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ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, MOBILE DISTRICT
600 VESTAVIA PARKWAY, SUITE 203
VESTAVIA HILLS, AL 35216

August 2, 2023

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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2023-00617-AMR

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

PROPOSED DISCHARGE OF FILL MATERIAL INTO 0.98 ACRE OF WETLANDS
ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF A DOLLAR GENERAL STORE IN UNION
SPRINGS, BULLOCK COUNTY, ALABAMA

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: The Broadway Group, LLC
Attention: Bob Broadway
216 Westside Square
Huntsville, AL 35801

Agent: ARC Environmental, Inc
Attention: Mr. Michael Campbell
P.O. Box 190
Brownsboro, AL 35741

LOCATION: The project is located in Little Conecuh River watershed, Latitude 32.1286 North, Longitude 85.7150 West, Section 11, Township 13 North, Range 23 East, Intersection of U.S. Highway 29 and Alabama State Highway 15, Bullock County, Union Springs, Alabama.

WORK DESCRIPTION: The applicant is proposing to fill 0.98 acre of wetlands to construct a 12,668 square foot Dollar General Store and parking area with 45 parking spaces, driveway, detention pond and appurtenances.

PURPOSE: The project purpose is to establish a discount retail store in the small town of Union Springs to provide local citizens with a source for convenient and economical shopping in an area with limited opportunities. It will mean that citizens will not have to drive far for many necessities and other items.

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION: Eight other locations were proposed for alternative sites; however, several parcels were not for sale, were too small or did not meet other site selection criteria. Two on-site designs were considered, one to impact all 1.10 acres of wetlands that exist in

the 2.2 acres parcel; and the preferred plan to impact 0.98 acre of wetlands in this parcel. No other on-site alternatives were considered.

COMPENSATORY MITIGATION: The applicant is proposing to purchase wetland credits from a USACE approved mitigation bank.

WATER QUALITY: The applicant is in the process of acquiring 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 by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

HISTORIC PROPERTIES/CULTURAL RESOURCES: 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 cultural and historic properties within the permit area. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has not made a determination of effects to historic properties at this time. Further coordination with the Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) and/or federally recognized American Indian tribes will be performed as determined to be appropriate. The USACE is seeking comment from the State Historic Preservation Officer, federally recognized American Indian tribes, local historical societies, museums, universities, the National Park Service, and the general public regarding the existence or the potential for existence of significant cultural and historic properties which may be affected by the work.

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES: Preliminary review of this application and the U.S. Department of the Interior List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants indicated the following species may be present within the project area: Choctaw Bean (*Obovaria choctawensis*) (E), Round Ebony Shell (*Fusconaia rotulata*) (E), Southern Kidney Shell (*Ptychobranhus jonesi*) (E), Fuzzy Pigtoe (*Pleurobema strodeanum*) (T), Narrow Pigtoe (*Fusconaia escambia*) (T), Southern Sandshell (*Hamiota australis*) (E), Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*) (T), and the Relict Trillium (*Trillium reliquum*) (E). The USACE has not made a determination regarding effects of the project on the above-listed species at this time. Further coordination with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) will be performed as determined to be appropriate. A copy of this public notice is being sent to the USFWS for review and comment.

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 impacts, 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 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 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.

