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

Public Notice No.
P-2995
Public Notice Date
May 11, 2017
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June 2, 2017

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File Number: MVS-2017-169

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: David Meyer

APPLICANT: The DESCO Group, Attention: Mr. Franklin Sears, 25 N. Brentwood Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri 63105

LOCATION: The project site is on a 15-acre tract comprised of woodlands within upland topography. The site contains two drainages which bisect the site, flowing from southeast to northwest, located south of Interstate 70 and west of Highway 47, in the city of Warrenton, Missouri. The project is located in Section 21, Township 47 North, Range 2 West, Warren County, Missouri.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant seeks authorization to conduct grading and piping operations within waters of the United States to enclose two ephemeral unnamed tributaries, for the purpose of a commercial development for the community of Warrenton.

The proposed project is known as the *Schnuck's Warrenton Project* and is planned to impact unnamed ephemeral tributaries (A & B) of the Cuivre River. The tributaries are located within the upper watershed and tributary A exists on-site for approximately 360 linear feet (LF). The tributary originates from an upstream drainageway that appears to be hydrologically fed by a small culvert discharge located adjacent to the existing commercial buildings. Tributary A was observed to

possess an ordinary high water mark (OHWM) of approximately 1 to 3 feet in width and banks 1 to 6 feet in height. The substrate of the tributary is mostly composed of soil with some gravel. Tributary B exists on-site for approximately 280 LF. The tributary originates from an upstream drainageway that appears to be hydrologically fed by a small culvert discharge located adjacent to the existing commercial buildings. The tributary was observed to possess an OHWM of approximately 1 to 3 feet in width and banks 1 to 6 feet in height. The substrate of the tributary is mostly composed of soil with some gravel. Both tributaries possessed a substantial riparian corridor with dominant woody vegetation consisting of Shagbark Hickory, White Oak, and Eastern Red Cedar.

Project impacts include the piping enclosure of tributary A & B that bisects the site, consisting of 610 lineal feet of channel (330 (lf) Tributary A & 280(lf) tributary B). This will facilitate two new commercial buildings, parking areas and associated infrastructure such as roadways and detention basin.

The applicant's agent, SCI Engineering, Inc. has researched alternatives and has attempted to minimize impacts to the unnamed tributaries. However, the agent has stated that the proposed impacts are necessary, ultimately choosing the alternative which has the appropriate balance of minimal impacts and economic feasibility. The applicant proposes to compensate for the impacts, through the purchase of credits through a stream in-lieu fee program or appropriate mitigation bank.

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/Missions/Regulatory/PublicNotices/OpenNotices.aspx>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting David P. Meyer, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (314) 331-8810. Your inquiries may also be sent by electronic facsimile to (314) 331-8741 or by e-mail to David.P.Meyer@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. The Water Protection Program Manager can be contacted at wpsc401cert@dnr.mo.gov or 573-526-3589.

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.

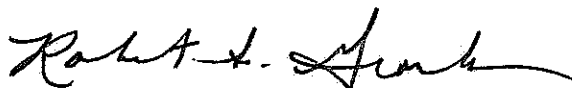
ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Corps received an official species list on May 9, 2017 from the

Information, Planning, and Conservation (IPaC) database, with consultation code: 03E14000-2017-SLI-1306 and event code: 03E14000-2017-E-02351. The proposed project is within the range of the federally listed Indian Bat (*Myotis sodalists*), Gray Bat (*Myotis grisecens*), Northern Long-eared Bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), and Running Buffalo Clover (*Trifolium stoloniferum*). A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act as amended, will be made upon completion of the survey. 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 any information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer, tribal interests, and the public in response to this public notice. In addition, issuance of this proposed action would prompt renewal of previously established requirements to avoid and protect a known cultural resource site in vicinity of the project area. Additional reconnaissance surveys of the project area may be required if warranted.

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.



