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APPLICATION NO.:MVK-2021-890EVALUATOR:Ms. Samantha ThompsonPHONE NO.:(601) 631-5478E-MAIL:Samantha.H.Thompson@usace.army.milDATE:April 6, 2022EXPIRATION DATE:April 26, 2022

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 Vicksburg District, Attention: CEMVK-RD, 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi 39183-3435.

An application has also been submitted 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.

<u>Name of Applicant</u>: Mr. David Strange Rowanoak Development, LLC 725 Avignon Drive, Suite C Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157 <u>Name of Agent</u>: Mr. Michael Henry Hydrik Wetlands Consultants 2323 Highway 190 East, Suite 2 Hammond, Louisiana 70401 <u>Location of Work</u>: Section 2, T16N-14W, Latitude 32.399303; Longitude, -93.778611, within the Red-Saline Drainage Basin (8-digit USGS HUC 11140206), Caddo 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 to conduct regulated activities in jurisdictional wetlands for the construction of a residential development, Ardenwood Residential Development. The applicant's stated project purpose is to provide low-income, single-family housing to the citizens of Shreveport.

The applicant proposes to construct 42 residential lots within approximately 12.5 acres, located in Shreveport, Louisiana. In addition, this project would have approximately 2,060 linear feet of paved roads, 1.025 acres of detention area, along with the associated utility/ drainage infrastructure.

Approximately 0.58 acre of forested wetlands and 1.33 acre of emergent wetlands would be impacted by the proposed project. To off-set these unavoidable impacts, the applicant proposes to purchase compensatory mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank.

Dominant vegetation includes honey locust, Chinese privet, possum haw, bushy golden top, bahiagrass, broomsedge, willow oak, clustered sedge, southern dewberry, poison ivy, and greenbriar. Soils within the project area consist of Guyton silt loam and Urban land-Eastwood complex.

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.

<u>State Water Quality Permit</u>: 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>, 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 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.

<u>Endangered Species</u>: Based on the Information and Planning Consultation (IPAC) for Endangered Species in Louisiana Agreement dated January 14, 2020, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, it has been determined that the proposed activity would have no effect on the following species: Red-cockaded woodpecker. This project may affect the Northern long-eared bat (NLEB), but any resulting incidental take of the NLEB is not prohibited by the final 4(d) rule.

<u>Floodplain</u>: 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 not located within the 100-year floodplain.

<u>Evaluation Factors</u>: 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.

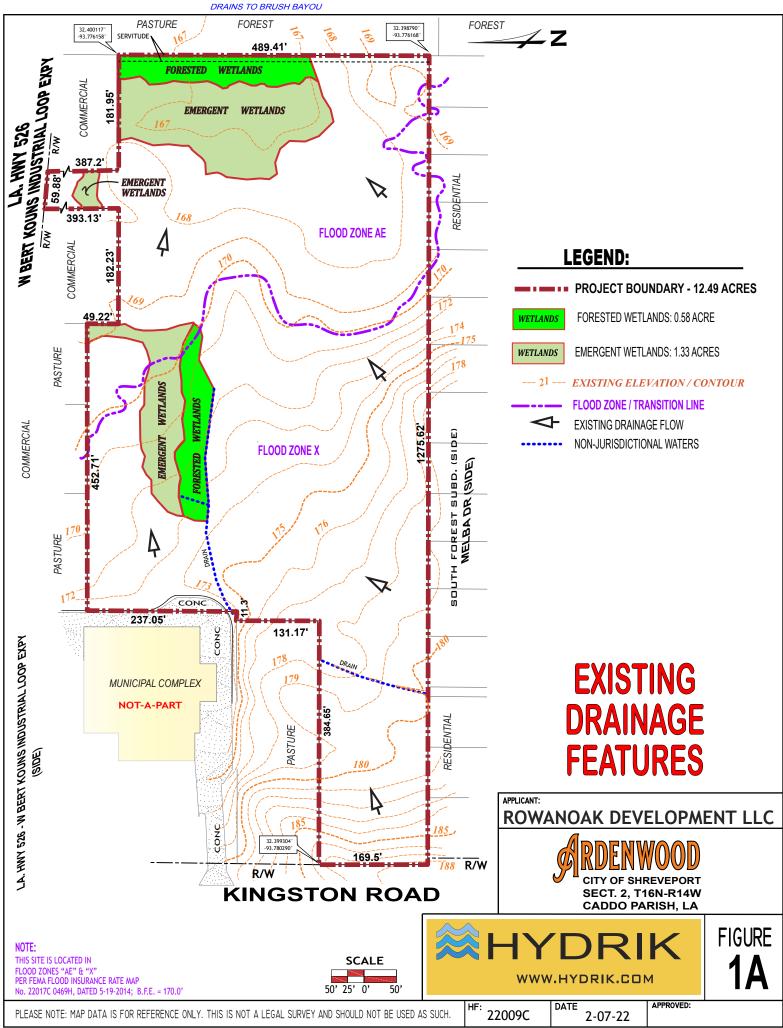
<u>Opportunity for a Public Hearing</u>: Any person may make a written request for a public hearing to consider this permit application. This request must be submitted by the public notice expiration date and must clearly state why a hearing is necessary. Failure of any agency or individual to comment 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.

