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# Public Notice

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**Reply To:  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Regulatory Branch  
1222 Spruce Street  
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833**

**Public Notice No.  
P-3147**

**Public Notice Date:  
June 1, 2021**

**Expiration Date:  
June 21, 2021**

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**File Number: MVS-2015-344**

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. The purpose of the public notice is to inform you of a proposal for work in which you may be interested. It is also to solicit your comments and information to better enable us to make a reasonable decision on factors affecting the public interest. This public notice is being issued using information furnished by the applicant.

**COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Comments pertaining to this Public Notice and the described work should reference the Corps 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 address below.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
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Attn: Kamren Metzger**

Requests for additional information should be made by contacting Mr. Kamren Metzger, Regulatory Specialist, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (314) 331-8574. Your inquiries may also be sent by e-mail to [Kamren.Metzger@usace.army.mil](mailto:Kamren.Metzger@usace.army.mil).

**APPLICANT:** Gateway Acquisitions, Inc. (c/o Curtis Francois), 700 Raceway Blvd, Madison, IL 62060

**LOCATION:** The proposed South Parking and Camping Area (hereinafter referred to as the Project) is located immediately south of the existing Worldwide Technology (WWT) Raceway and bound by the levee of a channelized tributary to Cahokia Canal, Interstate 55/70, and the south entrance roadway to the raceway. Geographic coordinates for the site are Latitude: 38.6416 and Longitude: -90.1342. The Project location is depicted in the attached exhibit (see Figure 1 - Vicinity Map).

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Gateway Acquisitions, Inc. seeks authorization to construct approximately 7-acres of parking and camping areas south of the existing raceway facilities at the WWT Raceway in St. Clair County, Illinois. To construct the Project, approximately 60,000 cubic yards of soil material will be placed into 6.82-acres of emergent wetland to provide an adequate base for the Project and bring

the site up to grade with the adjacent entrance road. The project will provide much needed parking and camping opportunities for the WWT Raceway, a major destination for the St. Louis Metropolitan Area. Of the 13.87-acres of emergent wetland located within the Project Boundary, approximately 7.05-acres of wetland will be avoided. Compensatory mitigation for aquatic resource impacts will be required for impacts to WOTUS that exceed 0.10-acre of wetland. To offset unavoidable adverse impacts to WOTUS for the Project, the Applicant proposes to purchase in-kind credits from an approved mitigation bank and/or in-lieu fee program depending on credit availability. A previous iteration of this project, which proposed to impact the entire wetland area, was put out on Public Notice (P-2925) in June 2015.

**LOCATION MAPS AND DRAWINGS:** See enclosed attachments. 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>

**REGULATORY AUTHORITY:** This permit will be processed under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

**WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:** The Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Certification Rule (Certification Rule, 40 CFR 121), effective September 11, 2020, requires certification for any license or permit that authorizes an activity that may result in a discharge. The scope of a CWA Section 401 certification is limited to assuring that a discharge from a Federally licensed or permitted activity will comply with water quality requirements. The applicant is responsible for requesting certification and providing required information to the certifying agency. As of the date of this public notice, the applicant has not submitted a certification request to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (certifying authority). In accordance with Certification Rule part 121.6, once the applicant submits a certification request the Corps will determine the reasonable period of time for the certifying agency to act upon the certification and provide written notification. In accordance with Certification Rule part 121.12, the Corps will notify the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator when it has received a Department of the Army (DA) permit application and the related certification. The Administrator is responsible for determining if the discharge may affect water quality in a neighboring jurisdiction. The DA permit may not be issued pending the conclusion of the Administrator's determination of effects on neighboring jurisdictions.

**HISTORIC AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES:** The St. Louis District will evaluate any new information provided by the SHPO, Tribes, and the public in response to this public notice and will continue to coordinate with SHPO and Tribes as appropriate. A reconnaissance survey of the project area, which was performed in May 2000, did not locate any archaeological material and recommended project clearance. The Corps' review and determination of effect will be coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Officer. Any adverse effects on historic properties will be resolved prior to the Corps authorization, or approval, of the work in connection with this project.

**THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES:** The Corps has reviewed the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's latest published version of the Information and Planning Consultation (IPaC) system to verify the species list for the Project. The following 6 federally listed species are known to occur in the vicinity of the Project: Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*), Northern Long-eared Bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), Pallid Sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*), Monarch Butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*), Illinois Cave Amphipod (*Gammarus acherondytes*), and the Decurrent False Aster (*Boltonia decurrens*). Habitat assessments and/or species-specific surveys were previously conducted to identify the potential for each of the six federally listed species to lie within the Project Area. These efforts determined Decurrent False Aster was present within the Project Area. The Corps will coordinate with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,

taking measures to minimize potential effects of project construction to listed species. In order to further complete our evaluation, written comments are solicited by this public notice from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, other interested agencies, and individuals.

