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Application #: MVN 2020-01236 EMM

PUBLIC NOTICE

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), and/or [] Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. Section 408).

INSTALL AND MAINTAIN A TRACTOR FACILITY IN SAINT TAMMANY PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Felder's Land Company, LLC, c/o Biological Surveys Inc., 107 Ronald Reagan Highway, Covington, Louisiana 70433.

LOCATION OF WORK: Sections 45, Township 6 South, Range 11 East, in Covington, Louisiana, in Saint Tammany Parish, as shown on the attached drawings.

Hydrologic Unit Code: 08090201: Lower Mississippi – Liberty Bayou - Tchefuncta
Latitude: 30.494685 Longitude: -90.100428

CHARACTER OF WORK: The proposed project is to develop a tractor dealership and service facility. The proposed work will be accomplished by clearing, grading, excavating, and depositing fill to install and maintain office space, a mechanic shop, driveways, parking areas, display space, a dry detention pond, and associated appurtenances. The project as proposed would directly impact approximately 0.88 acres of jurisdictional wetlands.

MITIGATION: The applicant proposes to avoid direct impacts and minimize secondary impacts (to wetlands) to the maximum extent practicable. The applicant has proposed to compensate for any unavoidable impacts to jurisdictional wetlands by utilizing a Corps approved mitigation bank within the watershed.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit will close **20 days** from the date of this 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

request, and must be submitted so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters and/or comments concerning the subject permit application must reference the Applicant's Name and the Permit Application Number, and can preferably emailed to the Corps of Engineers project manager listed above or forwarded to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION: REGULATORY DIVISION, RGE, Mr. Scott Kennedy**. Individuals or parties may also request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by mail or preferably by e-mailing the specified Project Manager listed above. Any request for an extension of time 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 Branch 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. This public notice is also available for review online at <https://go.usa.gov/xennJ>.

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. Issuance of this public notice solicits input from the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

It has been determined that the proposed activities have No Effect on the Gopher Tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*), the Louisiana Quillwort (*Isoetes louisianensis*), or the Red-cockaded Woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*) based on the Information & Planning Consultation for Endangered Species in Louisiana (IPaC), dated January 27, 2020 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 is Not Likely to Adversely Affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Departments of Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of such species.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal is not expected to result in the destruction, alteration, and/or disturbance 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 have no 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, Water Quality Certifications, 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 invited to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

