



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Alaska District

Public Notice of Application for Permit

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PUBLIC NOTICE DATE:	September 3, 2021
EXPIRATION DATE:	October 4, 2021
REFERENCE NUMBER:	POA-2021-00434
WATERWAY:	Meadow Creek

Interested parties are hereby notified that a Department of the Army permit application has been received for work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the enclosed project drawings.

All comments regarding this Public Notice should be sent to the address noted above. If you desire to submit your comments by email, you should send it to the Project Manager's email as listed below or to regpagemaster@usace.army.mil. All comments should include the Public Notice reference number listed above.

All comments should reach this office no later than the expiration date of this Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Please contact Estrella Campellone at (907) 753-2518, toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712, by fax at (907) 753-5567, or by email at Estrella.f.campellone@usace.army.mil if further information is desired concerning this notice.

APPLICANT: Sheila Pontier; email: sheilapontier@live.com; Phone: 907-232-2880

AGENT: Shea P. Murphy; email: smurphy@nge-tft.com; Phone/Fax: 907-344-5934

LOCATION: The project site is located within Section 17, T. 17 N., R. 3 W., Seward Meridian; USGS Quad Map Anchorage C-8; Latitude 61.564736° N., Longitude -149.846244° W.; 15133 W Lakes Blvd.; Wasilla, Alaska 99657; Parcel ID 17N03W17A012; from Parks Highway, take Big Lake Road 3.3 miles; take a right onto South Beaver Lake Road 0.9 miles; turn left onto West Lakes Blvd. and drive 0.8-mile; site in o right side of the road; in Wasilla, Alaska.

PURPOSE: The applicant's stated purpose is to build a single-family home and access driveway to the home pad in a private parcel. Work is planned for completion by fall of 2022.

PROPOSED WORK: To fill 0.80-acre of palustrine scrub-shrub wetlands with approximately 6,300 cubic yards of clean gravel material to construct a single-family home building pad and an access driveway. All work would be performed in accordance with the enclosed plan (sheets 1-3), dated August 17, 2021.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: A Water Quality Certification from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation would be required.

APPLICANT PROPOSED MITIGATION: The applicant proposes the following mitigation measures to avoid, minimize, and compensate for impacts to waters of the United States from activities involving discharges of dredged or fill material.

a. Avoidance: The applicant would fill the minimum acreage required to meet the purpose of the project.

b. Minimization: Implementation of best management practices to control erosion and sediment transport, measures to minimize impacts to hydrology.

c. Compensatory Mitigation: The applicant is proposing to construct a 1.80-acre lake as compensatory mitigation.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: A permit for the described work will not be issued until a certification or waiver of certification, as required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217), has been received from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The latest published version of the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRs) has been consulted for the presence or absence of historic properties, including those listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. There are no cultural resources in the permit area or within the vicinity of the permit area. The permit area has been determined to be the project footprint and adjacent area within the parcel. Consultation of the AHRs constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the Corps at this time, and we are otherwise unaware of the presence of such resources. The Corps has made a No Historic Properties Affected (No Effect) determination for the proposed project. This application is being coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Any comments SHPO may have concerning presently unknown archeological or historic data that may be lost or destroyed by work under the requested permit will be considered in our final assessment of the described work. The Corps is requesting the SHPO's concurrence with this determination.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: No threatened or endangered species are known to use the project area.

We have determined the described activity would have no effect on any listed or proposed threatened or endangered species and would have no effect on any designated or proposed critical habitat, under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 844). Therefore, no consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is required. However, any comments they may have concerning endangered or threatened wildlife or plants or their critical habitat will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH).

No EFH species are known to use the project area.

We have determined the described activity would not adversely affect EFH in the project area.

TRIBAL CONSULTATION: The Alaska District fully supports tribal self-governance and government-to-government relations between Federally recognized Tribes and the Federal government. Tribes with protected rights or resources that could be significantly affected by a proposed Federal action (e.g., a permit decision) have the right to consult with the Alaska District on a government-to-government basis. Views of each Tribe regarding protected rights and resources will be accorded due consideration in this process. This Public Notice serves as notification to the Tribes within the area potentially affected by the proposed work and invites their participation in the Federal decision-making process regarding the protected Tribal right or resource. Consultation may be initiated by the affected Tribe upon written request to the District Commander during the public comment period.

