



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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July 21, 2017

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Regulatory Division
North Permits Branch
Panama City Permits Section
SAJ-2015-00440 (NW-RLT)

Florida Department of Transportation, District 3
Attn: Mr. Colby Cleveland
1074 Highway 90
Chipley, Florida 32428

Dear Mr. Cleveland:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) assigned your application for a Department of the Army permit, which the Corps received on December 22, 2015, the file number SAJ-2015-00440. A review of the information and drawings provided indicates that the proposed work would result in permanently impacting 0.26 acre and temporarily impacting 0.04 acre for a total of 0.30 acre of impacts to waters of the U.S. (surface water and wetlands) in order to replace an existing structurally deficient bridge.

The project would affect waters of the United States (surface waters and wetlands) associated with the Breastworks Branch a tributary to Pine Barren Creek that becomes a TNW further downstream. The project site is located at Hanks Road over Breastworks Branch, in Section 14, Township 05 North, Range 32, Escambia County, Florida.

Your project, as depicted on the enclosed drawings, is authorized by Nationwide Permit (NWP) Number 14. In addition, project specific conditions have been enclosed. This verification is valid until **March 18, 2022**. Furthermore, if you commence or are under contract to commence this activity before the date that the relevant nationwide permit is modified or revoked, you will have 12 months from the date of the modification or revocation of the NWP to complete the activity under the present terms and conditions of this nationwide permit. Please access the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Jacksonville District's Regulatory Internet page to access Internet links to view the Final Nationwide Permits, Federal Register Vol. 82, dated January 6, 2017, specifically pages 1983 to 2008, and the table of Regional Conditions. The Internet page address is:

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

Please be aware this Internet address is case sensitive and should be entered as it appears above. Once there you will need to click on "Source Book"; and, then click on "Nationwide Permits." These files contain the description of the Nationwide Permit authorization, the Nationwide Permit general conditions, and the regional conditions, which apply specifically to this verification for NWP 14. Enclosed is a list of the six General Conditions, which apply to all Department of the Army authorizations. You must comply with all of the special and general conditions and any project specific condition of this authorization or you may be subject to enforcement action. In the event you have not completed construction of your project within the specified time limit, a separate application or re-verification may be required.

The following special conditions are included with this verification:

1. Commencement Notification: Within 10 days from the date of initiating the authorized work, the permittee shall provide to the Corps a written notification of the date of commencement of work authorized by this permit.
2. 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.

3. 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. 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 has been completed and the site has been stabilized.

4. 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.

5. Turbidity Barriers: Prior to the initiation of any of the work authorized by this permit, the permittee shall install floating turbidity barriers with weighted skirts that extend to within 1 foot of the bottom around all work areas that are in, or adjacent to, surface waters. The turbidity barriers shall remain in place and be maintained until the authorized work has been completed and all suspended and erodible materials have been stabilized. Turbidity barriers shall be removed upon stabilization of the work area.

6. Compensatory Mitigation: Within 6 months from the date of initiating the work authorized by this permit, the Permittee shall complete the mitigation objectives in accordance with the approved compensatory mitigation plan (Enclosed).

7. Performance Standards: The Permittee shall meet the performance objectives of the approved compensatory mitigation plan including the following performance standards:

a. At least 80 percent cover by appropriate wetland species (i.e., FAC or wetter).

b. Cover of Category I and II invasive exotic plant species, pursuant to the most current list established by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council at <http://www.fleppc.org>, and the nuisance species, dogfennel (*Eupatorium capillifolium*), Bermudagrass (*Cynodon* spp.), Bahiagrass (*Paspalum notatum*), and cattail (*Typha* spp.). shall total less than 5 percent.

c. Less than 20 percent mortality of planted wetland species.

d. Hydrologic enhancement will result in soils that are, at a minimum, saturated to the surface between 5 and 12.5 percent of the growing season.

The Permittee shall achieve the above performance standards by the end of the 5-year monitoring period, with no maintenance during the 5th year of monitoring. In the event that the above performance standards have not been achieved, the Permittee shall undertake a remediation program approved by the Corps in accordance with the Remediation Special Condition of this permit.

