## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**February 7, 2022** 

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Permit Application Number
MVN 2015-01918 CO

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to:
[ ] Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); and/or [X] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

# MODIFICATION AND TIME EXTENSION COVERING THE EXPANSION OF A MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT, IN ASCENSION PARISH

**NAME OF APPLICANT**: Southern Lifestyle Development Co., c/o Hydrik Wetlands Consultants, 2323 Hwy 190 East Suite 2, Hammond, LA, 70401

**LOCATION OF WORK**: Within the Lake Pontchartrain Basin, in the Lake Maurepas hydrologic unit (HUC 08070204), adjacent to and west of Louisiana Highway 44, approximately 0.4 mile south of its intersection with Interstate 10, near Gonzales, Louisiana, in Ascension Parish, as shown in the enclosed drawings.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant has requested a modification and time extension to clear, grade, and fill a 193.43-acre tract to construct phases 2-4 of Conway Plantation. The additional phases will result in an additional 593 residential lots and five additional detention ponds, which will have a total surface area of 25 acres. Approximately 386,9354 cubic yards of material will be excavated and spread on site. Approximately 0.11 acre of jurisdictional wetlands will be filled and 0.45 acre of wetlands will be converted to open water via excavation. Approximately 1,989 linear feet of a jurisdictional water will be relocated on site. Approximately 5,900 linear feet of jurisdictional waters will be impacted by the proposed activity.

The applicant has designed the project to avoid and minimize direct and secondary adverse impacts to the maximum extent practicable. To compensate for unavoidable wetland impacts, the applicant has agreed to purchase mitigation credits from a Corps approved mitigation bank located within the basin of impact.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit will close **20 days** from the date of this joint public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit and must be mailed so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters concerning the Corps of Engineers permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be mailed to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION: Central Evaluation Branch.** 

#### **Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria**

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, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army 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 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to make, 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 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.

The New Orleans District is unaware of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places near the proposed work. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Copies of this notice are being sent to the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer.

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This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of <u>n/a</u> of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

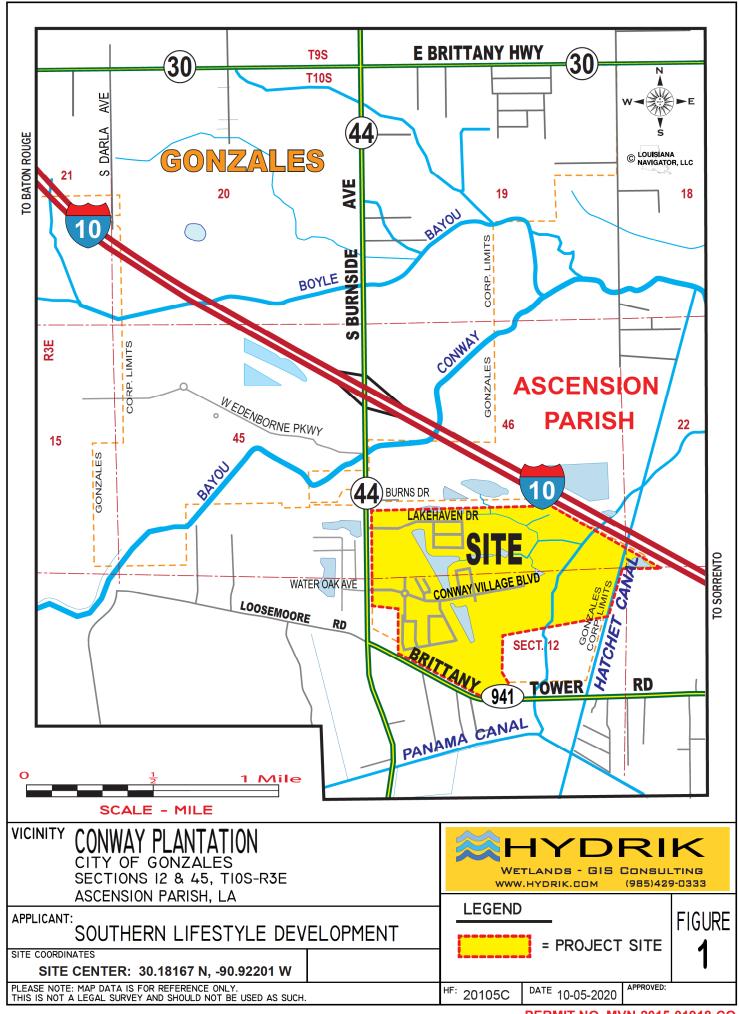
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, before a permit is issued.

