

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CORPS OF ENGINEERS, MOBILE DISTRICT P.O. BOX 2288 MOBILE, AL 36628-0001

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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2018-01188-JCC

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

PROPOSED DISCHARGE OF FILL MATERIAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RESIDENTIAL LOT IN ONO ISLAND SUBDIVISION, ORANGE BEACH, BALDWIN 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 (USACE) can be based. Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: Mr. William and Ms. Lynn Gwin

Post Office Box 1529

Point Clear, Alabama 36564

AGENT: Wetland Resources Environmental Consulting

Attention: Ms. Gena Todia Post Office Box 2694 Daphne, Alabama 36526

LOCATION/WATERS: The project is located adjacent to Bayou St. John at Lot 25, Unit 9 Ono Island Boulevard, in the Ono Island Subdivision; in Section 11, Township 9 South, Range 5 East; at Latitude 30.282197° North and Longitude -87.540783° West; in Orange Beach, Baldwin County, Alabama.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicant is seeking authorization for the discharge of 140 cubic yards of clean sandy fill material into jurisdictional wetlands for purpose of constructing a pile-supported residence with a driveway and parking area. These activities would impact approximately 1,241 square feet (0.028 acre) of wetlands.

AVOIDANCE & MINIMIZATION: The applicant has indicated the fill has been minimized to the greatest extent practicable while still allowing for enough room for a driveway of sufficient size for parking and ingress/egress. Wetland impacts have been avoided and minimized to the extent practicable by designing the house footprint to completely avoid the small wetland near the east property line. Impact to the central wetland is being minimized by the utilization of a block stem wall foundation. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has determined the applicant's avoidance and minimization statement is adequate for the activity proposed.

MITIGATION: Compensatory mitigation for the unavoidable loss of wetlands associated with the development will be accomplished by the purchase of in-kind wetland mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank. The USACE, Mobile District has not verified the adequacy of the applicant's proposed mitigation plan at this time.

WATER QUALITY: The applicant has applied for certification from the State of Alabama in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act and for Coastal Zone Management (CZM) consistency concurrence in accordance with the Alabama Coastal Area Management Program. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) issued a CZM consistency variance on July 23, 2019 for the proposed activities. Upon completion of the required advertising and public comment review, a determination relative to water quality certification will be made by ADEM.

HISTORIC PROPERTIES: In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and Appendix C of 33 CFR Part 325, the undertaking defined in this notice is being considered for the potential to affect cultural and historic properties within the permit area. In accordance with Appendix C of 33 CFR Part 325, the USACE has determined the permit area consists of the approximate 0.028 acre of wetland impact and immediately adjacent areas of the upland lot that will be utilized during construction. The National Register of Historic Places will be consulted for properties listed in or eligible for the National Register, which are known to exist and would be affected by the proposed work. The Mobile District is 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. The permit area described above is currently under review by District Archeologists to provide a determination on the potential for existence of significant cultural and historic properties.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: Preliminary review of this application and the U.S. Department of the Interior's List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants indicate the proposed activity will have no effect on the following listed endangered or threatened species with the potential to exist within the watershed of the permit area: Alabama beach mouse (E), Perdido Key beach mouse (E), West Indian manatee (T), piping plover (T), red knot (T), wood stork (T), eastern indigo snake (T), gopher tortoise (candidate species), green sea turtle (T), Kemp's ridley sea turtle (E), and loggerhead sea turtle (T). There is no designated critical habitat within the project action area. This determination is being coordinated with the USFWS via this Public Notice.

COMMENTS: This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the USACE 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 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the USACE 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.

Correspondence concerning this public notice should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-2018-01188-JCC** and should be directed to <u>Jessica.C.Comeaux@usace.army.mil</u>, or to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, Regulatory Division, Attention:

Ms. Jessica C. Comeaux, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, with a copy furnished to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), at coastal@adem.alabama.gov; or at ADEM, Mobile District / Coastal Section, 3664 Dauphin Street, Suite B, Mobile, Alabama 36608.

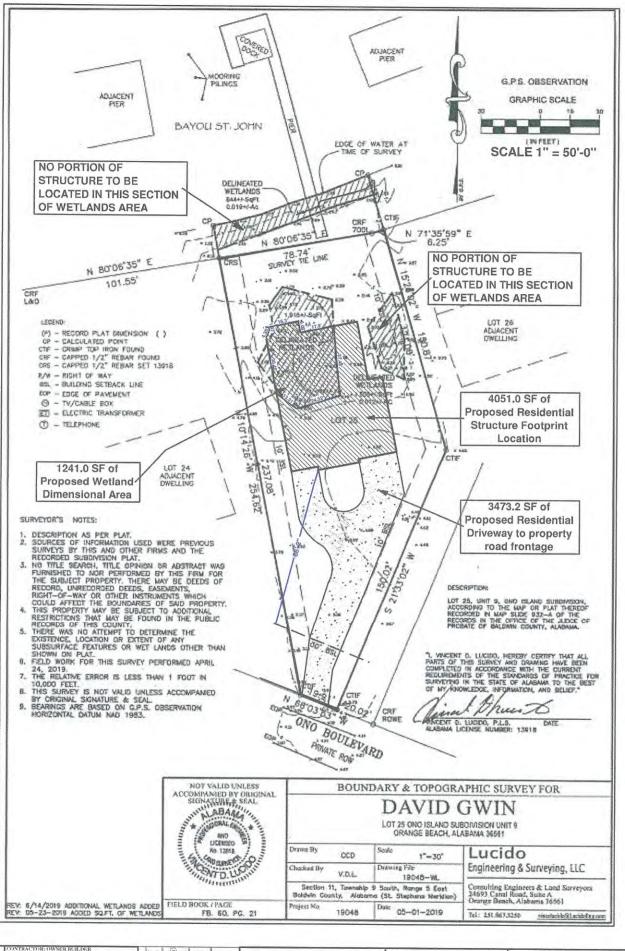
All Comments should be received no later than 30 days from the date of this Public Notice. If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the project manager, Ms. Jessica Comeaux at (251) 690-3262 or Jessica.C.Comeaux@usace.army.mil. Please refer to the Public Notice Number SAM-2018-01188-JCC.

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