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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2014-00703-JSC

February 10, 2015

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE  
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND  
STATE OF ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

**REQUEST TO FILL IN WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES FOR  
THE CONSTRUCTION OF AUBURN TECHNOLOGY PARK WEST  
PHASE 2 EXPANSION IN LEE COUNTY, ALABAMA**

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). This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) can be based. Please communicate this information to interested parties.

**APPLICANT:** Industrial Development Board of the City of Auburn  
Attention: Mr. Phillip Dunlap  
144 Tichenor Avenue Suite 2  
Auburn, Alabama 36830

**AGENT:** Wildland Services, LLC  
Attention: Mr. William Neighbors  
Post Office Box 469  
Auburn, Alabama 36830

**LOCATION:** The project site is located within Section 16 of Township 18 North, Range 25 East; Auburn, Lee County, Alabama. The subject property consists of a 78 acre parcel with central coordinates of latitude 32.5490°N, and longitude 85.5432°W. The area is depicted on the Auburn, Alabama Quadrangle; United States Geological Survey Topographic Map. The proposed site is within the Lower Tallapoosa watershed (HUC 03150110).

**PROPOSED WORK:** The applicant is seeking authorization for the discharge of fill material into waters of the U.S. (WOUS) for the purpose of expanding an industrial park. Specifically, the proposed work involves the discharge of fill material into approximately 0.62 acre of jurisdictional wetland and 80 linear feet of jurisdictional stream.

**AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION:** According to the applicant, off-site alternatives were considered during the project development phase. In addition, once the applicant's preferred site alternative was identified, multiple site layouts have been considered in an effort to minimize impacts to WOUS. The Corps has not verified the adequacy of the applicant's avoidance and minimization statement at this time.

**COMPENSATORY MITIGATION:** Wetland credit calculations will be performed based on WRAP functional assessments. Likewise, stream credit calculations will be performed using the 2012 edition of the Mobile District Stream SOP. The applicant proposes to mitigate for unavoidable impacts to WOUS through the purchase of wetland and stream credits from a Corps approved mitigation bank within the Lower Tallapoosa watershed.

**WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:** The applicant is preparing their application for certification from the State of Alabama 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 received are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments received are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an

Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments received are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and 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 discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States will include the application of the Section 404(b)(1) guidelines established by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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, or their critical habitat. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has reviewed the project information (2015-TA-0169) and determined there will be no impact to listed species or their critical habitat.

The National Register of Historic Places will be consulted for properties listed in or eligible for the National Register which would be affected by the proposed work. This review will constitute 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 project area. A copy of this notice is being sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Any correspondence concerning this publication should refer to this Public Notice **SAM-2014-00703-JSC** and should be directed to the following address:

District Engineer:

U. S. Army Engineer District, Mobile  
Regulatory Division, Birmingham Field Office  
Attention: Mr. Taylor Bell  
218 Summit Parkway  
Suite 222  
Homewood, Alabama 35209

with a copy to the :

Director  
Alabama Department of Environmental Management  
Post Office Box 301463  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1463

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All comments should be received no later than 30 **days** from the date of issuance of this Public Notice.

Enclosed to assist you with your review are: Site location map; and site plan with WOUS identified.

If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the Project Manager via e-mail at [taylor.m.bell@usace.army.mil](mailto:taylor.m.bell@usace.army.mil) or telephone number (205) 290-9096 Please refer to the above Public Notice number.

For additional information about the Mobile District's Regulatory Program, please take a moment to visit our web site at <http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>, while there please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey. Your responses are appreciated and will allow us to improve our services.

