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APPLICATION NO.: M\

MVK-2018-1019

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DATE: July

Vicksburg District, Attention: CEMVK-OD-F, 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg,

July 20, 2020

EXPIRATION DATE: August 10, 2020

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

Mississippi 39183-3435.

Application also has been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services for a Water Quality Certification in accordance with La. R.S. 30.2074(A)(93), and Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L. 95-217). Additional information is on file with the above office and may be inspected at any time between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Copies may be obtained upon payment of cost of copying. 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 and / or fill material into waters of the United States.

Name of Applicant:

Mr. Travis Martin Travyell Remodeling 8822 Jennifer Street New Orleans, Louisiana 70118 Name of Agent:

Ms. Barbara Zelenka
J.V. Burkes & Associates, Inc
1805 Shortcut Highway
Slidell, Louisiana 70458

<u>Location of Work</u>: Section 21, T9S-R15E, Latitude 30.2445N, Longitude -89.6889W, within the Pearlington-Pearl River watershed in the Lower Pearl Drainage Basin (8-digit USGS HUC: 03180004), St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana.

<u>Description of Work</u>: (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 an after-the-fact Department of the Army permit for the discharge of dredged and/or fill material into jurisdictional wetlands for the purpose of elevating a residential lot for the construction of a single family residence. The lot was cleared, graded, and portions of it were filled to accommodate a raised private residence, driveway, and associated features on a concrete base.

The property is approximately 2.02 acres in size. Within the property boundary, there are approximately 0.99 acre of jurisdictional wetlands. Of the 0.99 acre of jurisdictional wetlands on site, approximately 0.33 acre was cleared and filled for construction of the home site. The remaining 0.66 acre of wetlands was avoided. Approximately 800 cubic yards of clean earthen fill material was placed on the site and approximately 106 cubic yards of concrete would be placed for the house and driveway.

The vegetative communities within the project area were dominated by black gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*) and bald cypress (*Taxodium distichum*). Soil within the project site is dominated by Guton silt loam, Abita silt loam, and Arat silty clay loam with NRCS hydric ratings of 94, 5, and 86 percent, respectively.

The applicant proposes to mitigate for the unavoidable loss of jurisdictional impacts through the purchase of credits from an USACE approved mitigation bank that services the project area.

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 <u>National Register of Historic Places</u>, state lists of properties determined eligible, and other sources of information. The permit area is composed (entirely) of low-lying wetlands with no existing or subsided natural levee landforms: and therefore, has a very low potential for yielding unidentified cultural deposits that may be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Endangered Species: Listed species for the project area include the West Indian manatee, Red-cockaded woodpecker, and Gopher tortoise. Utilizing the Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species (SLOPES) as signed on December 1, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Corps has determined that the proposed activity would have no effect on these species or their habitats.

Floodplain: In accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Floodplain Management and Use), participating communities are required to review all proposed development to determine if a floodplain development permit is required. Floodplain administrators should review the proposed development described in this public notice and apprise this office of any flood plain development permit requirements. The proposed project site is not within the 100 year floodplain.

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.

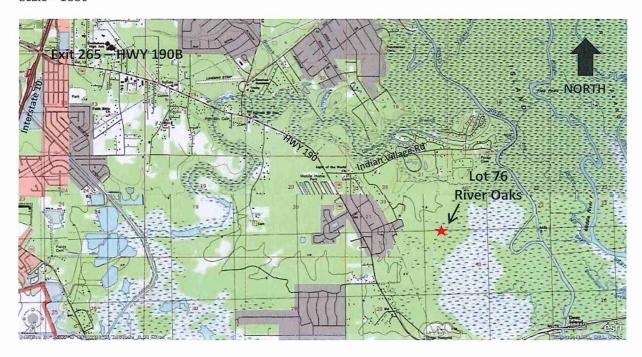
Notification of Final Permit Actions: Each month, the final permit actions from the preceding month are published on the Vicksburg District Regulatory web page. To access this information, you may follow the link from the Regulatory web page, http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx.