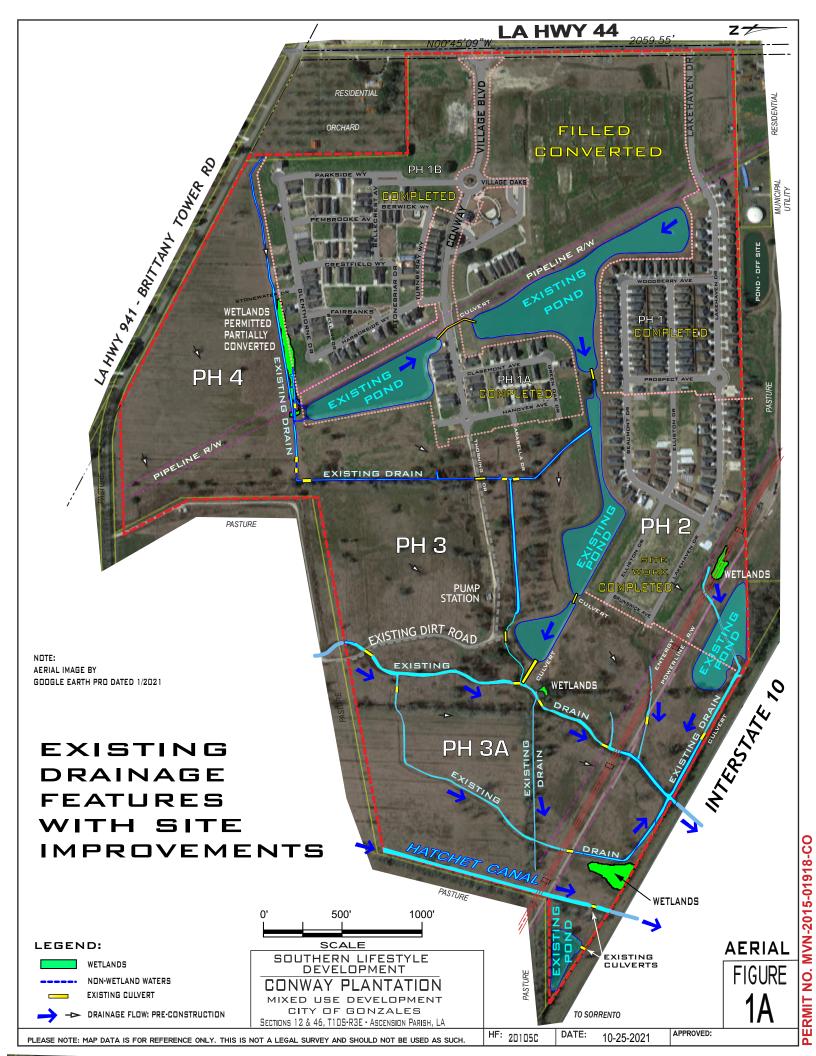
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