PUBLIC HEARING: 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, reasons for holding a public hearing.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity and its intended use on the public interest. Evaluation of the probable impacts, which the proposed activity may have on the public interest, requires a careful weighing of all the factors that become relevant in each particular case. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. The outcome of the general balancing process would determine whether to authorize a proposal, and if so, the conditions under which it will be allowed to occur. The decision should reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal, must be considered including the cumulative effects thereof. Among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, 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. For activities involving 404 discharges, a permit will be denied if the discharge that would be authorized by such permit would not comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's 404(b)(1) guidelines. Subject to the preceding sentence and any other applicable guidelines or criteria (see Sections 320.2 and 320.3), a permit will be granted unless the District Commander determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

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 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.

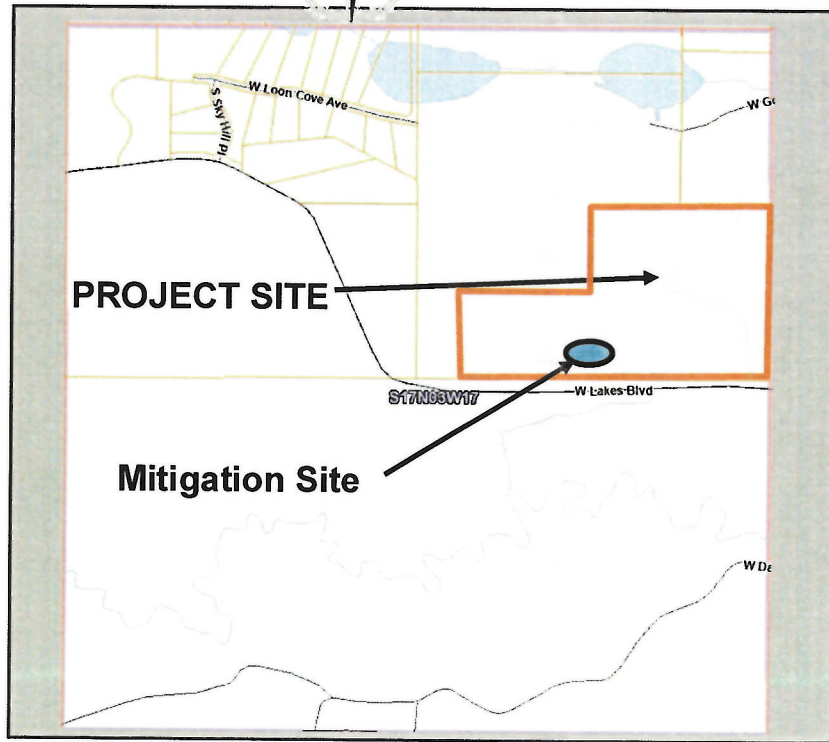
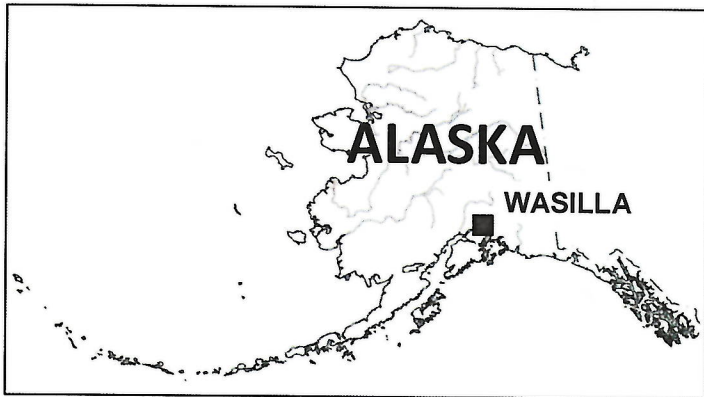
AUTHORITY: This permit will be issued or denied under the following authority:

(X) Discharge dredged or fill material into waters of the United States – Section 404 Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Therefore, our public interest review will consider the guidelines set forth under Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 230).

Project drawings are enclosed with this Public Notice.

