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PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant:
Honorable John Crow
Mayor, Town of Farmerville

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Vicksburg District
Permit Application No. MVK-2025-00404

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The Vicksburg District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) or (Corps) has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1344) and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. §403). The purpose of this public notice is to solicit comments from the public regarding the work described below:

APPLICANT: Honorable John Crow
Mayor, Town of Farmerville
Post Office Box 427
Farmerville, Louisiana 71241

AGENT: Mr. Oliver Neal
Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix and Hixson
2213 Commons Court, Suite E
Ruston, Louisiana 71270

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: The project would affect waters of the United States (WOTUS) associated with the D'Arbonne Bayou. The project/review area is located in Sections 19, 20, 29 and 30, Township 21N, Range 1E, at Latitude 32.763034 and Longitude -92.410228 in Union Parish, Louisiana.

EXISTING CONDITIONS: The proposed project site consists of approximately 4.66 acres and has been historically altered in some capacity throughout the project extent. The site hosts vegetative communities that vary in composition and density in correlation with historical alterations and elevation changes. Overstory vegetation is slightly variable but primarily comprised of Chinese tallowtree (*Triadica sebifera*), sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*), and water oak (*Quercus nigra*) where overstory vegetation was present. Herbaceous vegetation is dominated by large swaths of Bahia grass (*Paspalum notatum*) in the open field that flanks the eastern bank of the unnamed stream and wild pepper grass (*Lepidium virginicum*). The primary woody vine species observed included southern dewberry (*Rubus trivialis*), saw greenbrier (*Smilax bona-nox*), hairy cluster vine (*Jacquemontia tamnifolia*), and American buckwheat vine (*Brunnichia ovata*).

Soils throughout the site consist primarily of a fine sandy or silty loam. Changes in soil color were positively correlated to landform position and historical land use alterations.

PROJECT PURPOSE:

Basic: The basic purpose of the project is to improve drainage within an existing drainageway.

Overall: The overall purpose is to alleviate flooding issues through redesign of an existing drainageway adjacent to Louisiana Highway 33 near Barron Road.

PROPOSED WORK: The Town of Farmerville is proposing to alleviate flooding issues through regrading and hardening of an existing drainage and replacement of an existing culvert in Union Parish, Louisiana. The existing ditch currently has a grade ranging from approximately 85.5 ft MSL (Mean Sea Level) to 82.5 ft MSL. The project would include a concrete lined channel with a 10-foot bottom width and 2:1 side slope to provide greater stability and reduce erosion and replacement of an existing culvert. The ditch starting point would be at a bottom depth of 77.17 ft MSL where it crosses Barron Street and would end slightly lower at 76.5 ft MSL at the location of newly designed triple culverts, which would facilitate water flow into Lake D'Arbonne from the town of Farmerville.

This project would utilize an existing drainage channel, eliminating the need to disturb additional acreage for drainage purposes. Approximately 1,470.85 linear feet of stream would be impacted by the proposed project and approximately 1,200 cubic yards of fill material would be placed within these areas.

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION: The applicant has provided the following information in support of efforts to avoid and/or minimize impacts on the aquatic environment: The applicant has attempted to minimize wetland impacts by designing the facility in areas of the property that are mostly occupied by uplands.

COMPENSATORY MITIGATION: To compensate for the unavoidable loss of wetlands as a result of the project activities, the applicant has proposed to purchase mitigation credits from an approved USACE mitigation bank.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The Corps is evaluating the undertaking for effects to historic properties as required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This public notice serves to inform the public of the proposed undertaking and invites comments including those from local, state, and federal government agencies with respect to historic resources. Our final determination relative to historic resource impacts may be subject to additional coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer, federally recognized tribes, and other interested parties.

The District Engineer's final eligibility and effect determination will be made with full consideration given to the proposed undertaking's potential direct and indirect effects on historic properties within the Corps-identified permit area.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Corps has performed an initial review of the application utilizing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) to determine if any threatened, endangered, proposed, or candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, may occur in the vicinity of the proposed project. Based on this initial review, the Corps has made a preliminary determination that the proposed project will not affect any listed species or critical habitat:

Red-cockaded Woodpecker – Threatened, no effect

Alligator Snapping Turtle - Proposed threatened, no jeopardy

Monarch Butterfly – Proposed threatened, no jeopardy

Pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), any required consultation with the Service(s) will be conducted in accordance with 50 CFR part 402.

The US Army Corps of Engineers is the lead federal agency for ESA consultation for the proposed action. Any required consultation will be completed by the US Army Corps of Engineers.

This notice serves as a request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any additional information on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species or critical habitat may be present in the area which would be affected by the proposed activity.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: Pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act 1996, the Corps reviewed the project area, examined information provided by the applicant, and consulted available species information.

The Corps has determined the proposal would have no effect on any Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) [no EFH identified at the location]. Therefore, no consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service on EFH as required by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act 1996 is required.

NAVIGATION: The proposed activity is not located in the vicinity of a federal navigation channel.

