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Memphis District

Public Notice

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Public Notice U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

AUTHORITY: Pursuant to 33 CFR 325, as published in the Federal Register dated November 13, 1986, this notice announces an application submitted for a Department of the Army permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

APPLICANT:

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AGENT:

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PURPOSE: The applicant proposes to construct a recreational facility. According to the applicant, the purpose of the facility is to provide recreation and other amenities for residents located within the southwestern portion of Collierville, Shelby County, Tennessee.

LOCATION: The project site is bounded by Holmes Road to the south, Fleming Road to the east and an existing residential development to the north in Collierville, Shelby County, Tennessee. The site is shown on the attached location map based on the Collierville, Tennessee, 7.5-minute USGS topographic quadrangle at approximate coordinates N35.011° / W-89.711° (Attachment 1).

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The applicant proposes to construct a recreational facility, Hinton Park, on a 109-acre parcel of property. The facility would include athletic fields, playground and treehouse, amphitheater, pedestrian trails, climbing hill, pond and other associated amenities. A site plan depicting the proposed project layout is provided in Attachment 2.

Two wetland areas, totaling 9.06 acres, are located on the site adjacent to the north and south of an unnamed tributary to Nonconnah Creek, as shown on Attachment 2. The wetland north of the tributary is comprised mostly of black willow (*Salix nigra*). The wetland south of the tributary is mostly herbaceous consisting of various sedges (*Carex* spp.) and rushes (*Juncus* spp.). The applicant proposes to permanently fill 1.03 acres of these wetlands to construct an asphalt path for access to the facility. The asphalt trail would include two pedestrian bridges over the unnamed tributary to Nonconnah Creek. Approximately 1,985 cubic yards of fill material (local earthen soil and gravel) would be placed into wetlands for the purpose of constructing the asphalt trail. Details concerning the proposed asphalt trail and pedestrian bridges are shown on Attachment 2. The deposition of fill material into waters of the U.S., including streams and wetlands, requires authorization from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It is our preliminary jurisdictional determination that these aquatic features are considered jurisdictional.

AVOIDANCE/MINIMIZATION: According to the applicant, the project was modified where possible to avoid/minimize impacts to streams and wetlands while designing the facility. The applicant submitted a detailed Practicable Alternatives Analysis and this information is being reviewed by our office for compliance with Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines. Compensatory wetland mitigation for unavoidable impacts to 1.03 acres wetlands is described below.

MITIGATION: The applicant proposes to mitigate unavoidable wetland impacts by the restoration of 4.5 acres of bottomland hardwoods off site. The mitigation site is located north of the Wolf River, south of Raleigh LaGrange Road and east of Bethany Road in Shelby County at approximate coordinates N35.1012° / W-89.6871°, as shown on Attachment 3.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: The applicant should request water quality certification from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Water Pollution Control that the activity will comply with

applicable requirements set forth in 33 U.S.C. and 1341(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act and all State laws and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. This certification or evidence of this water quality certification or waiver of the right to certify must be submitted prior to the issuance of a Corps of Engineers permit. The Corps of Engineers' evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, EPA, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: No endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat, are known to exist in the project area. This application is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Any comments they may have regarding endangered or threatened wildlife or plants or their critical habitat, will be considered in our evaluation of the described work.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The Memphis District will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the public in response to this public notice and we may conduct, or require a survey of the project area.

FLOOD PLAIN: In accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Flood Plain Management and Use), participating communities are required to review all proposed development to determine if a flood plain development permit is required. Flood plain administrators should review the proposed public notice and notify this office of any flood plain development permit requirements.

PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW: The purpose of this public notice is to advise all interested parties of the activities for which a permit is sought and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the probable impact on the public interest.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the 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 project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the project 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 Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Federally recognized 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 of Engineers to determine whether to issue, 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 the 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.

PUBLIC HEARING: 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 a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reason for holding a public hearing. The District Engineer will determine if the issues raised are substantial and whether a hearing is needed for making a decision. If a public hearing is held it will be for the purpose of obtaining additional information that we could not otherwise obtain through a public notice process; not to inform the public about the specific details of the project in greater detail than what is found in this notice. This is not a Corps project. We are not a proponent nor are we an opponent of the project. We are merely the permitting authority of Section 404 and Section 10 permits required by our office.

