

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

May 25, 2015

United States Army
Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District
Attn: Regulatory Branch
Post Office Box 60267
New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267

State of Louisiana
Department of Environmental Quality
Attn: Water Quality Certification Sec.
Post Office Box 4313
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313

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Permit Application Number:
MVN-2015-00998-CA

Project Manager:
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WQC Application Number:
WQC-150520-01

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the US Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to: **[X]** 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).

Application has also been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in LRS 30:2074 A(3) and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

BULKHEAD / BOATHOUSE ON BAYOU PLAQUEMINE IN IBERVILLE PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: MICHAEL C. BARBEE, c/o HESS Engineers, Post Office Box 413, Plaquemine, Louisiana 70765

LOCATION OF WORK: Located at Lot 149 with the physical address of 59225 Island Drive, Plaquemine, Louisiana, along the right descending bank of Bayou Plaquemine, in Section 46, Township 9 South, Range 12 East, (30.279253, -91.252472), Iberville Parish, as shown on the enclosed drawings, within Hydrologic Unit Code 08070300, Lower Grand Louisiana Watershed.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant has requested Department of the Army authorization to install and maintain a bulkhead, boathouse and walkway for recreational purposes and erosion control. Approximately 325 cubic yards of material will be dredged from Bayou Plaquemine and approximately 185 cubic yards will be placed as backfill behind a 110 linear foot bulkhead, with the remaining dredged material to be deposited in a non-wet location, a 25-ft by 25-ft boat house which will extend 29 feet channelward, and 4-ft walkway which will connect the structures, as shown on the drawings. The applicant maintains that no jurisdictional wetlands would be directly affected by this action, thus no compensatory mitigation is anticipated.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC 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/or this WQC request and must be submitted 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 forwarded to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH**. Individuals or parties may request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by writing, faxing, or e-mailing the Corps of Engineers Project Manager listed above. Any request must be specific and substantively supportive of the requested extension, and received by this office prior to the end of the initial comment period. The Section Chief will review the request and the requestor will be promptly notified of the decision to grant or deny the request. If granted, the time extension will be continuous to the initial comment period and, inclusive of the initial comment period, will not exceed a total of 30 calendar days. Letters concerning the Water Quality Certification must reference the applicant's name and the WQC application number and be mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at the address above.

The application for this proposed project is on file with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and may be examined during weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Copies may be obtained upon payment of costs of reproduction.

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, pre-historical, historical sites, or data. Issuance of this public notice solicits input from the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

The New Orleans District has determined that the proposed project is located within waters known to be occupied by the endangered West Indian Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*) and determined with the inclusion of the Standard Manatee Conditions for In-Water Activities the proposed activity is not likely to adversely affect the species based on the Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species in Louisiana (SLOPES), dated October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would not affect any species, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of such species, listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal may result in the destruction or alteration of **0.0** acres 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.

