



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
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PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA 32405

July 31, 2015

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

Regulatory Division  
North Permits Branch  
Panama City Permits Section  
SAJ-2014-0682(RGP-MMW)  
**Corrected version - September 14, 2015**

Florida Department of Transportation, District 3  
c/o Mr. Colby Cleveland  
1074 HWY 90  
Chipley, Florida 32428

Dear Mr. Cleveland:

Your application for a Department of the Army permit received on September 12, 2014, has been assigned number SAJ-2014-02682. A review of the information and drawings provided shows the proposed work is to widen the existing 4-lane roadway to six lanes, incorporating bike lanes, sidewalks, grass medians, and additional necessary stormwater facilities. The project will result in direct impacts to 2.44 acres of wetlands and 0.86 acre of surface waters, and indirect/secondary impacts totaling 0.73 acre. The project would affect waters of the United States associated with Eight-Mile creek, a tributary of Perdido River, in Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida.

Your project, as depicted on the enclosed drawings, is authorized by Regional General Permit (GP) SAJ-92. This authorization is valid until April 8, 2020. Please access the Corps' Jacksonville District Regulatory Division Internet page to view the special and general conditions for SAJ-92, which apply specifically to this authorization. The Internet URL address is:

<http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>

Please be aware this Internet address is case sensitive; and, you will need to enter it exactly as it appears above. Once there you will need to click on "Source Book"; and, then click on "General Permits". Then you will need to click on the specific SAJ permit noted above. You must comply with all of the special and general conditions of the permit; and, any project-specific conditions noted below, or you may be subject to enforcement action.

The following project-specific conditions are included with this authorization:

**1. Reporting Address:** The Permittee shall submit all reports, notifications, documentation and correspondence required by the general and special conditions of

this permit to the following address:

a. For standard mail: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division, Special Projects and Enforcement Branch, 41 North Jefferson St., Suite 301, Pensacola, FL 32502 .

b. For electronic mail CESAJ-ComplyDocs@usace.army.mil (not to exceed 10 MB). The Permittee shall reference this permit number, SAJ-2014-02682(GP-MMW), on all submittals.

**2. Commencement Notification:** Within 10 days from the date of initiating the work authorized by this permit/Within 10 days from the date of initiating the work authorized by this permit for each phase of the authorized project, the Permittee shall provide a written notification of the date of commencement of authorized work to the Corps.

**3. Self-Certification:** Within 60 days of completion of the work authorized by this permit, the Permittee shall complete the attached "Self-Certification Statement of Compliance" form (Attachment #1) and submit it to the Corps. In the event that the completed work deviates in any manner from the authorized work, the Permittee shall describe the deviations between the work authorized by this permit and the work as constructed on the "Self-Certification Statement of Compliance" form. The description of any deviations on the "Self-Certification Statement of Compliance" form does not constitute approval of any deviations by the Corps.

**4. Agency Changes/Approvals:** Should any other agency require and/or approve changes to the work authorized or obligated by this permit, the Permittee is advised a modification to this permit instrument is required prior to initiation of those changes. It is the Permittee's responsibility to request a modification of this permit from the Panama City Permits Section. The Corps reserves the right to fully evaluate, amend, and approve or deny the request for modification of this permit.

**5. Erosion Control:** Prior to the initiation of any work authorized by this permit, the Permittee shall install erosion control measures along the perimeter of all work areas to prevent the displacement of fill material outside the work area into waters of the United States. Immediately after completion of the final grading of the land surface, all slopes, land surfaces, and filled areas shall be stabilized using sod, degradable mats, barriers, or a combination of similar stabilizing materials to prevent erosion. The erosion control measures shall remain in place and be maintained until all authorized work is completed and the work areas are stabilized.

**6. Fill Material:** The Permittee shall use only clean fill material for this project. The fill

material shall be free from items such as trash, debris, automotive parts, asphalt, construction materials, concrete block with exposed reinforcement bars, and soils contaminated with any toxic substance, in toxic amounts in accordance with Section 307 of the Clean Water Act.

**7. Eastern Indigo Snake Protection Measures and Inspection:** Permittee shall comply with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's "Standard Protection Measures for the Eastern Indigo Snake" dated August 12, 2013, as provided in Attachment #3 of this permit. All gopher tortoise burrows, active or inactive, shall be evacuated prior to site manipulation in the vicinity of the burrow. If excavating potentially occupied burrows, active or inactive, individuals must first obtain state authorization via a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Authorized Gopher Tortoise Agent permit. The excavation method selected shall minimize the potential for injury of an indigo snake. The Permittee shall follow the excavation guidance provided in the most current FWC Gopher Tortoise Permitting Guidelines found at <http://myfwc.com/gophertortoise>. If an indigo snake is encountered, the snake must be allowed to vacate the area prior to additional site manipulation in the vicinity. Holes, cavities, and snake refugia other than gopher tortoise burrows shall be inspected each morning before planned site manipulation of a particular area, and if occupied by an indigo snake, no work shall commence until the snake has vacated the vicinity of the proposed work.

**8. In-Lieu Fee Credit Purchase:** Within 30 days from the date of initiating the work authorized by this permit, the Permittee shall provide verification to the Corps that 1.62 federal in-lieu fee credits have been purchased from the Northwest Florida Water Management District In-Lieu Fee program, (SAJ-2011-00287), specifically at the Dutex mitigation site. The required verification shall reference this project's permit number (SAJ-2014-02682).

