

# PUBLIC NOTICE



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

**Permit No. NWK-2015-02473  
Issue Date: January 5, 2016  
Expiration Date: January 26, 2016**

**21-Day Notice**

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**JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE:** This public notice is issued jointly with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The Department of Health and Environment 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 Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Water - - Watershed Management Section, 1000 SW Jackson Street, Suite 420, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1367.

**APPLICANT:** Compass Commodity Group III, LLC  
202 Water Street  
Excelsior, Minnesota 55331

**PROJECT LOCATION** (As shown on the attached drawings): The project is located in Township 11 South, Range 23 East, Section 11, City of Edwardsville, Wyandotte County, Kansas.

[USGS Quad: KS-EDWARDSVILLE – Latitude: 39.10412°N – Longitude: -94.83254°W]

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

**ACTIVITY** (As shown on the attached drawings): **PROPOSED:** General fill of 1.28 acres of palustrine emergent wetlands and 1.66 acres of ponds adjacent to an unnamed tributary to Little Turkey Creek, and the general fill of 13 linear feet and pipe fill of 153 linear feet of an unnamed ephemeral tributary to Betts Creek. Fill is proposed to construct a commercial development with all related appurtenances such as buildings, parking lots, roads, utilities, storm water detention, and green space.

**WETLANDS/AQUATIC HABITAT:** Approximately 1.31 acres of wetlands and 1.66 acres of ponds exist on the project site, with impacts proposed for all of the pond acreage and 1.28 acres of the wetlands. The project site also contains 166 linear feet (LF) of an unnamed ephemeral tributary to Betts Creek, with project plans to impact the entire reach.

**APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF AVOIDANCE, MINIMIZATION, AND COMPENSATORY MITIGATION FOR UNAVOIDABLE IMPACTS TO AQUATIC RESOURCES:** The applicant did not include avoidance or minimization measures, but did state that "for unavoidable impacts to jurisdictional waters, the applicant proposes to purchase wetland and stream mitigation credits from an approved provider."

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Additional information about this application may be obtained by contacting Mr. Colin C. Smalley, PG, Regulatory Specialist, at 816-389-3846 or by e-mail at colin.c.smalley@usace.army.mil. All comments to this public notice should be directed to the above address.

**STATE AUTHORIZATION:** The applicant has applied for a permit from the Kansas Department of Agriculture pursuant to Kansas Statutes Annotated 82a-301 to 305.

**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. The applicant has previously cleared this work with the Kansas Historical Society under KSR&C No. 15-10-166.

**ENDANGERED SPECIES:** In compliance with the Endangered Species Act (ESA), a preliminary determination has been made that the described work will not affect species designated as threatened or endangered or adversely affect critical habitat, with one exception. The project occurs within the range of the northern long-eared bat (NLEB) (*Myotis septentrionalis*). Because the proposed project involves tree clearing on the site, Kansas City District will initiate informal consultation with regards to the NLEB under Section 7 of the ESA with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under separate cover. 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.

