

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, SAVANNAH DISTRICT 100 W. OGLETHORPE AVENUE

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31401-3604

May 15, 2018

Regulatory Branch SAS-2013-00454

Mr. Roger Rains City of Savannah Post Office Box 1027 Savannah, Georgia 31401

Dear Mr. Rains:

I refer to the Pre-Construction Notification submitted on April 4, 2018, requesting verification for use of Nationwide Permit (NWP) 14 to improve Gwinnett Street, in Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia (Latitude 32.0713, Longitude -81.1124). The project will require impacts to 0.13 acre of canal to replace a culvert with a bridge structure. This project has been assigned number SAS-2013-00454 and it is important that you refer to this number in all communication concerning this matter.

The enclosed exhibit entitled, "<u>West Gwinnett Street Reconstruction for City of Savannah, Roadway Construction Plan</u>", dated <u>January 2018</u>, identifies the delineation limits of all aquatic resources within the project area. The wetlands were delineated in accordance with criteria contained in the 1987 "Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual," as amended by the most recent regional supplements to the manual. This delineation will remain valid for a period of 5 years unless new information warrants revision prior to that date.

We have completed coordination with other federal and state agencies as described in Part C (32)(d) of our NWP Program, published in the January 6, 2017, Federal Register, Vol. 82, No. 4, Pages 1860-2008 (82 FR). The NWPs and Savannah District's Regional Conditions for NWPs can be found on our website at http://www.sas.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Permitting/GeneralPermits/NationwidePermits.aspx. During our coordination procedure, no adverse comments regarding the proposed work were received.

As a result of our evaluation of your project, we have determined that the proposed activity is authorized under NWP 14. Your use of this NWP is valid only if:

- a. The activity is conducted in accordance with the information submitted and meets the conditions applicable to the NWP.
- b. You shall obtain and comply with all appropriate federal, state, and local authorizations required for this type of activity. A stream buffer variance may be

required from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (Georgia EPD), as defined in the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act of 1975, as amended. Information concerning variances can be obtained at the Georgia EPD's website at www.epd.georgia.gov, or by calling (404) 463-1511.

- c. All work conducted under this permit shall be located, outlined, designed, constructed and operated in accordance with the minimal requirements of the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act of 1975, as amended. Utilization of plans and specifications contained in the "Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control," (Latest Edition), published by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission, will aid in achieving compliance with the aforementioned minimal requirements.
- d. You shall install and maintain erosion and sediment control measures in upland areas of the project site, in accordance with the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act of 1975, as amended, to minimize the introduction of sediment into and the erosion of streams, wetlands and other waters of the United States. This permit does not authorize installation of check-dams, weirs, riprap, bulkheads or other erosion control measures in streams, wetlands or other waters of the United States. Authorization would be required from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers prior to installing any erosion control measures in waters of the United States.
- e. You shall install and maintain erosion and sediment control measures for all fill material that is authorized to be discharged in streams, wetlands and other waters of the United States, in accordance with the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act of 1975, as amended, and permanently stabilize fill areas at the earliest practicable date.
- f. You shall notify the Corps, in writing; at least 10 days in advance of commencement of work authorized by this permit.
- g. You fill out and sign the enclosed certification and return it to our office within 30 days of completion of the activity authorized by this permit.

This proposal was reviewed in accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Based on the information we have available, we have determined that the project a no effect on any listed species. Authorization of an activity by a NWP does not authorize the "take" of threatened or endangered species. In the absence of separate authorization, both lethal and non-lethal "takes" of protected species are in violation of the ESA. See Part (C) of 77 FR for more information.

This verification is valid until the NWP is modified, reissued or revoked. All of the existing NWPs are scheduled to expire on March 18, 2022. It is incumbent upon you to remain informed of changes to the NWPs. Furthermore, if you commence or are under contract to commence this activity before the date that the relevant NWP 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 NWP.

This authorization should not be construed to mean that any future projects requiring Department of the Army authorization would necessarily be authorized. Any new proposal, whether associated with this project or not, would be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Any prior approvals would not be a determining factor in making a decision on any future request.

Revisions to your proposal may invalidate this authorization. In the event changes to this project are contemplated, I recommend that you coordinate with us prior to proceeding with the work.

