



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-2994
Public Notice Date
May 12, 2017
Expiration Date
June 1, 2017

Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until:

File Number: MVS-2016-637

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: Chad M. LaMontagne

APPLICANT: Mr. Steven Petroff, P.O. Box 148, Collinsville, Illinois 62234

LOCATION: The project is located approximately 1400' northwest of the intersection of Ohio Avenue and Madison Road in Madison, Illinois (latitude 38.6557, longitude -90.1333) in Section 06, Township 02 North, Range 09 West, 3rd Principal Meridian, in St. Clair County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project will feature the conversion of a 20 acre parcel that previously was open, mowed field containing 8 radio towers, into an open water feature for recreational use bordered on the east and west by forested wetlands. The site originally contained 16.5 acres of emergent wetlands, 11.41 of which were created when a drainage feature to the north of the site was damaged and the site hydrology was altered. A total of 12.69 acres of emergent wetlands will be impacted. Construction was started during the summer of 2016, but was halted when the applicant learned of the regulatory requirements that needed to be satisfied for this project.

Appropriate erosion control measures will be taken during development to reduce the potential for unintentional sedimentation and sediment runoff into adjacent regulated waters.

The wetland impacts are adjacent to the Cahokia Canal, a primary tributary to the Mississippi River.

Mitigation: The applicant proposes to mitigate the wetland impacts onsite by converting 2.81 acres of emergent wetland, at a 2:1 ratio, into forested wetland and creating 2.41 acres, at a 3:1 ratio, of forested wetland. This will generate 12.81 mitigation credit to offset the 12.69 acres of impact.

LOCATION MAPS AND DRAWINGS: See Attachments 2A (as labeled on original SCI documents).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Mr. Chad M. LaMontagne, Regulatory Specialist, Illinois Section, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (314) 331-8044. Your inquiries may also be sent by e-mail to chad.m.lamontagne@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: This public notice also provides documentation to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for water quality certification, or waiver thereof, for the proposed activity in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. Certification or waiver indicates that IEPA believes the activity will not violate applicable water quality standards. The review by the IEPA is conducted in accordance with the Illinois water quality standards under 35 Illinois Administrative Code Subtitle C. The water quality standards provide for the IEPA to review individual projects by providing an antidegradation assessment, which includes an evaluation of alternatives to any proposed increase in pollutant loading that may result from this activity. The "Fact Sheet" containing the antidegradation assessment for this proposed project may be found on the IEPA's web site, at www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices/. In the event that the IEPA is unable to publish the "Fact Sheet" corresponding to the timeframe of this Joint Public Notice, a separate public notice and "Fact Sheet" will be published by the IEPA at the web site identified above. You may also obtain a copy of the "Fact Sheet" by contacting the IEPA at the address or telephone number shown below.

Written comments specifically concerning possible impacts to water quality should be addressed to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water
Watershed Management Section
1021 N. Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

A copy of all written comments should also be provided to the Corps of Engineers. If you have any questions please contact the IEPA at (217) 782-3362.

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: The proposed project is within range of the Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*),

Northern Long-eared Bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), Least Tern (*Sterna Antillarum*), Pallid Sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*), Illinois Cave amphipod (*Grammarus acherondytes*), Decurrent False Aster (*Boltonia decurrens*), and Eastern Prairie Fringe Orchid (*Platanthera leucophaea*). A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act as amended, has been made that the proposed development activities are not likely to adversely affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. In order to complete our evaluation, comments are hereby solicited 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, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, and the public in response to this public notice,

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.

In accordance with 33 CFR 325.3, it is presumed that all interested parties and agencies who 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.


