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

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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2019-00593-APS

May 20, 2024

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE)

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OFFICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL (MDEQ)

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES DMR23-000577

PROPOSED MODIFICATION FOR ADDITIONAL IMPACTS TO PLACE FILL IN WETLANDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION, ST. MARTIN, JACKSON, 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 (33 USC 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: SL Coastal, LLC

Attention: Mr. Dennis Stieffel 13061 Shriners Blvd, Suite C Biloxi, Mississippi 39532

LOCATION: Wetlands Associated with Perigal Creek; Crane Landing Subdivision, Seaman Road; Community of St. Martin; Jackson County; Mississippi, in Section 36, Township 6S, and Range 9W; Latitude 30.47911; Longitude -88.833947.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicant is requesting a permit modification to place fill material in an additional 1.10 acres of wetlands as well impacts to 0.35-acre manmade stock pond which will be returned to grade, for the construction of an additional seven (7) house lots. The original developer had intended to construct 83 60' house lots; however, the current developer found that the County would not approve 60' lots but would approve 72' lots. This resulted in a large financial setback and made the original development unfeasible. The original permit (SAM-2019-00593-APS) was issued on March 31, 2021, to place fill in 8.4 acres of wetlands and required the purchase of 16.8 mitigation credits. Ownership was transferred on October 20, 2022. Mitigation for the additional wetland fill would be provided through the purchase of in-kind mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank.

COASTAL ZONE: The applicant has applied for coastal zone (CZ) consistency in accordance with the State Coastal Zone Management Program. A determination relative to CZ was made by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources by letter dated November 13, 2023 (DMR23-000577).

WATER QUALITY: The Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Certification Rule (Certification Rule, 40 CFR 121), requires certification for any license or permit that authorizes an activity that may result in a discharge. The applicant is responsible for requesting certification and providing required information to the certifying agency. As of the date of this public notice, the applicant has not submitted a certification request to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (certifying authority).

HISTORIC PROPERTIES: 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 affect historic properties. In accordance with Appendix C of 33 CFR 325, the Corps has determined the permit area consists of the entire subject parcel. The National Register of Historic Places will be consulted for properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register, which are known to exist and would be affected by the proposed work. The Mobile District is seeking comments regarding the existence, or the potential for existence, of significant cultural and historic properties within the permit area. At this time, the USACE, Mobile District has made no determination regarding potential effects of the project on cultural/historic resources. Further coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer and/or federallyrecognized American Indian tribes will be performed as determined to be appropriate. A Phase I Survey was conducted on the subject parcel August 12, 2019 (TerraX Report No. 2019228). MDAH sent a letter to MDMR dated August 29, 2019, stating their concurrence that no historic properties or resources eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places are likely to be affected by the proposed project. (MDAH Project Log #08-072-19).

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 following federally-listed species are known or expected to occur within the project area: Eastern Black Rail (T), MS Sandhill Crane (E), Red-cockaded Woodpecker (T) Wood Stork (T), Black Pine Snake (T), Dusky Gopher Frog (E), Gopher Tortoise (T), and Louisiana Quillwort (E). There is no designated critical habitat within the project action area. At this time, the USACE, Mobile District has made no determination regarding potential effects of the project on the above-listed species. Further coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and NMFS will be performed as determined to be appropriate.

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 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 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, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers 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 of Engineers 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.

