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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2013-00799-TMZ

June 3, 2014

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE  
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
OFFICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

PROPOSED NEW GYMNASIUM FACILITY  
WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY  
HATTIESBURG, FORREST COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: **William Carey University**  
**Attention: Dr. Tommy King**  
**498 Tuscan Avenue**  
**Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39401**

AGENT: **Environmental Management Services, Inc.**  
**Attention: Mr. Ethan Allen**  
**Post Office Box 15369**  
**Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39404**

LOCATION OF WORK: **Wetlands adjacent to an unnamed tributary of Burkett's Creek, County Drive, Hattiesburg, Forrest County, Mississippi (Section 22, Township 4 North, Range 13 West; N 31.3001916, W -89.290044).**

WORK DESCRIPTION: **The applicant, William Carey University, proposes to construct a new gymnasium facility at their Hattiesburg campus consisting of a large building, access roads, parking areas, and a subsurface stormwater retention system. The 35-acre proposed construction site is mostly upland mixed hardwood-pine forest; the University's physical plant occupies a small portion of the northern part of the site. An unnamed tributary of Burkett's Creek flows east to west through the center of the site, and a small portion of a meander of Burkett's Creek is located on the extreme southeastern portion of the site. The 3.70 acres of forested wetlands occurring on the property consist of medium quality bottomland hardwoods dominated by red maple and**

**water oak. According to the applicant's preferred site plan, wetland impacts are proposed at seven separate locations within the 35-acre parcel, totaling 1.44 acres; 302 linear feet of stream impacts to the unnamed tributary of Burkett's Creek are also proposed as part of access road construction. The applicant's consultant has stated that alternate site plans were considered in order to avoid and minimize wetland impacts associated with this project, but these designs would either conflict with existing university facilities, or impair the required size and functionality of the planned gymnasium and associated infrastructure. The applicant proposes to compensate for unavoidable impacts to wetlands and other waters of the United States by purchasing the appropriate number of mitigation credits from a Corps-approved wetland mitigation bank.**

The applicant has applied for certification from the State of Mississippi in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act and upon completion of the required advertising, a determination relative to certification will be made.

This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the Corps can be based. For accuracy and completeness of the record, all data in support of or in opposition to the proposed work should be submitted in writing setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition. 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 benefit 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 the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

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 decision, comments are used to assess impacts on 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 and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. Evaluation of the probable impacts involving deposits of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and Appendix C of 33 CFR 325, the proposed activity on-site was considered for the potential to effect cultural and historic properties within the permit area. Although the extent of Federal control and responsibility for these considerations are confined to the limits of the permit area for this particular project, the potential indirect effects that may occur to historic properties as a result of this undertaking were also considered. The Corps reviewed the project permit area and made a preliminary determination that there will be no effect to cultural or historic properties as a result of this undertaking. By letter dated October 16, 2013, the Mississippi Department of Archives and History concurred with this determination. Historic architectural or archaeological investigations may be necessary to ascertain the existence of such resources. Efforts will be made through the consultation process to avoid, minimize or mitigate any adverse effects to significant cultural and historic properties that may occur as a result of this undertaking. The District Engineer remains the final decision authority.