This communication does not relieve you of any obligation or responsibility for complying with the provisions of any other laws or regulations of other federal, state or local authorities. It does not affect your liability for any damages or claims that may arise as a result of the work. It does not convey any property rights, either in real estate or material, or any exclusive privileges. It also does not affect your liability for any interference with existing or proposed federal projects. If the information you have submitted and on which the Corps bases its determination/decision of authorization under the NWP is later found to be in error, this determination may be subject to modification, suspension, or revocation.

A copy of this letter is being provided to the following party: Mr. Brandon Wall, Sligh Environmental Consultants, Inc., 31 Park of Commerce Way, Suite 200B, Savannah, Georgia 31405.

Thank you in advance for completing our on-line Customer Survey Form located at http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm_apex/f?p=regulatory_survey. We value your comments and appreciate your taking the time to complete a survey each time you have interaction with our office.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 912-652-5349.

Sincerely,

. Brian Moore

Project Manager, Management Section

Enclosures

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY NWP 14

PERMIT FILE NUMBER: SAS-2013-00454 PERMITTEE ADDRESS: Mr. Roger Rains, City of Savannah, Post Office Box 1027, Savannah, Georgia 31401 LOCATION OF WORK: The project is located on Gwinnett Street, as it crosses the Springfield Canal, in Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia (Latitude 31.0713, Longitude -81.1124). PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to replace a culvert in the Springfield Canal with a bridge structure. ACRES AND/OR LINEAR FEET OF AQUATIC RESOUCES IMPACTED: The project will require impacts to 0.13 acre of jurisdictional canal. DATE WORK IN WATERS OF UNITED STATES COMPLETED: COMPENSATORY MITIGATION REQUIRED: n/a DATE MITIGATION COMPLETED OR PURCHASED: n/a I understand that the permitted activity is subject to a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Compliance Inspection. If I fail to comply with the permit conditions at Part C of the Nationwide Permit Program, published in the January 6, 2017, Federal Register, Vol. 82, No.4, Pages 1860-2008, it may be subject to suspension, modification or revocation. I hereby certify that the work authorized by the above referenced permit as well as any required mitigation (if applicable) has been completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the said permit. Signature of Permittee Date

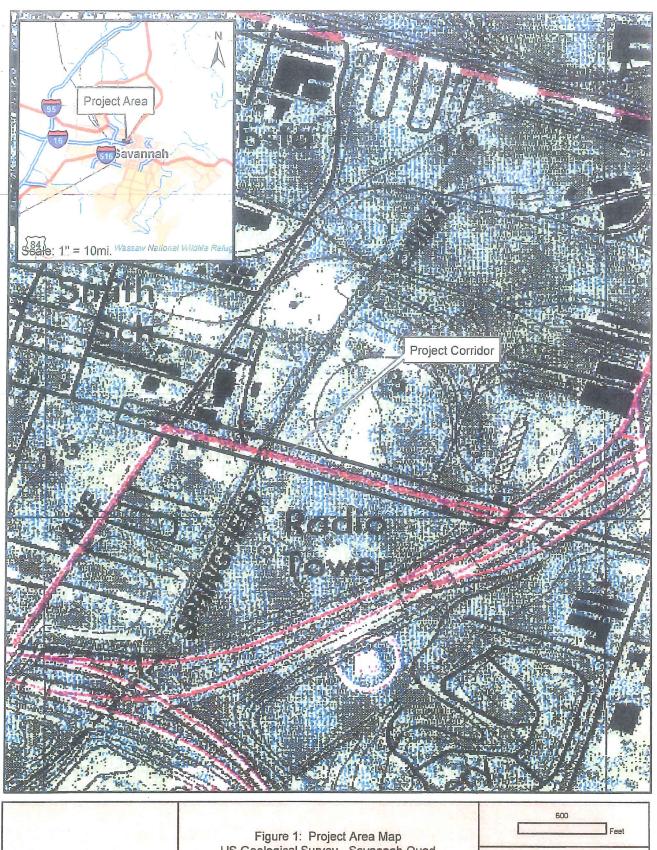


Figure 1: Project Area Map US Geological Survey - Savannah Quad Gwinnett Street Improvements Chatham County, Georgia

Exhibit Date: March 26, 2018

Drawn By: BWW

Reviewed By: DJP

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