Brad P. LaBorde
Chief, Eastern Evaluation Branch
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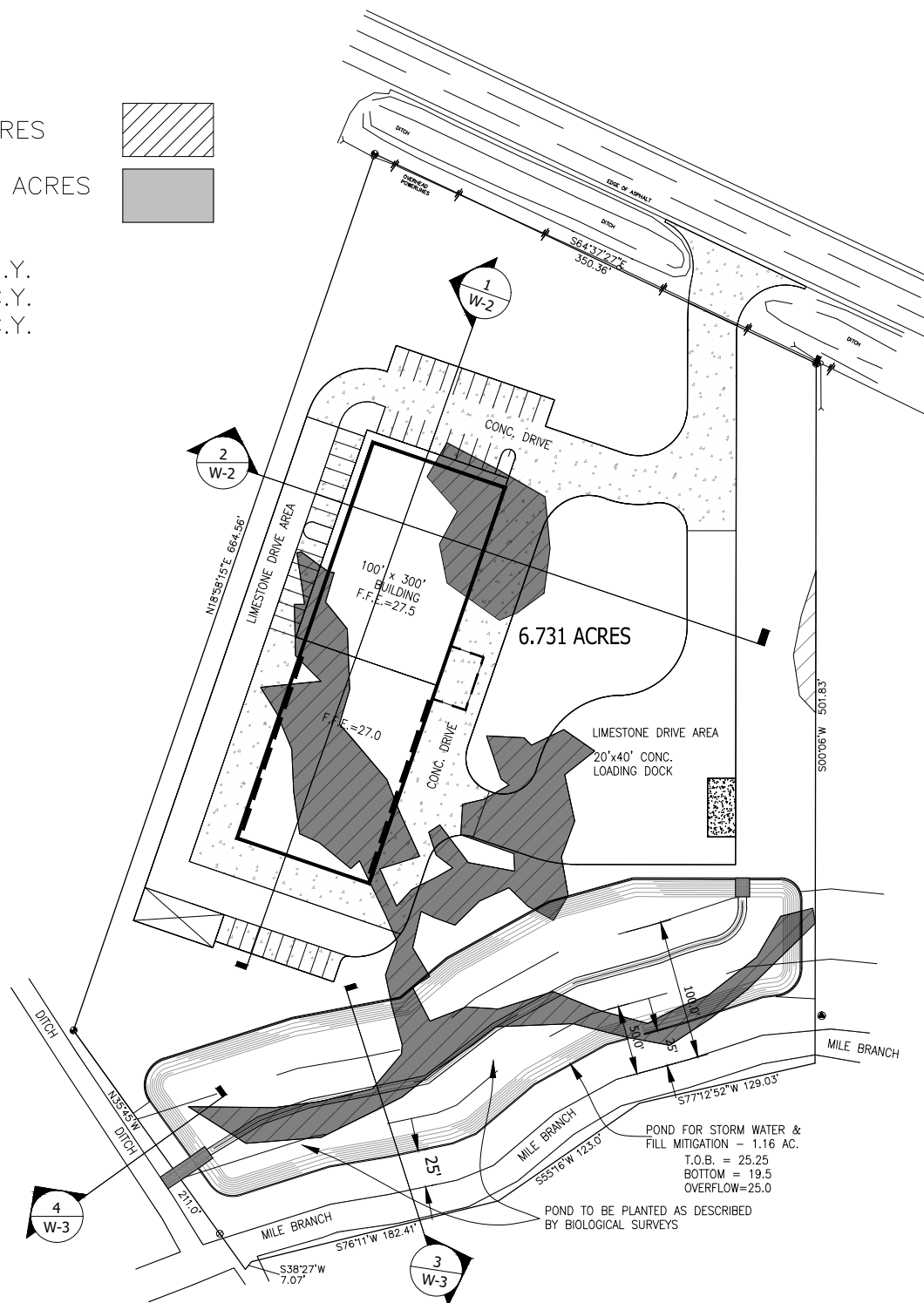
Enclosure

The map displays the city of Covington, Georgia, and its surrounding areas. A black arrow points to a specific location labeled "Site" in the northern part of the city, near the intersection of Branch Crossing Dr and E 35th Ave. The map shows a network of streets, including major roads like E 35th Ave, E 31st Ave, E 19th Ave, and E 7th Ave. Water bodies such as the Falaya River and Timber Branch are also visible. A compass rose is located in the bottom left corner, and a scale bar indicates distances from 0 to 1.5 miles. The map is credited to National Geographic, Esri, Garmin, HERE, UNEP-WCMC, USGS, NASA, ESA, METI, NRCAN, GEBCO, NOAA, and increment P Corp.

**Evergreen Tractor and Equipment Facility
Section 45, T6S-R11E
Covington, St. Tammany Parish, LA
Felder's Land Company, LLC**

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CLAY	=	28,175	C.Y.
CONCRETE	=	9,180	C.Y.
GRAVEL	=	1,985	C.Y.



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6.731 ACRES LOCATED IN THE CITY OF COVINGTON, SECTION 45,
TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 11 EAST, ST. TAMMANY PARISH, LOUISIANA

Project NO. 14-298	No.	Revision/Issue	Date
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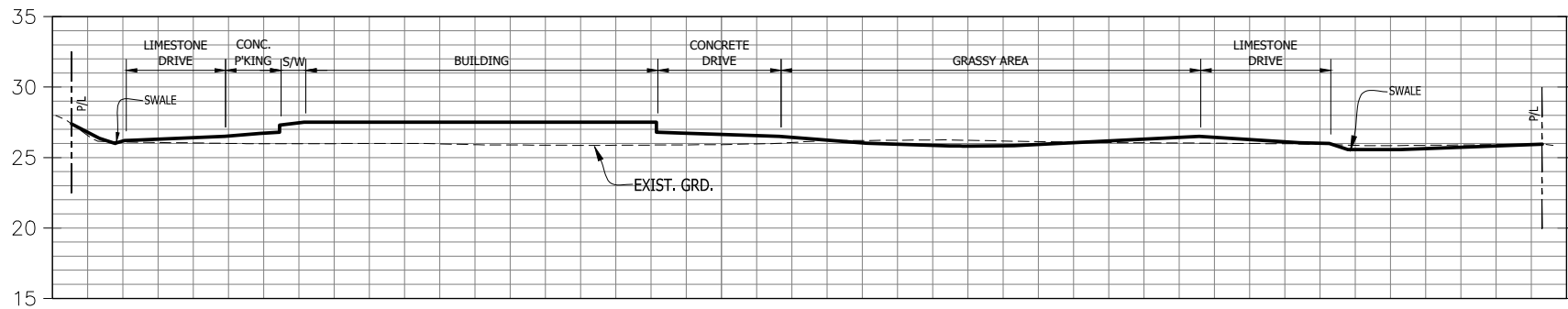


