



Public Notice

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Reply To:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: Matthew Collins (OD-F)
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, MO 63103-2833

Public Notice No
P-2925
Public Notice Date
June 16, 2015

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Expiration Date **July 7, 2015**

File Number: MVS-2015-344

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit to establish a new track and associated infrastructure as described below and shown on the attached figures.

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

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APPLICANT: Curtis Francois, Gateway Acquisitions, Inc., 700 Raceway Blvd., Madison, IL 62060, 618-215-8891 x114, rthomas@tristarcompanies.net

LOCATION: The project location is immediately south of the existing Gateway Motorsports Park facility at 700 Raceway Blvd, East St. Louis, IL 62201. Latitude: 38.64170 and Longitude: -90.13464. Please see project aerial below.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Gateway Acquisitions, Inc. intends to impact 13.39 acres of emergent wetland immediately south of their existing facility to accommodate the construction of a new 1/3-mile paved racetrack and associated parking and infrastructure. Ultimately, the goal of constructing a new track in conjunction with the existing facilities of the Gateway Motorsports Park complex is to create a diverse motorsports entertainment complex that will be unmatched in size and range of amenities offered by any other racing facility in the Midwest. The proposed track will be a short, high-banked, asphalt-paved track unlike any currently operating in the Midwest and will thus cater to the interests of a previously untapped segment of the auto racing industry. Associated parking facilities and other infrastructure, such as grandstands, will be required to be built alongside the proposed track. An additional track and the accompanying parking facilities will allow greater flexibility for the complex to host events of many types, and will allow the complex to become a true multiuse facility capable of hosting several events simultaneously. When multiple series are not using the complex concurrently, the parking facilities will still be beneficial to the complex during traditional single-series race weekends because of their proximity to the major drag strip and 1.25-mile racing oval on the site. See the attached figures for additional information.

MITIGATION: The The applicant proposes permittee responsible mitigation areas for approximately 20 acres on an 88 acre site just south of American Grain St, as shown in figure 2.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting the applicant, Curtis Francois at 618-215-8891 x114 or rthomas@tristarcompanies.net; or Matthew Collins, Regulatory Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (314) 331-8626 or at electronic mail address: matthew.p.collins@usace.army.mil

AUTHORITY: This permit will be processed under the provisions of Section 404 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 this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding the public hearing.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The proposed project is within range of the endangered Indiana bat (**Myotis sodalis**), Northern Long Eared Bat (**Myotis septentrionalis**), Pallid Sturgeon (**Scaphirhynchus albus**), Least Tern (**Sterna antillarum**), Eastern Prairie fringed orchid (**Platanthera leucophaea**), and Decurrent false aster (**Boltonia decurrens**). A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act as amended, has been made that this proposed activity is not likely to affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. In order to complete our evaluation, comments are solicited by this public notice from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals.

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 conduct, or 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 described activity 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, 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.

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 these proposed activities. 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.

In accordance with 33 CFR 325.3, it is presumed that all interested parties and agencies will wish to respond to public notices; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the proposed project.

Danny D. McClendon
Chief, Regulatory Branch





Attachments:

Site Map

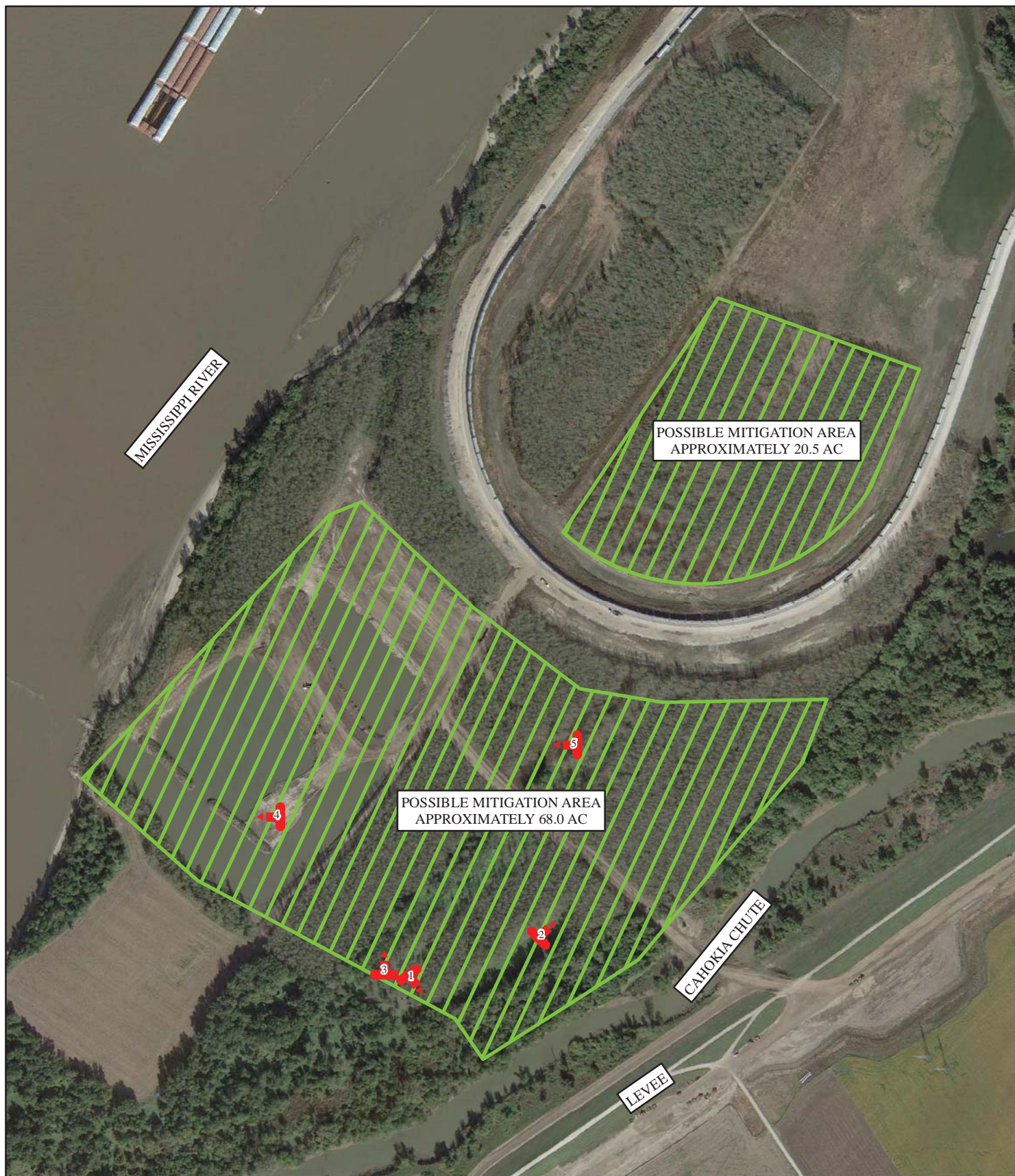
Mitigation Site Map

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MITIGATION AREA
CAHOKIA, ILLINOIS

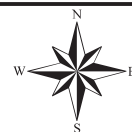
POTENTIAL MITIGATION SITE

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FIGURE 1