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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2018-00352-MGS

May 7, 2018

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
AND
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL
AND
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

**REQUEST TO PLACE FILL (RIP RAP) AND CONSTRUCT A BOATHOUSE, BOAT
RAMP, AND PIER WITHIN WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES IN PASS
CHRISTIAN, HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This District has received an application for a Department of the Army (DA) permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

Applicant: **Mr. Michael and Carole Griffin**
7316 Kalipekona Court
Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525

Agent: **A Step Above Marine Contracting**
224 W. North Street
Pass Christian, Mississippi 39571

LOCATION OF WORK: The proposed structures will be constructed along two adjoining residential lots (#6 and #7 Spyglass Drive), which front two unnamed canals connecting to the north side of Bayou Portage within the Discovery Bay Development, Pass Christian, Harrison County, Mississippi.

The project site (Lot #6 and Lot #7) is within the western part of Section 13, Township 8 South, Range 13 West, with approximate center coordinates at Latitude 30.348957° North, Longitude -89.255621° West. The project site also lies within the Turkey Branch Diversion Canals 1-3 - Bayou Portage HUC 031700090603 Watershed.

Project Purpose: The purpose of the project is to stabilize the banks and prevent erosion as well as to improve access and recreational use by constructing a boat ramp, wrap-around pier, and boathouse.

Project Description: The applicant plans to place rip rap (100 cu yds) along the banks of the two unnamed canals for a total distance of 110 ft by 6 ft along the west side of property and 95 ft by 6 ft along the south side of property. The applicant also proposes to excavate the south bank of the canal to construct a boat ramp (10 ft by 40 ft) and to construct a 6-foot-wide wrap-around pier along the south side of property (6 ft by 35 ft) and west side of property (6 ft by 100 ft). In addition, the applicant proposes to construct a boathouse (15 ft by 30 ft) on the west side of property. The applicant is requesting a Department of Army (DA) permit for the completion of this work as illustrated in the enclosed drawings.

Mitigation: The applicant indicates that the project area does not contain marsh vegetation. Since there is no loss of special aquatic resources (including wetlands), no mitigation is proposed for this project.

Water Quality: The applicant has applied for State Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act and for Coastal Zone Management (CZM) consistency in accordance with the State CZM Program. Upon completion of the required advertising, a determination relative to WQC and CZM consistency will be made by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources.

Historic Properties: In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and Appendix C of 33 CFR 325, the undertaking defined in this Notice is being considered for the potential to affect cultural and historic properties within the permit area. In accordance with Appendix C of 33 CFR 325, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has determined the permit area to be the outer limits of the proposed boathouse, wrap-around pier, boat ramp, and riprap within the unnamed canals to a distance of 30 ft landward from the two canal banks.

Based upon the USACE's review of the National Register of Historic Places, no listed properties were identified within one mile of the project site. The USACE's preliminary determination is that the proposed project would have **no potential to affect** cultural resources or historic properties in the permit area. The USACE is seeking comment from the State Historic Preservation Officer, Federally-recognized American Indian tribes, local historical societies, museums, universities, the National Park Service, and the general public regarding the existence, or the potential for existence, of significant cultural and historic properties which may be affected by the work.

Endangered Species: Upon the USACE's review of the List of Federally Threatened and Endangered Species for the Turkey Branch Diversion Canals 1-3 - Bayou Portage HUC 031700090603 Watershed and utilization of the Species Effects Determination Keys contained in the 2017 Memorandum of Agreement for Standard Local Operating Procedures for Endangered Species (SLOPES) in Mississippi, the USACE's preliminary

determination is that the proposed project **may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect** the West Indian Manatee and would have **no effect** on the remaining list of species known to occur in the watershed. The USACE is seeking comment from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for information on whether any listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat may be present in the area, which would be affected by the proposed activity.

This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) can be based.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity and 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, shore 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 USACE 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 USACE 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.

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. For accuracy and completeness of the record, all data in support of or in opposition to the proposed work should be submitted in writing setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition.

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Any correspondence concerning this publication should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-2018-00352-MGS**. Please direct any written comments to the Project Manager at USACE, RD-M, Attention: Mr. Michael G. Stevens, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001 or via email (Michael.G.Stevens2@usace.army.mil). You may also send a copy of your correspondence to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Environmental Permitting Division, Attention: Ms. Florance Bass, Post Office Box 2261, Jackson, Mississippi 39225 and to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, Bureau of Wetlands Permitting, Attention: Ms. Jennifer Wilder, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530.