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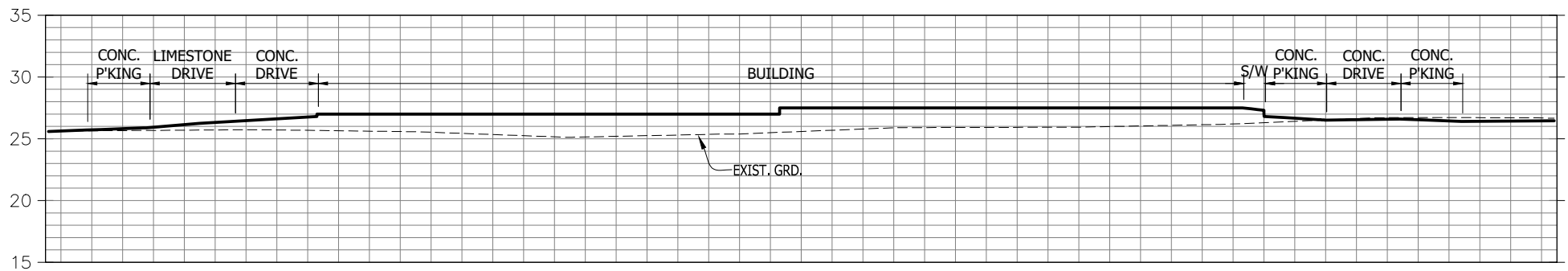
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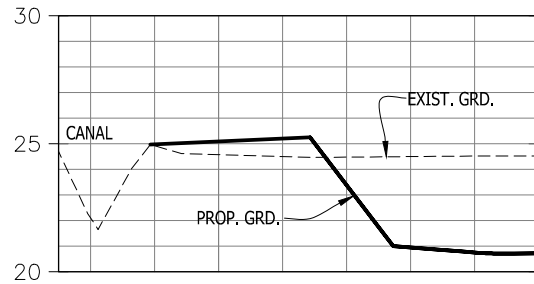


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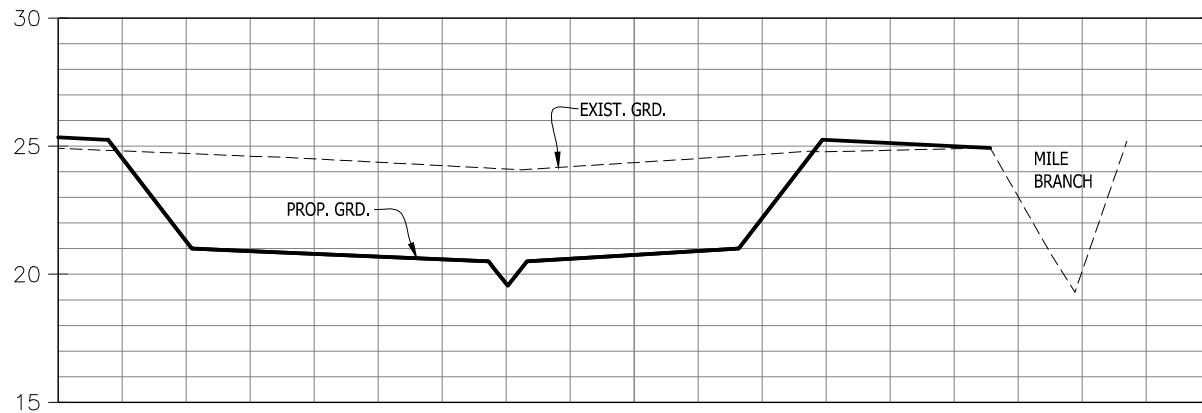
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