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Public Notice

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| APPLICATION NO.: | MVK-2005-1630 |
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| EXPIRATION DATE: | March 18, 2019 |

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 2261, Jackson, Mississippi 39226-2261, 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 and / or fill material into waters of the United States.

Name of Applicant:
Mayor Johnny Thomas
Town of Glendora
Post Office Box 90
Glendora, Mississippi 38928

Location of Work: Section 27, T23N- R1W, Latitude 33.8260, Longitude -90.2905, within Black Bayou part of the Tallahatchie River Drainage Basin (8-digit USGS HUC 08030202), Tallahatchie 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 to conduct regulated activities in jurisdictional wetlands for the purpose of improving a recreational pond at the Emmett Till Memorial Park and Interpretive Trail located in the town of Glendora, Mississippi. A permit was issued in 2012 for similar

work at the park; however, the authorized work was not completed, and the permit expired in 2017. A new permit application was received in January 2019 for improvements to the pond area at the park. Work includes clearing and grubbing the existing pond site, removal of soil to deepen and expand the natural depression at the site to create a scenic pond, create a small levee (approximately 3 feet high and 8 feet wide) between the pond and existing walking trail, minor grading and drainage work, and area beautification. Approximately 9.1 acres of emergent and shrub-scrub wetlands are found within the new project area. Approximately, 3.1 acres of the wetlands would be deepened to convert wetlands to open water, and 0.1 acre would be filled to create a berm. Construction work would be conducted by the 223 Engineering Battalion of the Mississippi Army National Guard as part of the Innovative Readiness Training program.

Vegetative communities within the project area are dominated by smart weed, black willow, buttonbush, red maple. Wetland community is described as shrub-scrub and emergent. Soil within the project site consists of Alligator Clay, having a respective hydric component percent rating of 90 by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

The applicant proposes to mitigate for the unavoidable loss of wetland functions through the previously authorized permittee responsible mitigation site.

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: The area has been previously assessed for cultural resources. No historic properties will be affected by the proposed extension of time to perform previously authorized work.

Endangered Species: Our initial finding is that the proposed work would neither affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Departments of Interior to Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species. 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 any listed species.

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 project is partially 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.

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>.

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Town of Glendora
Public Recreation Area
Tallahatchie County, Mississippi

**Approved
Jurisdictional Determination**

Kristi Hall



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Enforcement Section

Enclosure 1


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Feet

- Legend**
- Project Area
 - Jurisdictional Other Waters= 5.1 acres
 - Jurisdictional Wetlands= 16.4 acres

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**Glendora Park
2019 Project Map
Legend**

-  11.9 acres- 2019 project area update
-  3.1 acres- pond location
-  9.1 acres wetland



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Glendora, MS
Emmett Till Interpretive
Park Improvements
Tallahatchie County, MS

**Aerial Imagery:
ESRI World Imagery**