Thomas A. McCabe Chief, Evaluation Section Regulatory Branch

Vicinity Map

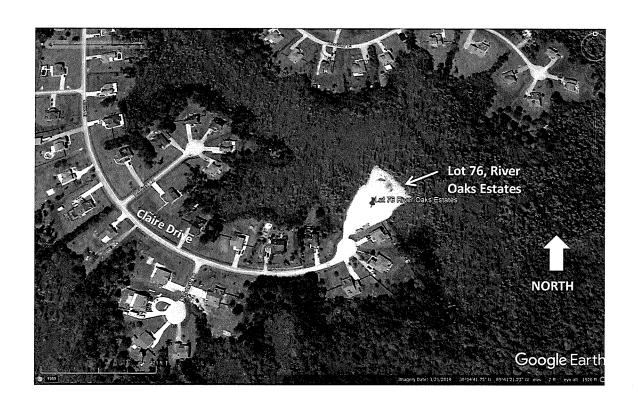


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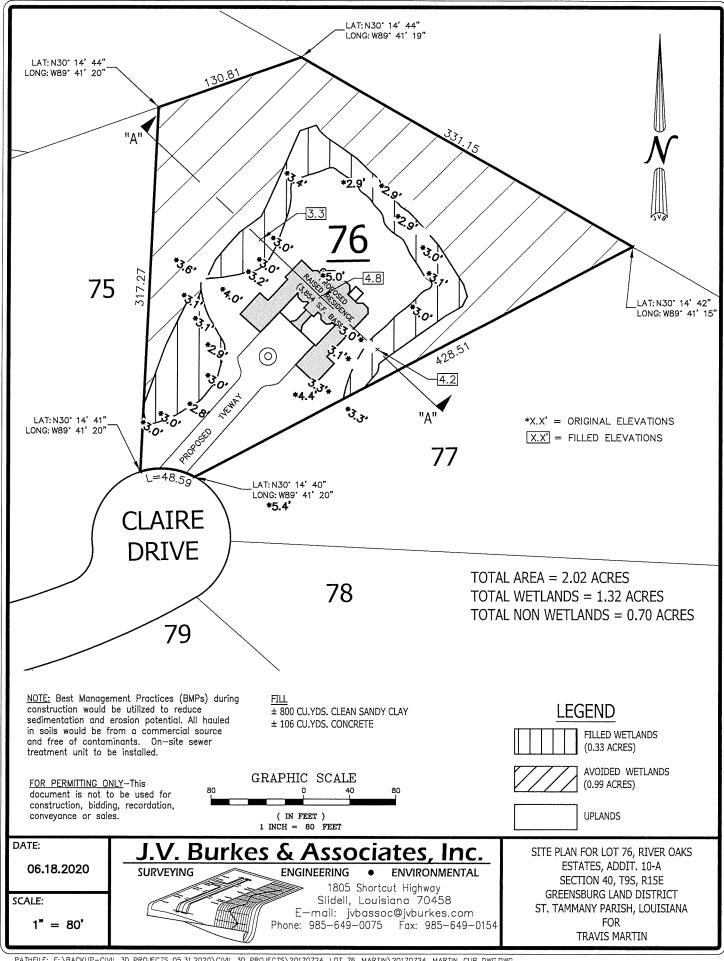
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Near Slidell, St. Tammany Parish, LA

