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

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**JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE SAM-2008-0187-JBM
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

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

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

**Proposal to Fill Wetlands
For Chapel Hill Apartments
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: Platinum Investments, LLC
4208 Bienville Blvd. Ocean Springs, Mississippi 39564
Agent: Coastal Environmental, Inc.
812 Water Street
Biloxi, Mississippi 39530

LOCATION OF WORK: Near the intersection of Gautier-Vancleave Road and Briargate Drive, Gautier, Jackson County, Mississippi (Latitude 30°-24'-46.88" North and Longitude 88°-39'-12.96" West).

WORK DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to fill 3.73 acres of low quality pine flatwoods wetlands to construct an apartment complex on a 7.38-acre tract. Wetland mitigation will be provided by the purchase of credits at the Wetland Solutions Mitigation Bank. The overall project purpose is to provide affordable housing for residents of Gautier, Mississippi.

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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 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.

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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 undertaking defined in this notice is being 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 are also being considered. We are seeking comment from the State Historic Preservation Officer, federally-recognized American Indian tribes, local historical societies, museums, universities, the National Park Service, and concerned citizens regarding the existence or the potential for existence of significant cultural and historic properties within the permit area. **By letter dated November 21, 2007, the Mississippi Department of Archives and History stated that no known cultural resources will be affected. Therefore, they have no reservations with he propose project.** 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 endangered or threatened species.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number SAM-2008-0187-JBM and should be directed to:

District Engineer
U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile (RD-C)
Post Office Box 2288
Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001

With a Copy to:

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Pollution Control
Post Office Box 10385
Jackson, Mississippi 39289

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And to:

Mississippi Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Avenue, Suite 101
Biloxi, Mississippi 39530

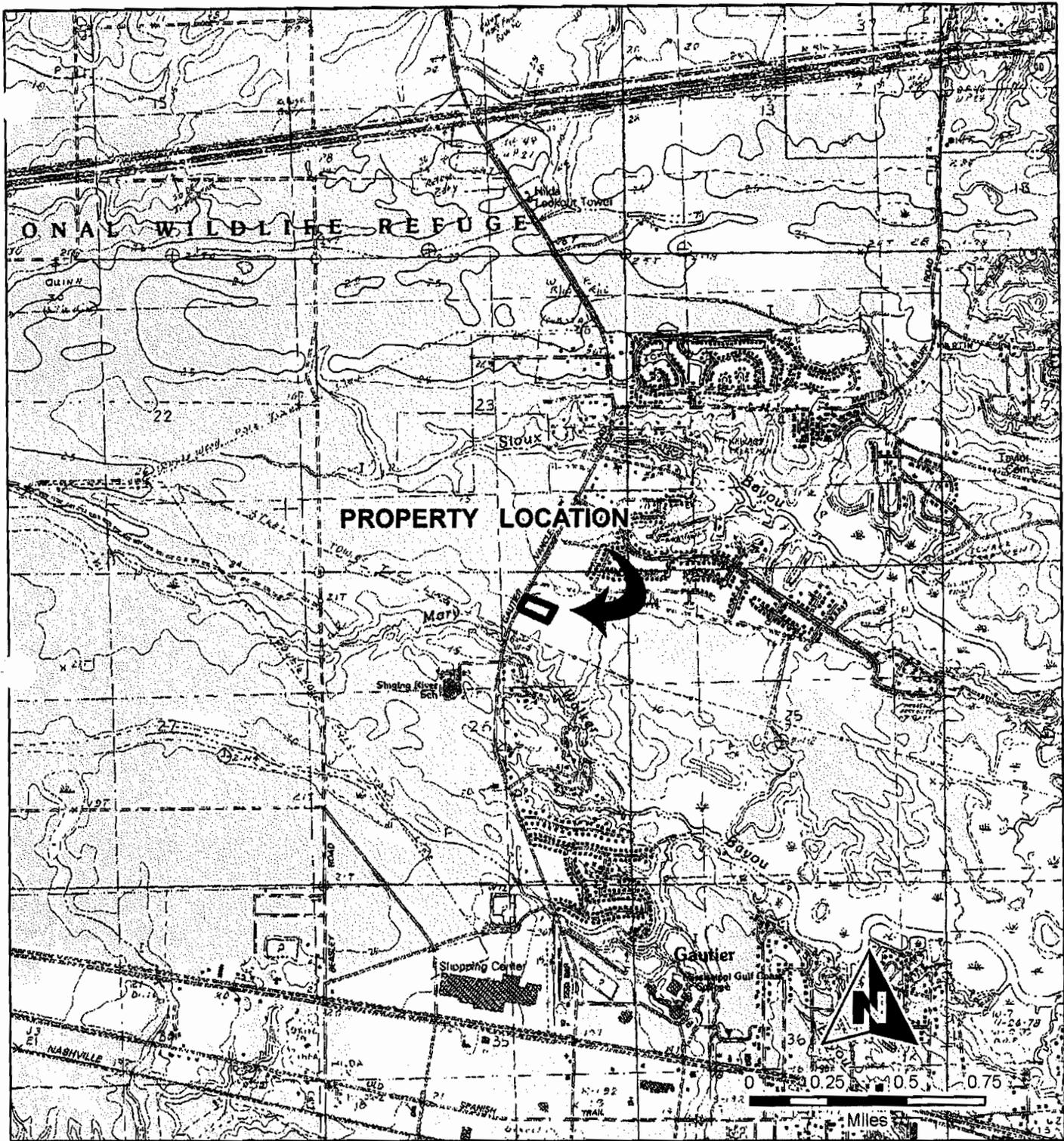
Comments should be received no later than **30 days** from the date of this Public notice.