**9. Cultural Resources/Historic Properties:**

a. No structure or work shall adversely affect impact or disturb properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) or those eligible for inclusion in the NRHP.

b. If during the ground disturbing activities and construction work within the permit area, there are archaeological/cultural materials encountered which were not the subject of a previous cultural resources assessment survey (and which shall include, but not be limited to: pottery, modified shell, flora, fauna, human remains, ceramics, stone tools or metal implements, dugout canoes, evidence of structures or any other physical remains that could be associated with Native American cultures or early colonial or American settlement), the Permittee shall immediately stop all work and ground-disturbing activities within a 100-meter diameter of the discovery and notify the

Corps within the same business day (8 hours). The Corps shall then notify the Florida State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and the appropriate Tribal Historic Preservation Officer(s) (THPO(s)) to assess the significance of the discovery and devise appropriate actions.

c. Additional cultural resources assessments may be required of the permit area in the case of unanticipated discoveries as referenced in accordance with the above Special Condition ; and if deemed necessary by the SHPO, THPO(s), or Corps, in accordance with 36 CFR 800 or 33 CFR 325, Appendix C (5). Based, on the circumstances of the discovery, equity to all parties, and considerations of the public interest, the Corps may modify, suspend or revoke the permit in accordance with 33 CFR Part 325.7. Such activity shall not resume on non-federal lands without written authorization from the SHPO for finds under his or her jurisdiction, and from the Corps.

d. In the unlikely event that unmarked human remains are identified on non-federal lands, they will be treated in accordance with Section 872.05 Florida Statutes. All work and ground disturbing activities within a 100-meter diameter of the unmarked human remains shall immediately cease and the Permittee shall immediately notify the medical examiner, Corps, and State Archeologist within the same business day (8-hours). The Corps shall then notify the appropriate SHPO and THPO(s). Based, on the circumstances of the discovery, equity to all parties, and considerations of the public interest, the Corps may modify, suspend or revoke the permit in accordance with 33 CFR Part 325.7. Such activity shall not resume without written authorization from the State Archeologist and from the Corps.

This authorization does not give absolute Federal authority to perform the work as specified on your application. The proposed work may be subject to local building restrictions mandated by the National Flood Insurance Program. You should contact your local office that issues building permits to determine if your site is located in a flood-prone area, and if you must comply with the local building requirements mandated by the National Flood Insurance Program.

If you are unable to access the internet or require a hardcopy of any of the conditions, limitations, or expiration date for the above referenced NWP and RGP, please contact Melinda Witgenstein by telephone at (850) 763-0717, extension 24.

Thank you for your cooperation with our permit program. The Corps' Jacksonville District Regulatory Division is committed to improving service to our customers. We strive to perform our duty in a friendly and timely manner while working to preserve our environment. We invite you to complete our automated Customer Service Survey at [http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm\\_apex/f?p=regulatory\\_survey](http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm_apex/f?p=regulatory_survey). Please be aware

this Internet address is case sensitive; and, you will need to enter it exactly as it appears above. Your input is appreciated – favorable or otherwise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melinda M. Witgenstein". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Melinda Witgenstein  
Project Manager

Enclosures

Copy/ies Furnished:

GENERAL CONDITIONS  
33 CFR PART 320-330

1. The time limit for completing the work authorized ends on the **dates identified in the letter.**
2. You must maintain the activity authorized by this permit in good condition and in conformance with the terms and conditions of this permit. You are not relieved of this requirement if you abandon the permitted activity, although you may make a good faith transfer to a third party in compliance with General Condition 4 below. Should you wish to cease to maintain the authorized activity or should you desire to abandon it without a good faith transfer, you must obtain a modification of this permit from this office, which may require restoration of the area.
3. If you discover any previously unknown historic or archeological remains while accomplishing the activity authorized by this permit, you must immediately notify this office of what you have found. We will initiate the Federal and state coordination required to determine if the remains warrant a recovery effort or if the site is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
4. If you sell the property associated with this permit you must obtain the signature of the new owner in the space provided and forward a copy of the permit to this office to validate the transfer of this authorization.
5. If a conditioned water quality certification has been issued for your project, you must comply with the conditions specified in the certification as special conditions to this permit. For your convenience, a copy of the certification is attached if it contains such conditions.
6. You must allow a representative from this office to inspect the authorized activity at any time deemed necessary to ensure that it is being or has been accomplished in accordance with the terms and conditions of your permit.

**SELF-CERTIFICATION STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

**Permit Number: RGP-92**  
**Application Number: SAJ-2014-02682**

Permittee's Name & Address (please print or type): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of the Work: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Work Started: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Work Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPERTY IS INACCESSIBLE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_**

**TO SCHEDULE AN INSPECTION PLEASE CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_**  
**AT \_\_\_\_\_**

Description of the Work (e.g. bank stabilization, residential or commercial filling, docks, dredging, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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Acreage or Square Feet of Impacts to Waters of the United States: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe Mitigation completed (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe any Deviations from Permit (attach drawing(s) depicting the deviations):

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I certify that all work, and mitigation (if applicable) was done in accordance with the limitations and conditions as described in the permit. Any deviations as described above are depicted on the attached drawing(s).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Permittee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT TRANSFER REQUEST**

**PERMIT NUMBER: SAJ-2014-02682(RGP-MMW)**

When the structures or work authorized by this permit are still in existence at the time the property is transferred, the terms and conditions of this permit will continue to be binding on the new owner(s) of the property. Although the construction period for works authorized by Department of the Army permits is finite, the permit itself, with its limitations, does not expire.

To validate the transfer of this permit and the associated responsibilities associated with compliance with its terms and conditions, have the transferee sign and date below and mail to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Enforcement Section, Post Office Box 4970, Jacksonville, FL 32232-0019.

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**(TRANSFEREE-SIGNATURE)**

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**(SUBDIVISION)**

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**(DATE)**

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**(MAILING ADDRESS)**

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**(CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE)**