

## **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-2915

Public Notice Date: February 20, 2015

Expiration Date: March 12, 2015

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File Number: MVS-2006-585

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.

<u>COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u>: 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

<u>APPLICANT</u>: Rolwes Development, LLC., Attention: Greg Rolwes, 13100 Manchester Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63131.

**LOCATION:** The project is located north of the intersection of East Rock Creek Road and Edmar Drive in the City of Imperial. The project is located in Section 35, Township 43 North, Range 5 East, Jefferson County.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**: The applicant seeks authorization to conduct grading and filling operations in waters of the United States for the construction of a 173-lot single family home subdivision. The work will be performed in four phases over a period of 3-6 years. Development of the tract includes cutting and filling operations throughout much of the 50-acre site.

The project was originally processed under a Nationwide Permit 39 on January 3, 2007. However due to more restrictive natural resource regulations as well as a change in the construction layout and an increase in impacts to the water resources, the Corps has determined that the Nationwide Permit is no longer valid.

The site currently exists as larger sections of forested habitat along the property boundaries with open grass uplands through much of the center portion of the site. Approximately 11-acres of forested habitat are

proposed to be cleared for lot development and associated infrastructure. Located within the forested areas are four jurisdictional tributaries to Pomme Creek. The channel types and proposed impacts are located in the table below:

Tributary	Classification	Impact Length	Impact Type
Tributary A	Non-jurisdictional	<u>-</u>	
Tributary B	Ephemeral Jurisdictional	365 linear feet	Creation of a Detention Basin
Tributary C	Ephemeral Jurisdictional	0 linear feet	<u>-</u>
Tributary D	Ephemeral Jurisdictional	657 linear feet	Fill for Residential Lots and Roadway
Tributary E	Ephemeral Jurisdictional	46 linear feet	Fill for Residential Lot Development

The applicant believes that the proposed impacts are unavoidable. The applicant is proposing to participate in an approved in-lieu fee mitigation program for stream impacts determined to be unavoidable.

<u>LOCATION MAPS AND DRAWINGS</u>: 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: Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) requires that all discharges of dredged or fill material must be certified by the appropriate state agency as complying with applicable effluent limitations and water quality standards. The project plans will be submitted to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program (the Agency) in accordance with Section 401. While the Corps of Engineers may provide all relevant information to DNR and request Section 401 review on behalf of the applicant, the applicant assumes final responsibility to ensure that both agencies receive all information required to complete their independent review. If issued, Certification 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, P.O. 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.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING</u>: 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:** The proposed project is within the range of the endangered Indiana bat (<u>Myotis sodalis</u>) and the northern long-eared bat (<u>Myotis septentrionalis</u>) that is a proposed candidate for

endangered status. A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act as amended, has been made that this activity may affect the habitat of these listed and candidate species. In order to further complete our evaluation, written 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 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.

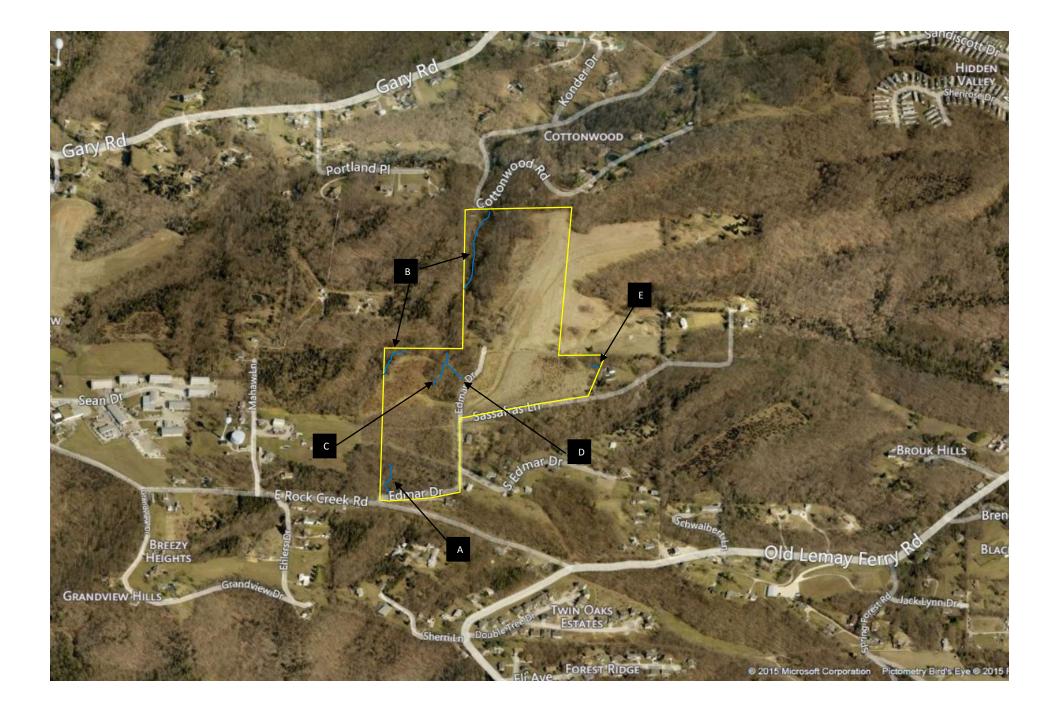
SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered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

