

# PUBLIC NOTICE

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Applicant: Miles Bingham St. Charles Parish Government Published: July 7, 2025 Expires: July 27, 2025

#### New Orleans District (CEMVN) Permit Application No. MVN-2022-00817-EMM

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps or USACE) has received an application for a Department of the Army (DA) permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1344) **and/or** Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. §403). The purpose of this public notice is to solicit comments from the public regarding the work described below:

APPLICANT: Miles Bingham St. Charles Parish Government 100 River Oaks Drive Destrehan, Louisiana 70047

AGENT: Basile Dardar ELOS Environmental, LLC 607 West Morris Avenue Hammond, Louisiana 70403

**WATERWAY AND LOCATION:** The project would affect waters of the United States associated with unnamed canals that eventually connect to Lac Des Allemands. The project/review area is located on the west side of King Street and the south side of Hahn Street, 50 feet south of the intersection of King Street and Hahn Street in Sections 3, 10, 24, 26, and 68, Township 13S, Range 20E; at Latitude 29.975975 and Longitude -90.415814; in Hahnville, Saint Charles Parish, Louisiana.

**EXISTING CONDITIONS:** The proposed project will be located within jurisdictional wetlands and other waters of the United States. The project is for drainage improvements. The proposed work runs parallel to King Street, crosses over Hahn Street, runs parallel to Hahn Street, and empties into an existing unnamed canal.

### **PROJECT PURPOSE:**

Basic: Drainage improvements

**Overall:** Replace existing drainage in the area.

**PROPOSED WORK:** The applicant requests authorization to clear, grade, excavate, and place fill for improvements to local drainage infrastructure including the excavation

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of open ditches and installation of culverts and appurtenant structures. The proposed drainage ditch would be approximately 40-45 feet x 6,391 feet. Approximately 32,250 cubic yards of native material are to be excavated and placed off-site. Approximately 350 cubic yards of rock and 650 cubic yards of sand are proposed to be placed on-site. The site is approximately 17.85 acres and would include impacts to approximately 5.26 acres of jurisdictional wetlands and 0.14 acres of other waters. Approximately 3.17 acres are proposed to be permanent impacts and approximately 2.09 acres are proposed to be a partial conversion from forested wetlands to emergent wetlands.

**AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION:** The applicant has provided the following information in support of efforts to avoid and/or minimize impacts to the aquatic environment: The project was re-designed and the wetland impacts reduced. The right-of-way of each side of the ditch is to be maintained as emergent wetland.

**COMPENSATORY MITIGATION:** The applicant offered the following compensatory mitigation plan to offset unavoidable functional loss to the aquatic environment: The applicant has proposed to compensate for any unavoidable impacts to jurisdictional wetlands by utilizing a Corps approved mitigation bank within the watershed.

**CULTURAL RESOURCES:** The Corps is evaluating the undertaking for effects to historic properties as required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). This public notice serves to inform the public of the proposed undertaking and invites comments including those from local, State, and Federal government Agencies with respect to historic resources. Our final determination relative to historic resource impacts may be subject to additional coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), federally recognized tribes and other interested parties.

The District Engineer's final eligibility and effect determination will be based upon coordination with the SHPO and/or federally recognized tribes, as appropriate and required, and with full consideration given to the proposed undertaking's potential direct and indirect effects on historic properties within the Corps-identified permit area.

**ENDANGERED SPECIES:** The Corps has performed an initial review of the application for Endangered Species Act (ESA) compliance via the the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Section 7 Mapper, and the NMFS Critical Habitat Mapper to determine if any threatened, endangered, proposed, or candidate species, as well as the proposed and final designated critical habitat may occur in the vicinity of the proposed project. Based on this initial review, the Corps has made a preliminary determination that the proposed project will not affect any listed species or critical habitat

This notice serves as request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any additional information on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species or critical habitat may be present in the area which would be affected by the proposed activity.

**NAVIGATION:** The proposed structure or activity is not located in the vicinity of a federal navigation channel.

**SECTION 408:** The applicant will not require permission under Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 408 or Section 408) because the activity, in whole or in part, would not alter, occupy, or use a Corps Civil Works project.

**WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:** Water Quality Certification may be required from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

**NOTE:** This public notice is being issued based on information furnished by the applicant. This information has not been verified or evaluated to ensure compliance with laws and regulation governing the regulatory program. The geographic extent of aquatic resources within the proposed project area that either are, or are presumed to be, within the Corps jurisdiction has been verified by Corps personnel.

**COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT:** The applicant has certified that the proposed activity described in the application complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program (Louisiana Coastal Zone Application [P20221073]). The DA permit will not be issued unless the applicant received approval or a waiver of the Coastal Use Permit by the Louisiana Department of Energy and Natural Resources. 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.

**EVALUATION:** The decision whether to issue a DA permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact 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 benefits, 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 cumulative impacts thereof; among these are conservation, economics, esthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historical 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. Evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act or the criteria established under authority of Section 102(a) of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972. A DA permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

**COMMENTS:** The Corps 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 Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a DA permit for this proposal. To make this determination, comments are used to assess impacts to 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 (EA) and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). 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 will receive written comments on the proposed work, as outlined above, until July 27, 2025. Comments should be submitted electronically via the Regulatory Request System (RRS) at <a href="https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs">https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs</a> or to Scott Kennedy at scott.n.kennedy@usace.army.mil. Alternatively, you may submit comments in writing to the following address: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, Attention: Scott Kennedy, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70118. Please refer to the permit application number in your comments.

Individuals or parties may also request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by mail or preferably by emailing the specified project manager listed above. Any request for an extension of time to comment 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 CEMVN Branch Chief will review the request, and the requester will be promptly notified of the decision to grant or deny the request. If granted, the time extension will be continuous and inclusive of the initial comment period and will not exceed a total of 30 calendar days.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. Requests for a public hearing will be granted, unless the District Engineer determines that the issues raised are insubstantial or there is otherwise no valid interest to be served by a hearing.















































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