

PUBLIC NOTICE



**US Army Corps
of Engineers
Kansas City District**

**Permit No. NWK-2015-1055
Issue Date: August 20, 2015
Expiration Date: September 10, 2015**

21-Day Notice

This public notice is issued jointly with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Pollution Control Program. The Department of Natural Resources will use the comments to this notice in deciding whether to grant Section 401 water quality certification. Commenters are requested to furnish a copy of their comments to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

APPLICANT: Southside Church of Christ
P.O. Box 24221
Blue Springs, MO 64013

PROJECT LOCATION (As shown on the attached drawings): The project is located in Section 32, Township 49 North, Range 31 West, in Jackson County, Missouri.

USGS Quad: MO – Blue Springs.
(Approximate Center - Latitude: 39.02364 -- Longitude: -94.35886)

AUTHORITY: Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344)

ACTIVITY (As shown on the attached drawings): **PROPOSED:** The applicant proposes to grade and fill 100 linear feet (LF) of perennial stream and six individual wetlands for a total of 2.76 acres for the construction of the Southside Church of Christ to include an access road, parking lot and stormwater detention. The purpose of the project, as stated by the applicant, is to construct a church and administrative facilities for attendees.

WETLANDS/AQUATIC HABITAT: The project site includes six individual wetlands totaling 2.76 acres and one stream segment measuring 100 LF. The site contains both palustrine emergent and scrub-shrub wetlands. The largest wetland (Wetland 2) is 1.44 acres and dominated by slippery elm, rough leafed dogwood, fox sedge, common spike rush and hummock fescue. Wetland 1, a 1.15 acre cattail marsh, was dug out of the stream and serves as stormwater detention for the adjacent development. The wetlands and stream ultimately drain to the Little Blue River.

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF AVOIDANCE, MINIMIZATION, AND COMPENSATORY MITIGATION FOR UNAVOIDABLE IMPACTS TO AQUATIC RESOURCES: According to their application, the applicant may be able to avoid wetlands along the perimeter and will achieve minimization through the maintenance of green space buffers. For unavoidable impacts to jurisdictional waters, the applicant proposes to purchase wetland and stream credits from the Clear Fork Wetland and Stream Mitigation Bank.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information about this application may be obtained by contacting Justin Hughes, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City Regulatory Office, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 64106 or by calling 816-389-3211 or via email at justin.w.hughes@usace.army.mil. All comments to this public notice should be directed to the above address.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: Kansas City District will comply with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and 36 CFR 800. We have checked the National Register of Historic Places and the Federal Register and no property listed in the Register or proposed for listing is located in the permit area. This is the extent of our knowledge about historic properties in the permit area at this time. However, we will evaluate input by the State Historic Preservation Officer, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (or Tribe designated representative) and the public in response to this public notice, and we may conduct or require a reconnaissance survey of the permit area to check for unknown historic properties, if warranted.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: In compliance with the Endangered Species Act, a preliminary determination has been made that the described work will not affect species designated as threatened or endangered or adversely affect critical habitat. In order to complete our evaluation of this activity, comments are solicited from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals.

FLOODPLAINS: This activity is being reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, which discourages direct or indirect support of floodplain development whenever there is a practicable alternative. By this public notice, comments are requested from individuals and agencies that believe the described work will adversely impact the floodplain.

