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## **Public Notice**

APPLICATION NO.:

MVK-2017-801

**EVALUATOR:** 

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DATE:

September 20, 2018

**EXPIRATION DATE: October 10, 2018** 

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality are considering an application for a Department of the Army Permit and State Water Quality Certification for the work described herein. Comments should be forwarded to the Vicksburg District, Attention: CEMVK-OD-F, and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality at Post Office Box 2261, Jackson, Mississippi 39225-2261, and must reach these offices by the cited expiration date.

Law Requiring a Permit: Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), which applies to discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

Name of Applicant:

Name of Agent:

Mr. Keith Grubbs Park Place Baptist Church Mr. Tim Parrish Headwaters, Inc.

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Location of Work: Section 13, T5N- R2E, Latitude 32.2794°N, Longitude -90.0399°W, within the Terrapin Skin Creek Watershed in the Middle Pearl-Strong River Drainage Basin (8-digit USGS HUC 03180002), Rankin County, Mississippi.

Description of Work: (See enclosed map and drawings.)

The following descriptions of the proposed project and associated impacts are based upon information provided by the applicant.

The applicant is applying for a Department of the Army permit to conduct regulated activities in jurisdictional waters in order to construct educational buildings, athletic facilities including football, baseball, and softball fields, a track, other associated athletic buildings, concessions, and associated

appurtenances for Park Place Christian Academy located in Pearl, Mississippi. Access would be extended from the existing Park Place Drive to the west of the proposed project area, and the proposed work would be located directly adjacent to the existing Park Place facilities. The stated purpose is to add athletic facilities and additional educational buildings to maintain the positive growth of the Church and School.

The total project site is approximately 22.84 acres in size. The proposed project would result in the filling of approximately 1.51 acres of forested wetlands and 0.21 acre of open water, and impacts to approximately 552.55 linear feet (If) of ephemeral streams. The ephemeral streams would be graded and maintained as grass swales. The drainage currently continues through the property as a wetland and emerges through two other ephemeral streams. The applicant proposes to maintain this drainage through piping and return it into a maintained grass swale. Impacts to the remaining approximate 80.11 If of ephemeral stream would be avoided.

Approximately 7,300 cubic yards of silty clay loam fill material would be placed within the wetlands and pond.

The vegetative communities within the project area are dominated by black willow (Salix nigra), sweet gum (Liquidambar syraciflua), water oak (Quercus nigra), red maple (Acer rubrum), and trumpet creeper (Campsis radicans). Soil within the project site consists primarily of Providence-Urban land complex and Gillsburg silt loam with NRCS hydric component percentage ratings of 2 and 0, respectively.

The applicant proposes to mitigate for the unavoidable loss of jurisdictional impacts through the purchase of credits from a USACE approved mitigation bank that services the project area.

Upon reviewing this notice, you should write to this office to provide your opinion of the impacts this work will have on the natural and human environment and address any mitigation you believe is necessary to offset these impacts. Other comments are welcome, but the above information will further our review of the applicant's plan as proposed. Comments of a general nature are not as helpful as those specific to the impacts of the subject project.

State Water Quality Permit: The State Pollution Control Agency must certify that the described work will comply with the State's water quality standards and effluent limitations before a Corps permit is issued.

<u>Cultural Resources</u>: The Regulatory Archaeologist has reviewed the latest published version of the <u>National Register of Historic Places</u>, state lists of properties determined eligible, and other sources of information. The following is

current knowledge of the presence or absence of historic properties and the effects of the proposed undertaking upon these properties: Currently this office is coordinating with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Federally-recognized Tribes, and other interested parties regarding potential effects to historic properties that could result from the proposed activity.

Endangered Species: Utilizing the Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species (SLOPES) as signed on June 28, 2017, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Corps has determined that the proposed activity would have no effect on the Wood stork, and may affect the Northern long-eared bat, but that any resulting incidental take of the Northern long-eared bat is not prohibited by the final 4(d) rule. This proposal is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and any comments regarding endangered species or their critical habitat would be addressed in our evaluation of the described work.

Floodplain: In accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Floodplain Management and Use), participating communities are required to review all proposed development to determine if a floodplain development permit is required. Floodplain administrators should review the proposed development described in this public notice and apprise this office of any flood plain development permit requirements. The project is not within the 100 year floodplain.

Evaluation Factors: The decision whether or not to issue a permit will be based upon an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its expected adverse effects. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among these are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, historic values, fish and wildlife values, flood damage prevention, land use classification, navigation, recreation, water supply, water quality, energy needs, safety, food requirements and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Evaluation of the proposed activity will include application of the guidelines published by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act.

<u>Public Involvement</u>: The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties. These comments will be used to evaluate the impacts of this project. All comments will be considered and used to help determine whether to issue the permit, deny the permit, or issue the permit with conditions, and to help us determine the amount and type of mitigation necessary. This information will be used in our Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing.

Opportunity for a Public Hearing: Any person may make a written request for a public hearing to consider this permit application. This request must be submitted by the public notice expiration date and must clearly state why a hearing is necessary. Failure of any agency or individual to comment on this notice will be interpreted to mean that there is no objection to the proposed work. Please bring this announcement to the attention of anyone you know who might be interested in this matter.

Notification of Final Permit Actions: Each month, the final permit actions from the preceding month are published on the Vicksburg District Regulatory web page. To access this information, you may follow the link from the Regulatory web page, <a href="http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx">http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx</a>.

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30 November 2017

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Headwaters Inc.
Park Place Babitet Church
Rankin County, MS

Proliminary

Preliminary
Jurisdictional Determination

Jeremy Stokes





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Non-Jurisdictional Stock Pond (0.21 Acre)



Property Boundary

Forested Wetlands (1.5 Acres)

Ephemeral Stream (632')