If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the project manager via e-mail at john.b.mcfadyen@usace.army.mil or telephone number **(251) 690-3222**. 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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MOBILE DISTRICT
U.S. Army Corps of Engineer



PURPOSE: Site Development
 SOURCE: Survey
 MAP BASE: USGS 24K Quadrangle:
 Gauchier North
 DATUM: NGVD

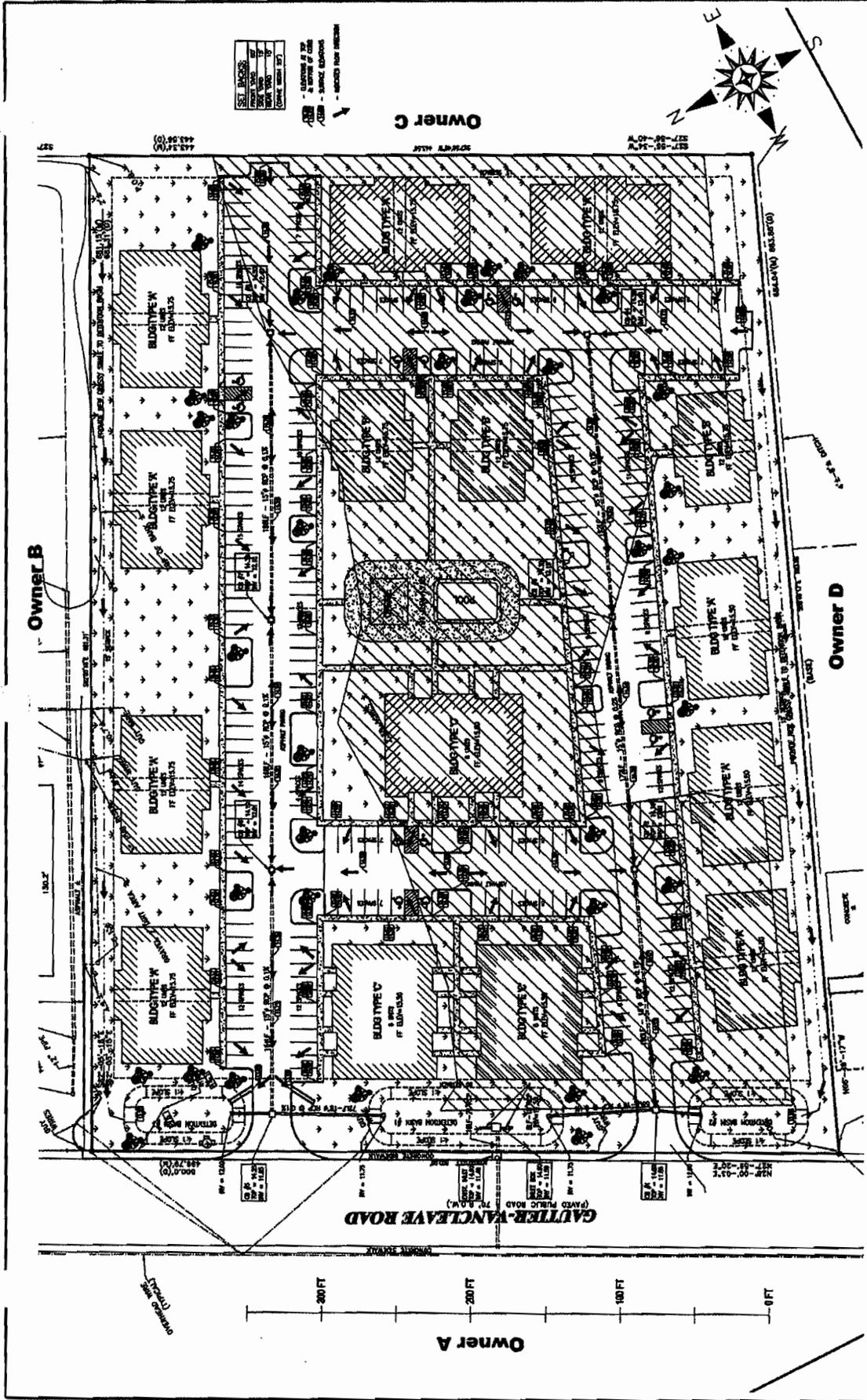
SUBJECT LOCATION



Coastal Environments, Inc.
 Biloxi, Ms.....228-385-5547

Gauchier Vancleave Road Wetland Delineation of +/- 7.38 acre parcel

LOCATION: In Section 26, T-7-S, R-7-W
 COUNTY: Jackson Co., Mississippi
 APPLICATION BY:
 Platinum Investments, LLC