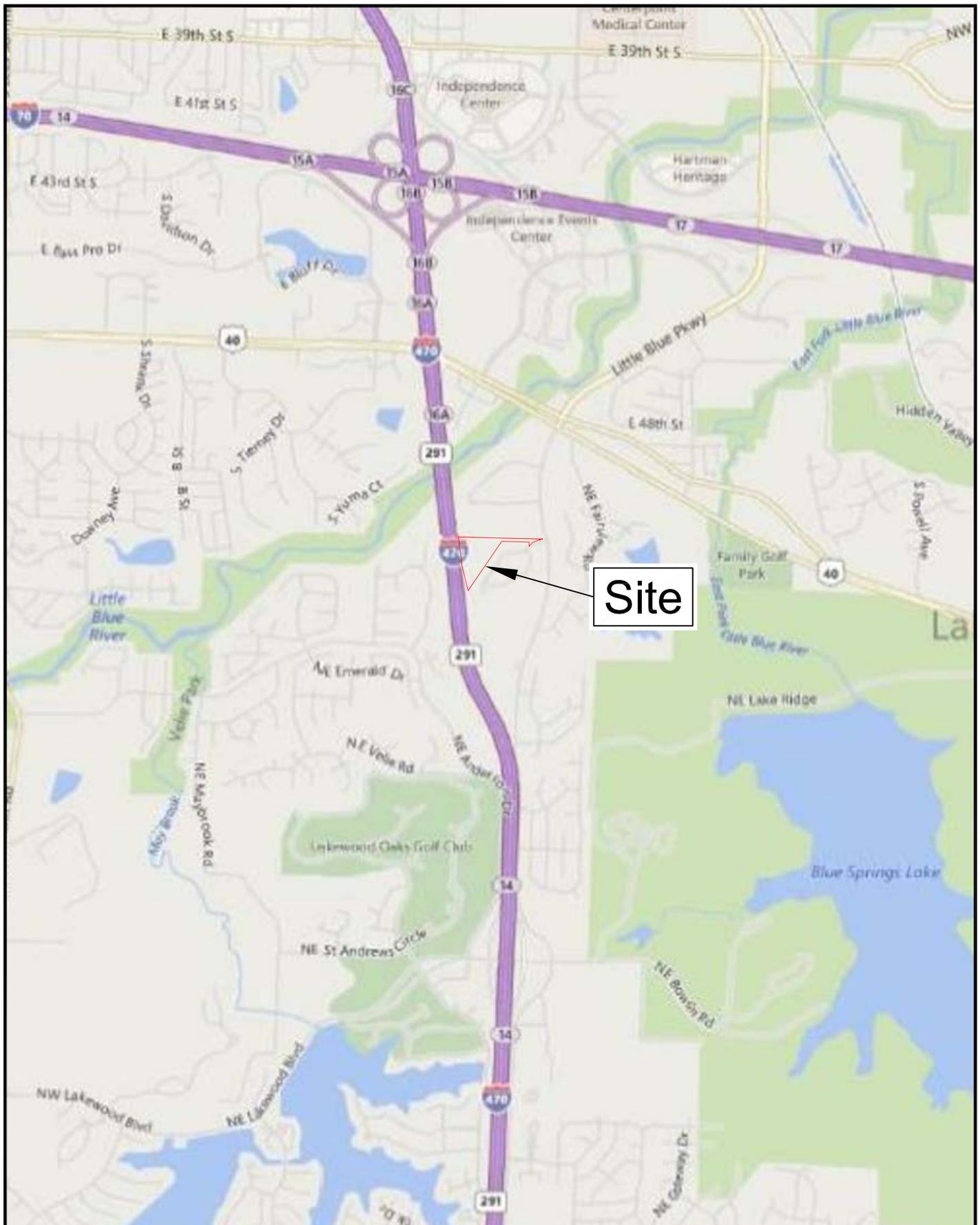
WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) requires that all discharges of dredged or fill material must be certified by the appropriate state agency as complying with applicable effluent limitations and water quality standards. This public notice serves as an application to the state in which the discharge site is located for certification of the discharge. The discharge must be certified before a Department of the Army permit can be issued. Certification, if issued, expresses the state's opinion that the discharge will not violate applicable water quality standards.

PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW: The decision to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including the 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 benefits 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, esthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The 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 authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). The Corps of Engineers 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 Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this

