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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2004-001486-F

AUGUST 1, 2011

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROPOSED SOCCER FIELDS AND PARKING LOT, AUDUBON LANE
GAUTIER, JACKSON 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:
Jackson County Board of Supervisors
P. O. Box 998
Pascagoula, Mississippi 39567

AGENT:
Compton Engineering, Inc.
Attention: Ms. Lisa Morrison
156 Nixon Street
Biloxi, Mississippi 39530

LOCATION OF WORK: Wetlands north of U. S. Highway 90, Audubon Lane, Gautier, Jackson County, Mississippi (Section 28, Township 7 South, Range 7 West; N 30.404248; W -88.694938)

WORK DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to discharge fill material into 15 acres of low quality jurisdictional wetlands for the purpose of constructing soccer fields and parking areas; the site is located west of and adjacent to the existing county soccer fields and animal shelter.

The work site was logged in the early 1970's and was mechanically cleared shortly before 2004. Prior to clearing in 2004, the site was characterized by young slash pine, black gum, gallberry, greenbrier, wiregrass, and pitcher plants; exotic species such as cogon grass and tallow tree were abundant. Based on a wetland delineation and WRAP scores, the site has been determined to consist entirely of low quality wetlands.

A Department of the Army permit to carry out this project was issued on January 11, 2005 (MS04-01486-F), but the authorized work was never completed; the permit expired on January 11, 2008 (reference Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Water Quality Certification # OPC 2004-049 and Mississippi Department of Marine Resources Coastal Zone Consistency Determination # DMR-040518). The Jackson

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County Board of Supervisors is currently requesting re-authorization of the expired permit. The total project wetland impact of 15 acres has not changed, but the project site plan has changed slightly in that twelve (12) acres of wetlands will be utilized as soccer fields as opposed to ten (10) formerly, and that less acreage will be used for parking lots (three acres, compared to five formerly). The applicant also proposes to raise the elevation of the proposed soccer fields and parking area to facilitate drainage; total fill volume will be approximately 52,500 cubic yards. Mitigation for the project has already been obtained following the original authorization in 2004, and was accomplished by the purchase of credits for the restoration of 12.7 acres of pine savannah at the Grand Bay Mitigation Area II, Jackson County, Mississippi.

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. Also, the applicant has applied for certification from the State that the proposed activity complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the 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 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 this site was considered for the potential to effect cultural and historic properties

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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 is little potential for any impacts to any known cultural or historical properties.

The Corps draft determination is that there will be no effect as a result of this undertaking. We are seeking comment from the State Historic Preservation Officer regarding the existence or the potential for existence of significant cultural and historic properties within the permit area. 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.

