

REGIONAL REVIEW NOTIFICATION

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DATE: Jun 14 2007

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 TO:
 Potentially Affected Local Governments and Other Interested Parties

 FROM:
 Charles Krautler, Director

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The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has received the following proposal and is initiating a regional review to seek comments from potentially impacted jurisdictions and agencies. The ARC requests your comments related to the proposal not addressed by the Commission's regional plans and policies.

Name of Proposal: South Point Town Center Section 404 Permit Joint Public Notice Review Type: Corps of Engineers Permit/Other Public Notices

Description: South Point Town Center is a proposed mixed use retail village constructed along the north side of State Route 20 and south of State Route 81 in the City of McDonough. This project was previously authorized under Nationwide Permit 39 to impact 0.49 acres of wetland, and was assigned permit number 200500644 in October of 2005. Compensatory mitigation was completed through the purchase of 4.3 wetland mitigation credits. Due to the acquisition of adjacent property the project team saw it beneficial to change the site layout in favor of a new plan which would better facilitate upland utilization of the property. In light of this it is, an additional 1.33 acres of wetland and 1,074 linear feet of intermittent stream will be impacted.

This project was reviewed as a Development of Regional Impact with DRI# 902.

Submitting Local Government: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Date Opened: Jun 14 2007 Deadline for Comments: Jun 28 2007 Earliest the Regional Review can be Completed: Jun 28 2007

THE FOLLOWING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES ARE RECEIVING NOTICE OF THIS REVIEW:

ARC LAND USE PLANNING ARC DATA RESEARCH GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES CITY OF MCDONOUGH ARC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ARC AGING DIVISION GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HENRY COUNTY ARC Environmental Planning Georgia Department of Community Affairs Georgia Regional Transportation Authority

Attached is information concerning this review.

If you have any questions regarding this review, Please call Haley Fleming, Review Coordinator, at (404) 463–3311. If the ARC staff does not receive comments from you by Jun 28 2007, we will assume that your agency has no additional comments and we will close the review. Comments by email are strongly encouraged.

The ARC review website is located at: <u>http://www.atlantaregional.com/landuse</u>.

GEORGIA STATE CLEARINGHOUSE MEMORANDUM EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 REVIEW PROCESS

- TO: MS. HALEY FLEMING ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION 40 COURTLAND STREET, NE ATLANTA, GA 30303
- FROM: Barbara Jackson Georgia State Clearinghouse

DATE: 6/7/2007

SUBJECT: Executive Order 12372 Review

APPLICANT: South Point Partners, LLC

PROJECT: JPN: Construct multiple-use retail village on 196-acre tract of land, South Point Town Center (located western Henry County, GA)

CFDA NO.:

STATE ID: GA070607001

IMPORTANT! REVIEW COMMENTS DUE BY OR BEFORE: 6/28/2007

A copy of the Standard Federal Application package, Environmental Information, or Direct Federal Development project is enclosed for your review and comment. Your review should focus on the projects compatibility with those state or regional goals, policies, plans, fiscal resources, criteria for Developments of Regional Impact (DRI), environmental impacts, or inconsistencies with federal executive orders, acts and/or rules and regulations with which your agency is concerned. Negative environmental impacts or provision for protection of the environment and possible duplication of the proposed project with programs presently in place should be pointed out.

Any major points of conflict identified by you during the review process immediately should be brought to the attention of the Administrator, Georgia State Clearinghouse. The Administrator will attempt to mediate these concerns prior to completing the review of the project. The Clearinghouse telephone number is (404) 656-3855.

Please have your comments typed (or hand-printed) and dated on the enclosed Form SC3. An additional sheet may be used if additional space is needed. Your comments will be summarized in a single state position or a composite that reflects both the state and regional recommendations and be returned to the applicant/sponsor. They in turn will forward a copy to the federal agency if necessary.

NOTE: Please <u>do</u> <u>not</u> return this SC-2 form or the full material back to this office. Keep the copy for your files or dispose of if not needed.

Form SC-2 May 2007



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY SAVANNAH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS PIEDMONT BRANCH 1590 ADAMSON PARKWAY, SUITE 200 MORROW, GEORGIA 30260-1777 JUN 0 6 2007

Regulatory Branch 200700166

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE Savannah District/State of Georgia

The Savannah District has received an application for a Department of the Army Permit, pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), as follows:

Application Number: 200700166

- Applicant: South Point Partners, LLC Attention: Mr. Jim Baker PO Box 870100 Morrow, Georgia 30287-0100
- Agent: Register-Nelson, Inc. Attention: Mr. Tim Jackson 3949 Jodeco Road McDonough, Georgia 30253-5477

Location of Proposed Work: The property is located just west of the SR 20 and SR 81 intersection, in western Henry County, Georgia. It is illustrated on the McDonough, Georgia, USGS 7.5-minute topographic map, as shown on the attached USGS Topographic Map. According to the 1974 Hydrologic Unit Map of Georgia, the site is located within the USGS Hydrologic Unit Code 3070103 of the Upper Ocmulgee watershed. The coordinates to the center of this project are 33° 25' 32"N, 84° 11' 07"W.

