

Public Notice

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**Reply To:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: CEMVS-OD-F
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833**

Public Notice No.
P-2819
Public Notice Date
February 23, 2012
Expiration Date
March 14, 2012

Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until:

File Number: MVS-2011-478

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached maps.

COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers File Number shown above and must reach this office no later than the above expiration date of the Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Branch
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833
ATTN: Jennifer L. Brown

APPLICANT: Ideal Landscape Group, Attention: Dave Buckel, 6264 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis, Missouri, 63129.

AGENT: Jay Kniker, Doering Engineering, Inc., 5030 Griffin Road, St. Louis, Missouri, 63128 (314) 487-6913.

LOCATION: The project area is located at 6252 Olsen Drive, St. Louis, Missouri, 63129. The project is located to the east of Lemay Ferry Road, north of the Meramec River. The project is located in Section 16, Township 43 North, Range 6 East, St. Louis County, Missouri.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant seeks authorization to place fill within 1.08-acres of wetland to develop the site for company expansion and for the disposal of clean fill material generated from various job sites.

The entire site is approximately 4.51-acres with approximately 2.48-acres of the site currently being utilized for normal daily business activities. Project plans include the filling and grading of 1.08-acres within the site for expansion of the business. The proposed area will be utilized for additional storage of landscaping materials and vehicles. Filling and grading is proposed to be gradual, as the amount of

fill will depend on the projects completed by Ideal Landscaping and the amount of haul-off material that is accumulated by each project.

The scrub-shrub/early successional wetland is located within the floodplain of the Meramec River, along the left descending bank. The entire 1.08-acres contains hydric soils, hydric vegetation and a connection to the Meramec River, via the 100-year floodplain.

Ideal Landscaping Group has researched alternatives and has attempted to minimize impacts to the wetland. However, the applicant stated that the impacts are unavoidable due to the desire to utilize and develop the site. The applicant is exploring mitigation options through approved wetland mitigation banks.

LOCATION MAPS AND DRAWINGS: See attached. In addition, the project plans may be viewed in color and in more detail by visiting the Public Notice section of our website at <http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/ConOps/permits/pn.htm>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Jennifer L. Brown, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (314) 331-8579. Your inquiries may also be sent by electronic facsimile to (314) 331-8741 or by e-mail to Jennifer.L.Brown@usace.army.mil.

AUTHORITY: This permit will be processed under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: The project plans have been submitted to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program for state certification of the proposed work in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The certification is requested as of the date of this Public Notice, and if issued, will express the Agency's opinion that the proposed activities will not violate applicable water quality standards. Written comments concerning possible impacts to waters of Missouri should be addressed to: Water Protection Program, Post Office Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0176, with a copy provided to the Corps of Engineers.

SECTION 404 (b)(1) EVALUATION: The impact of the activity on the public interest will be evaluated in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency guidelines pursuant to Section 404 (b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the applicant's proposal. Any request for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reason for the hearing, and must be based on issues that would warrant additional public review.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, as amended, has been made that the work that is proposed would not affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. Therefore, no formal consultation request has been made to the United States Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service. In order to complete our evaluation, comments are solicited from the Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals through this Public Notice.

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

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit that may reasonably be expected to accrue from the described activity must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the activity described, will be considered including the cumulative effects. Among factors considered are: conservation; economics; aesthetics; general environmental concerns; wetlands; historic properties; fish and wildlife values; flood hazards; flood plain values; land use; navigation; shoreline erosion and accretion; recreation; water supply and conservation; water quality; energy needs; safety; food and fiber production; mineral needs; consideration of property ownership; and in general the needs and welfare of the people.