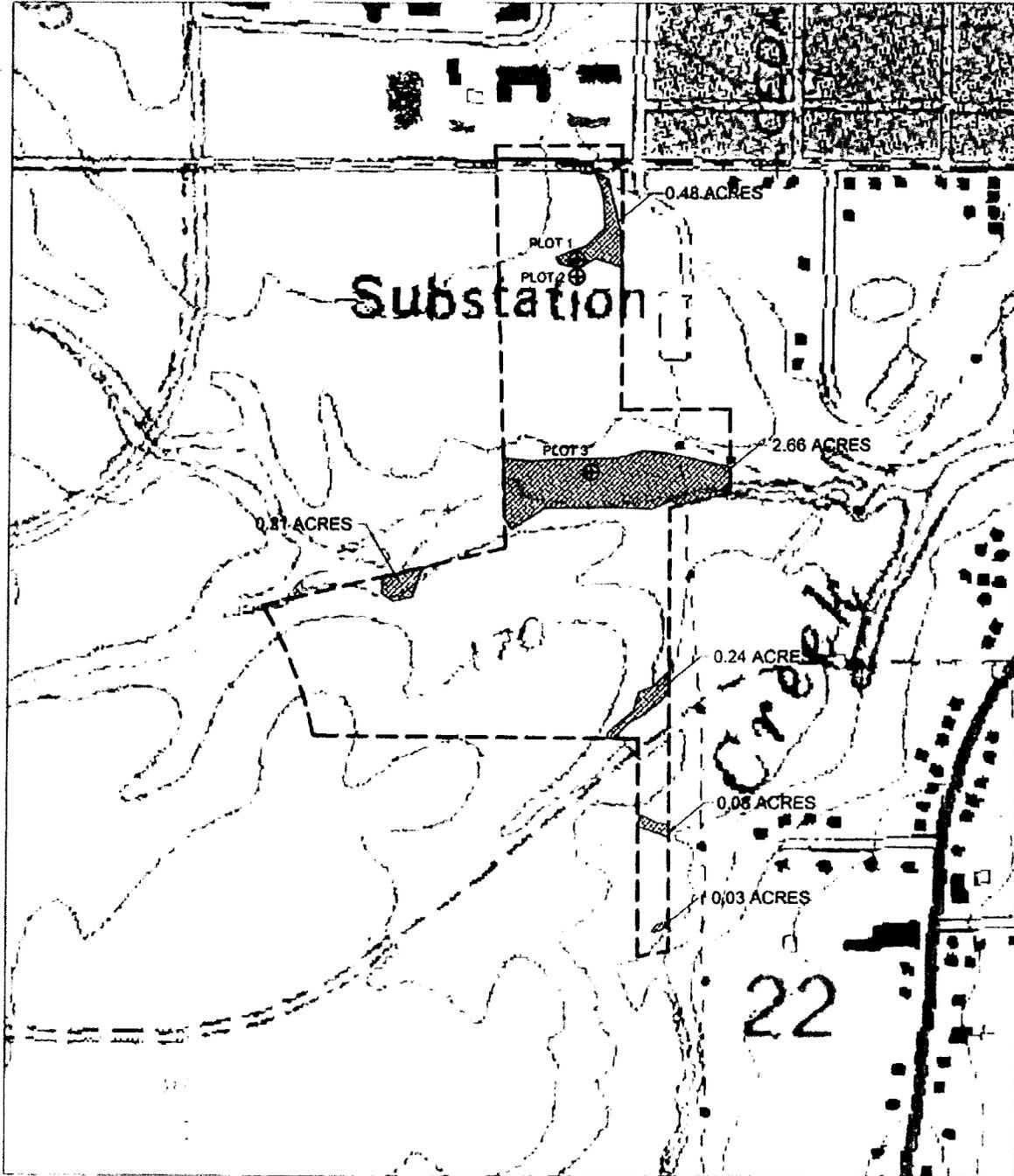
Preliminary review of this application and the U.S. Department of the Interior List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants indicate that the proposed activity will not affect listed threatened or endangered species and/or their critical habitat. By letter dated July 29, 2013, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service concurred with this determination.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-2013-00799-TMZ** and should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer Mobile District, Attention: **Mr. Tad Zebryk**, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, with a copy to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 2261, Jackson, Mississippi 39225-2261, and the DMR, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Suite 101, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530, in time to be received within 30 days of the date of this public notice.

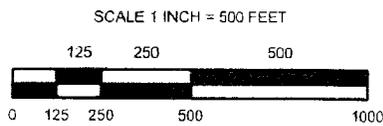
If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the project manager via e-mail at **tad.m.zebryk@usace.army.mil** or **(251) 694-3779**. Please refer to the above Public Notice number. For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our web site at [www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx](http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx).

MOBILE DISTRICT  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineer

Enclosures



TOTAL WETLAND AREA = 3.70 ACRES



**LEGEND**

- ⊕ SAMPLE PLOT
- WETLAND SURVEY EXTENTS

NOTE: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES AND SCALE ARE APPROXIMATE.

REFERENCE: U.S.G.S. TOPOGRAPHIC MAP 1996 - HATTIESBURG, MS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES

**WETLAND DELINEATION MAP**

WETLAND DELINEATION  
 WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY  
 SEC. 22, T-04-N, R-13-W  
 FORREST COUNTY, MS

DATE	APPROVED	DRAWN BY
6/27/13		KRK
SCALE	BY:	CAD NO.
AS SHOWN	DATE:	

**ENVIRONMENTAL**  
 MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.

FIGURE

NORTHWEST ¼ OF THE NORTHEAST ¼

SOUTHWEST ¼ OF THE NORTHEAST ¼

WELKIN ENTERPRISES OWNER

LAND MANAGEMENT LTD. OWNER

AREA 4 ±0.07 ACRES

WSF TATUM BLVD (FUTURE)

SONG ITEM

WETLANDS

MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY OWNER

AREA 2 ±0.62 ACRES

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GYM ACCESS ROAD

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AREA 1 ±0.34 ACRES

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AREA 3 ±0.24 ACRES

SOUTHEAST ¼ OF THE NORTHWEST ¼

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LAND MANAGEMENT LTD. OWNER

SOUTHWEST ¼ OF THE NORTHWEST ¼

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SOUTHWEST ¼ OF THE NORTHWEST ¼

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NORTHEAST ¼ OF THE NORTHWEST ¼

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AREA 5 ±0.09 ACRES

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WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY OWNER

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AREA 7 ±0.06 ACRES

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HATTESBURG PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OWNER

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BURKETT'S II LLC OWNER

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MISTERIA ESTATES LLC OWNER

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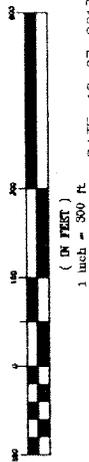
WETLANDS IMPACTS

AREA 1	±0.34 AC
AREA 2	±0.62 AC
AREA 3	±0.24 AC
AREA 4	±0.07 AC
AREA 5	±0.09 AC
AREA 6	±0.02 AC
AREA 7	±0.06 AC
TOTAL	±1.44 AC

PROJECT MAP  
PROPOSED WCU GYM  
HATTESBURG, MISSISSIPPI



GRAPHIC SCALE



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