for DANNY D. MCCLENDON
Chief, Regulatory Branch

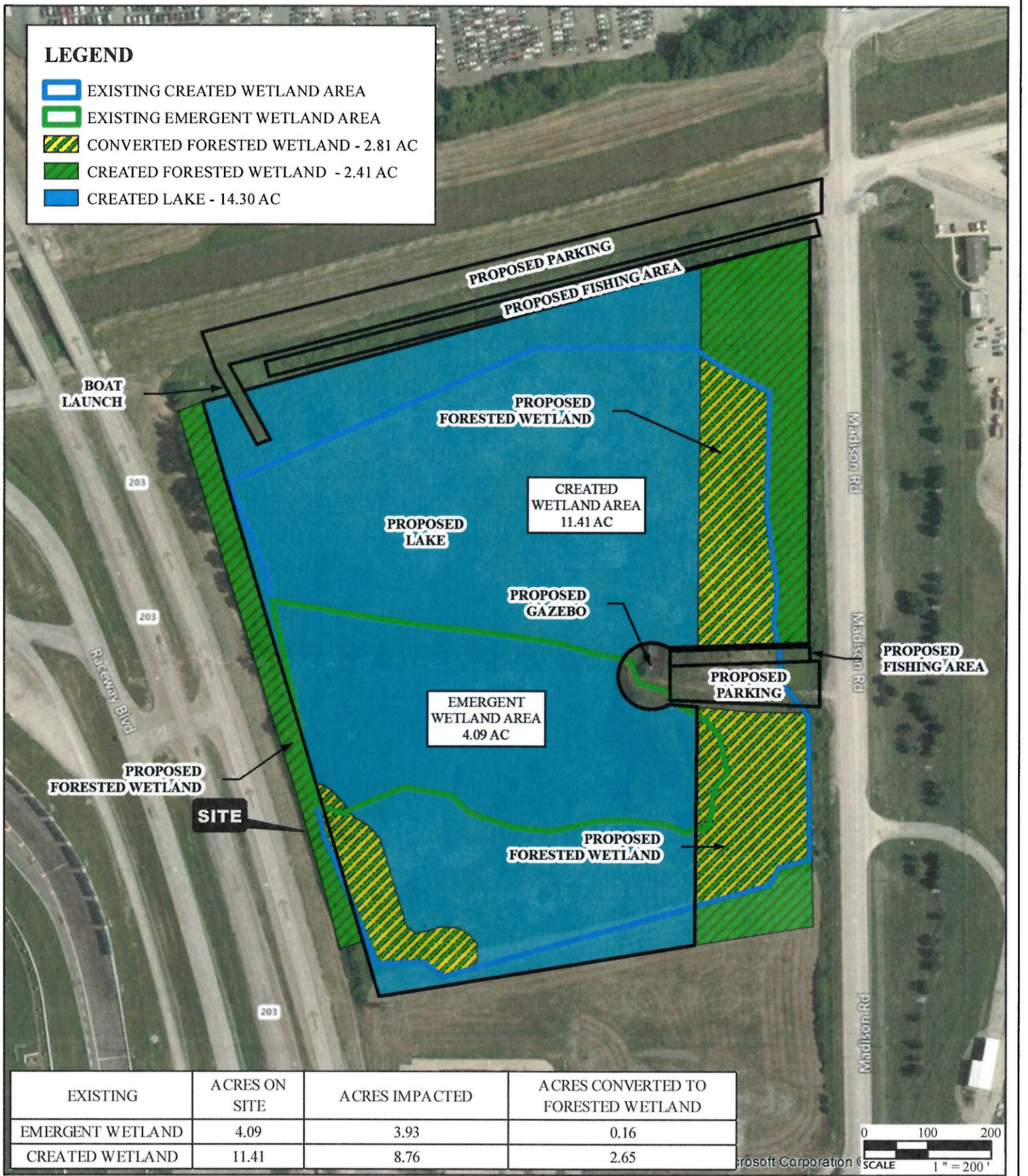
Attachments

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.

LEGEND

- EXISTING CREATED WETLAND AREA
- EXISTING EMERGENT WETLAND AREA
- CONVERTED FORESTED WETLAND - 2.81 AC
- CREATED FORESTED WETLAND - 2.41 AC
- CREATED LAKE - 14.30 AC



EXISTING	ACRES ON SITE	ACRES IMPACTED	ACRES CONVERTED TO FORESTED WETLAND
EMERGENT WETLAND	4.09	3.93	0.16
CREATED WETLAND	11.41	8.76	2.65



PROJECT NAME
 PETROFF RADIO TOWER PROPERTY
 MADISON, ILLINOIS

ONSITE WETLAND MITIGATION & AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH

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GENERAL NOTES/LEGEND

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