COMMENTS: To request additional information or provide comments on this notice, please contact Mr. James M. Elcan using the information below:

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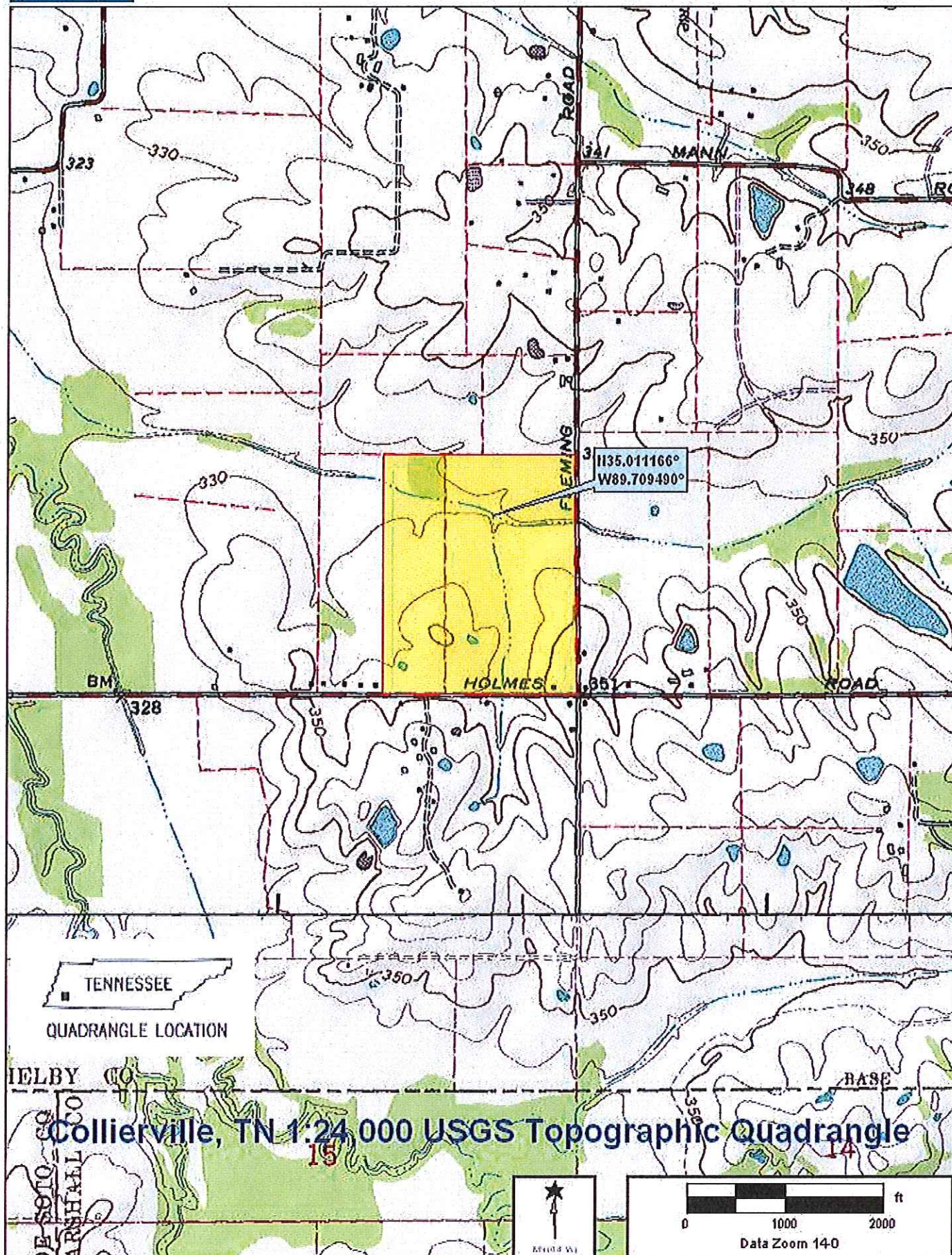
Comments may be sent via mail or E-mail. The Corps may provide copies of all comments, (including name & address of those providing comments) to the applicant for consideration and response prior to a decision. Comments should be received by the expiration date listed on page one of this notice.

For Final Individual Permits actions in the Memphis District, go to the following link:
<http://geo.usace.army.mil/egis/f?p=340:2:0::NO:RP>. Using the Filter by District drop down box, select MVM-Memphis District, then select the year and month (information will populate in the table below). All pending individual permits can be located by selecting the "Pending IP" tab above. All of the environmental documents and statements of findings supporting issuance or denial of the permit decisions are available upon written request and where applicable, upon the payment of administrative fees. They are also available at the Memphis District, Regulatory Branch office for examination.



Roger S. Allan
Acting Chief, Regulatory Branch

Attachments



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Hinton Park Mitigation

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 Mitigation Area

Section 404 / ARAP Permit Application

November 1, 2013

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Attachment 3