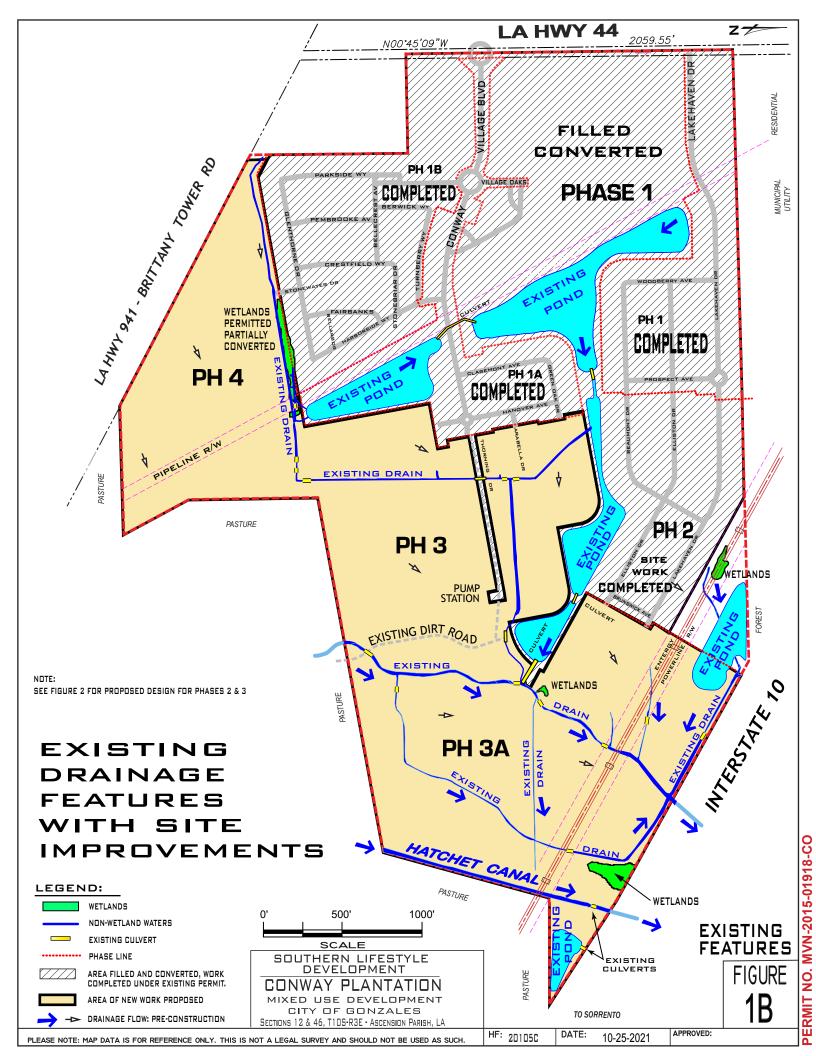
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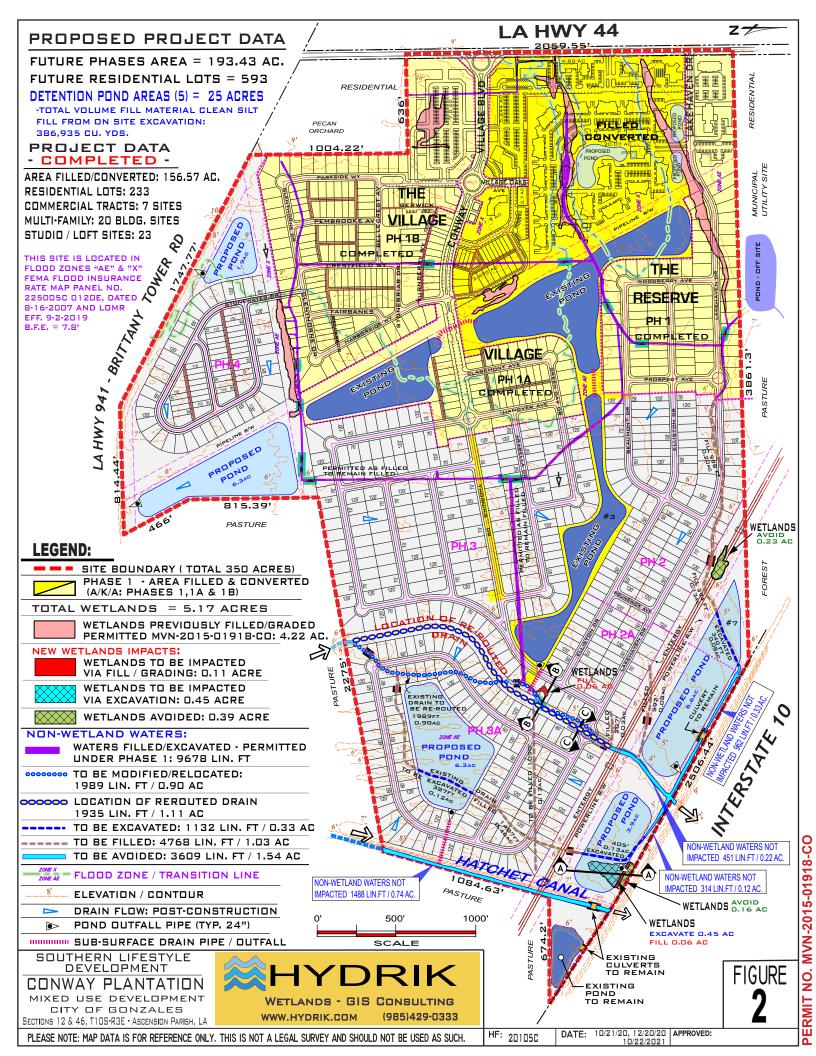
for: John M. Herman
Chief, Central Evaluation Branch
Regulatory Division