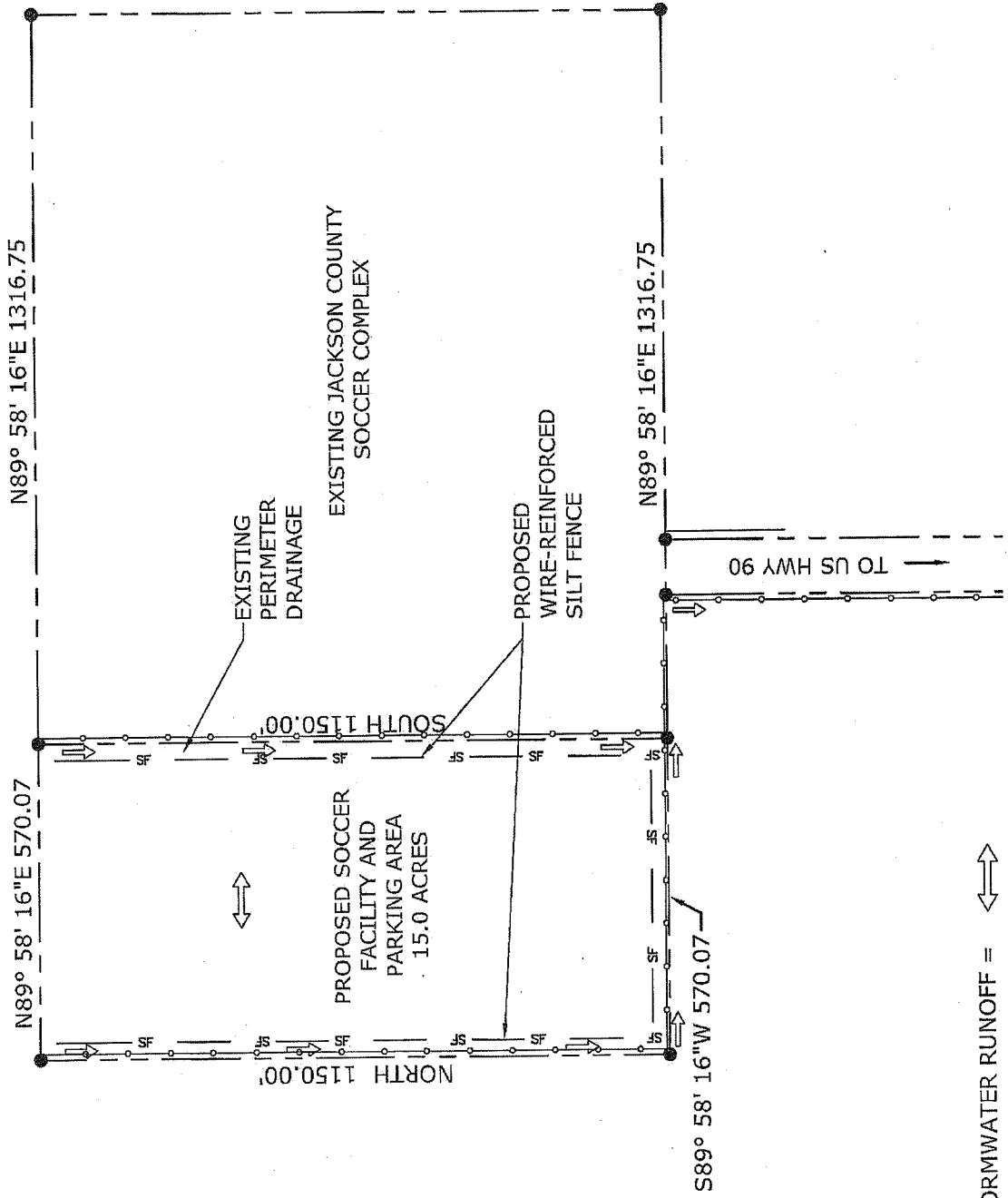
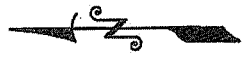
Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-2004-001486-F** and should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, Attention: Coastal Branch, with a copy to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 2261, Jackson, Mississippi 39225-2261, and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 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 phone number **(251) 690-2658**. 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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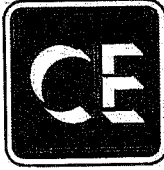
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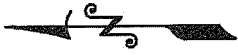
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EXISTING SITE W/ LOCATION OF PROPOSED EXPANSION
 SCALE: 1" = 300'



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JOB NO. 211-053
 DATE: JUNE, 2011
 SCALE: AS NOTED
 SHEET: 1 OF 3



N89° 58' 16"E 1316.75'

EXISTING JACKSON COUNTY
SOCCER COMPLEX

NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of SECTION 28, T7S, R7W

N89° 58' 16"E 570.07'

PROPOSED SOCCER
FIELD EXPANSION
(12.0 ACRES)

PROPOSED PARKING
EXPANSION
(3.0 ACRES)

SOUTH 1150.00'

NORTH 1150.00'

N89° 58' 16"E 1316.75'

TO US HWY 90

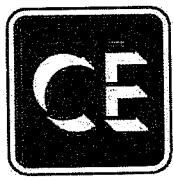
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S89° 58' 16"W 570.07'