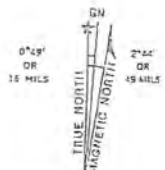
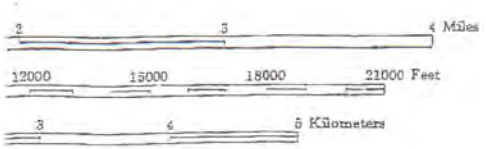
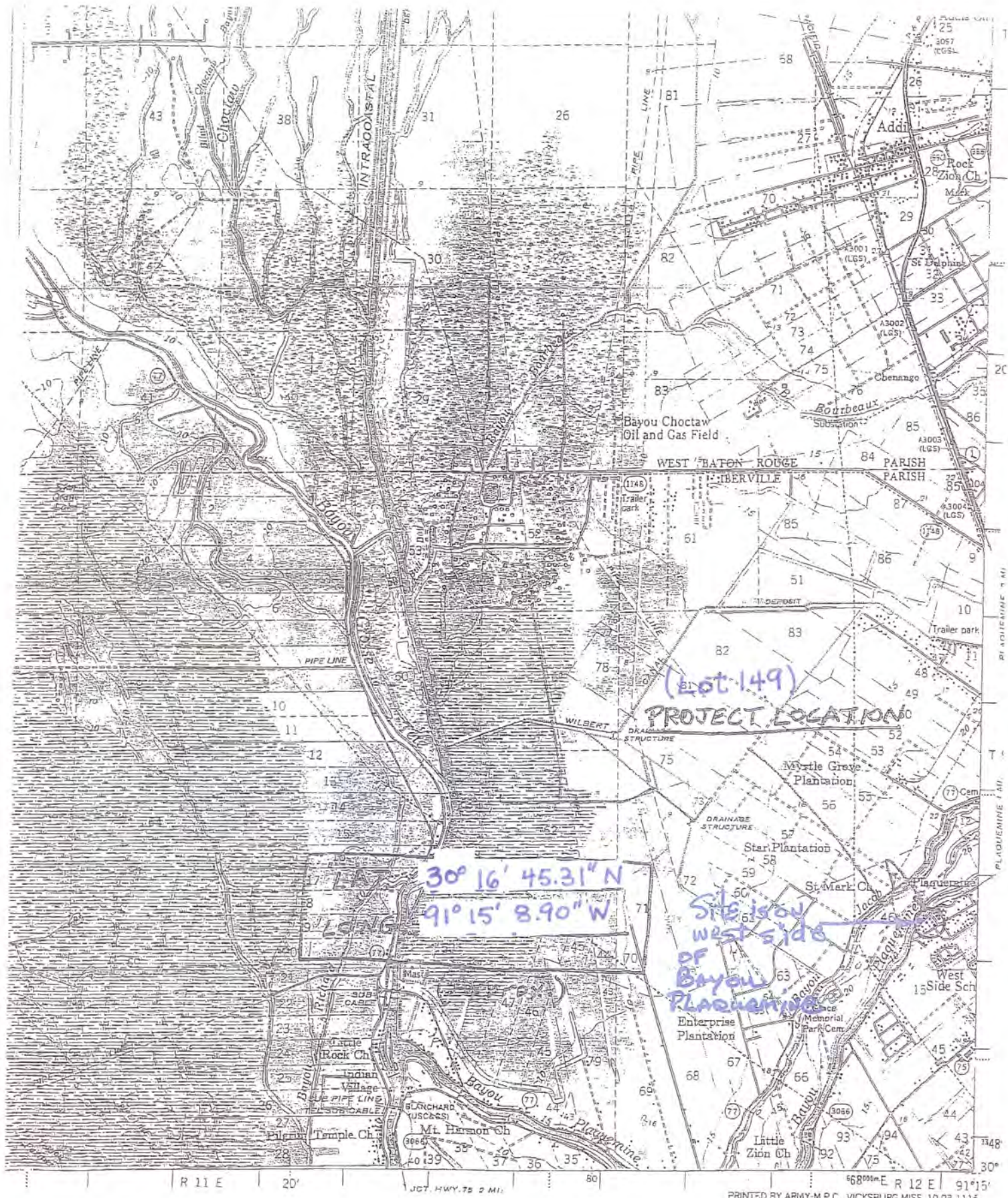
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not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

JOHN M. HERMAN
Chief, Central Evaluation Section
Regulatory Branch

Enclosure



LEGEND

Levee	-----	Levee Station	LS
Secondary Levee	-----	Towhead	TH
Retards and dikes	-----	River Gage	g
Revetment	-----		

REVISED: 10-3-14
 DATED: 10-3-14
 BY: JESSE T. THOMPSON, P.E.

PROPOSED BULKHEADS AND BOAT HOUSING
 ALONG BAYOU PLAQUEMINE
 PLAQUEMINE, LA.
 FOR: MICHAEL BARBEE

OPPOSITE BANK LINE

BAYOU PLAQUEMINE
 ARTIFICIAL FLOW

PROPOSED BOAT HOUSING
 (TIMBER PILE COVERED STRUCTURE)

25' MAX.

WOODEN DECK
 (600 MAX. S.F.)

20' MAX.

MUCK DREDGE AREA

AVG. MEAN HIGH BANKLINE

AVG. MEAN LOW BANKLINE

PROPOSED BULKHEAD
 110' WIDTH

TODD J. & HEIDI C. BERTHELOT
 59215 ISLAND DRIVE
 PLAQUEMINE, LA 70764
 (225) 749-2418
 LOT #148

LOT 149
 59225 ISLAND DRIVE

TOP OF BANK

APPROX. 175'-0"