<u>Notification of Final Permit Actions</u>: 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, <u>http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx</u>.

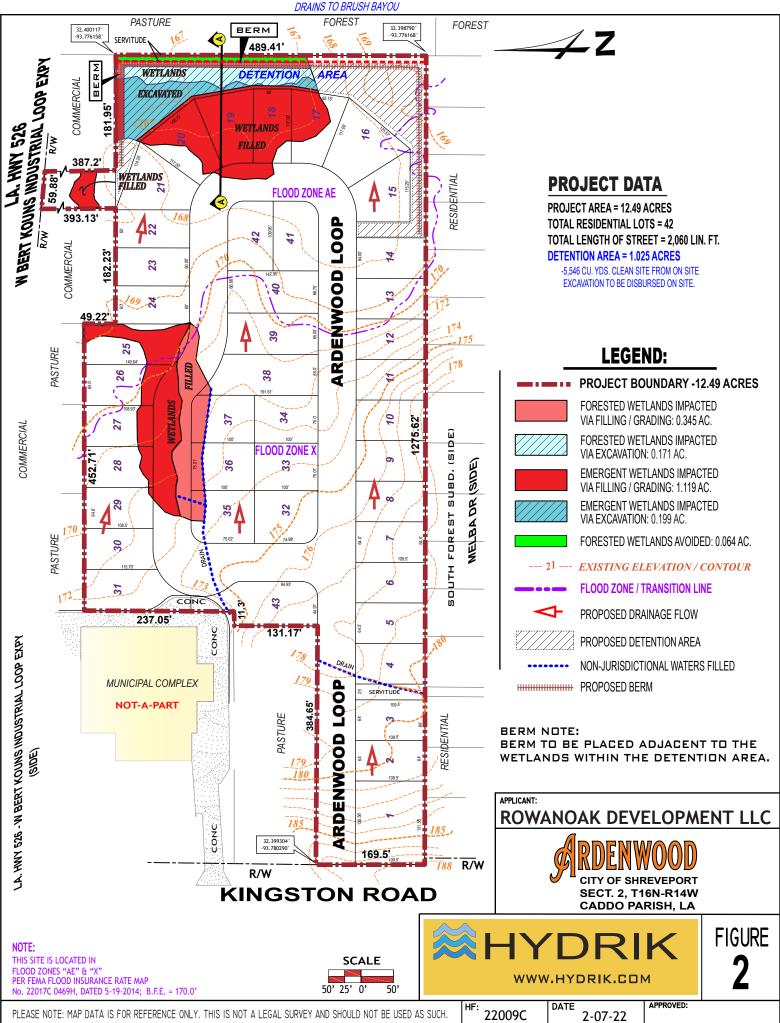
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