 DATE: August, 2007



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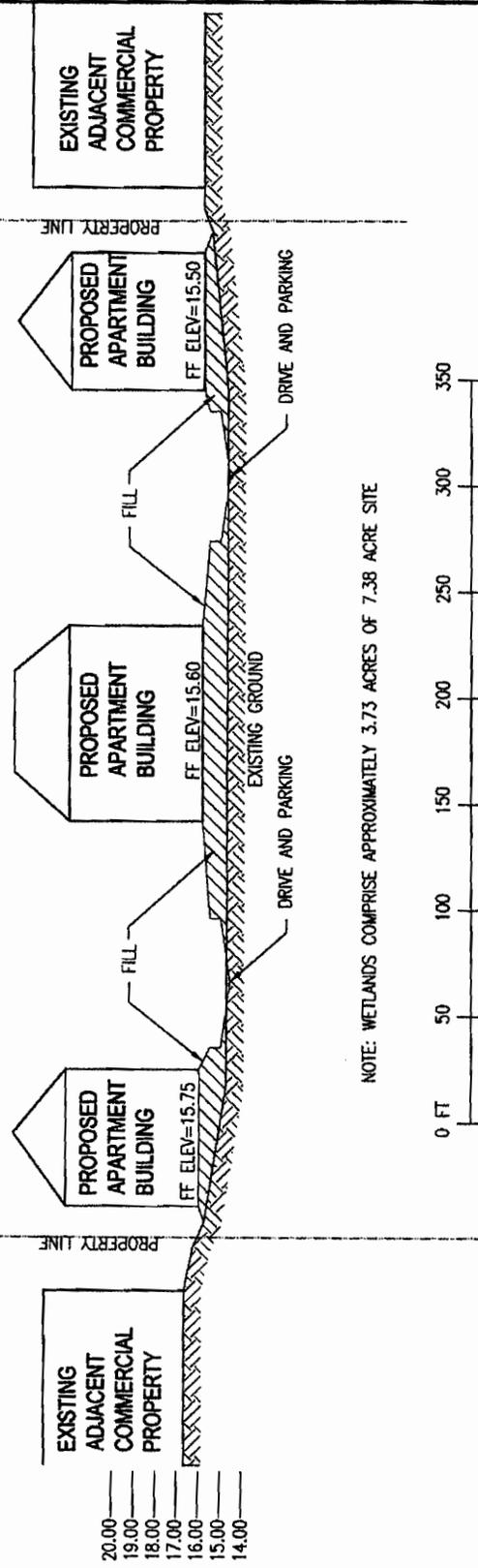
SITE LAYOUT & WETLAND LOCATION

Coastal Environments, Inc.
 812 Water Street
 Biloxi, Ms.228-385-5547

PURPOSE: Site Development
 SOURCE: Young Engineering Services
 MAP BASE: NGVD29
 DATUM: NGVD29

Total Wetland Area = +/- 3.73 acres
 Total Parcel Area = +/- 7.38 acres

**CHAPEL HILL APARTMENTS
GAUTIER-VANCLEAVE ROAD
GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**



NOTE: WETLANDS COMPRISE APPROXIMATELY 3.73 ACRES OF 7.38 ACRE SITE



SECTION THROUGH PROPERTY

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**CROSS SECTION
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