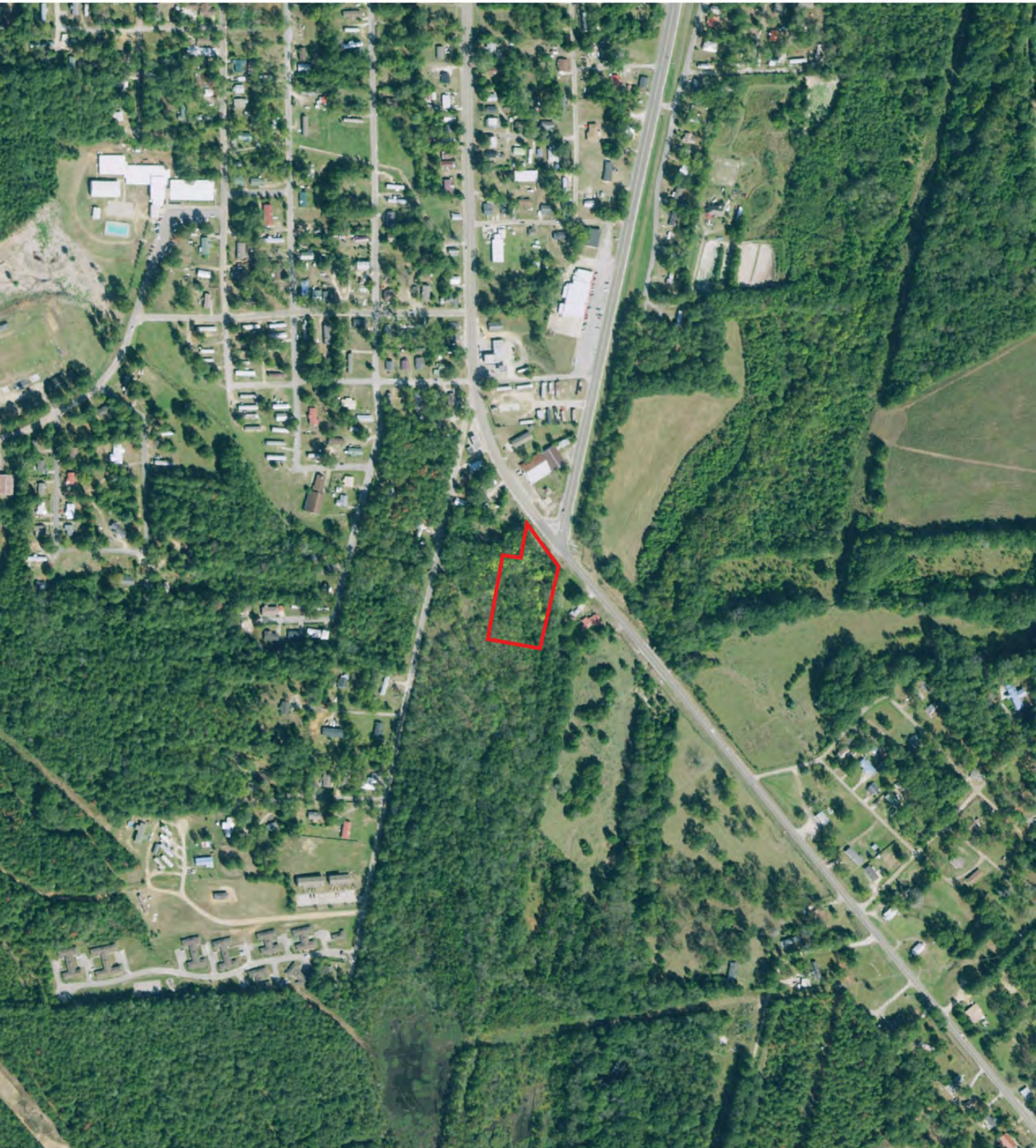
Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-2023-00617-AMR** and should be directed to USACE, Mobile District, Regulatory Division, Attention: Ms. Angela M. Rangel, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, with a copy to Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Field Operations Division, Office of Field Services, Attention: Mr. Richard Hulcher, Post Office Box 301463, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1463. Comments may also be submitted via e-mail to USACE at angela.m.rangel@usace.army.mil and to ADEM at fieldmail@adem.alabama.gov.

