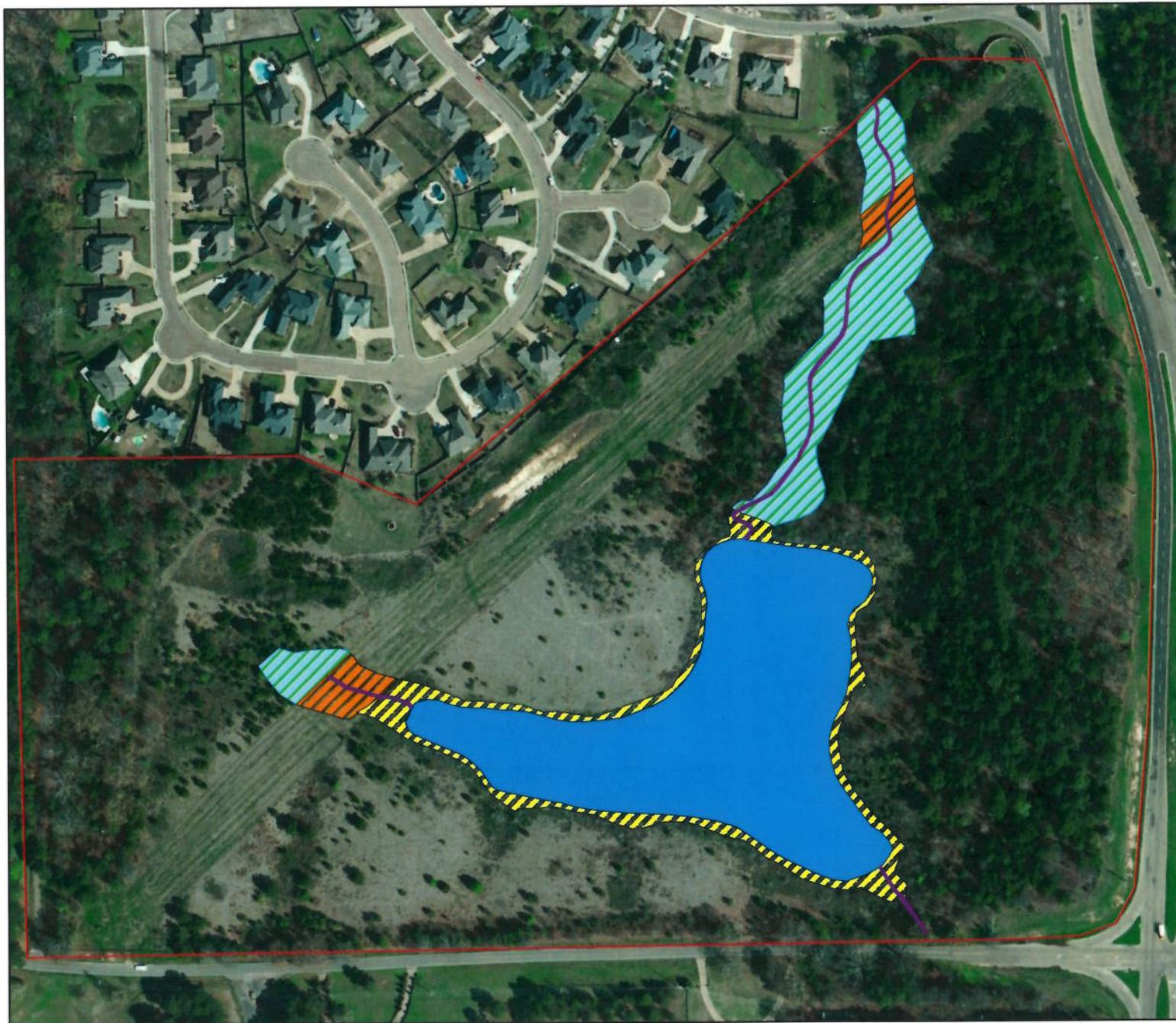
Notification of Final Permit Actions: Each month, the final permit actions from the preceding month are published on the Vicksburg District Regulatory web page. To access this information, you may follow the link from the Regulatory web page, <http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>,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



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Chief, Regulatory Branch



CYPRESS LAKE EXPANSION - PROPOSED LAYOUT
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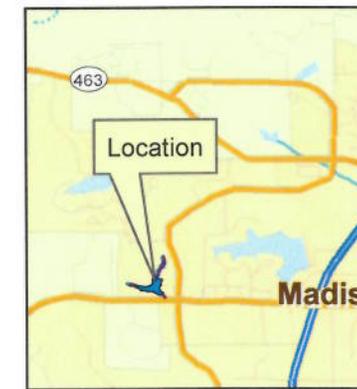
Legend

- Uplands (~43 Acres)
- Emergent Wetlands (0.36 Acre)
- Scrub-Shrub Wetlands (0.82 Acre)
- Jurisdictional Pond (5.19 Acres)
- Forested Wetlands (1.8 Acres)
- Non-RPW (0.11 Acre)

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05 May 2015
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 Grandberry-Travis
 Consulting Engineers
 Proposed Cypress Lake Sub-Division Expansion
 Madison County, MS
**Preliminary
 Jurisdictional Determination**
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