JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE  
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Corps of Engineers                  Department of Environmental Quality  
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Permit Application Number            WQC Application Number  
MVN-2004-04534-WPP                 WQC # 050707-02

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: [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 Water Resources, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Title 30, Chapter 11, Part IV, Section 2074 A(3) and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L.95-17).

GIWW CRITICAL AREA BANK RESTORATION TE-43 IN TERREBONNE PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Lafourche/Terrebonne Soil & Water Conservation District, 204 East Bayou Road, Thibodaux, Louisiana 70301.

DESCRIPTION: DA Permit MVN-2004-04534-WY, originally issued on January 18, 2006, and further modified for a time extension on July 31, 2010. The applicant is requesting that the permit be modified to reflect changes to the alignment of Segment 4 of the dike. Segment 4 of the dike has been extended to protect the GIWW shoreline to Lake Hackberry and has been realigned to more closely follow the shoreline. These changes will result in an overall increase in length of dike from 49,725 linear feet to 51,476 linear feet. Additional cut-in channels and access channels are also being proposed to accommodate this new alignment, resulting in an increase of excavation from 822,000 cubic yards to 862,000 cubic yards. The final change proposed for the dike is to make all of Segment 4 a composite dike with a lightweight aggregate core. This change will result in a reduction of 6,000 cubic yards of rock rip rap and the addition of 8,750 cubic yards of lightweight aggregate. The Project is located within the West Central Louisiana Watershed, USGS Catalog Unit 08090302.

LOCATION: On the south bank of the GIWW, beginning near mile marker 60 and ending near mile marker 70, in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

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 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: REGULATORY
BRANCH. Similar 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 5:00 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.

No properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places are 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 the State Historic Preservation Officer.

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.

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 0.00 acre(s) 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 Water Resources 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.

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. The Department of the Army permit will not be issued unless the applicant received approval or a waiver of the Coastal Use Permit by the Department of Natural Resources.

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Regulatory Branch

Attachments