District Commander
U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

Enclosures



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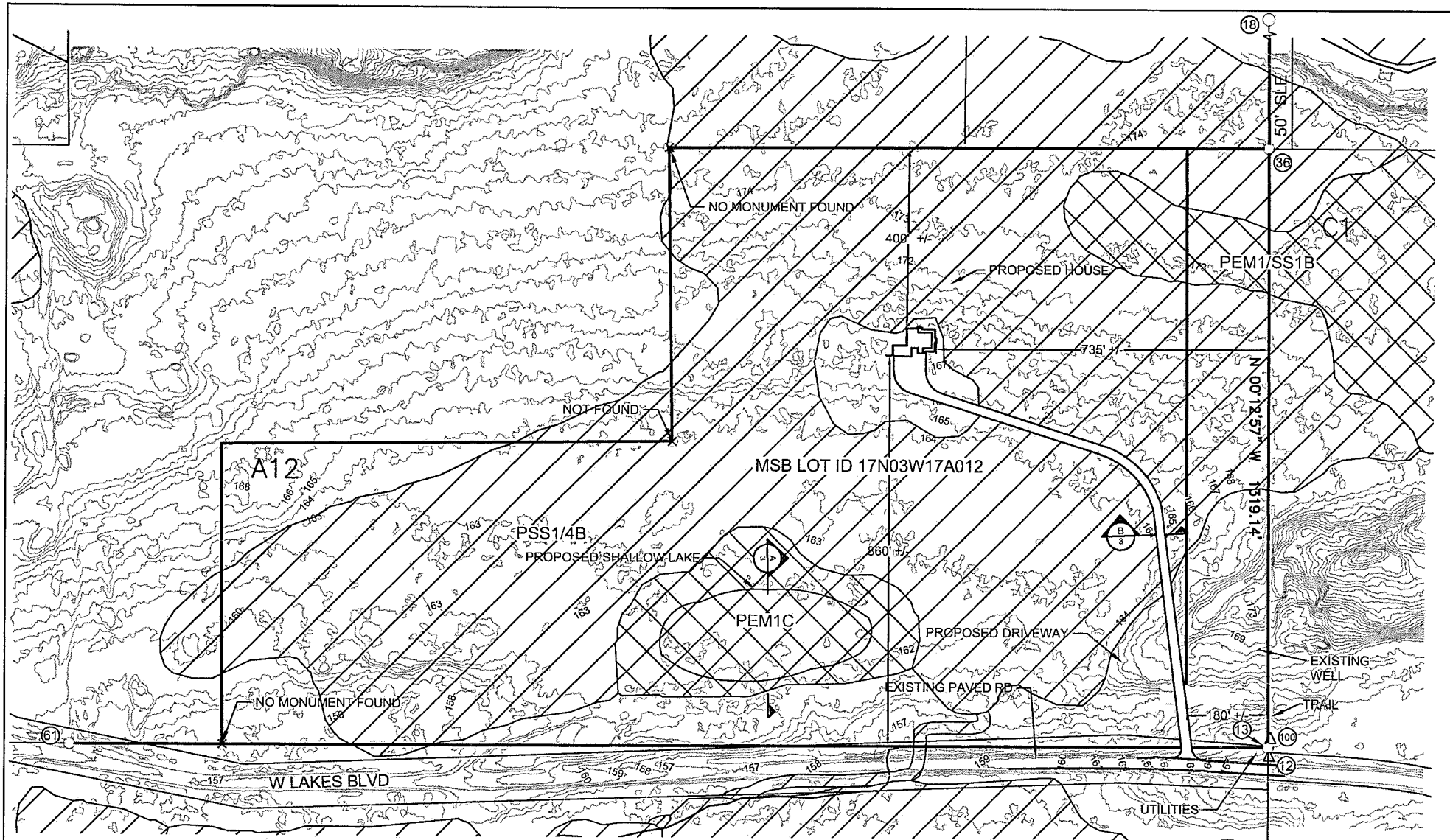
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PROJECT SITE LOCATION MAP

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15133 W LAKES BLVD

PROJECT LOCATION:
WASILLA, ALASKA

PROJECT ID:
6060-21

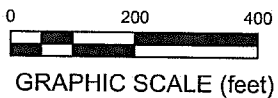
SHEET NUMBER:
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GRAPHIC SCALE (feet)

SYN.	REVISIONS	DATE	BY

CLIENT	SHEILA PONTIER	JOB NUMBER	6060-21	SCALE	1" = 400' (8.5X11)
PROJECT	15133 W LAKES, BIG LAKE, ALASKA	DATE	8/17/2021	SHEET NO	2 of 3
SHEET TITLE	TOPOGRAPHIC MAP				



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