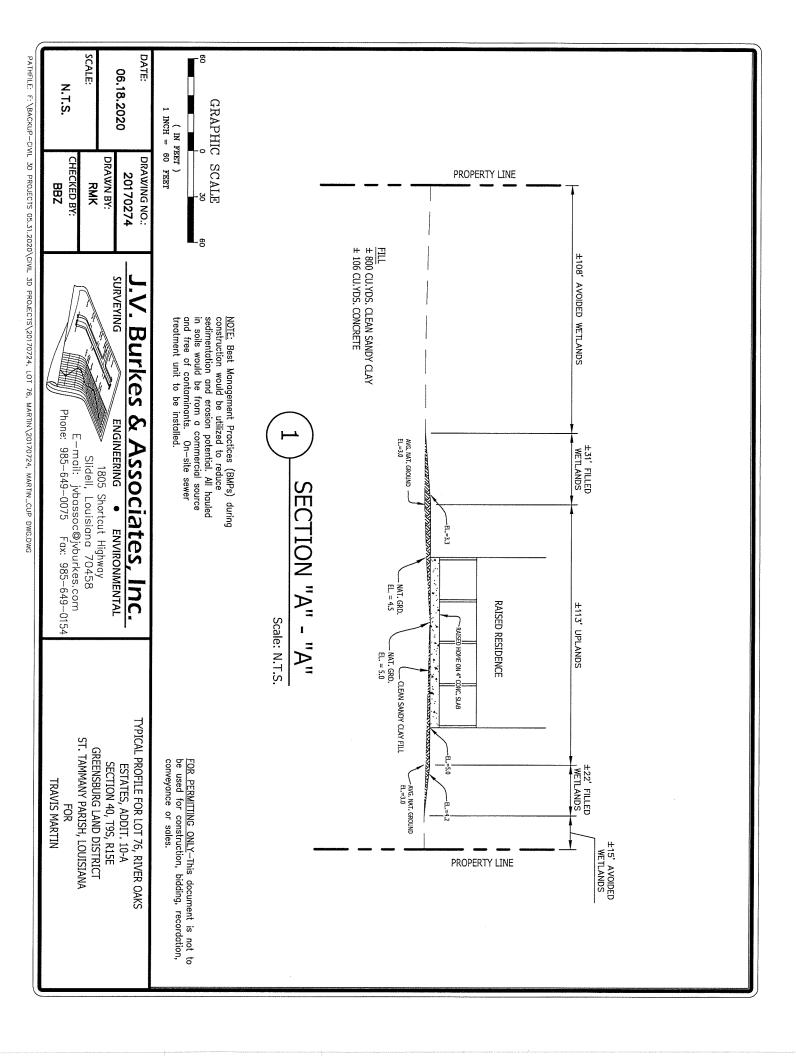
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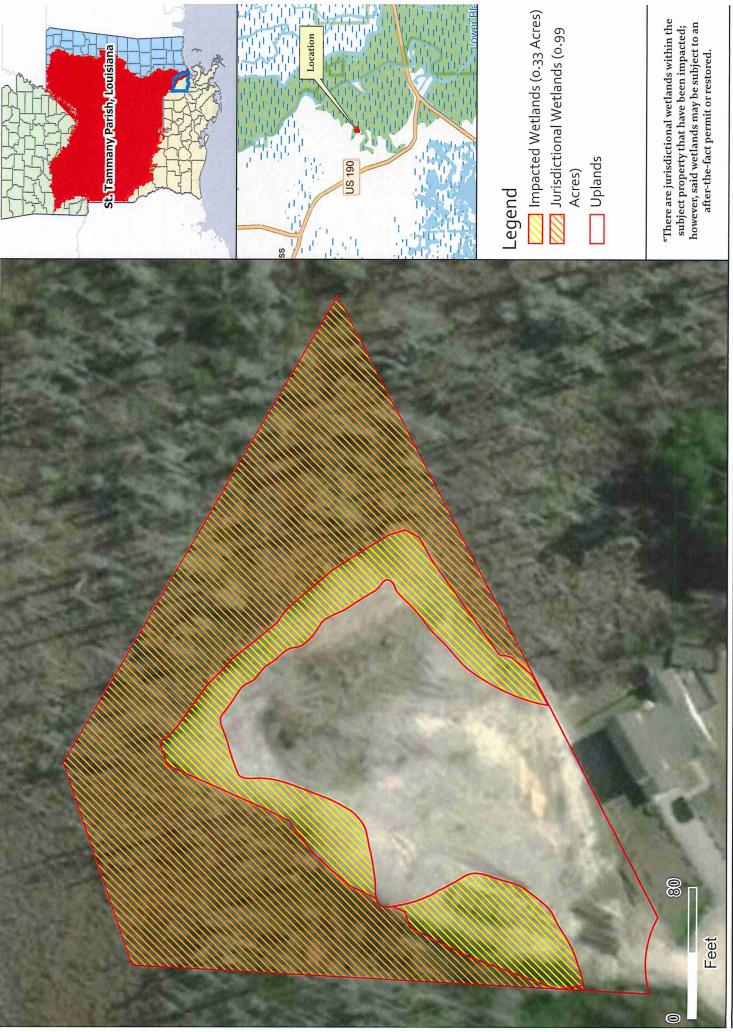


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A Residential Development: Lot 76



