

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

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April 12, 2019

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OFFICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES DMR-190218

WETLAND FILL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SUBDIVISION, PASS CHRISTIAN, HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This District has received an application for a Department of the Army (DA) permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: John McDonald Real Estate

117 Highway 90

Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520

AGENT: Ecological Asset Management

803 Highway 90

Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520

LOCATION: In wetlands associated with the Mississippi Sound, Latitude 30.3071° North, Longitude -89.2816° West, Section 34, Township 8 South, Range 7 West, West Beach Boulevard, Pass Christian, Harrison County, Mississippi.

WORK: The applicant is requesting a permit to place fill material in 4.99 acres of wetlands for the construction of a subdivision and attendant features

PROJECT PURPOSE: Construction of a subdivision.

MITIGATION: The applicant proposes to mitigate for unavoidable impacts to jurisdictional wetlands through the purchase of mitigation credits from a wetlands mitigation bank approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has not verified the adequacy of this mitigation proposal at this time.

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) initially determined the basic project purpose is construction of a single family subdivision. The project as proposed would not be considered a water dependent activity. Additional reviews will be performed by USACE and cooperating agencies.

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.

The applicant has applied for coastal zone consistency from the State of Mississippi Department of Marine Resources in accordance with Section 57-15-6 of the Mississippi Code Annotated.

This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by 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 benefits, 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, protected species, 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.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) 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 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 Environ-mental 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 for consideration of 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 undertaking defined in this notice is being considered for the potential to effect cultural and historic properties within the permit area. We are seeking comment from the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) regarding the existence or the potential for existence of significant cultural and historic properties within the permit area. In accordance with Appendix C of 33 CFR Part 325, USACE has determined that the project as proposed would have "no effect". USACE will consult with the SHPO to make a final determination based upon this review 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 permit area.

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 would have "no effect" on listed endangered or threatened species.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-20169-00171-PAH**, and should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District Mobile Attention: **Mr. Philip A. Hegji**, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, with a copy to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, **Attention: Ms. Florance Bass, P.E.**, Post Office Box 2261, Jackson, Mississippi 39225, and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, **Attention: Ms. Jennifer Wilder,** 1141 Bayview Avenue, Suite 101, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530.

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 at (251) 690-3222, or at Philip.a.hegji@usace.army.mil. 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.