8. Monitoring and Reporting Timeframes: To document achievement of the performance standards identified in the approved mitigation plan (Enclosed) the Permittee shall complete the following:

a. Perform a time-zero monitoring event of the wetland mitigation area(s) within 60 days of completion of the compensatory mitigation construction and implementation activities identified in the approved mitigation plan (Enclosed).

b. Submit the time-zero report to the Corps within 60 days of completion of the monitoring event. The report will include at least one paragraph depicting baseline conditions of the mitigation sites prior to initiation of the compensatory mitigation objectives and a detailed plan view drawing of all created, enhanced and/or restored mitigation areas.

c. Subsequent to completion of the compensatory mitigation objectives, perform semi-annual monitoring of the wetland mitigation areas for the first 2 years and annual monitoring thereafter for a total of no less than 5 years of monitoring.

d. Submit annual monitoring reports to the Corps within 60 days of completion of the monitoring event. Semi-annual monitoring will be combined into one annual monitoring report.

e. Monitor the mitigation area(s) and submit annual monitoring reports to the Corps until released in accordance with the Mitigation Release Special Condition of this permit.

9. Reporting Format: The Permittee shall submit all monitoring documentation to the Corps on 8½-inch by 11-inch paper, and include the following:

a. Project Overview (1 Page):

(1) Department of the Army Permit Number

(2) Name and contact information of Permittee and consultant

(3) Name of party responsible for conducting the monitoring and the date(s) the inspection was conducted

(4) A brief paragraph describing the purpose of the approved project, acreage and type of aquatic resources impacted, and mitigation acreage and type of aquatic resources authorized to compensate for the aquatic impacts.

(5) Written description of the location, any identifiable landmarks of the compensatory mitigation project including information to locate the site perimeter(s), and coordinates of the mitigation site (expressed as latitude, longitudes, UTM's, state plane coordinate system, etc.).

(6) Dates compensatory mitigation commenced and/or was completed

(7) Short statement on whether the performance standards are being met

(8) Dates of any recent corrective or maintenance activities conducted since the previous report submission

(9) Specific recommendations for any additional corrective or remedial actions.

b. Requirements (1 page): List the monitoring requirements and performance standards, as specified in the approved mitigation plan and special conditions of this permit, and evaluate whether the compensatory mitigation project site is successfully

achieving the approved performance standards or trending towards success. A table is a recommended option for comparing the performance standards to the conditions and status of the developing mitigation site.

c. Summary Data (maximum of 4 pages): Summary data should be provided to substantiate the success and/or potential challenges associated with the compensatory mitigation project. Photo documentation may be provided to support the findings and recommendations referenced in the monitoring report and to assist the PM in assessing whether the compensatory mitigation project is meeting applicable performance standards for that monitoring period. Submitted photos should be formatted to print on a standard 8 ½" x 11" piece of paper, dated, and clearly labeled with the direction from which the photo was taken. The photo location points should also be identified on the appropriate maps.

d. Maps and Plans (maximum of 3 pages): Maps shall be provided to show the location of the compensatory mitigation site relative to other landscape features, habitat types, locations of photographic reference points, transects, sampling data points, and/or other features pertinent to the mitigation plan. In addition, the submitted maps and plans should clearly delineate the mitigation site perimeter(s). Each map or diagram should be formatted to print on a standard 8 ½" x 11" piece of paper and include a legend and the location of any photos submitted for review. As-built plans may be included.

e. Conclusions (1 page): A general statement shall be included that describes the conditions of the compensatory mitigation project. If performance standards are not being met, a brief explanation of the difficulties and potential remedial actions proposed by the Permittee or sponsor, including a timetable, shall be provided. The District Commander will ultimately determine if the mitigation site is successful for a given monitoring period.

10. Remediation: If the compensatory mitigation fails to meet the performance standards 5 years after completion of the compensatory mitigation objectives, the compensatory mitigation will be deemed unsuccessful. Within 60 days of notification by the Corps that the compensatory mitigation is unsuccessful, the Permittee shall submit to the Corps an alternate compensatory mitigation proposal sufficient to create the functional lift required under this permit. The alternate compensatory mitigation proposal may be required to include additional mitigation to compensate for the temporal loss of wetland function associated with the unsuccessful compensatory mitigation activities. The Corps reserves the right to fully evaluate, amend, and approve or reject the alternate compensatory mitigation proposal. Within 120 days of Corps approval, the Permittee will complete the alternate compensatory mitigation proposal.

11. Mitigation Release: The Permittee's responsibility to complete the required compensatory mitigation, as set forth in the **Compensatory Mitigation** Special Condition of this permit will not be considered fulfilled until mitigation success has been demonstrated and written verification has been provided by the Corps. A mitigation area which has been released will require no further monitoring or reporting by the Permittee; however the Permittee, Successors and subsequent Transferees remain perpetually responsible to ensure that the mitigation area(s) remain in a condition appropriate to offset the authorized impacts in accordance with General Condition 2 of this permit.

