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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

June 18, 2020

Paula Yancey
Gautier City Manager
City of Gautier
330 Highway 90
Gautier, Mississippi 39553

Dear Ms. Yancey:

Re: The Commons Park
City of Gautier
Jackson County
COE No. SAM201300702MJF
WQC No. WQC2019045

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 Gautier, an applicant for a Federal License or permit to conduct the following activity:

Gautier, City of, The Commons Park: Construction of a public recreational park includes an outdoor amphitheater and pavilion with restrooms, lake, concrete paved pedestrian pathway, interpretive asphalt nature trail with three walking bridges spanning a water conveyance, a multi-purpose athletic field, basketball and pickleball courts, a splash pad, a musical playground, concession stand with restrooms, open space, 587 parking spaces, ingress and egress roads to include one culverted crossing, stormwater facilities, 290-linear foot extension of an existing culverted crossing dolphin drive, and all other necessary water and electrical utilities. The approximately 32.3 acre site contains approximately 12.55 acres of wetlands and 1.67 acres of other waters. The project as proposed would permanently impact 3.36 acres of wetlands, and .052 acre of other waters of the U.S., and temporarily impact .60 acres of wetlands. The purchase of mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank has been proposed by the applicant. The site is located in Gautier, Jackson County, Mississippi. [SAM201300702MJF, WQC2019045].

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:

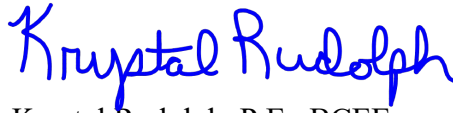
1. The facility shall connect to an Office of Pollution Control approved wastewater collection and treatment system.
2. All fill material and excavation areas shall have side slopes of at least 3:1 (horizontal:vertical) and shall be immediately seeded, stabilized and maintained.
3. Coverage under a Storm Water Construction General NPDES Permit shall be obtained prior to the start of construction activities. **No construction activities shall begin until such approvals are obtained.**
4. Appropriate best management practices (BMPs) shall be properly installed and maintained to prevent the movement of sediment off-site and into adjacent drainage areas. Special care shall be taken prior to and during construction to prevent the movement of sediment into adjacent avoided wetland areas. In the event of any BMP failure, corrective actions shall be taken immediately.
5. The post-construction stormwater quality management plan submitted by Seymour Engineers, received on November 27, 2019, shall be implemented with project construction and shall be properly maintained.
6. Mitigation credits must be purchased from an approved mitigation bank to mitigate the permanent impacts to 3.36 acres of wetlands and 0.052 acres of other waters
7. 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 you have any questions, please contact Mr. Daniel Anderson.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Environmental Permits Division

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