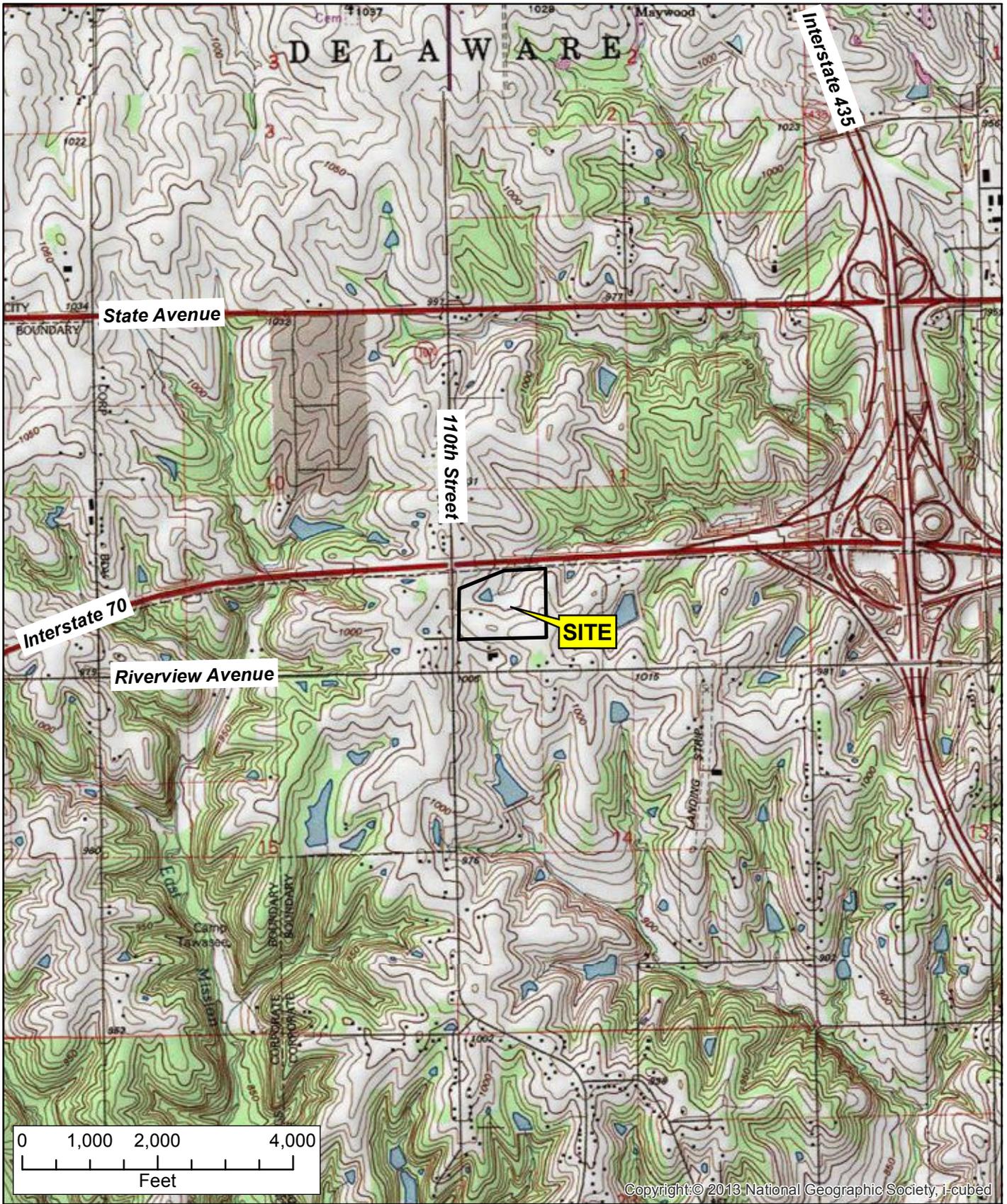
**PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW:** The decision to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including the cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. 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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APPLICATION NO. NWK-2015-02473  
 COMPASS COMMODITY GROUP III LLC  
 COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT  
 WYANDOTTE COUNTY, KANSAS  
 SHEET 1 OF 2  
 DATED 05 JANUARY 2016



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 Kansas City District



**JURISDICTIONAL ASSESSMENT**

Wetland 1: 0.03 acre, Lat. N39.10582, Long. W94.83153  
 Wetland 2: 0.59 acre, Lat. N39.10516, Long. W94.83261  
 Wetland 3: 0.49 acre, Lat. N39.10479, Long. W94.83382  
 Wetland 4: 0.06 acre, Lat. N39.10424, Long. W94.83310  
 Wetland 5: 0.02 acre, Lat. N39.10415, Long. W94.83224  
 Wetland 6: 0.12 acre, Lat. N39.10385, Long. W94.83237  
**TOTAL WETLAND AREA: 1.31 Acres**

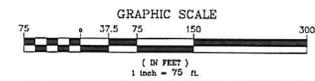
**Ephemeral 1: 166 LF X 3 FT, Lat. N39.10316, Long. W94.83469**  
**TOTAL EPHEMERAL LENGTH: 166 LF**

**Pond 1: 1.14 acres, Lat. N39.10508, Long. W94.83218**  
**Pond 2: 0.52 acre, Lat. N39.10475, Long. W94.83327**  
**TOTAL POND AREA: 1.66 Acres**

Jurisdictional Feature	General Fill		Pipe Fill		Original Size	
	Area (acres)	Area (acres)	Area (acres)	Area (acres)	Length (ft)	Width (ft)
Wetland #1					0.03	
Wetland #2	0.59				0.59	
Wetland #3	0.49				0.49	
Wetland #4	0.06				0.06	
Wetland #5	0.02				0.02	
Wetland #6	0.12				0.12	
<b>Wetland Totals</b>	<b>1.28</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>1.31</b>	
Pond #1	1.14				1.14	
Pond #2	0.52				0.52	
<b>Pond Totals</b>	<b>1.66</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>1.66</b>	
<b>Ephemeral #1</b>			<b>166</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>3</b>



**Site Location**  
 T11S-R23E-S11  
 Edwardsville, Wyandotte County, Kansas  
 27.61 Acres  
 Lat. N39.10444  
 Long. W94.83308



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