All Comments should be received no later than 30 days from the date of this Public Notice.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this publication, you may contact the Project Manager via email (Michael.G.Stevens2@usace.army.mil) or phone (251) 694-3702. For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our web site at www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx.

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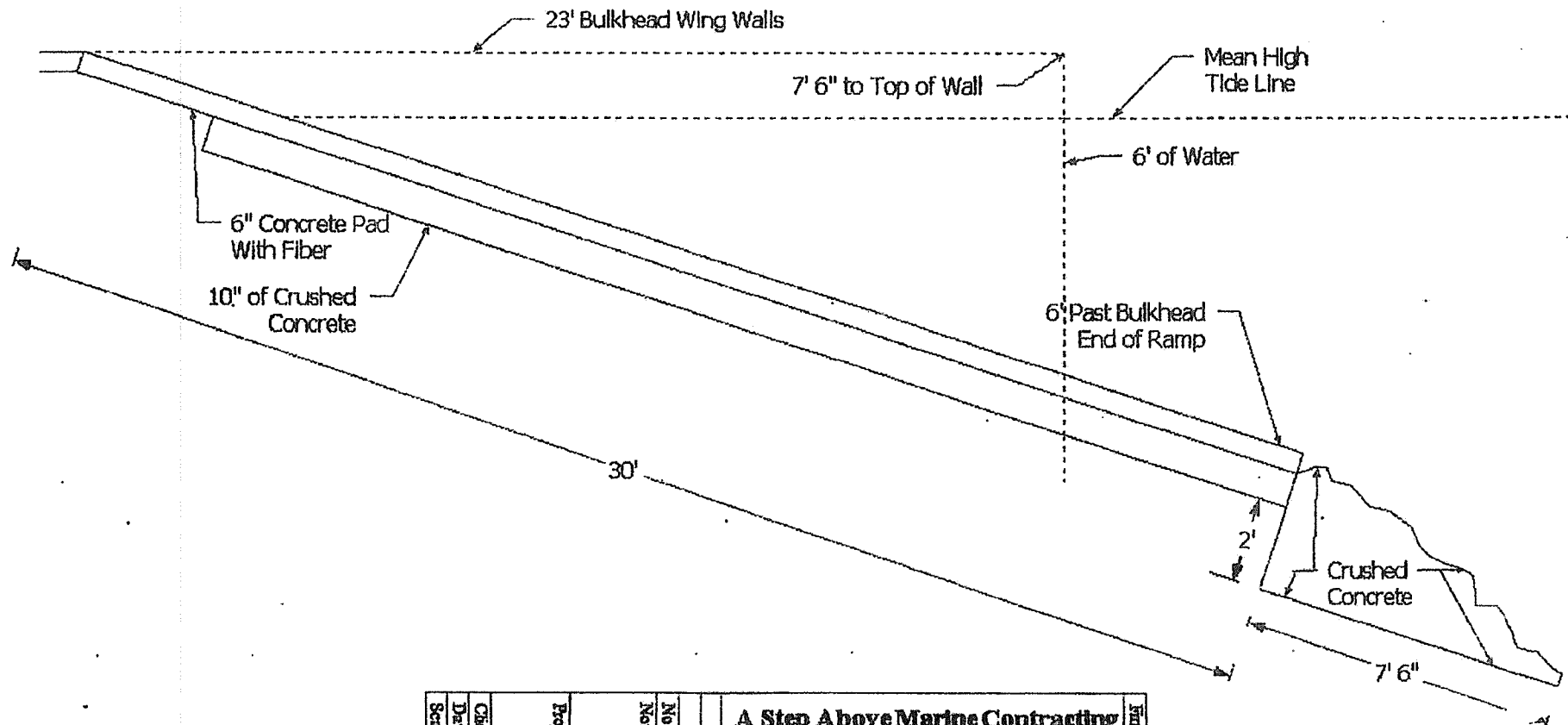
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Topo Vicinity Map of proposed rip rap and structures fronting Lots 6 and 7 at end of Spyglass Drive, Pass Christian, Harrison County, Mississippi; File No: SAM-2018-00352-MGS