**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 CWA.

**PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW:** 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.

**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. Requests for public hearings shall state, in detail, the reason for the hearing, and must be based on issues that would warrant additional public review. A request may be denied if substantive reasons for holding a hearing are not provided or if there is otherwise no valid interest to be served.

**SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:** The Corps 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 Corps 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.

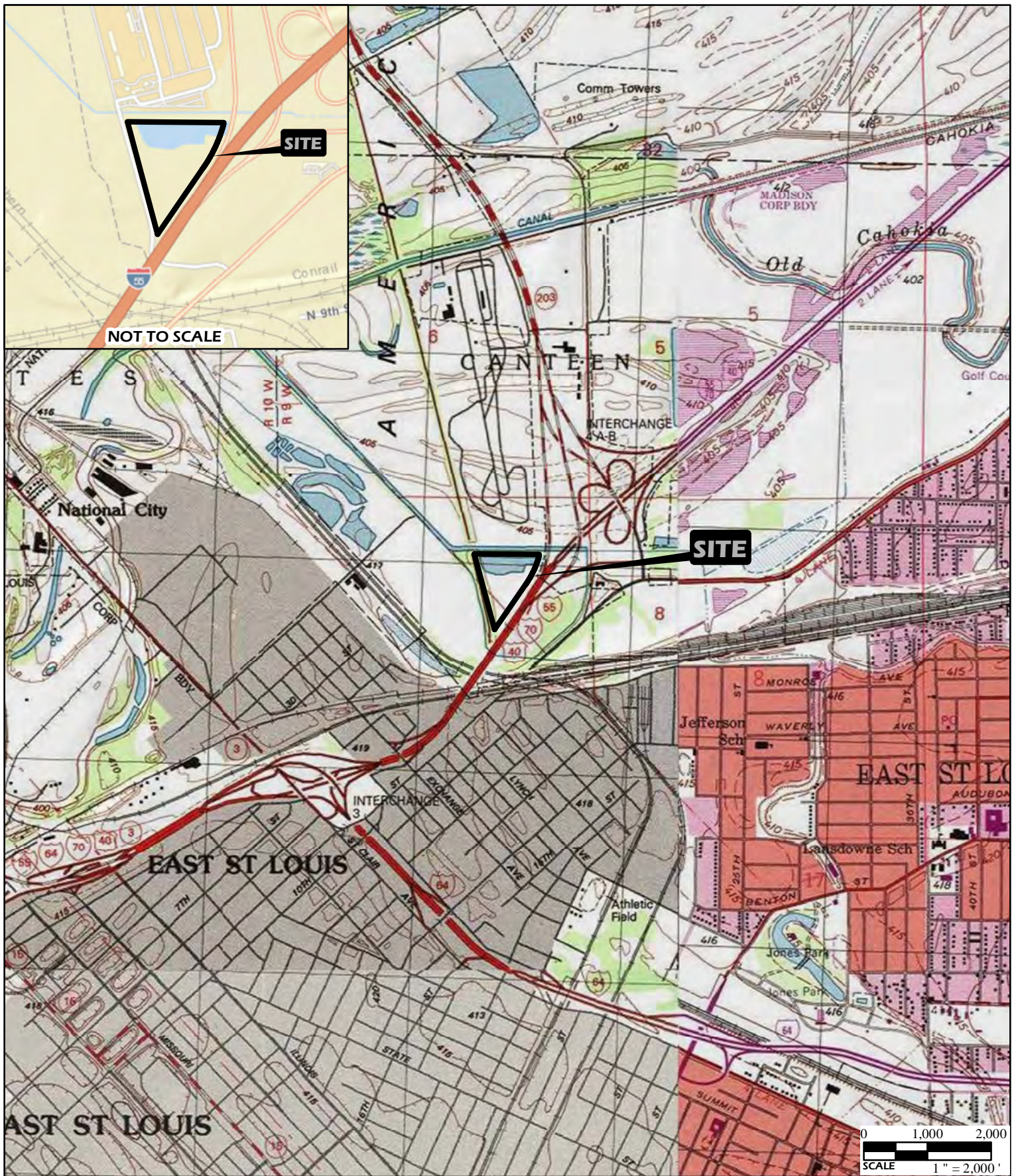
*Robert S. Gramke*

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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.



PROJECT NAME  
 WORLD WIDE TECHNOLOGY RACEWAY -  
 SOUTH PARKING AREA  
 MADISON, ILLINOIS

VICINITY AND TOPOGRAPHIC MAP

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USGS TOPOGRAPHIC MAP  
 GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS-MISSOURI QUADRANGLE  
 CAHOKIA, ILLINOIS - MISSOURI QUADRANGLE  
 FRENCH VILLAGE, ILLINOIS QUADRANGLE  
 DATED 1998  
 MONKS MOUND, ILLINOIS QUADRANGLE  
 DATED 1974  
 10' CONTOURS  
 STREET MAP  
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FIGURE  
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WETLAND DELINEATION &  
 PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN

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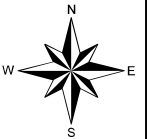


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