# DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT

Permittee: FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, DISTRICT 3

**ATTN: JOY GIDDENS** 

P.O. BOX 607

CHIPLEY, FLORIDA 32428

**Permit No:** SAJ-2012-03021(SP-AWP)

# Issuing Office: U.S. Army Engineer District, Jacksonville

NOTE: The term "you" and its derivatives, as used in this permit, means the permittee or any future transferee. The term "this office" refers to the appropriate district or division office of the Corps of Engineers having jurisdiction over the permitted activity or the appropriate official of that office acting under the authority of the commanding officer.

You are authorized to perform work in accordance with the terms and conditions specified below.

**Project Description:** The discharge of clean fill material into 1.721 acres of waters of the United States(wetlands), the excavation of 0.194 acre wetlands, and 0.894 acre of temporary wetland impacts for the widening of SR 79 from a two lane undivided highway to a four lane divided highway.

As part of the proposed roadway improvements, storm water discharges from three new retention ponds will be routed via a 1.9-mile pipeline to a point of discharge into the floodplain wetland of Cypress Creek/Holmes Creek. The purpose of the rerouting is to avoid the discharge of roadway related stormwater into Cypress Creek (which is a tributary to Holmes Creek) upstream of the Cypress Springs (a large freshwater spring located in the Cypress Creek/Holmes Creek floodplain downstream of the SR 79 crossing and near the confluence of Cypress Creek and Holmes Creek).

The work described above is to be completed in accordance with the 28 pages of drawings and 3 attachments affixed at the end of this permit instrument.

<u>Project Location</u>: The project site is State Road (SR) 79 from south of Cypress Springs Road to north of Cypress Creek Bridge, in Sections 13, 24, 25, and 26, Township 03 North, Range 15 West, Washington County, Florida.

<u>Directions to site</u>: From the intersection of Interstate 10 and SR 79 proceed south on SR 79 until its intersection with Cypress Creek.

**Approximate Central Coordinates**: Latitude:...30.6646° North

Longitude: 85.6942° West

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#### **Permit Conditions**

## **General Conditions:**

- 1. The time limit for completing the work authorized ends on <u>March 8, 2017</u>. If you find that you need more time to complete the authorized activity, submit your request for a time extension to this office for consideration at least one month before the above date is reached.
- 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 and the mailing address 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 representatives 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.

# **Special Conditions:**

1. **Reporting Address:** All reports, documentation and correspondence required by the conditions of this permit shall be submitted to the following address: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division, Pensacola Permitting Section, 41 North Jefferson Street, Suite 301, Pensacola, Florida 32502. The Permittee shall reference this permit number, SAJ-2012-03021(SP-AWP), on all submittals.

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2. **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.

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. 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

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- 5. **Mitigation Credit Purchase:** Within 30 days from the date of initiating the authorized work the Permittee shall provide verification to the Corps that 1.31 palustrine forested federal mitigation bank credits have been purchased from the Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank (SAJ-2002-05061). The required verification shall reference this project's permit number (SAJ-2012-03021). Note: The credit deduction takes into account the conversion from Wetland Rapid Assessment Procedure to Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method.
- 6. **Eastern Indigo Snake Protection Measures:** The Permittee shall comply with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's "Standard Protection Measures for the Eastern Indigo Snake" dated February 12, 2004 and provided in Attachment 3 of this permit."
- 7. **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.
- 8. **Temporary Wetland Impacts:** Within 30 days from the date of completing the authorized work the Permittee shall restore 0.894 acre of temporary wetland impacts to pre-existing contours, elevations, vegetation, habitat type, and hydrology.
- 9. **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 Cocoa Regulatory Office.
- **10. As-Builts:** Within 60 days of completion of the authorized work or at the expiration of the construction authorization of this permit, whichever occurs first, the Permittee shall submit asbuilt drawings of the authorized work and a completed As-Built Certification Form (Attachment 4) 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

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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.

- c. The Department of the Army Permit number.
- d. Include pre- and post-construction aerial photographs of the project site, if available.

#### Further Information:

- 1. Congressional Authorities: You have been authorized to undertake the activity described above pursuant to:
- () Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).
  - (X) Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).
- () Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1413).
  - 2. Limits of this authorization.
- a. This permit does not obviate the need to obtain other Federal, State, or local authorizations required by law.
  - b. This permit does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges.
  - c. This permit does not authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.
- d. This permit does not authorize interference with any existing or proposed Federal projects.
- 3. Limits of Federal Liability. In issuing this permit, the Federal Government does not assume any liability for the following:
- a. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of other permitted or unpermitted activities or from natural causes.

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b. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of current or future activities undertaken by or on behalf of the United States in the public interest.

- c. Damages to persons, property, or to other permitted or unpermitted activities or structures caused by the activity authorized by this permit.
  - d. Design or construction deficiencies associated with the permitted work.
- e. Damage claims associated with any future modification, suspension, or revocation of this permit.
- 4. Reliance on Applicant's Data: The determination of this office that issuance of this permit is not contrary to the public interest was made in reliance on the information you provided.
- 5. Reevaluation of Permit Decision: This office may reevaluate its decision on this permit at any time the circumstances warrant. Circumstances that could require a reevaluation include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - a. You fail to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit.
- b. The information provided by you in support of your permit application proves to have been false, incomplete, or inaccurate (see 4 above).
- c. Significant new information surfaces which this office did not consider in reaching the original public interest decision.

Such a reevaluation may result in a determination that it is appropriate to use the suspension, modification, and revocation procedures contained in 33 CFR 325.7 or enforcement procedures such as those contained in 33 CFR 326.4 and 326.5. The referenced enforcement procedures provide for the issuance of an administrative order requiring you comply with the terms and conditions of your permit and for the initiation of legal action where appropriate. You will be required to pay for any corrective measures ordered by this office, and if you fail to comply with such directive, this office may in certain situations (such as those specified in 33 CFR 209.170) accomplish the corrective measures by contract or otherwise and bill you for the cost.

6. Extensions: General Condition 1 establishes a time limit for the completion of the activity authorized by this permit. Unless there are circumstances requiring either a prompt completion of the authorized activity or a reevaluation of the public interest decision, the Corps will normally give favorable consideration to a request for an extension of this time limit.

Your signature below, as permittee, indicates that you accept and agree to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit.

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(PERMITTEE)	(DATE)
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This permit becomes effective when the Federal of	official, designated to act for the Secretary of
the Army, has signed below.	
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(DISTRICT ENGINEER)	7 March 2013
Alan M. Dodd,	•
Colonel, U.S. Army	
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# Attachments to Department of the Army Permit Number SAJ-2012-03021

- 1. PERMIT DRAWINGS: 28 pages, dated March 1, 2013
- 2. WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: Specific Conditions of the water quality permit/certification in accordance with General Condition number 5 on page 2 of this DA permit. 9 pages.
- 3. EASTERN INDIGO SNAKE CONDITIONS: 1 page
- 4. AS-BUILT CERTIFICATION FORM: 2 pages