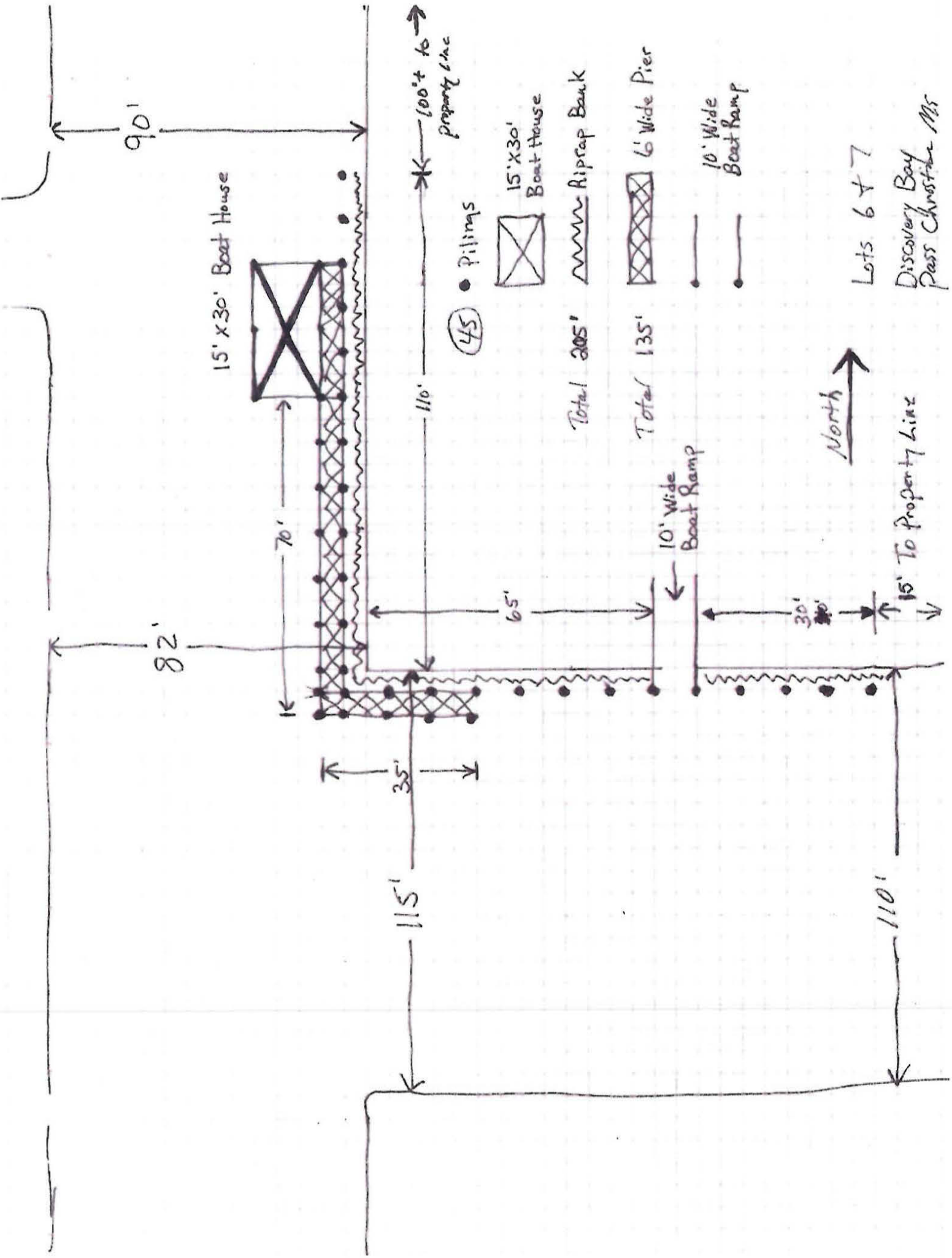


Aerial Site Map of proposed rip rap, boat ramp, wrap-around pier, and boathouse fronting Lots 6 and 7 at end of Spyglass Drive, Discovery Bay Development, Pass Christian, Harrison County, Mississippi; File No: SAM-2018-00352-MGS



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Project & Address:		No.		Revision/Issue		Date	Notes:	A Step Above Marine Contracting 224 W. North Street Pass Christian, MS 39571 Office: 228-452-7465/ Fax: 228-452-5856 Email: ASAMC@cableone.net		Firm Name & Address:
		Client:		Date:						



Lots 6 & 7

Discovery Bay
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