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ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, MOBILE DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 2288
MOBILE, ALABAMA 36628-0001

Coastal Branch
Regulatory Division

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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2006-02172-TMZ

**JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL**

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

Garcia & Sons Residential Development, Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the River and Harbor Act of 1899 (33 USC 403), and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: Garcia & Sons
5132 Road 139
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520
(228) 222-0117

WATERWAY: Unnamed tributary to Watts Bayou, Nicholson Avenue and Daniel Avenue, Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi; Sections 35 and 37, Township 8 South, Range 14 West; N 30.2989885; W 89.3721897.

WORK: The applicant proposes to discharge clean fill material into 0.83 acre of jurisdictional wetlands for the purpose of constructing affordable multi-family residential housing on a 6.21-acre parcel in Waveland. Currently, there is an urgent need for such housing following recent hurricane destruction along the Mississippi Coast.

Much of the proposed site, including wetlands, has been previously logged. Remaining wetland vegetation communities consist of open pine flatwoods and scrubby pine savannah. The property lies within a drainage area historically discharging to the Jourdan River to the north. An oversized stormwater detention basin is located off-site to the south, and the immediate area is drained by roadside and other ditches. No perennial streams or navigable waterways will be impacted by the project. The remaining 1.54 acres of wetlands on the property will not be developed. The applicant proposes to compensate for the permanent unavoidable loss of low-quality wetlands by purchasing the appropriate number of mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank prior to the initiation of construction.

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. The applicant has certified that the proposed activity complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Mississippi State Coastal Zone Management Program. A determination relative to consistency will be made by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources.

This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (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.

The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and no properties listed in or eligible for the National Register are known to exist which would be affected by the proposed work. This review constitutes the full extent of cultural resources investigations unless comment to this notice is received documenting that significant sites or properties exist which may be affected by this work, or that adequately documents that a potential exists for the location of significant sites or properties within the permit area. Copies of this notice are being sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer and the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Division of Archeological Services.

Preliminary review of this application and the U.S. Department of the Interior List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants indicates that the proposed activity will not affect listed endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number SAM-2006-02172-TMZ and should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, Attention: Coastal Branch, with a copy to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 10385, Jackson, Mississippi 39289, and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Suite 101, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530, in time to be received not later than 21 days from the date of this notice.

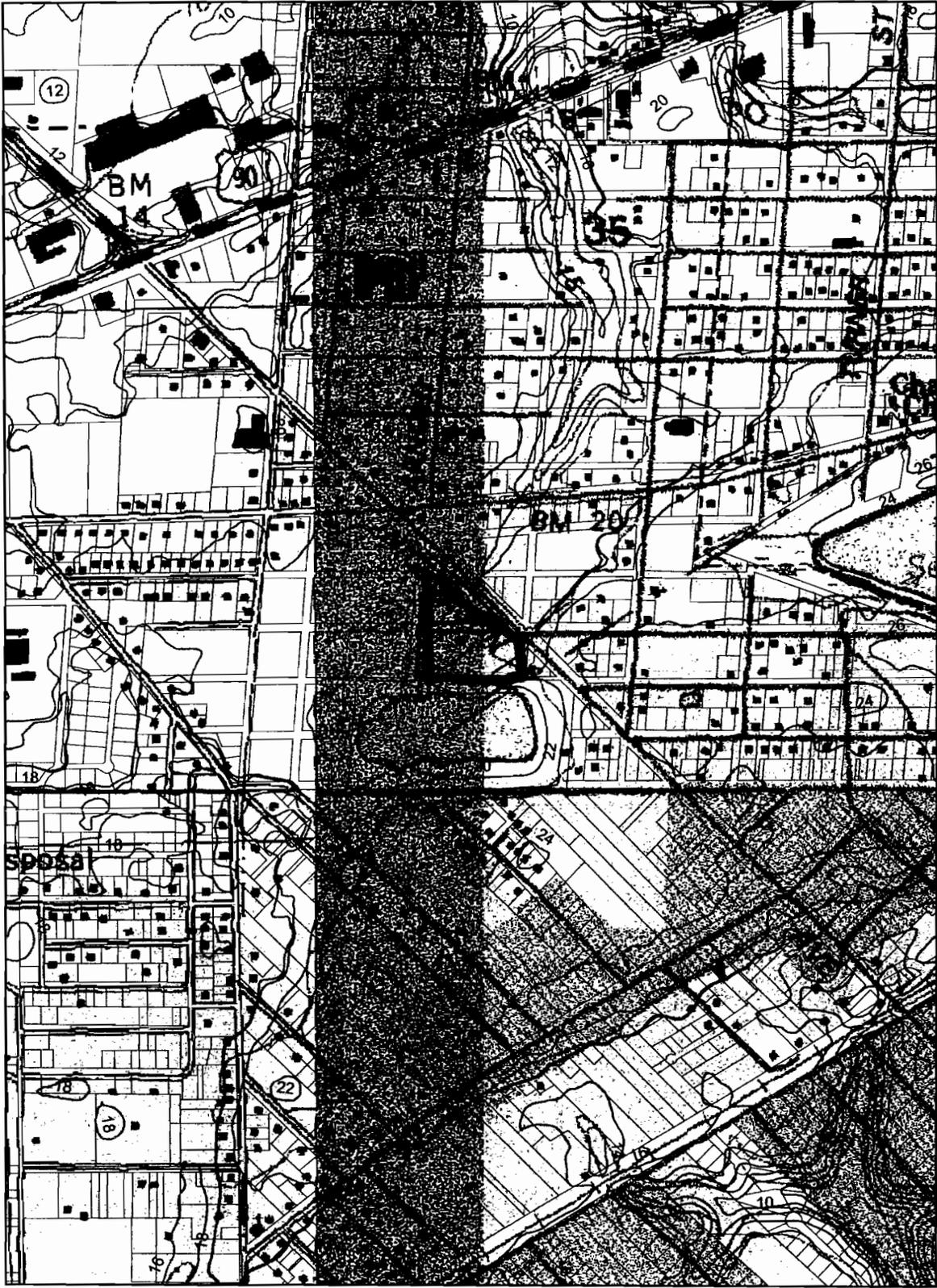
If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact this office at telephone number 251-690-2658 or at the following email address: tad.zebryk@sam.usace.army.mil. Please refer to the above Public Notice number. For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our web site at www.sam.usace.army.mil/RD/reg, and please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey while you're there. Your responses are appreciated and will allow us to improve our services.

