

Public Notice

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Tulsa District

Reply To:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ATTN: Regulatory Office 2488 East 81St Street Tulsa, Oklahoma 74137-4290 SWT-2014-00429 Public Notice No.

May 12, 2020 Public Notice Date

June 10, 2020 Expiration Date

PURPOSE

The purpose of this public notice is to inform you of a proposal for work in which you might be interested and to solicit your comments and information to better enable us to make a reasonable decision on factors affecting the public interest.

SECTION 10

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is directed by Congress through Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) to regulate all work or structures in or affecting the course, condition, or capacity of navigable waters of the United States. The intent of this law is to protect the navigable capacity of waters important to interstate commerce.

SECTION 404

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is directed by Congress through Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) to regulate the discharges of dredged and fill material into all waters of the United States. These waters include lakes, rivers, streams, mudflats, sandflats, sloughs, wet meadows, natural ponds, and wetlands adjacent to other waters. The intent of the law is to protect these waters from the indiscriminate discharge of material capable of causing pollution and to restore and maintain their chemical, physical, and biological integrity.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, TULSA DISTRICT 2488 EAST 81ST STREET TULSA. OKLAHOMA 74137-4290

Application No. SWT-2014-00429

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (ODEQ) (30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD)

Interested parties are hereby notified that the District Engineer (DE) has received an application for a Department of the Army (DA) permit and water quality certification pursuant to Sections 404 and 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). The ODEQ hereby incorporates this public notice and procedure as its own public notice and procedure by reference thereto.

Applicant: Mr. Keith Jones

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KKT Architects

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Tulsa, OK 74112

<u>Location:</u> The proposed project is in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 28, Township 18 North, Range 15 East, in Wagoner County, Oklahoma. The project site can be found on the Mingo Oklahoma 7.5 Minute USGS Quadrangle map at North Latitude 36.013605 and West Longitude 95.721495.

<u>Project Description:</u> This is an After-The-Fact (ATF) application for the placement of fill material into an unnamed tributaries of Broken Arrow Creek for a residential development. The applicant has constructed residential homes, road infrastructure, a reinforced concrete box, and expanded a pond in waters of the United States without a Department of the Amy Permit.

<u>Purpose:</u> The overall purpose of this work is for a residential development, to include associated utilities and roadways. The applicant also constructed a pond outlet and two off-channel stormwater management basins that discharges into the unnamed tributary to manage the 100-year flood frequency event.

The project is not a water dependent activity and there are no special aquatic sites are located within the project site.

Summary Table of Impacts:

Original Proposal										
Number or Location	Impact Activity	Type of Water	Type of Fill Material	Quantity of Material (CY) below OHWM	Footprint (AC and/or LF)					
Reinforced Concrete Box "RCB" "Bridge A"	Construction of a RCB/ Wingwall	Riverine	Concrete and Steel	242	145 LF 0.09 AC					
Unnamed Tributary of Broken Arrow Creek Stream "A"	Placement of Fill Material	Riverine	Earthen Material/Clay	54	507 LF 0.12 AC Channelized					
Unnamed Tributary of Broken Arrow Creek Stream "B"	Placement of Fill Material	Riverine	Earthen Material/Clay	137	1,075 LF 0.30 AC Filled					
Unnamed Pond	Excavation	Pond			0.40 AC					
Unnamed Pond (New Expanded) and Spillway	Expand in Uplands	Pond	Earthen Material/Clay Riprap and Concrete		2.15 AC					
cubic yards (cy), ordinary high water mark (OHWM), acre (ac), linear feet (lf)										

<u>Description of Work</u>: The ATF permit proposal would require the placement of 137 CY of earthen material into approximately 1,075 LF (0.30 AC) of stream channel. Also, the applicant proposes to construct a new channel to reroute waters of the United States for approximately 507 LF (0.12 AC) using 54 CY of earthen material for seven completed homes and two access roads.

The applicant expanded an existing pond (0.40 AC) that is now 2.15 AC and a new spillway using concrete and two stormwater managements in the uplands that was constructed in the uplands that discharges into the unnamed tributary of Broken Arrow.

Finally, the applicant constructed a 10- by 12-foot reinforced concrete box and wing walls for approximately 145 LF (0.09 AC) using Type 1 Class A concrete. The fill material may consist of concrete, gravel, sand, and earthen material. The work would be performed using conventional earth moving equipment.