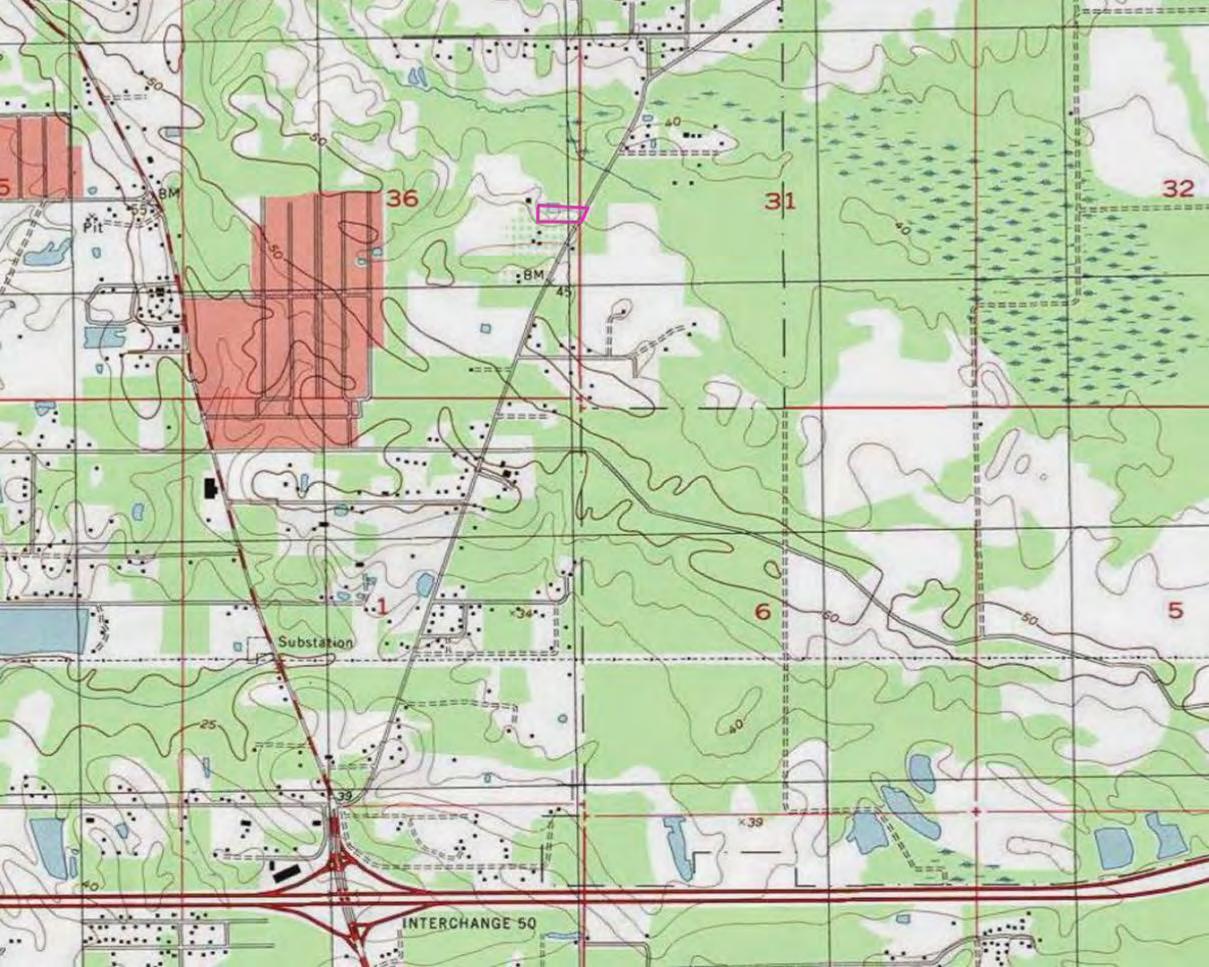
Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-2019-00593-APS** and should be directed to the District Engineer, Mobile District, Regulatory Division, Mobile, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, Attention: Maryellen Farmer, or submitted electronically at maryellen.j.farmer@usace.army.mil, (251)509-6240. Copies of all comments should be furnished to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 2261, Jackson, Mississippi 39225, and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530.

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

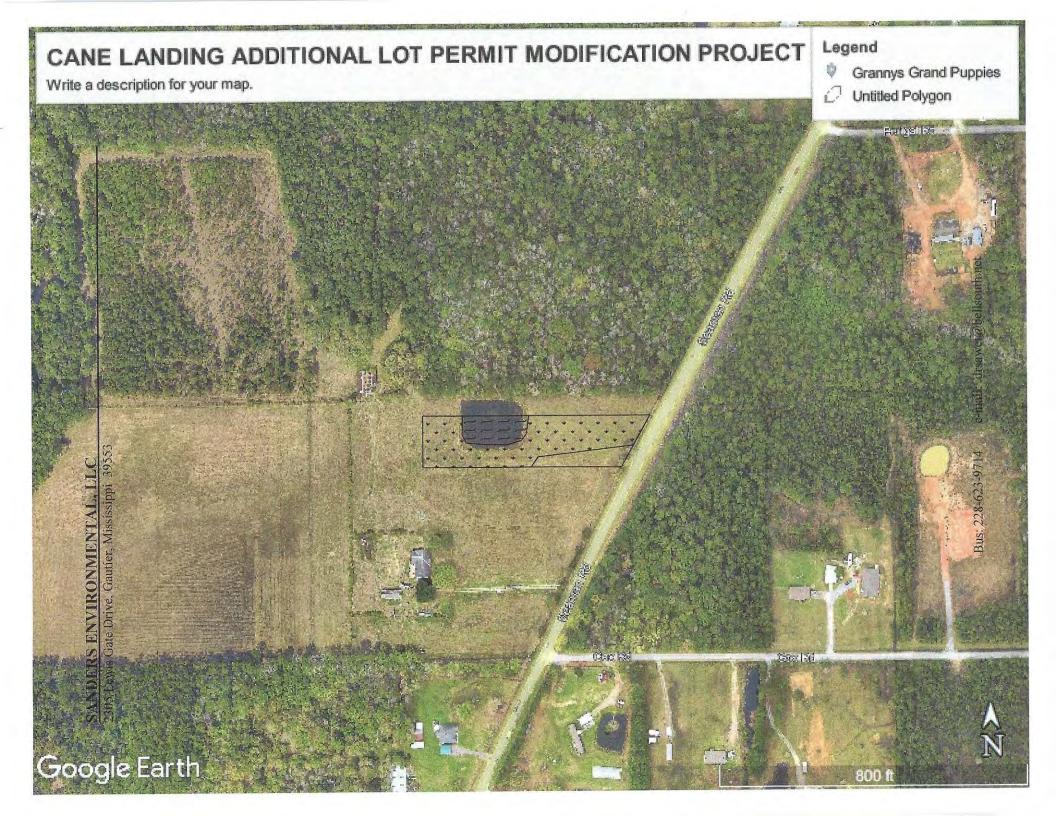
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Attachments



