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Mayor George Bass
City of Long Beach
201 Jeff Davis Avenue
Long Beach, Mississippi 39560

Dear Mayor Bass:

Re: City of Long Beach
Dog Park
Harrison County
COE No. SAM201800562KJF
WQC No. WQC2018045

Pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U. S. C. 1251, 1341), the Office of Pollution Control (OPC) issues this Certification, after public notice and opportunity for public hearing, to the City of Long Beach – Long Beach Dog Park, an applicant for a Federal License or permit to conduct the following activity:

City of Long Beach, Long Beach Dog Park: Project to place fill material into approximately 1.9 acres of low quality forested wetlands to develop an outdoor, off-leash dog park. The project site is an approximately 4.4-acre parcel containing approximately 2.93 acres of jurisdictional wetlands. The project will include the installation of two separate fenced areas for large and small dogs with separate double-gated entries. Additionally, the City will install a walking path, dog sanitation stations, covered trash receptacles, water for dogs and people, tree-shaded areas, and benches. Future amenities will include additional benches, shade trees, dog wash stations, pavilions, lights, restrooms, training and agility equipment, and a water feature. The project site is located within the Long Beach Recreation Complex south of Daugherty Road in Long Beach, Harrison County, Mississippi [SAM201800562KJF, WQC2018045].

The Office of Pollution Control certifies that the above-described activity will be in compliance with the applicable provisions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and Section 49-17-29 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, if the applicant complies with the following conditions:

1. The development shall connect to an Office of Pollution Control approved wastewater collection and treatment system. No construction shall begin until all wastewater approvals are obtained.
2. All fill material and excavation areas shall have side slopes of at least 3:1 (horizontal: vertical) and shall be immediately seeded, stabilized and maintained.
3. Appropriate best management practices (BMPs) shall be properly installed and maintained to prevent the movement of sediment off-site and into adjacent drainage areas and/or waters. Special care shall be taken to prevent the movement of sediment into adjacent wetland areas. In the event of any BMP failure, corrective actions shall be taken immediately.
4. For construction projects from one to less than five acres of total ground disturbances including clearing, grading, excavating or other construction activities shall follow the conditions and limitations of the Storm Water Small Construction General NPDES Permit.
5. Mitigation for the loss of 1.9 acres of forested wetlands shall be provided by the purchase of mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank. The purchasing credits must be in accordance with the banking prospectus and should be based upon that required for impacting 1.9 acres of forested wetlands. A copy of the credit purchase agreement shall be forwarded to this office within 60 days of this certification.
6. No sewage, oil, refuse, or other pollutants shall be discharged into the watercourse.

The Office of Pollution Control also certifies that there are no limitations under Section 302 nor standards under Sections 306 and 307 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act which are applicable to the applicant's above-described activity.

This certification is valid for the project as proposed. Any deviations without proper modifications and/or approvals may result in a violation of the 401 Water Quality Certification. If we can be of further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,



Krystal Rudolph, P.E., BCEE
Chief, Environmental Permits Division

KR: CHB

cc: Maryellen Farmer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District
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