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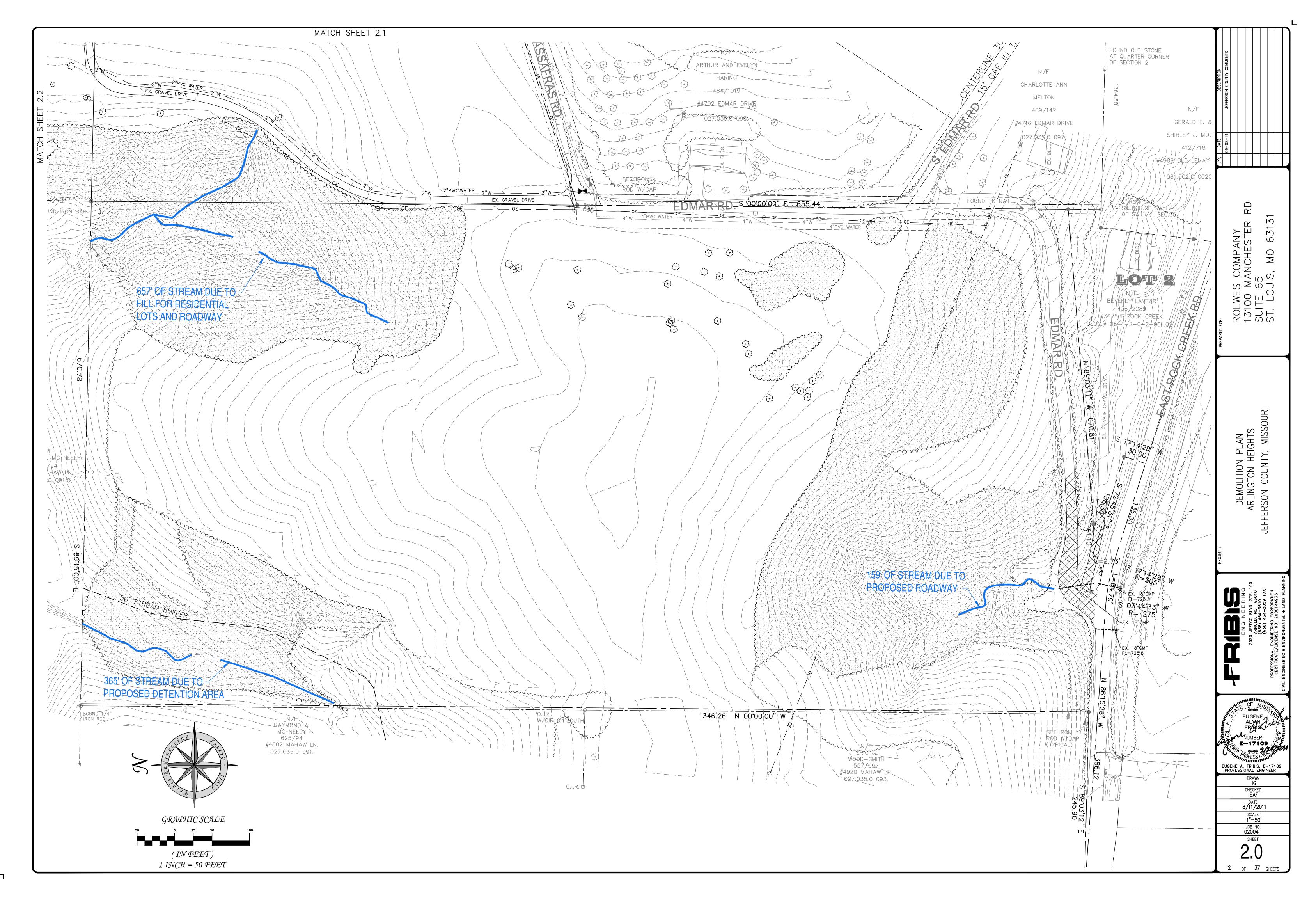
Attachments

**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.







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