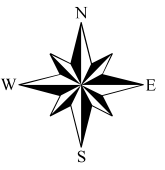
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WARRENTON, MISSOURI

WETLAND DELINEATION & PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN



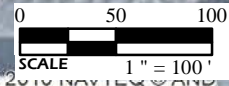
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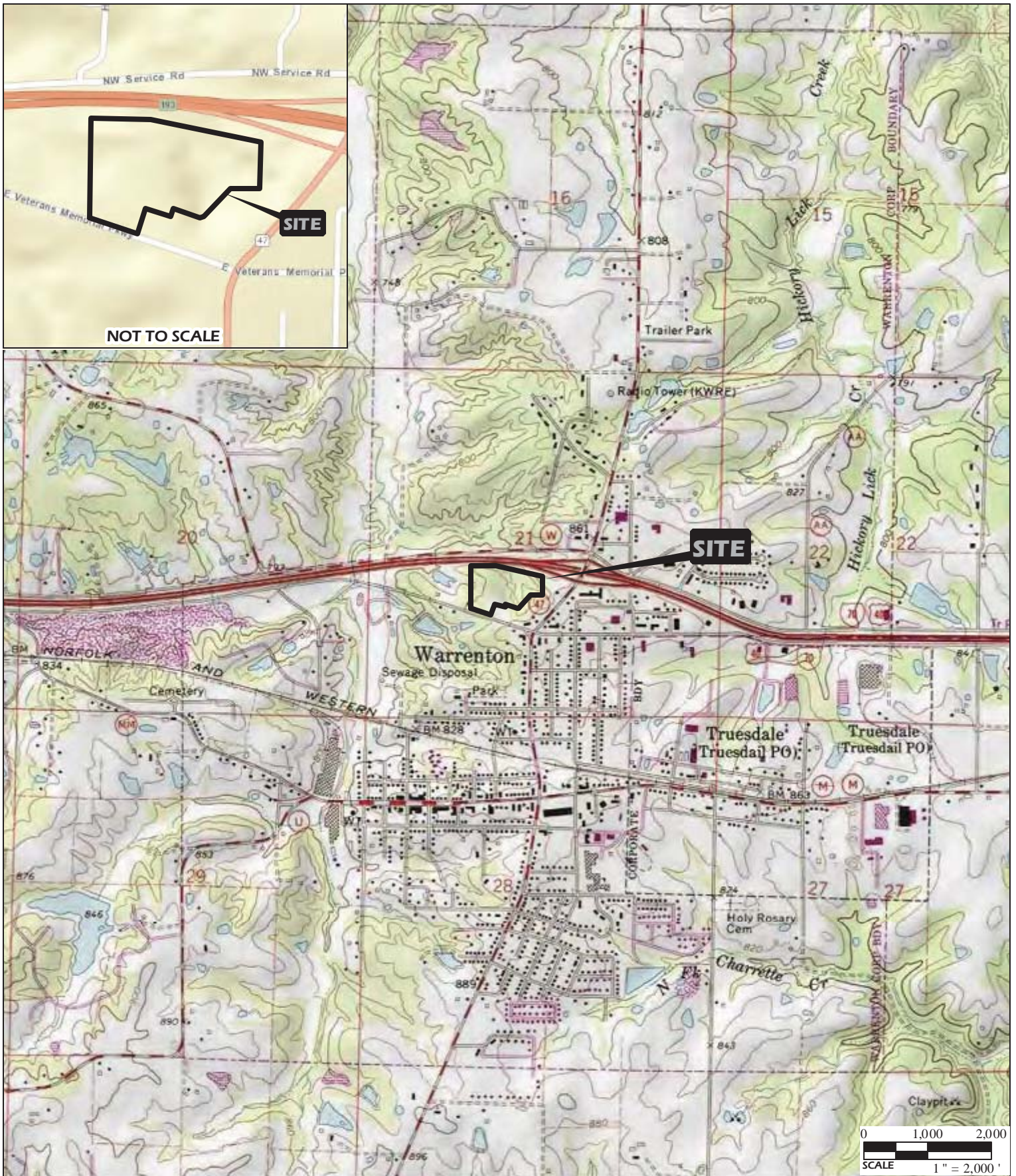
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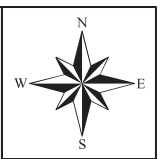


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