

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Issue Date: 01 February 2013 Comment Deadline: 04 March 2013 Corps Action ID #: SAW-2012-00705

The Wilmington District, Corps of Engineers (Corps) has received an application from Stallings Oil Company seeking Department of the Army authorization for 0.551 acres of permanent impacts to riparian wetlands associated with the infrastructure, and lot fill for a commercial development located on the east side of NC Hwy 58, south of US Hwy 64, Nashville, Nash County, North Carolina.

Specific plans and location information are described below and shown on the attached plans. This Public Notice and all attached plans are also available on the Wilmington District Web Site at:

http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Missions/RegulatoryPermitProgram.aspx

**Applicant:** Stallings Oil Company

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# **Authority**

The Corps will evaluate this application and a decide whether to issue, conditionally issue, or deny the proposed work pursuant to applicable procedures Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

# Location

The project site is located on the east side of NC Hwy 58, south of its intersection with US Hwy 64 Bypass, Nashville, Nash County, NC.

# **Existing Site Conditions**

The 52 acre site indicated for the proposed commercial development is currently comprised of an undeveloped farm field and wooded land. The site's eastern and southern border is Stony Creek. The site is comprised of approximately 16 acres of Bottomland Hardwood Forest wetlands, an existing 0.8 acre pond, and one Unnamed Tributary to Stony Creek. Stony Creek is a tributary to the Tar River within the Tar-Pamlico River Basin Cataloging Unit No. 03020101. The wetlands are typically dominated by yellow poplar, red maple, loblolly pine, red bay, tag alder, giant cane, lizard's tail, and green briar.

Three previous authorizations for wetland impacts were issued in 1999 and 2000. These authorizations include SAW-2000-20306, a Nationwide Permit 14 for 0.15 acre of wetland impacts associated with a road crossing, and SAW-2000-21223, a Nationwide Permit 18 for 0.06 acres of wetland impacts associated with lot fill. Impacts associated with SAW- 1999-21210 are estimated to be less than 0.1 acre.

# **Applicant's Stated Purpose**

The purpose of the project is to construct the infrastructure, a stormwater management device and lot fill that will support the proposed commercial development.

# **Project Description**

The project would involve constructing one road crossing and lot fill. There is an existing permitted crossing which enters the property from a more southern access point. The applicant is proposing an access road which lines up with the existing Evans Drive / NC Hwy 58 intersection. Proposed impacts associated with the road crossing total 0.5172 acres of riparian wetland. Lot fill is proposed in order to raise two lots out of the 100 year floodplain. Proposed impacts associated with lot fill total 0.0338 acres of impacts to riparian wetland.

### **Mitigation Discussion**

The applicant has proposed to mitigate for impacts to 0.551 acres of wetlands by onsite preservation of the remaining 14.53 acres of wetlands, and approximately 2800 linear feet of stream including an additional 100ft buffer on each side of Stony Creek. The applicant proposes to preserve these areas through Declaration of Protective Covenants.

# **Other Required Authorizations**

This notice and all applicable application materials are being forwarded to the appropriate State agencies for review. The Corps will generally not make a final permit decision until the North Carolina Division of Water Quality (NCDWQ) issues, denies, or waives State

certification required by Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (PL 92-500). The receipt of the application and this public notice combined with appropriate application fee at the North Carolina Division of Water Quality central office in Raleigh will constitute initial receipt of an application for a 401 Water Quality Certification. A waiver will be deemed to occur if the NCDWQ fails to act on this request for certification within sixty days of the date of the receipt of this notice in the NCDWQ Central Office. Additional information regarding the Clean Water Act certification may be reviewed at the NCDWQ Central Office, 401 Oversight and Express Permits Unit, 2321 Crabtree Boulevard, Raleigh, North Carolina 27604-2260. All persons desiring to make comments regarding the application for certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act should do so in writing delivered to the North Carolina Division of Water Quality (NCDWQ), 1650 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1650 Attention: Ms. Karen Higgins, by February 21, 2013.

#### **Essential Fish Habitat**

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The Corps' initial determination is that the proposed project will not adversely impact EFH or associated fisheries managed by the South Atlantic or Mid Atlantic Fishery Management Councils or the National Marine Fisheries Service.

#### **Cultural Resources**

The Corps has consulted the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places and is not aware that any registered properties, or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein are located within the project area or will be affected by the proposed work. Presently, unknown archeological, scientific, prehistoric, or historical data may be located within the project area and/or could be affected by the proposed work.

## **Endangered Species**

The Corps has reviewed the project area, examined all information provided by the applicant and consulted the latest North Carolina Natural Heritage Database. Based on available information, the Corps has determined pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), that the proposed Project may affect federally listed endangered or threatened species or their formally designated critical habitat. The Corps have determined that the Dwarf Wedgemussel (Alasmidonta heterodon) could be in Stony Creek. Consultation under Section 7 of the ESA will be initiated and no permit will be issued until the consultation process is complete.