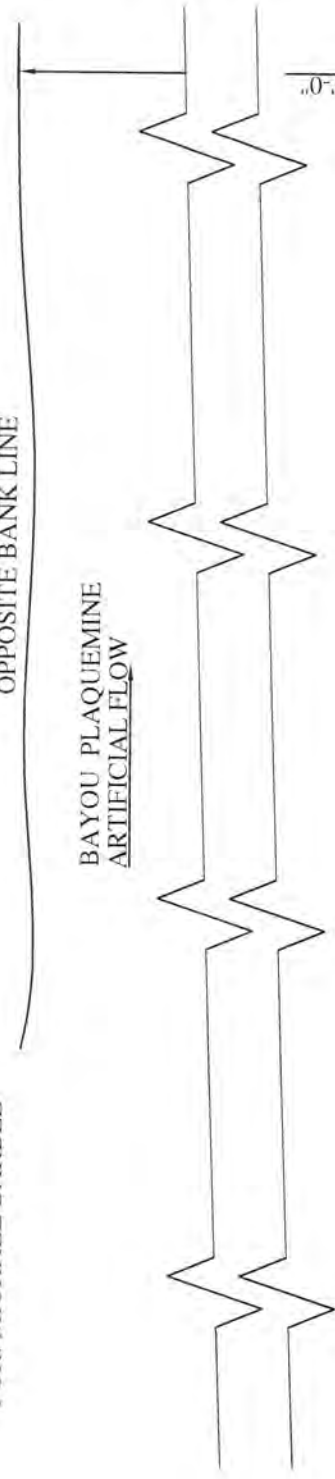
* LIMITS OF FILL AREA TO BE BETWEEN
 LOW WATER BANK LINE AND HIGH WATER
 BANK LINE (VARIES 4'-8')
 DREDGE MATERIAL TO BE PLACED WITHIN
 THIS SHADED AREA.

A. WILBERTS SONS ISLAND LLC
 (DEVELOPER)
 PO BOX 694
 PLAQUEMINE, LA 70765
 (225) 687-0808
 30' WIDE VACANT SERVITUDE
 PARCEL B

PLAN VIEW

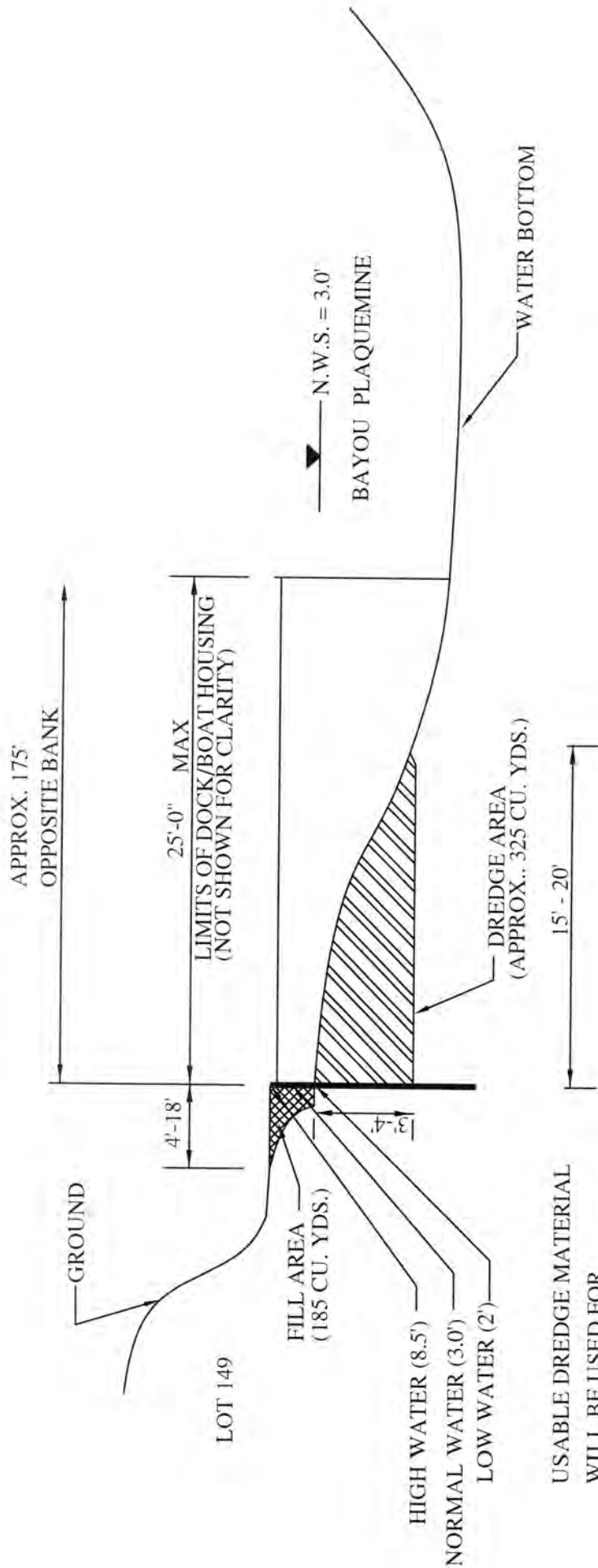
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(NON-WETLAND AREA)



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SECTION 'A'
SCALE: N.T.S.

USABLE DREDGE MATERIAL
 WILL BE USED FOR
 FILL BEHIND THE BULKHEAD.
 THE REMAINING DREDGED MATERIAL
 WILL BE DEPOSITED IN A DEVELOPED
 AREA (NONWET)