<u>Avoidance and Minimization Information</u>: The applicant provided the following statement with regard to how avoidance and minimization of impacts to aquatic resources was incorporated into the project plan:

This applicant did not provided a statement to avoidance and minimization of impacts to aquatic resources for the proposed project.

<u>Mitigation</u>: Furthermore, the applicant proposes the following as compensatory mitigation for the unavoidable impacts to aquatic resources expected from the proposed project:

The applicant has not provided a finalized mitigation plan to date to the Corps. The applicant has discussed providing less than 1:1 preservation to protect 50 linear feet of unnamed tributary of Adams Creek and providing a Deed Restriction for a total of 762 linear feet. The proposed stream segment is roughly 20' in width and currently has a dense riparian corridor.

This mitigation plan is the applicant's proposal. The Corps has made no determination at this time with regard to the adequacy of the proposed mitigation relative to the federal mitigation rules and guidance, including Tulsa District's Mitigation and Monitoring Guidelines Compensatory Mitigation for unavoidable impacts may be required to ensure that this activity requiring a Section 404 permit, if issued complies with the Section 404 (b)(1) Guidelines. The Corps bears the final decision on the need for and extent of mitigation required if the project proposed herein is authorized.

<u>Government Authorizations obtained or received</u>: The Corps has not reviewed any copies of other required permits.

<u>Project Setting</u>: This project is located within the Oklahoma Ecoregion of Central Irregular Plains, which is part of the Osage Cuestas geomorphic province. The Transition is characterized by a series of differential erosion of Pennsylvanian and Permian limestone, shale and grasslands. The project is in the floodplain of Broken Arrow Creek.

<u>Existing Condition</u>: The parcel of land is currently comprised mostly of mowed grass, roads, homes, and utilities in the uplands. Currently and before the unauthorized activity, the intermittent stream channel is jurisdictional waters of the United States. The primary use for the land historically was for agriculture purposes, comprised mostly of grazing activities.

<u>Cultural Resources:</u> The DE is responsible to ensure compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA) (Public Law 89-665), as amended, and other cultural resources laws and Executive Orders. A preliminary review of the state's records has been completed for the presence of sites included in, or eligible for, inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, as well as the Oklahoma Landmark Inventory Database. There are no known historic properties, as defined by the NHPA, in or within the vicinity of the proposed permit area.

<u>Threatened and Endangered Species</u>: The following federally listed species are known to occur in the vicinity or are listed for the county in which the proposed action is located: northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), least tern (*Sterna antillarum*), piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*), red knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*), whooping crane (*Grus americana*) and American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*). A copy of this notice is being furnished to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and appropriate state agencies.

We are currently assessing the potential effects of the proposed action on these species and will comply with the Endangered Species Act with regard to any effect of our decision on this permit application.

Evaluation Factors: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity and its intended use on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof: conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownerships, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. A permit will be denied if the discharge does not comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's 404(b)(1) Guidelines. Subject to the 404(b)(1) Guidelines and any other applicable guidelines or criteria, a permit will be granted unless the DE determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

<u>Plans and Data:</u> Plans showing the location of the proposed activity and other data are enclosed with this notice (Enclosure 1 of 5). If additional information is desired, it may be obtained from Mr. Marcus Ware, Tulsa District Corps of Engineers, ATTN: Regulatory Office, 2488 East 81st Street, Tulsa, OK 74137; or telephone 918-669-7400.

<u>Comments:</u> In order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity the Corps is soliciting comments from the public, federal, state, and local agencies and officials, floodplain administrators, state historic preservation officers, Indian tribes, and other interested parties. Comments concerning the issuance of this permit should be received by the DE no later than the expiration date of this public notice. You may submit comments to mailing address Tulsa District Corps of Engineers, ATTN: Regulatory Office, 2488 East 81st Street, Tulsa, OK 74137; or email CESWT-RO@usace.army.mil, please include the public notice number SWT-2014-429 in the subject line of the message.