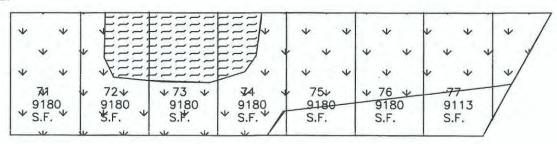






CRANE LANDING PROPOSED ADDITIONAL LOTS SEAMAN ROAD, OCEAN SPRINGS, MS

1 INCH = 100 FEET



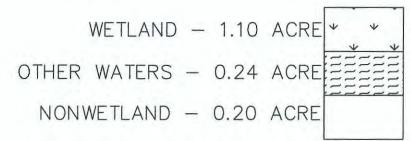


FIGURE 3. CROSS-SECTION OF TYPICAL LOT IN WETLANDS, CRANE LANDING ADDITION, JACKSON COUNTY, MS

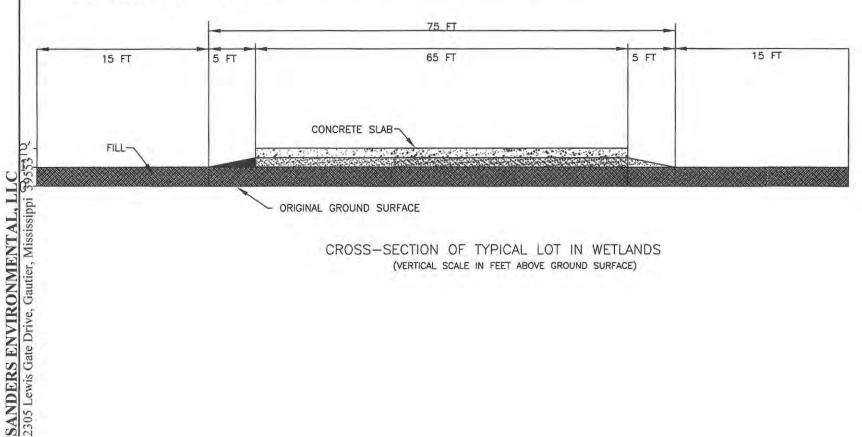
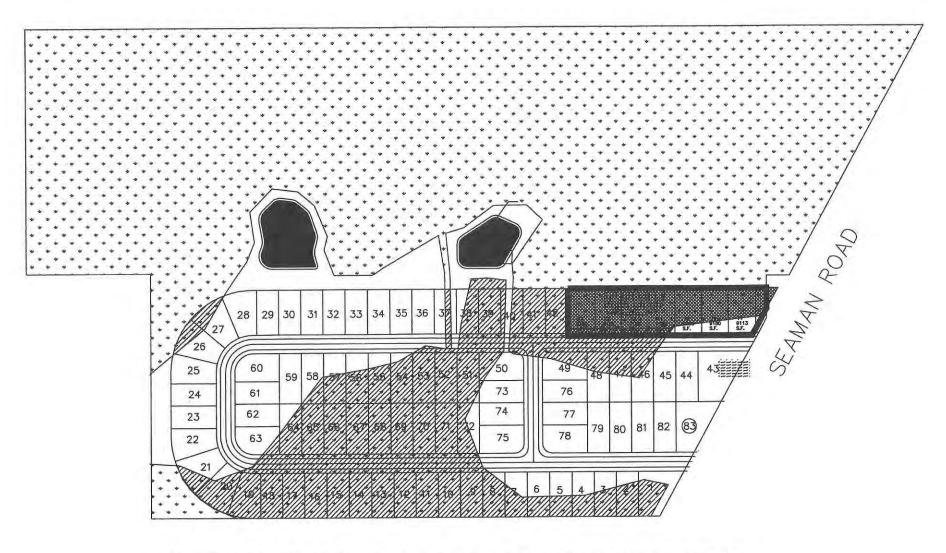


FIGURE 2. CRANE LANDING 7 LOT ADDITION ST. MARTIN, JACKSON COUNTY, MS



PROPOSED CRANE LANDING 7 LOT PROJECT