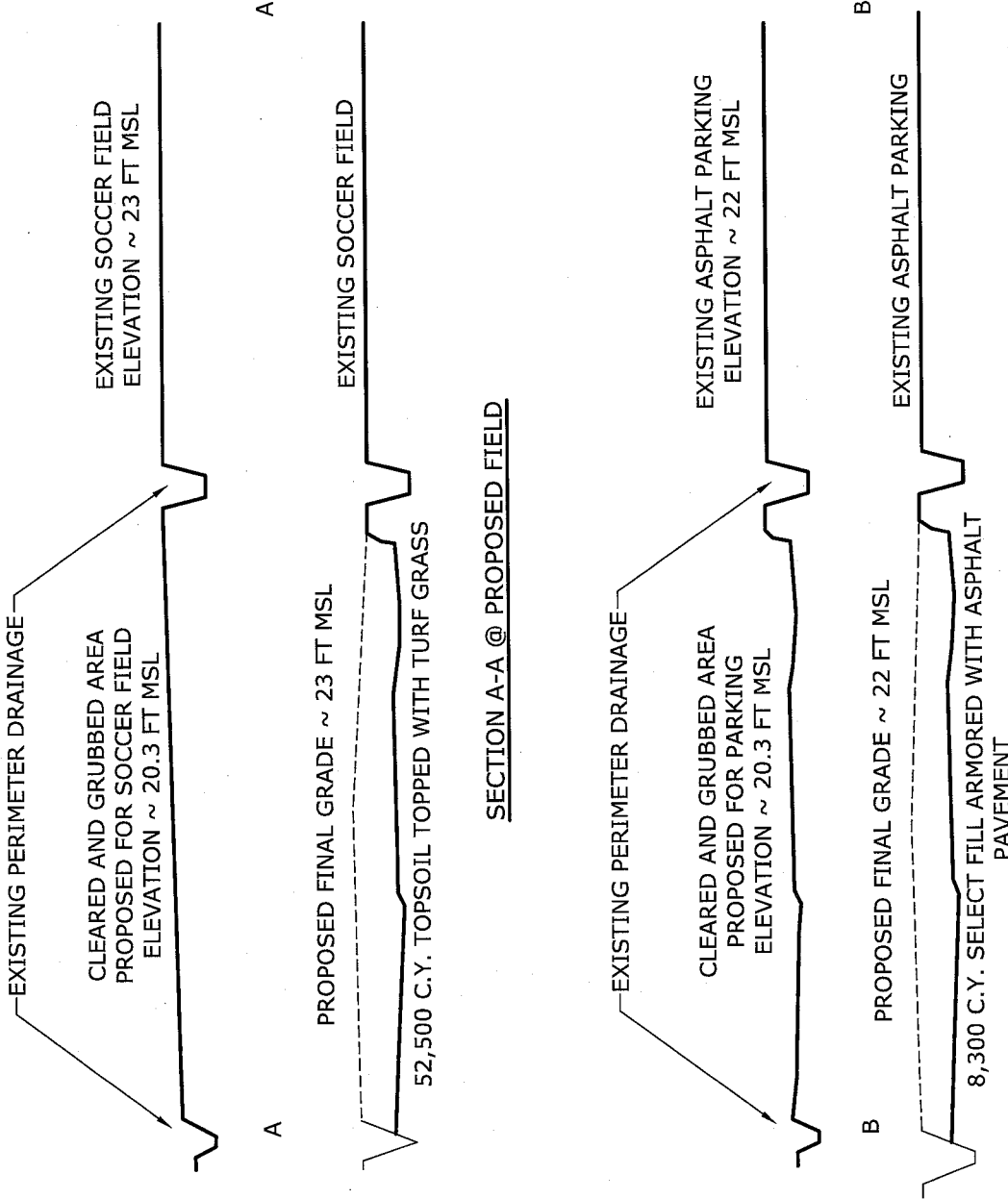
CONCEPTUAL LAYOUT OF PROPOSED EXPANSION

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EXISTING AND PROPOSED PROFILES
 SCALE: NOT TO SCALE



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