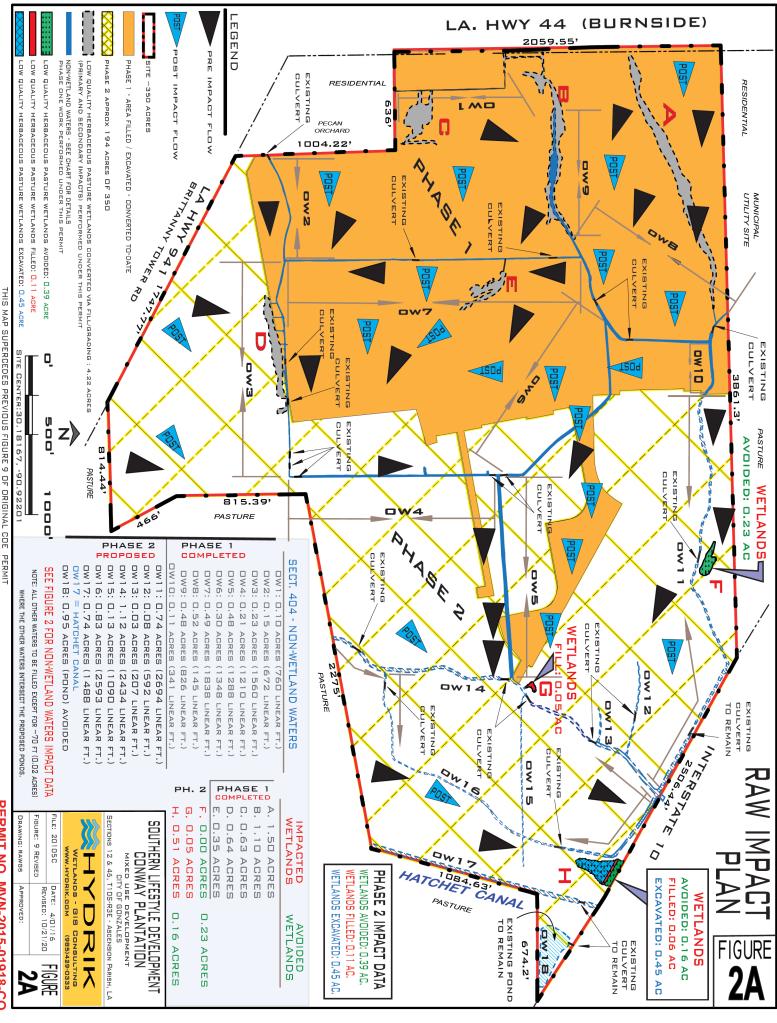
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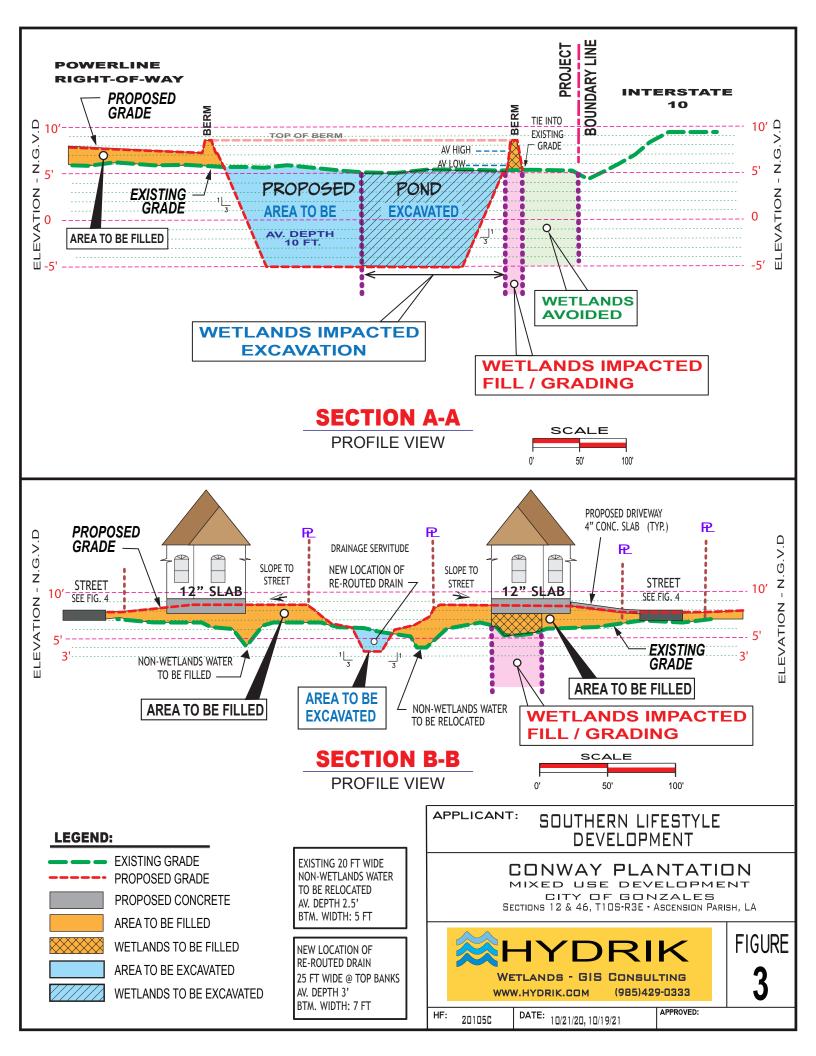