#### **Evaluation**

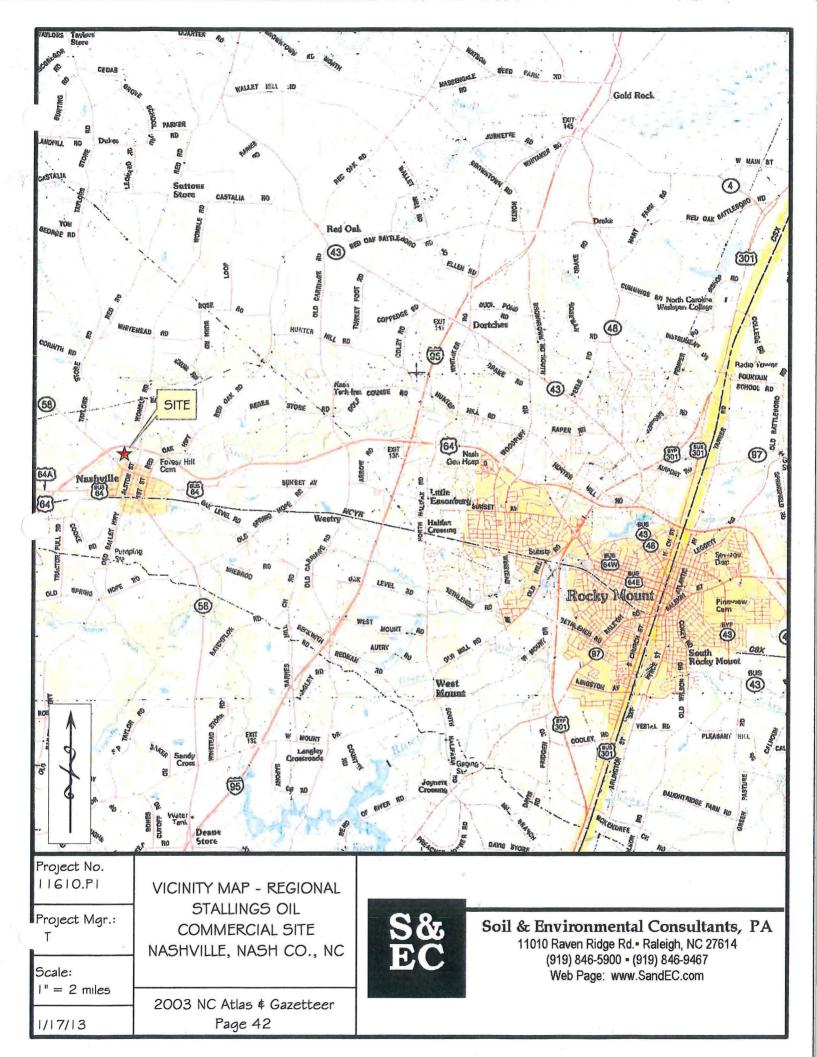
The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably 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, flood plain values (in accordance with Executive Order 11988), 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. For activities involving the discharge of dredged or fill materials in waters of the United States, the evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the Environmental Protection Agency's 404(b)(1) guidelines.

# **Commenting Information**

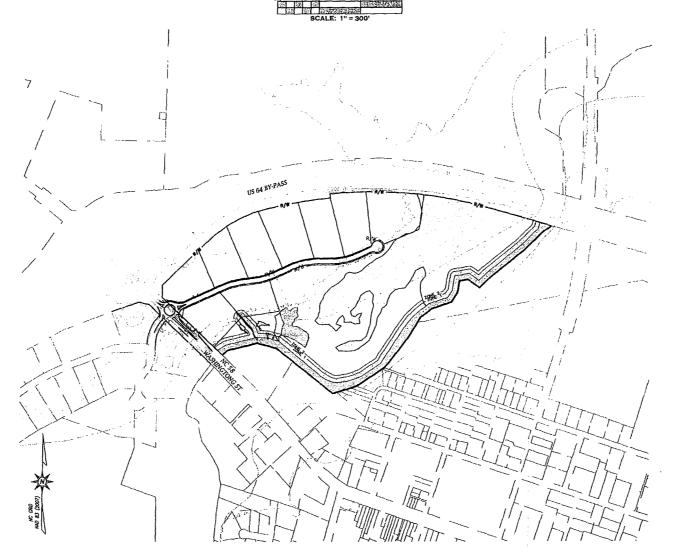
The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State and local agencies and officials, including any consolidate State Viewpoint or written position of the Governor; Indian Tribes and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps 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 (EA) and/or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) 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.

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 shall 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.

Written comments pertinent to the proposed work, as outlined above, will be received by the Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, until 5pm, March 4, 2013. Comments should be submitted to Mr. Thomas Brown, US Army Corps of Engineers, Raleigh Regulatory Field Office, 3331 Heritage Trade Drive, Suite 105, Wake Forest, NC 27587, telephone 919-554-4884, Ext. 22.

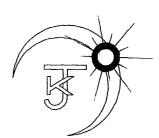


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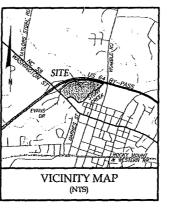
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