12. As-Builts: Within 60 days of completion of the authorized work or at the expiration of the construction window of this permit, whichever occurs first, the Permittee shall submit as-built drawings of the authorized work and a completed As-Built Certification Form (Attachment 3) to the Corps. The drawings shall be signed and sealed by a registered professional engineer and include the following:

a. A plan view drawing of the location of the authorized work footprint (as shown on the permit drawings) with an overlay of the work as constructed in the same scale as the attached permit drawings (8½-inch by 11-inch). The drawing should show all "earth disturbance," including wetland impacts, water management structures, and any on-site mitigation areas.

b. List any deviations between the work authorized by this permit and the work as constructed. In the event that the completed work deviates, in any manner, from the authorized work, describe on the As-Built Certification Form the deviations between the work authorized by this permit and the work as constructed. Clearly indicate on the as-built drawings any deviations that have been listed. Please note that the depiction and/or description of any deviations on the drawings and/or As-Built Certification Form does not constitute approval of any deviations by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

13. Regulatory Agency Changes: Should any other regulatory agency require changes to the work authorized or obligated by this permit, the Permittee is advised that 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 Jacksonville Regulatory Office.

14. 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-2015-00440 (NW - RLT), on all submittals.

This letter of authorization does not obviate the necessity to obtain any other Federal, State, or local permits, which may be required. Prior to the initiation of any construction, projects qualifying for this Nationwide permit must qualify for an exemption under section 403.813(1), Florida Statutes or 373.406, Florida Statutes, or otherwise be authorized by the applicable permit required under Part IV of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, by the Department of Environmental Protection, a water management district under section 373.069, Florida Statutes, or a local government with delegated authority under section 373.441, Florida Statutes, and receive Water Quality Certification and applicable Coastal Zone Consistency Concurrence or waiver thereto, as well as any authorizations required for the use of state-owned submerged lands under Chapter 253, Florida Statutes, and, as applicable, Chapter 258, Florida Statutes. You should check State-permitting requirements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection or the appropriate water management district.

This letter of authorization does not include conditions that would prevent the 'take' of a state-listed fish or wildlife species. These species are protected under sec. 379.411, Florida Statutes, and listed under Rule 68A-27, Florida Administrative Code. With regard to fish and wildlife species designated as species of special concern or threatened by the State of Florida, you are responsible for coordinating directly with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). You can visit the FWC license and permitting webpage (<http://www.myfwc.com/license/wildlife/>) for more information, including a list of those fish and wildlife species designated as species of special concern or threatened. The Florida Natural Areas Inventory (<http://www.fnai.org/>) also maintains updated lists, by county, of documented occurrences of those species.

This letter of 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, please contact Mr. Randy Turner by telephone at 904-232-1670 or electronic mail at Randy.L.Turner@usace.army.mil.

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. 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,

Andrew A. Kizlauskas
Chief, Panama City Permits Section

Enclosures

General Conditions
Department of the Army Permit Transfer Request
Permit Drawings (13)
As-Built Certification Form
Salters Lake Mitigation Plan

Copies Furnished:

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GENERAL CONDITIONS
33 CFR PART 320-330

1. The time limit for completing the work authorized ends on **March 18, 2022**.
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.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT TRANSFER REQUEST

PERMIT NUMBER: SAJ-2015-00440 (NW-RLT)

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.

(TRANSFEREE-SIGNATURE)

(SUBDIVISION)

(DATE)

(LOT) **(BLOCK)**

(NAME-PRINTED)

(STREET ADDRESS)

(MAILING ADDRESS)

(CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE)

AS-BUILT CERTIFICATION BY PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

Submit this form and one set of as-built engineering drawings to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Enforcement Section, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, FL 32232 P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, FL 32232. If you have questions regarding this requirement, please contact the Enforcement Section at 904-232-3131.

1. Department of the Army Permit Number: SAJ-2015-00440 (NW-RLT)

2. Permittee Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

3. Project Site Identification (physical location/address):

4. As-Built Certification: I hereby certify that the authorized work, including any mitigation required by Special Conditions to the permit, has been accomplished in accordance with the Department of the Army permit with any deviations noted below. This determination is based upon on-site observation, scheduled, and conducted by me or by a project representative under my direct supervision. I have enclosed one set of as-built engineering drawings.

Signature of Engineer

Name (*Please type*)

(FL, PR, or VI) Reg. Number

Company Name

City

State

ZIP

(Affix Seal)

Date

Telephone Number