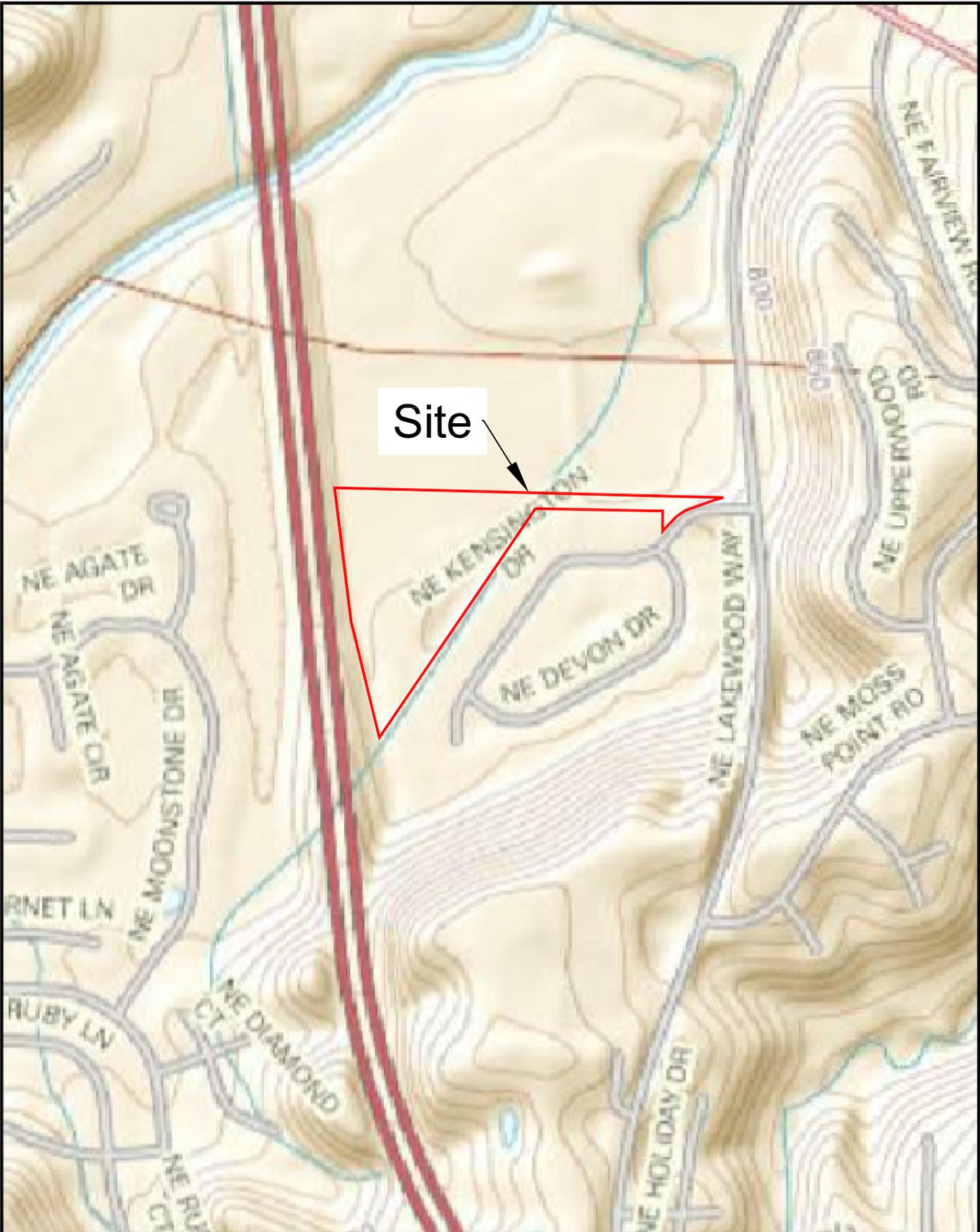
decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant 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.

COMMENTS: This notice is provided to outline details of the above-described activity so this District may consider all pertinent comments prior to determining if issuance of a permit would be in the public interest. Any interested party is invited to submit to this office written facts or objections relative to the activity on or before the public notice expiration date. Comments both favorable and unfavorable will be accepted and made a part of the record and will receive full consideration in determining whether it would be in the public interest to issue the Department of the Army permit. Copies of all comments, including names and addresses of commenters, may be provided to the applicant. Comments should be mailed to the address shown on page 2 of this public notice.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, prior to the expiration date of this public notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Such requests shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.



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SHEET 1 OF 4
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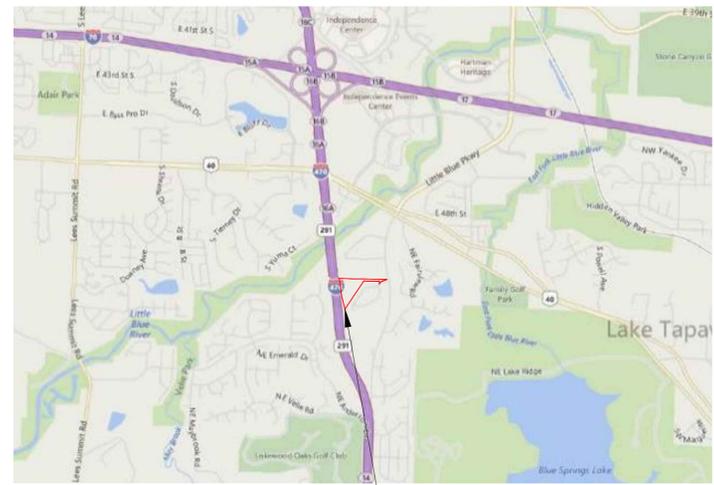


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Jurisdictional Feature	General Fill		Pipe Fill	
	Length (Ft.)	Width (Ft.)	Length (Ft.)	Width (Ft.)
	Area (Acres)		Area (Acres)	
Wetland #1	1.15			
Wetland #2	1.44			
Wetland #3	0.07			
Wetland #4	0.02			
Wetland #5	0.06			
Wetland #6	0.02			
Wetland Totals	2.76			
Intermittent #1			100	3
Total Area Impacted (Acres)	2.767			

Jurisdictional Impacts

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Site Location
 T49N-R31W-S32
 Lee's Summit, Jackson County, Missouri
 9.63 Acres
 Lat. N39.02364
 Long. W94.35886

