

# JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

February 7, 2022

United States Army  
Corps of Engineers  
New Orleans District  
Attn: Regulatory Division  
7400 Leake Ave.  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70118-3651

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

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Application #: MVN-2021-00584-WS

Project Manager:  
Elizabeth Hill  
(225) 219-3225  
WQC Application Number:  
WQC 210907-02

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).

The application has also been mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in Louisiana Revised Statute 30:2074 A(3), and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L. 95-17).

## **NOTTINGHAM CIRCLE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN LAFAYETTE PARISH, LOUISIANA**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** Lafayette Consolidated Government, c/o: Ms. Jessica Caldarera, 1515 East University Ave., Lafayette, LA 70501.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** Located in Lafayette Parish, located through a temporary construction entrance on East Butcher Switch Road and from Nottingham Circle, in Lafayette, Louisiana, (lat. 30.290319, long. - 91.997997), as shown within the attached drawings. (Hydrologic Unit Code 080801030105, Francois Coulee-Vermilion River Watershed)

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** The applicant proposes to excavate, and place fill for drainage improvements for Acorn Drive Coulee and surrounding neighborhoods along Nottingham Circle, which consists of 8-foot of 60-inch reinforced concrete pipe, 365-foot of 84-inch reinforced concrete pipe, 17-foot of 15-inch drainage pipe, 455-foot of flexible revetment, and 100-foot of rip rap. It is anticipated that this project will have zero permanent or temporary impacts to wetlands. Approximately 0.85 acres of waterbottoms and upland areas will be filled as part of this drainage improvement project.

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 DIVISION**. Individuals or parties may request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by writing 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 possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Copies of this public notice are being sent to the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would neither affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Departments of Interior or Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species. Based on the Information and Planning Consultation for Endangered Species in Louisiana (IPaC), as signed January 27, 2020, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, it has been determined that the project is located in waters known to be utilized by the Western Manatee and determined that the activity is not likely to adversely affect this species.

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, alteration or disturbance of 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 Department of the Army 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.

Darrell S. Barbara  
Chief, Western Evaluation Branch  
Regulatory Division

Enclosure

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PROPOSED  
SUBSURFACE  
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PROPOSED FLEXIBLE  
REVETMENT

MARIE ANNETTE CHAPMAN  
4510 MOSS STREET  
LAFAYETTE, LA 70507

SHIRLEY ANN GUIDRY ET AL  
4213 MOSS STREET  
LAFAYETTE, LA 70507-4123

REQUIRED 20' TEMPORARY  
CONSTRUCTION ACCESS ROUTE

THOMAS C BESAGRETE  
901 E BUTCHER SWITCH RD.  
LAFAYETTE, LA 70507-3912

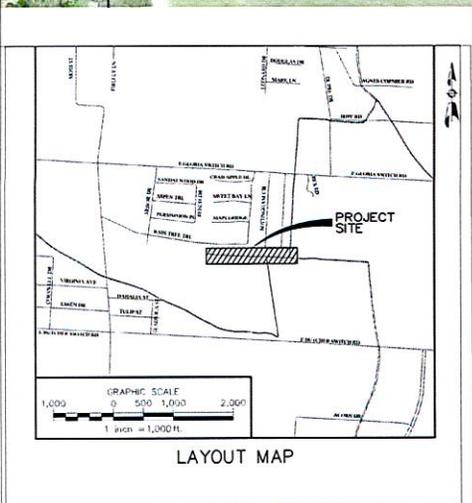
BENJAMIN RYAN LEONARDS  
SARAH BOWLING LEONARDS  
931 E BUTCHER SWITCH RD.  
LAFAYETTE, LA 70507-3912

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TEMP. TRAFFIC  
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(BY OTHERS)

E. BUTCHER SWITCH RD.

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