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Enclosures

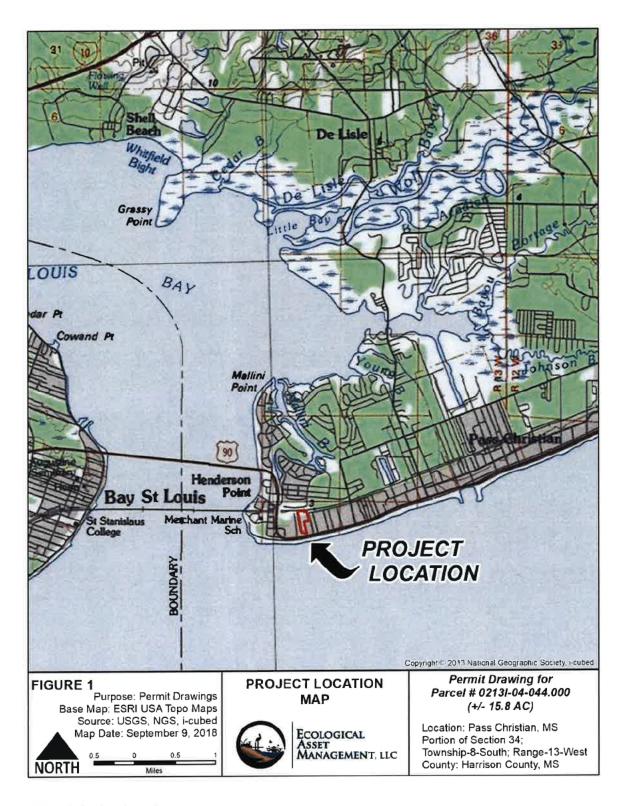


Figure 1. Project Location

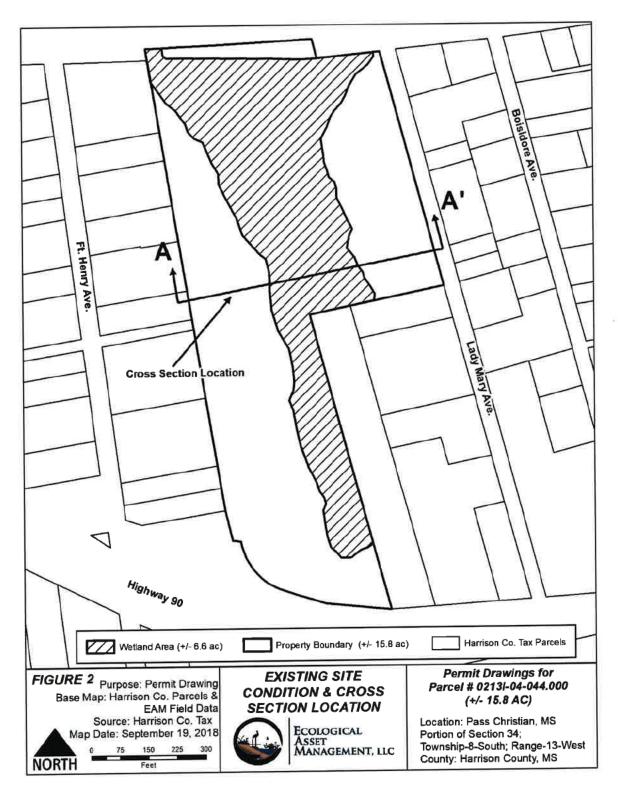


Figure 2. Existing Site Condition & Cross Section Location

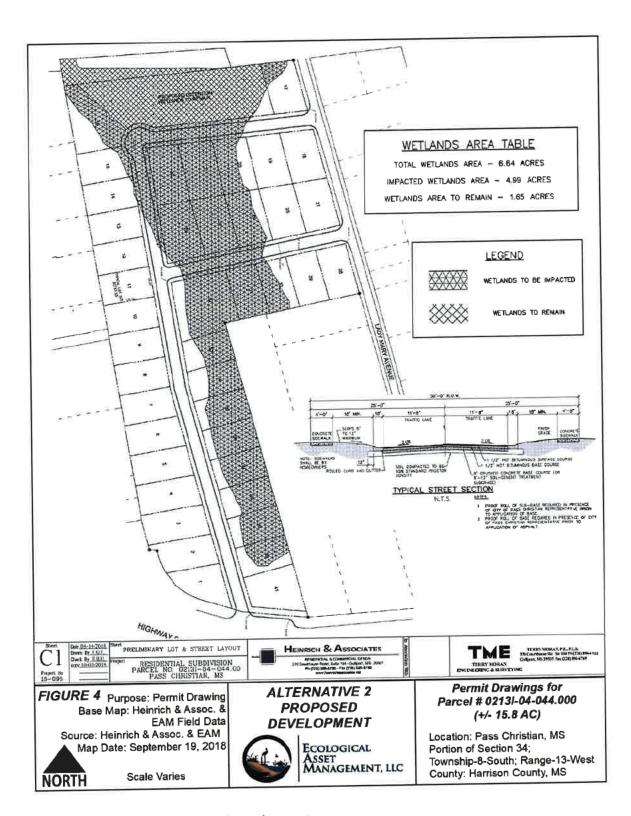


Figure 4. Alternative 2 - Proposed Development

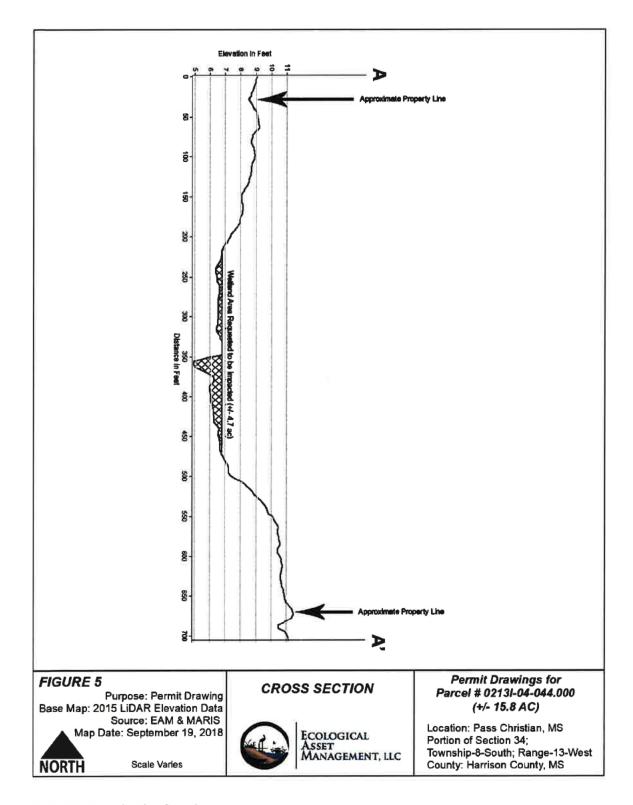


Figure 5. Cross Section Drawing