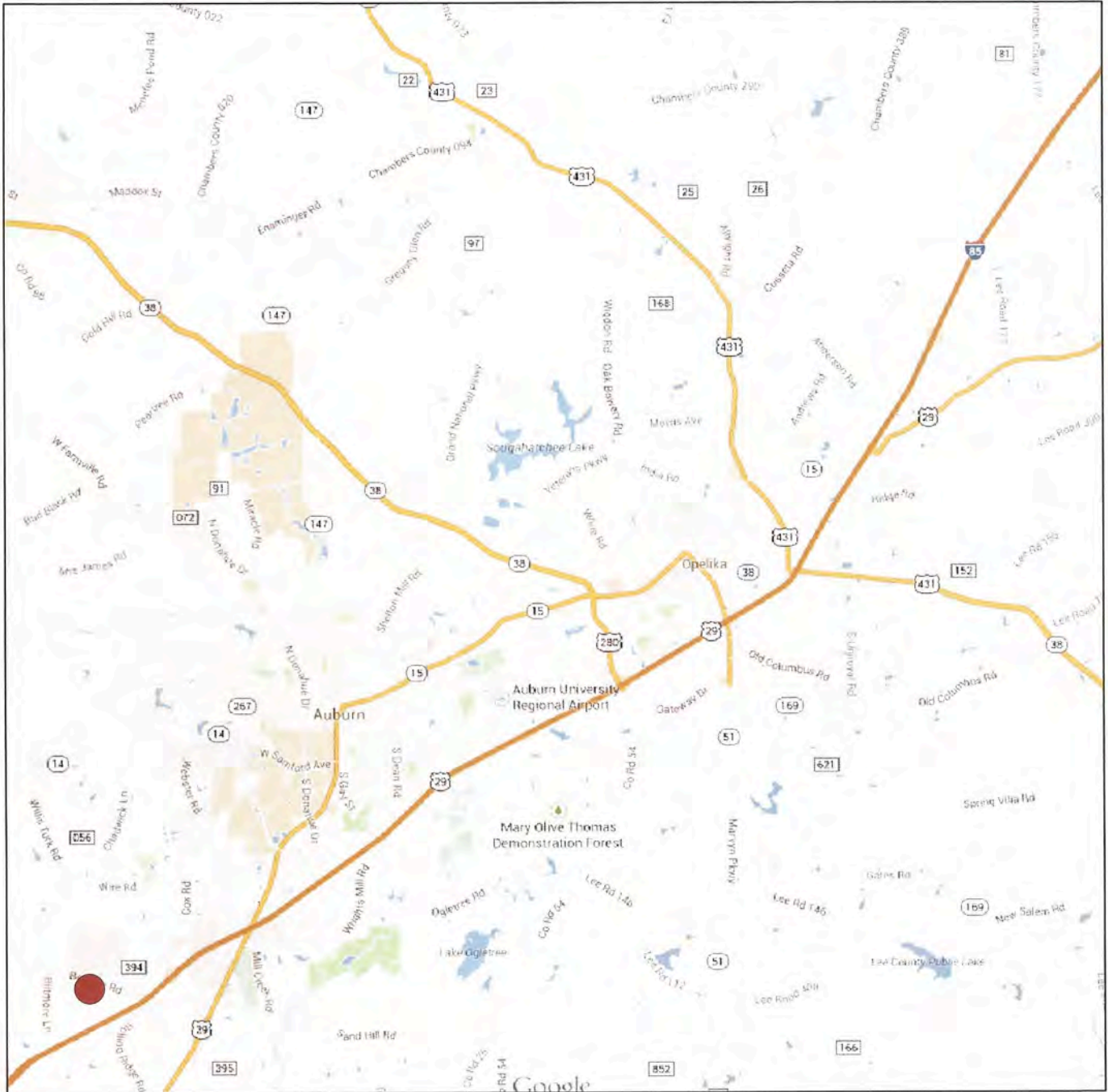
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Enclosure(s)



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# AUBURN TECHNOLOGY PARK WEST PHASE 2 EXPANSION SEC16 T18N R25E AUBURN, ALABAMA



