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February 5, 2024

North Branch Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Department of the Army Jurisdictional Determination, File Number SAM-2023-00719-LET, Habitat for Humanity – Milestone Circle residential development, Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama



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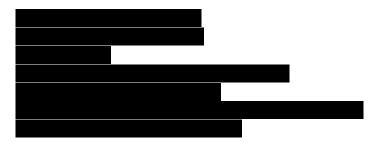
Dear

This is in response to the letter dated August 16, 2023, submitted on your behalf by requesting review and verification of a dry land determination for the proposed Habitat for Humanity Milestone Circle residential development in Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. The approximately 7.7-acre residential subdivision development site is located south of 29th Street as a southerly extension of 42nd Avenue and 43rd Avenue at latitude N33.18344, longitude W87.591403. This project has been assigned file number **SAM-2023-00719-LET**, which should be referenced in all future correspondence regarding the project.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has regulatory responsibilities pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA)(33 U.S.C. 1344) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (RHA) (33 U.S.C. 403). Under Section 404 of the CWA, a Department of the Army (DA) permitting is required for the discharge of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the United States (U.S.), including wetlands, prior to conducting work. Under Section 10 of the RHA, a DA permit would be required prior to conducting any work that would affect the navigable capacity of a waterway as a result of work occurring in, over, or under navigable waters of the U.S. The City of Moody's proposed work has been reviewed under both Section 404 of the CWA and Section 10 of the RHA to determine if there may be jurisdictional waters present that would be subject to either DA permitting requirement.

Based on our review of the project information submitted and mapping resources available to our office, we have determined that the approximately 7.7-acre residential development site consists of non-jurisdictional upland or dry land areas that are not subject to Section 404 Clean Water Act jurisdiction. Additionally, there are no Section 10 navigable waters on the project site. For regulatory purposes, the USACE defines wetlands as those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions.

This letter contains an approved jurisdictional determination (JD) for the approximately 7.7-acre project location as specified above. If you object to this determination, you may request an administrative appeal under USACE Regulations at 33 CFR Part 331. Attached you will find a Notification of Appeal Process (NAP) fact sheet and Request for Appeal (RFA) form. If you request to appeal this determination you must submit a completed RFA form to the USACE, South Atlantic Division Office at the following address:



In order for an RFA to be accepted by the USACE, the USACE must determine that it is complete, that it meets the criteria for appeal under 33 CFR Part 331.5, and that it has been received by the Division Office within 60 days of the date of the NAP. Should you decide to submit an RFA form, it <u>must be received at the above address by **April 5**, **2024**. It is not necessary to submit an RFA form to the Division Office if you do not object to the determination in this letter.</u>

This approved JD is based on current policy and regulation and is valid for a period of five (5) years from the date of this letter. If by the end of the five-year period the proposed work has not been implemented and this JD has not been specifically revalidated by the USACE, it shall automatically expire.

The statements contained herein do not convey any property rights or any exclusive privileges, and do not authorize any injury to property nor shall it be construed as excusing you from compliance with other Federal, State, or local statutes, ordinances, or regulations that may affect proposed work at this site. Furthermore, the determination included herein has been conducted to identify the location and extent of the aquatic resource boundaries and/or the jurisdictional status of aquatic resources for purposes of the Clean Water Act for the particular site identified in this request. This delineation and/or jurisdictional determination may not be valid for the Wetland Conservation Provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended. If you or your

tenant are U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program participants, or anticipate participation in USDA programs, you should discuss the applicability of a certified wetland determination with the local USDA service center, prior to starting work.

If you intend to sell property that is part of a project that requires DA authorization, it may be subject to the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act. The Property Report, required by Housing and Urban Development Regulation, must state whether or not a permit for the development has been applied for, issued, or denied by the USACE, (Part 320.3(h) of Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations).

Based on our findings regarding the subject property, a DA permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act or Section 404 of the Clean Water Act **will not be required** at this time to implement the work as proposed at this location. If the location or scope of work changes for the Milestone Circle residential development activities, you are urged to contact this office for a verification of this determination.

We appreciate your cooperation with the USACE Regulatory Program. You may contact me at second or at second or at second if you have questions concerning this matter. For additional information about our Regulatory Program, visit our website at <u>www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx</u>. Also, while you are there, please take a moment to complete our regulatory customer survey located along the right side of the webpage. Your responses are appreciated and will help us improve our services.

Sincerely,



Chief, North Branch

Attachments