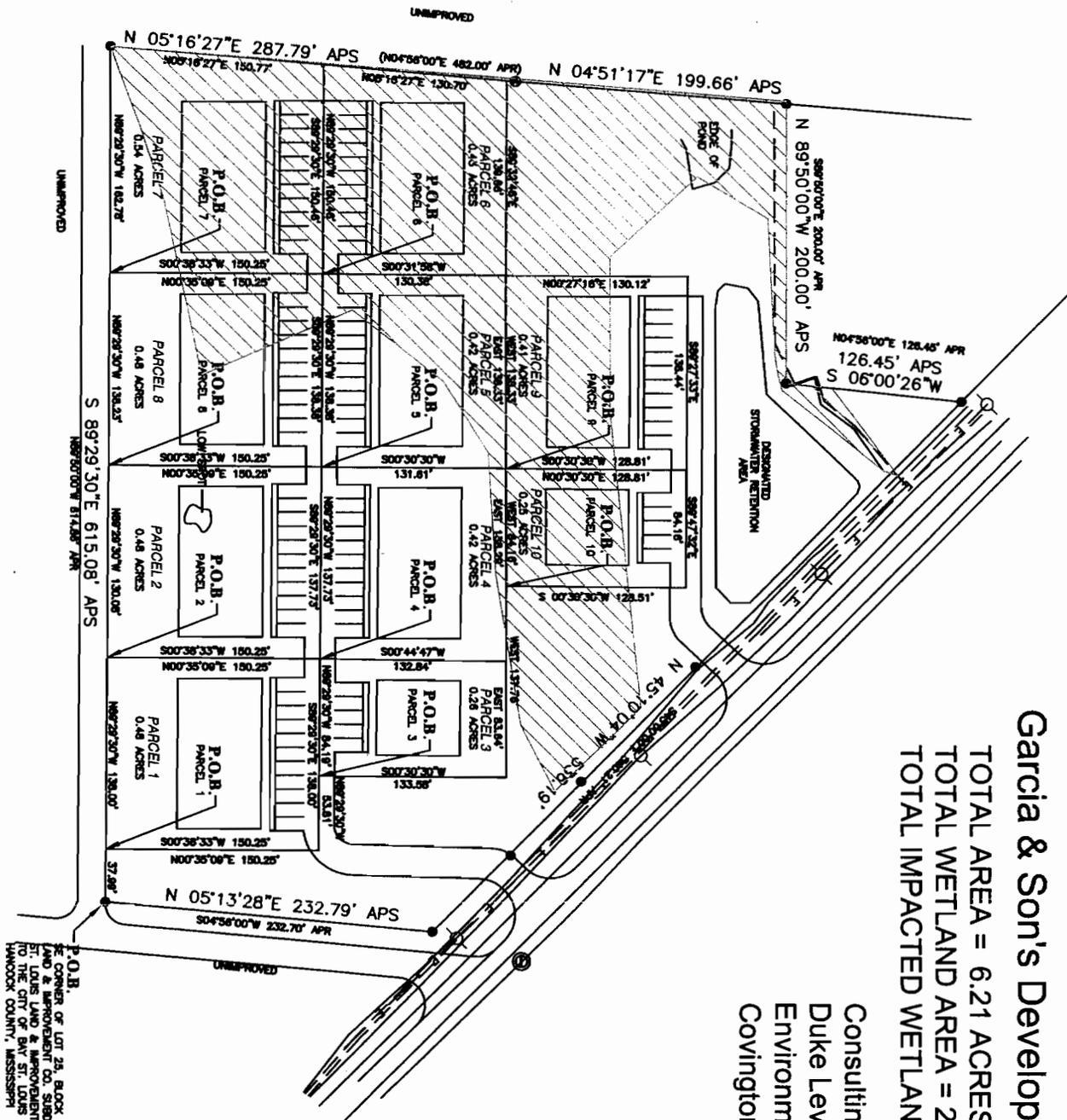
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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Enclosures

6.21?

Garcia & Son's Propert'y
5.75 acre Nicholson Avenue
Section 35 & 37 T8S R14W
Hancock County, Mississippi





Garcia & Son's Development

TOTAL AREA = 6.21 ACRES

TOTAL WETLAND AREA = 2.37 ACRES

TOTAL IMPACTED WETLAND AREA = 0.83 ACRES

Consulting Engineer:
 Duke Ley & Associates
 Environmental Consultant:
 Covington Associates (P.Chubb)

P.O.B.
 THE CORNER OF LOT 25, BLOCK 103, BAY ST. LOUIS
 LAND & IMPROVEMENT CO. SUBDIVISION OF THE BAY
 ST. LOUIS LAND & IMPROVEMENT CO.'S 1ST ADDITION
 TO THE CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS & WATKINSLAND,
 HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI