

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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WQC Application Number
WQC MB 040227-06

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to: [] Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); and/or [X] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

Application has also been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in LRS.30:2074 A(3) and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT IN ST. CHARLES PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Celcil Sumner, Sunset Ridge Development L.L.C., 6089 Millstone Run, Stone Mountain, Ga. 30087

LOCATION OF WORK: Located at Latitude 30° 49' 16", Longitude 90° 25' 23", approximately one mile east of the town of Des Allemands, in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana.

CHARACTER OF WORK: Clear, grade and place fill to develop the Sunset Ridge Development - La Pature Ranchettes. Approximately 6,000 cubic yards of material that was previously dredged from the Canal #10, will be used as fill for home site development. Approximately 3.40 acres of the 44 acre tract is comprised of forested wetlands.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC will close **30 days** from the date of this joint public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit and/or this WQC request and must be mailed so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters concerning the Corps of Engineers permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be mailed to the Corps of Engineers at the address above. **ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH.** Similar letters concerning the Water Quality Certification must reference the applicant's name and the WQC Application number and be mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at the address above.

The application for this proposed project is on file with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and may be examined weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Copies may be obtained upon payment of costs of reproduction.

Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity 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; among those are 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 ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 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 this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to make, 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.

No properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places are near the proposed work. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Copies of this notice are being sent to the State Archeologist and the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would neither affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Departments of Interior or Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of up to n/a acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services before a permit is issued.

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, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

Pete Serio
Chief, Eastern Evaluation Section

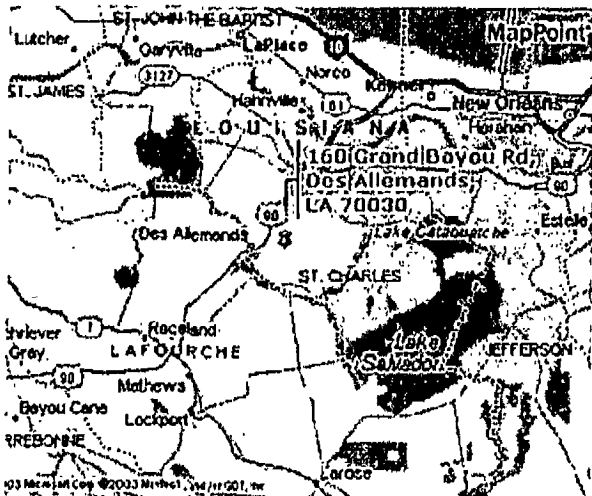
Enclosures



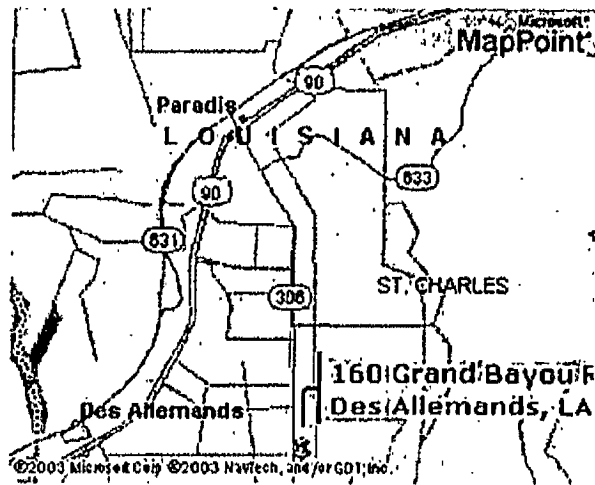
Application For Department Of The Army Permit
St. Charles Parish, Louisiana—Sunset Drainage District
VICINITY MAPS AND LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE INFORMATION

160 grand bayou road, des allemands, LA 70030		
EZ-locate returned a Block Face Match from the Tele Atlas map database.		
Matched Address	Location (WGS-84)	2000 Census
160 GRAND BAYOU RD DES ALLEMANDS, LA 70030	<i>Decimal Degrees Deg:Min:Sec</i> Lat: 29.821089 29:49:15.920N Lon: -090.423270 90:25:23.772W	FIPS County...: LA089 Tract.....: LA089063200 BlockGroup...: LA0890632006 FIPS Place...: LA05315 FIPS HCD.....: LA94672 MSA.....: 5560
Standard Address	Postal	
160 GRAND BAYOU RD DES ALLEMANDS, LA 70030-3106	Carrier.....: H061 DPBC.....: 60	

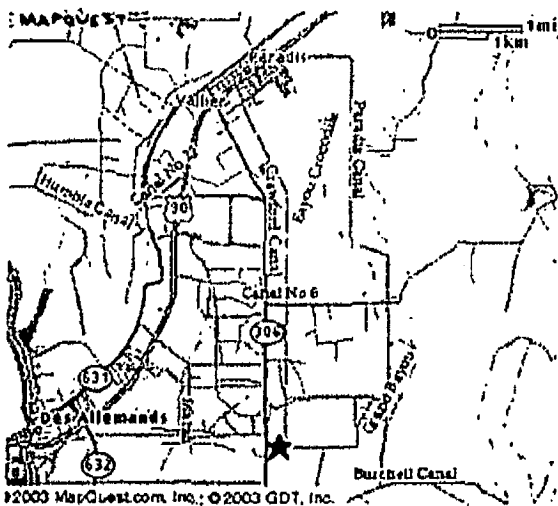
GENERAL VICINITY MAP



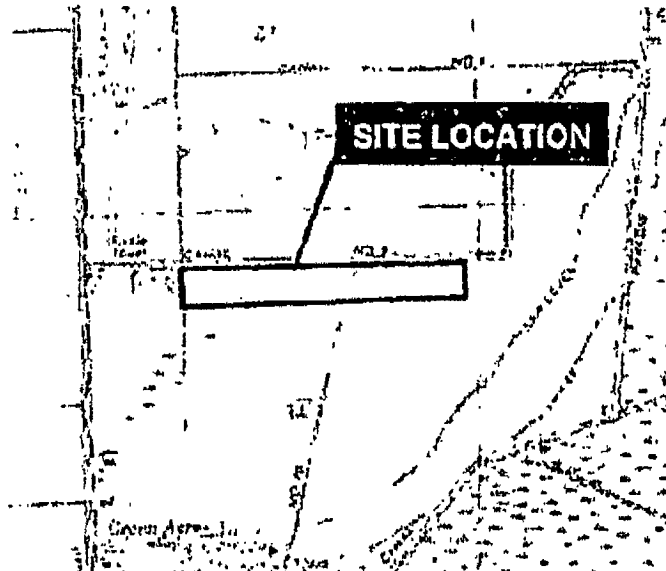
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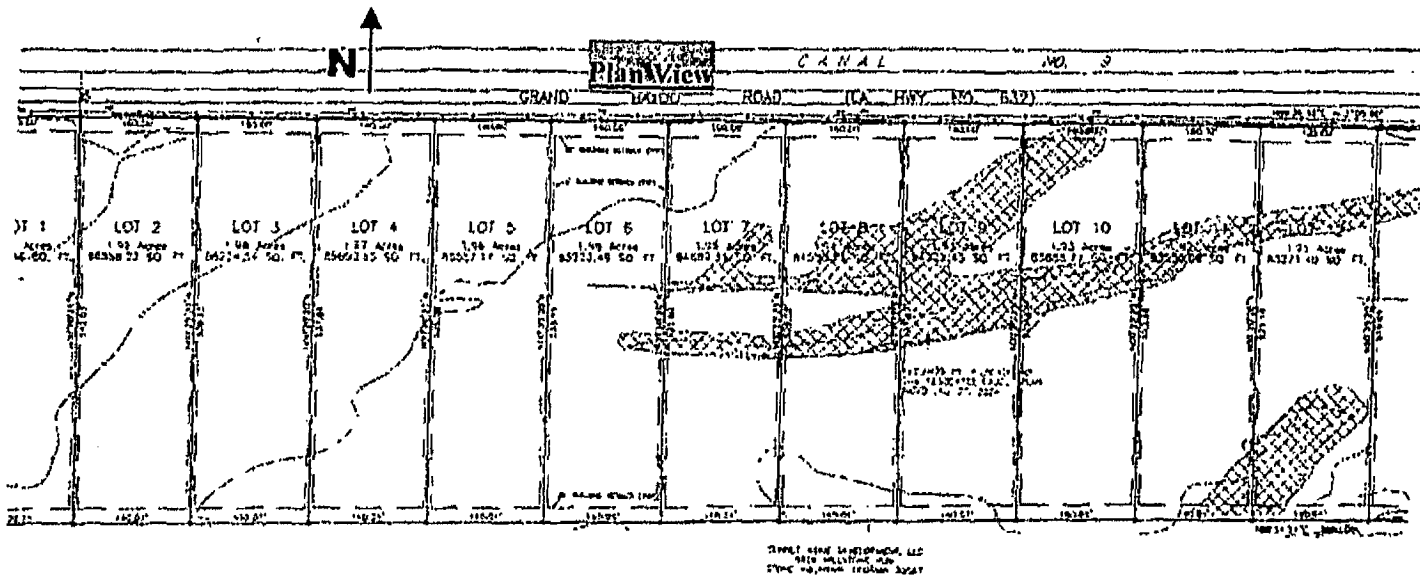


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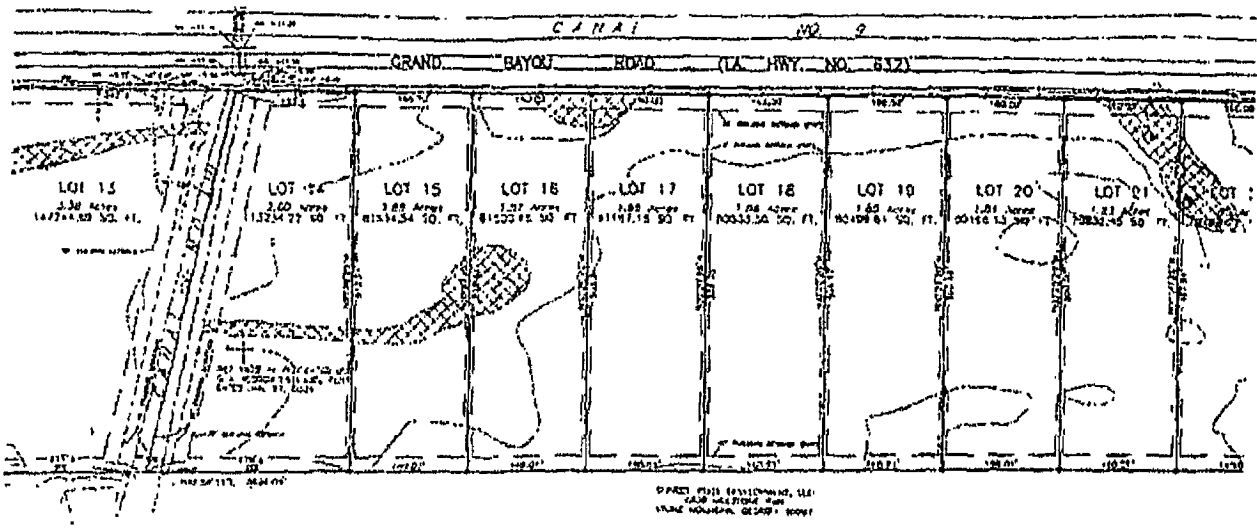


SITE ALONG GRAND BAYOU ROAD

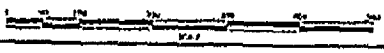




LA. MICHAMT. NO. 308 3-09



FINAL PLAT
SUNSET RIDGE
 La Pâtre
 IN SECTION 34, T14S - R20E
 ST. CHARLES PARISH, LOUISIANA
REPLACES 3 2004



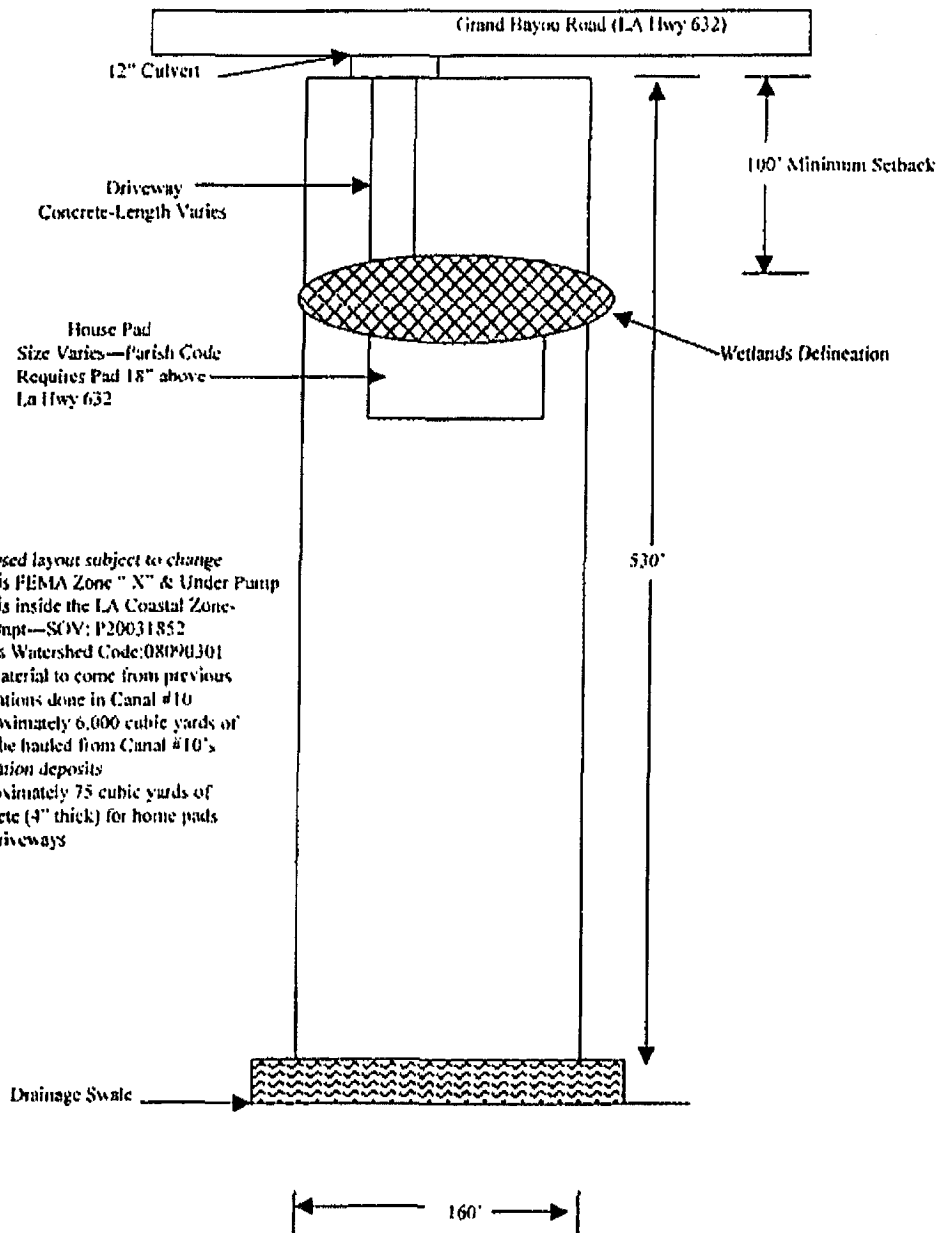
Sunset Ridge Development
La Pâtre Ranchettes



Typical Lot Plan

Scale: 1"=100'

LOT 11

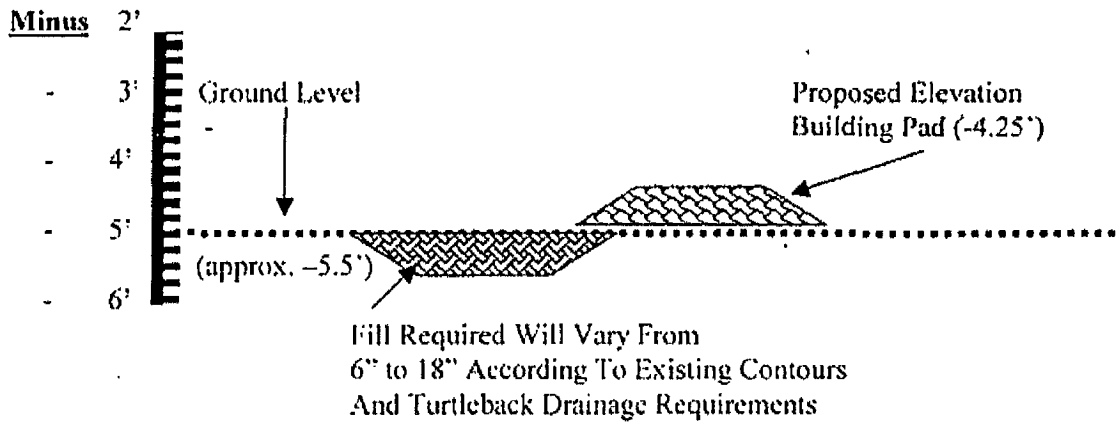


Notes:

- (1) Proposed layout subject to change
- (2) Area is FEMA Zone " X" & Under Pump
- (3) Area is inside the LA Coastal Zone-
Exempt—SOV: P20031852
- (4) Area's Watershed Code:08090301
- (5) Fill material to come from previous
excavations done in Canal #10
- (6) Approximately 6,000 cubic yards of
fill to be hauled from Canal #10's
excavation deposits
- (7) Approximately 75 cubic yards of
concrete (4" thick) for home pads
and driveways

SUNSET RIDGE DEVELOPMENT
La Pâture Ranchettes

ELEVATION DRAWING



Notes:

- (1) Fill will be natural soils composed of sand, Harahan clay and Commerce clay taken from excavation done in Drainage Canal #10 by the Sunset Drainage District and deposited on the banks. This soil because of existing easements belongs to the owners of the property and can be used for fill.
- (2) The Sunset Drainage District is a municipal drainage system that serves approximately 10,000 acres through a series of two-dozen canals and pumping stations.