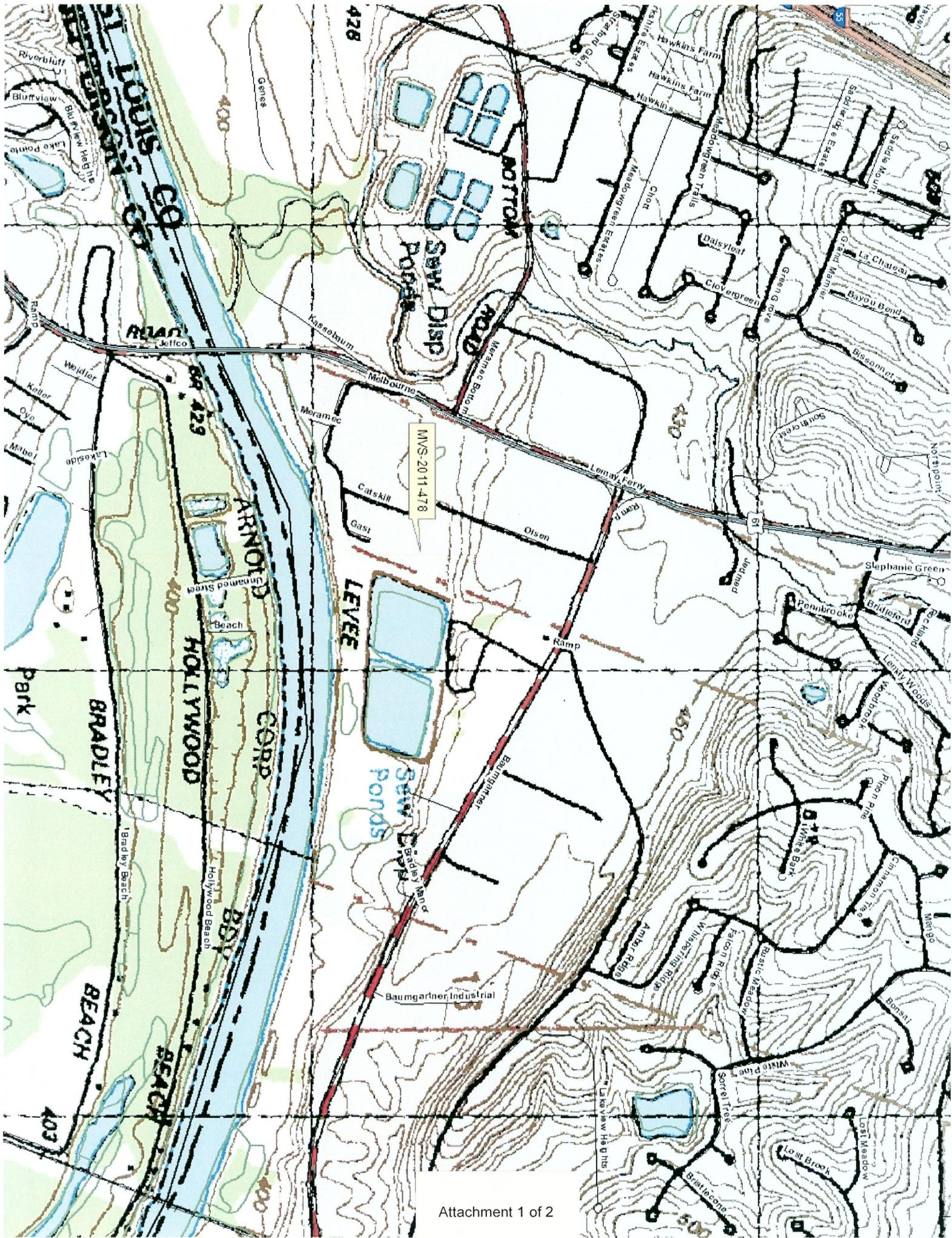
SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army 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 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.


DANNY D. MCCLENDON
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Attachments

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 21 days from the date of this issuance of this notice.





Meramec River

Project Location

OUR PUBLIC NOTICES ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB AT OUR ST. LOUIS DISTRICT HOME PAGE (<http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/ConOps/permits/pn.htm>). If you have any trouble, please call Danny McClendon at (314) 331-8574 or by e-mail to: Danny.D.McClendon@usace.army.mil

WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO REDUCE OUR PUBLIC NOTICE MAILING COSTS; CHECK OUR WEB PAGE THEN CONTACT US TO HAVE YOUR NAMED REMOVED FROM OUR MAILING LIST, please call Jaynie Doerr at (314) 331-8581, or by email to: Jaynie.G.Doerr@usace.army.mil, or mail this cover-sheet to the St. Louis District, OD-F, 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, MO 63103-2833, ATTN: Regulatory Branch, indicating that your name or company named be removed. Changes to our mailing list may take a few weeks to take effect.

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