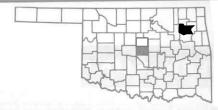
Comments concerning water quality impacts will be forwarded to ODEQ for consideration in issuing a Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the proposed

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Andrew R. Commer Chief, Regulatory Office

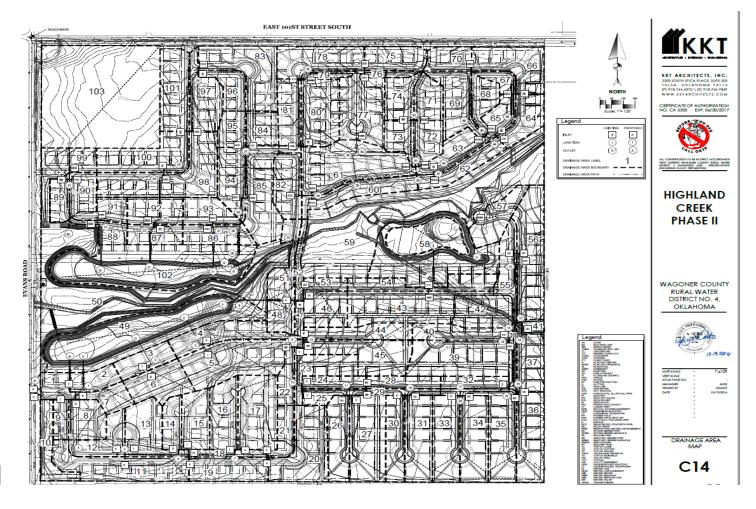
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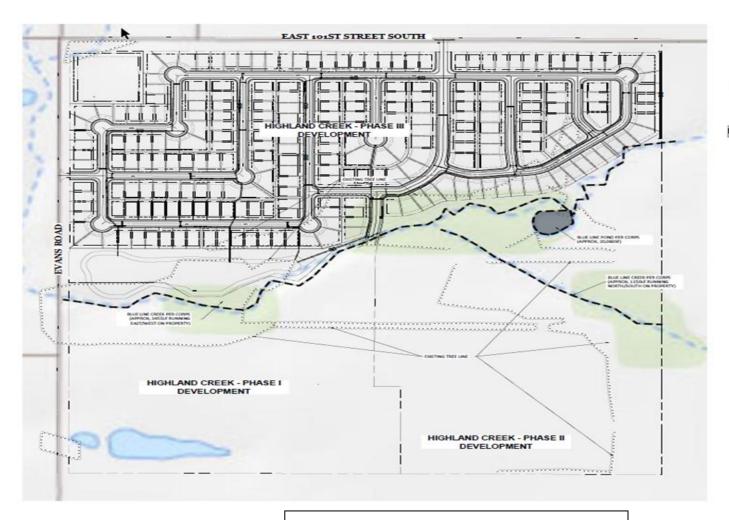
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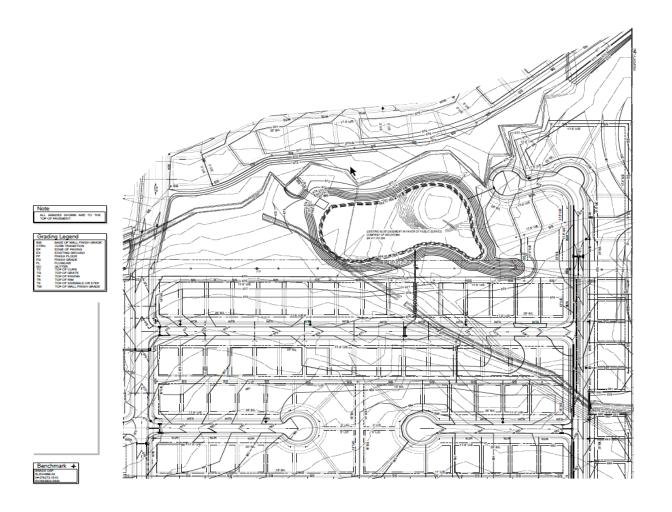
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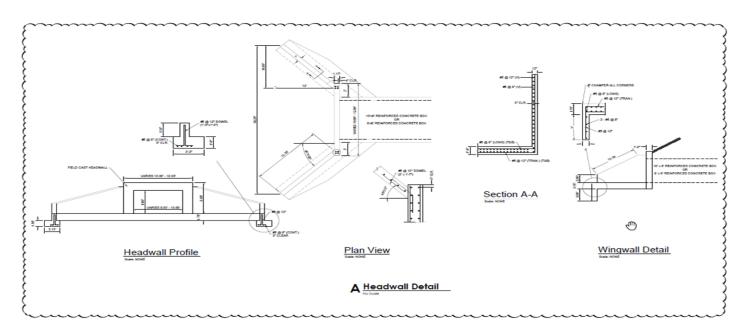
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