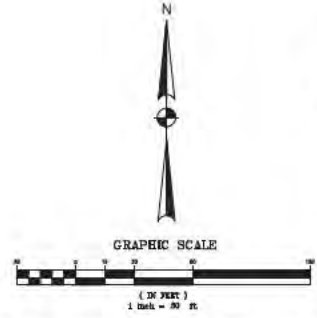
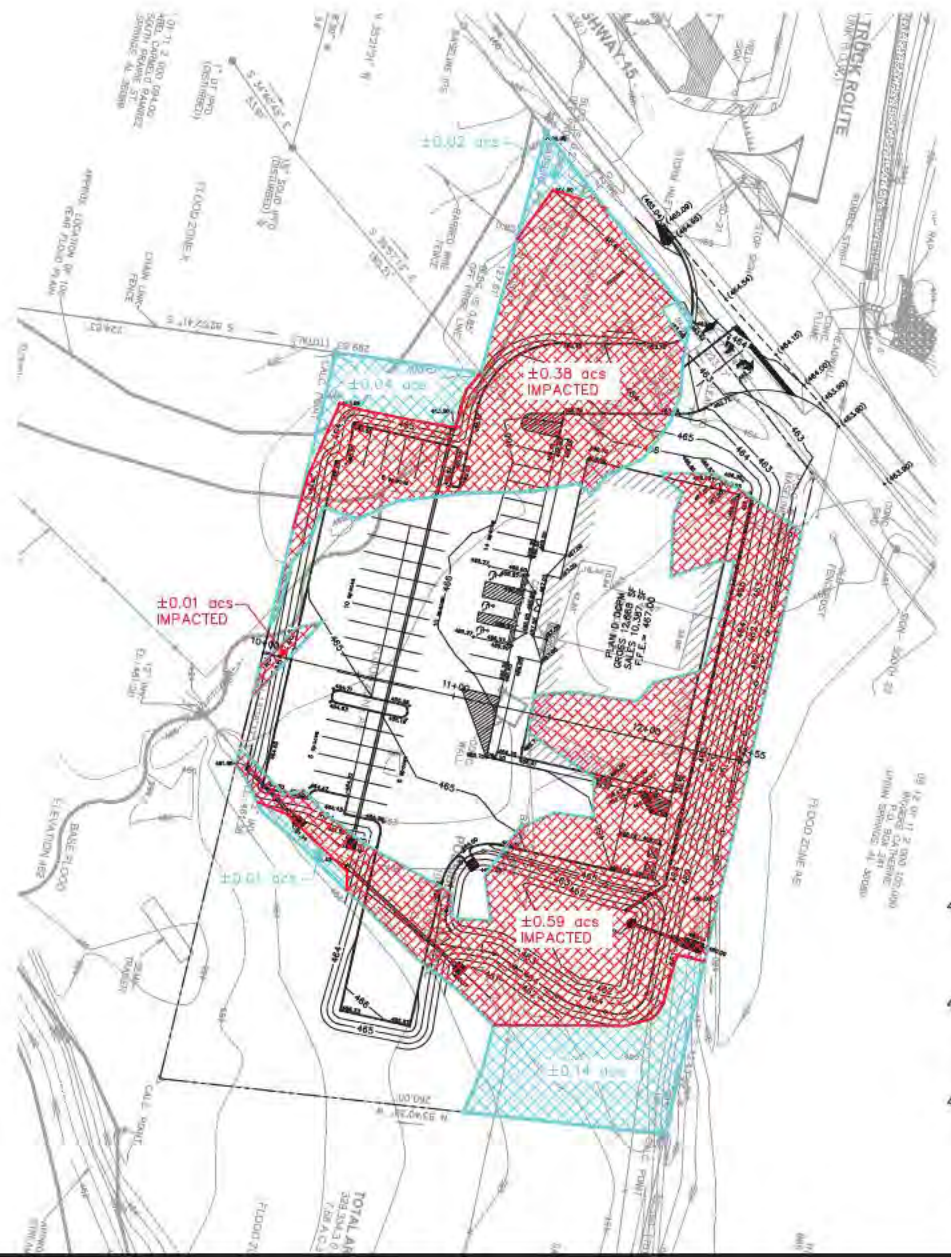
All comments should be received no later than 30 days from the date of this Public Notice. If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the project manager at (251) 455-6785 or email at angela.m.rangel@usace.army.mil. Please refer to the above Public Notice number.

For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our web site at www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx.

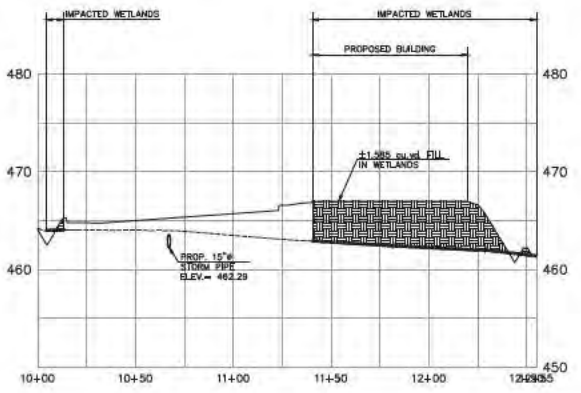
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Enclosures



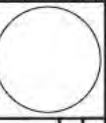


TOTAL WETLANDS	1.11 acres
IMPACTED WETLANDS	0.98 acres
AMOUNT OF FILL WETLANDS	±1,585 cu.yd.



ST. JOHN & ASSOCIATES
30 YEARS PLANNING & DESIGN

NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	BY
0	6/13/23	ISSUED FOR APPROVAL	EDP



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Consulting Engineers and Planners
Cullman, Alabama
200 West Avenue SE, Cullman, Alabama 35055 (205) 754-2111
DRAWN BY: SLB
CHECKED BY: DAB
SCALE: AS SHOWN
DATE: 6/13/23
HORIZ. 1"=50'; VERT. 1"=5'

Dollar General
Site Development Plans
UNION SPRINGS, ALABAMA
PROPOSED SITE LAYOUT
IMPACTED WETLANDS

JOB NO.	1484
STREET	
1 OF 2	0