Description of Work Subject to the Jurisdiction of the US Army Corps of Engineers: South Point Town Center (South Point) is a proposed multiple-use retail village that would be constructed on a 196-acre tract of land along the north side of State Route 20 (SR 20) and south of State Route 81 (SR81) in Henry County, Georgia. The project would include the construction of a retail center and all groundwork/infrastructure including parking, road access, utilities, and stormwater management. A Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) was submitted on October 4, 2005 for this tract and was subsequently authorized under Nationwide Permit (NWP) 39 to impact 0.49-acres of wetland. The project was assigned permit number 200500644 by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Compensatory mitigation was completed through the purchase of 4.3 wetland mitigation credits and grading of portions of the site began following the issuance of a Henry County land disturbance activity (LDA) permit. Due to the acquisition of adjacent property, the project team saw it beneficial to change the site layout in favor of a new plan which would better facilitate upland utilization of the property. In light of this, it is now practical and necessary to impact 1.33 additional acres of wetland and 1,074 linear feet of intermittent stream.

BACKGROUND

This Joint Public Notice announces a request for authorizations from both the US Army Corps of Engineers and the State of Georgia. The applicant's proposed work may also require local governmental approval.

STATE OF GEORGIA

<u>Water Quality Certification</u>: The Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, intends to certify this project at the end of 30 days in accordance with the provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, which is required by an applicant for a Federal Permit to conduct an activity in, on, or adjacent to the waters of the State of Georgia. Copies of the application and supporting documents relative to a specific application will be available for review and copying at the office of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, Water Protection Branch, 4220 International Parkway, Suite 101, Atlanta, Georgia 30354, during regular office hours. A copier machine is available for public use at a charge of 25 cents per page. Any person who desires to comment, object, or request a public hearing relative to State Water Quality Certification must do so within 30 days of the State's receipt of application in writing and state the reasons or basis of objections or request for a hearing. The application can also be seen in the US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, Regulatory Division, Piedmont Branch, 1590 Adamson Parkway, Suite 200, Morrow, Georgia 30260.

<u>State-owned Property and Resources</u>: The applicant may also require assent from the State of Georgia which may be in the form of a license, easement, lease, permit, or other appropriate instrument.

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The Savannah District must consider the purpose and the impacts of the applicant's proposed work, prior to a decision on issuance of a Department of the Army Permit.

<u>Cultural Resources Assessment</u>: Pursuant to Section 106 of the national Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, we request from the Georgia Historical Preservation Division or any other interested party information on whether the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) has or does not have any registered properties or properties listed as eligible for inclusion located at the site or in the area affected by the proposed work. Presently unknown archaeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical data may be located at the site and could be affected by the proposed work.

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<u>Endangered Species</u>: Pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), we request from the US Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service and the US Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service, or any other interested party, information on whether any species listed or proposed for listing may be present in the area.

<u>Public Interest Review</u>: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact 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 foresceable 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, flood plain 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.

<u>Consideration of Public Comments</u>: The US Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Native American 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 US Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, 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 the 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.

<u>Application of Section 404(b) (1) Guidelines</u>: The proposed activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into the waters of the United States. The Savannah District's evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under the authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act.

<u>Public Hearing</u>: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application for a Department of the Army Permit. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for requesting a public hearing. The decision whether to hold a public hearing is at the discretion of the District Engineer, or his designated appointee, based on the need for additional substantial information necessary in evaluating the proposed project.

<u>Comment Period</u>: Anyone wishing to comment on this application for a Department of the Army Permit should submit comments in writing to the Commander, US Army Corps of

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Engineers, Savannah District, Regulatory Division, Piedmont Branch, 1590 Adamson Parkway, Suite 200, Morrow, Georgia 30260-1777, no later than 30 days from the date of this notice. Please refer to the applicant's name and the application number in your comments.

If you have any questions contact Shaun L. Blocker at (678) 422-6570.

Enclosures

- 1. Site Location Map
- 2. USGS Topographic Map
- 3. USACE Jurisdiction Map
- 4. USACE Jurisdictional Impacts