SECTION 408: The applicant will not require permission under Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 408) because the activity, in whole or in part, would not alter, occupy, or use a Corps Civil Works project.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: Water Quality Certification may be required by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality to certify that the described work will comply with the state's water quality standards and effluent limitations before a permit is issued from the Corps.

NOTE: This public notice is being issued based on information furnished by the applicant. This information has not been verified or evaluated to ensure compliance with laws and regulation governing the regulatory program. The geographic extent of aquatic resources within the proposed project area that either is, or is presumed to be, within the jurisdiction of the Corps has been verified by Corps personnel.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts 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 reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments.

All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including cumulative impacts thereof; among these are conservation, economics, esthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historical properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act or the criteria established under authority of Section 102(a) of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

COMMENTS: The Corps is soliciting comments from the public, federal, state, and local agencies and officials, Indian Tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this determination, comments are used to assess impacts to endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

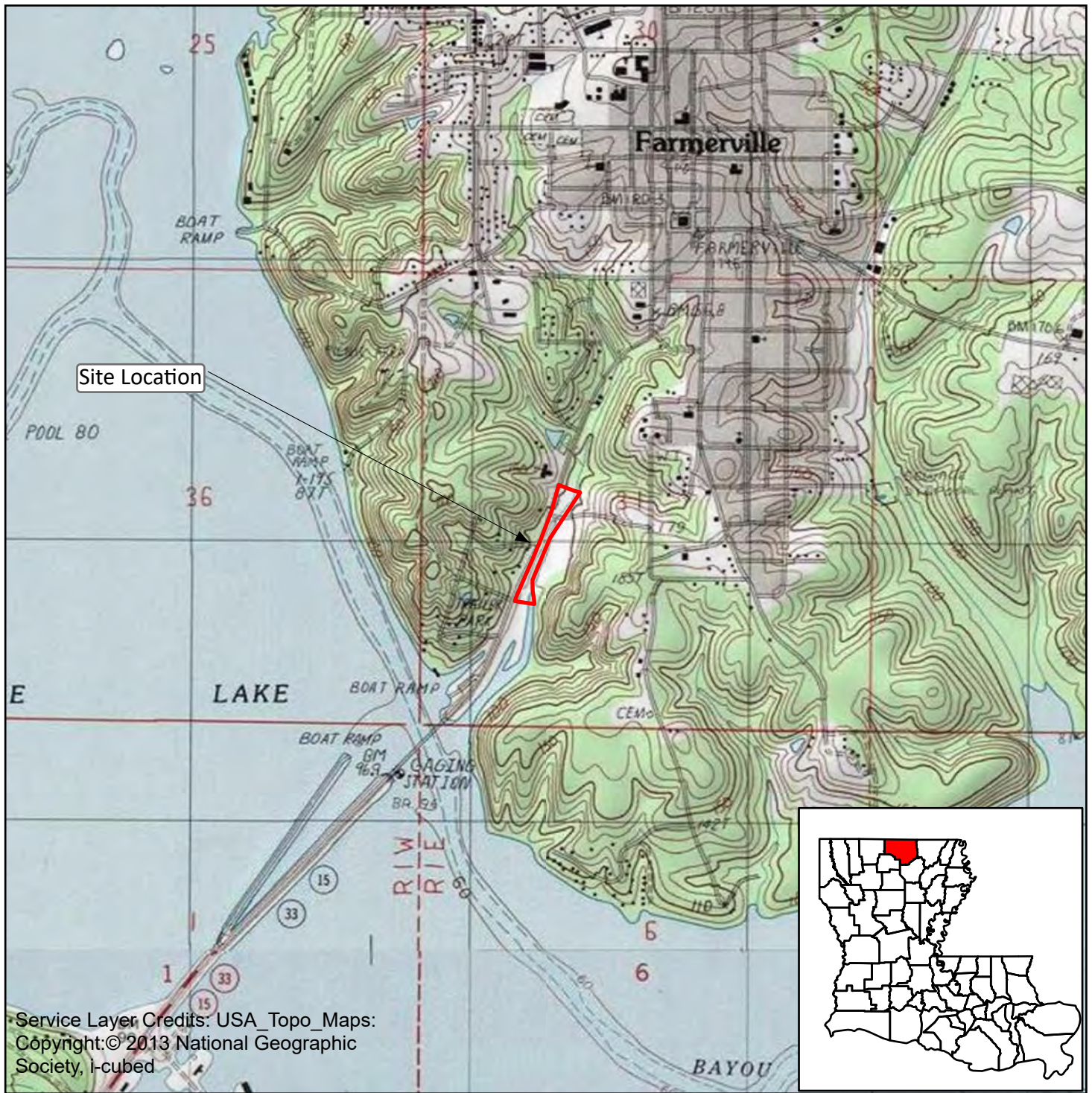
The Vicksburg District will receive written comments on the proposed work, as outlined above, until April 6, 2026. Comments should be submitted electronically via the Regulatory Request System (RRS) at <https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs> or to Tarmiko Graham at Tarmiko.V.Graham@usace.army.mil. Please refer to the permit application number in your comments.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application.