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## Figure 1 Site Location

### LEGEND

Drawing Symbols

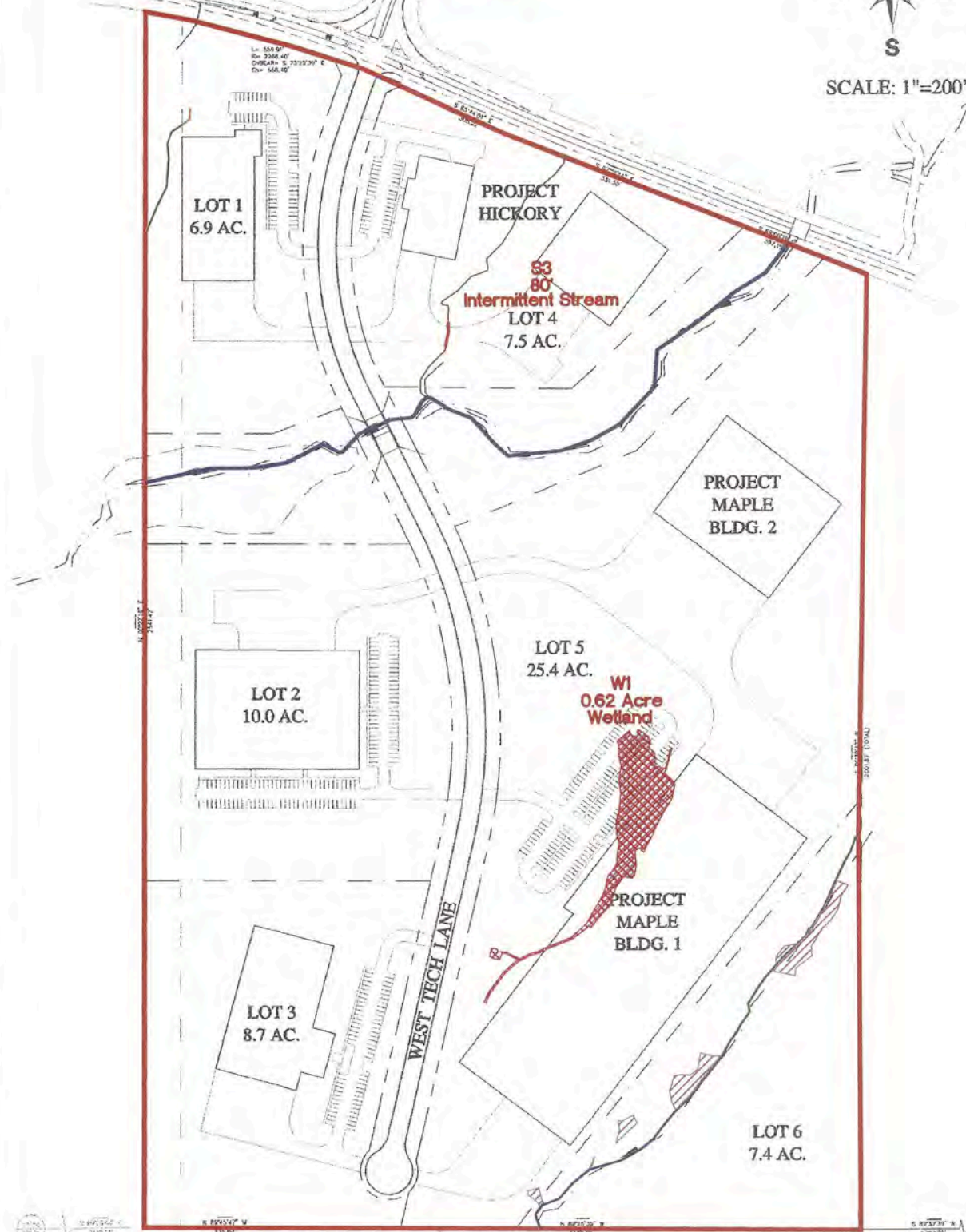
- Subject Site

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Option 3



SCALE: 1"=200'



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**AUBURN TECHNOLOGY**  
**PARK WEST**  
**PHASE 2 EXPANSION**

SITE PLAN

DATE:	DESIGNED:	BY:	CHECKED:	DATE:	PROJECT:	STATE:
AS SHOWN	RPL	RPL	RPL	12/11/14	AUBURN	ALABAMA

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