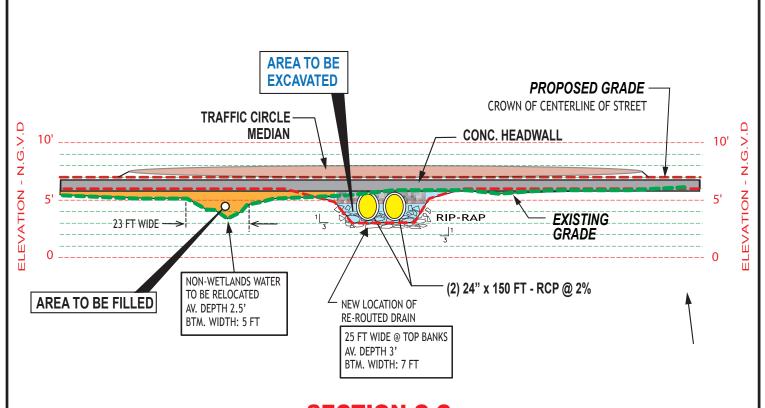








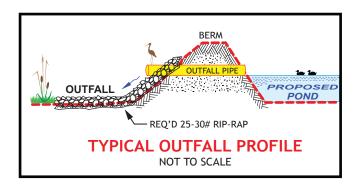




### **SECTION C-C**

### PROPOSED STREET CROSSING PROFILE LOOKING EAST AT TRAFFIC CIRCLE

NOT TO SCALE



#### **LEGEND:**

**EXISTING GRADE** PROPOSED GRADE PROPOSED CONCRETE AREA TO BE FILLED

AREA TO BE EXCAVATED

APPLICANT: SOUTHERN LIFESTYLE DEVELOPMENT

#### CONWAY PLANTATION MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT

CITY OF GONZALES
SECTIONS 12 & 46, T105-R3E - ASCENSION PARISH, LA

### PROFILE SECTION C-C



**FIGURE** 

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