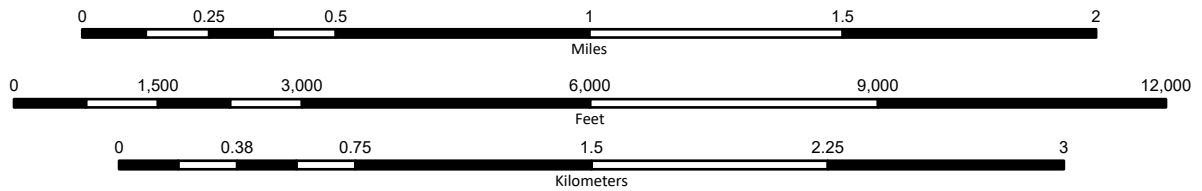
Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. Requests for a public hearing will be granted, unless the District Engineer determines that the issues raised are insubstantial or there is otherwise no valid interest to be served by a hearing.

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>.

Andy Sanderson
Chief, Arkansas/Louisiana Branch
Regulatory Division



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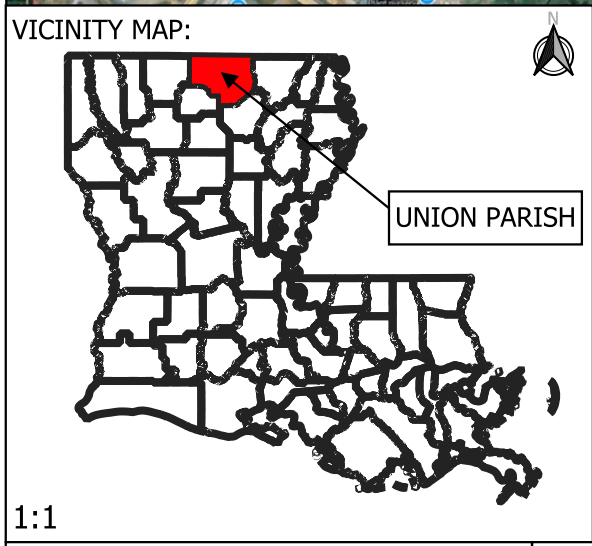
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Highway 33 Drainage Upgrades Project
Town of Farmerville
Farmerville, Louisiana




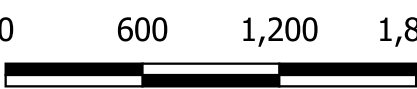
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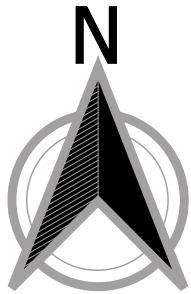

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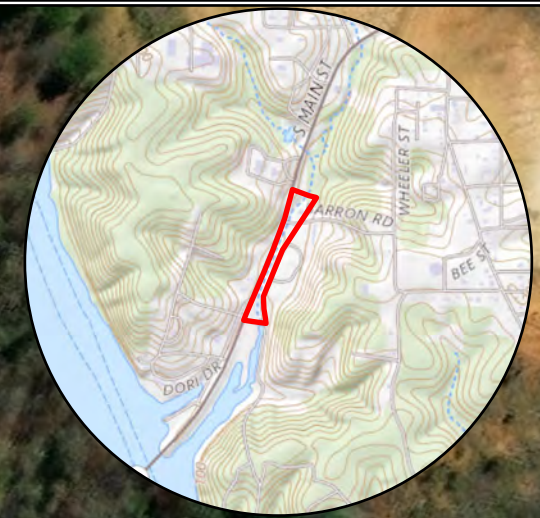
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	This map is for GIS purposes only. Not to be used for construction.
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Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson Engineers and Land Surveyors	

Stream ID	Stream Type	Stream Length (ft)
S-01	Intermittent	1,470.85



Data Point ID	Wetland Status	Latitude	Longitude
DP-01	Non-Wet	32.7614400	-92.41082604
DP-02	Non-Wet	32.7646464	-92.40952516

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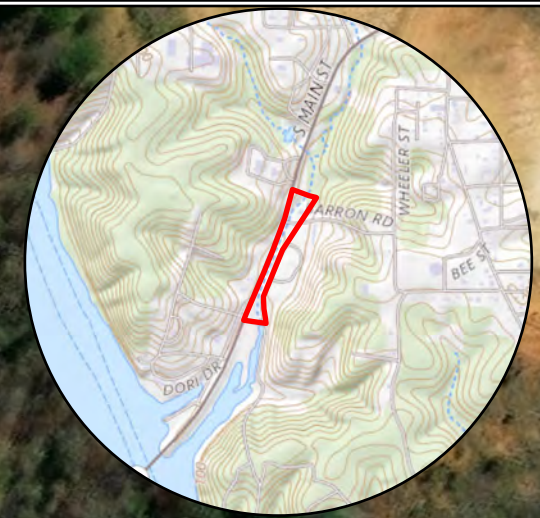
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Site Layout and Data Point Locations
Highway 33 Drainage Upgrades Project
Town of Farmerville
Farmerville, Louisiana



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LiDAR Elevations (Meters)

- 32.8238
- 24.4201

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LiDAR Elevation Map
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