



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT  
PENSACOLA REGULATORY OFFICE  
41 NORTH JEFFERSON STREET, SUITE 301  
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

Regulatory Division  
North Branch  
Pensacola Permits Section

March 11, 2019

## ***PUBLIC NOTICE***

Permit Application No. SAJ-2018-01417 (SP-SWA)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The Jacksonville District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1344) as described below:

APPLICANT: Travis Carver  
P.O Box 323  
Gulf Breeze, Florida 32562

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: The project would affect waters of the United States associated with East Bay. The project site is located on Captains Court at Lot 18, Block J, within the Paradise Bay development, Section 28, Township 2 South, Range 28 West, Gulf Breeze, Santa Rosa County, Florida.

Directions to the site are as follows: From Pensacola, travel east on U.S. Highway 98 approximately 11.25 miles to Portside Drive. North (left) on Portside Drive and travel 0.10 mile to Paradise Bay Drive. East (right) on Paradise Bay Drive and travel 0.30 mile to Bay Wind Drive. West (left) on Bay Wind Drive and take to Bay Mist Drive. North (right) on Bay Mist Drive to Captains Court. Site is on the north side of the road at the cul-de-sac.

APPROXIMATE CENTRAL COORDINATES: Latitude 30.396373°  
Longitude -87.062668°

### **PROJECT PURPOSE:**

Basic: Residential development

Overall: Construct a single-family residence in south Santa Rosa County.

EXISTING CONDITIONS: The project site is a 0.50-acre single-family lot that consists of approximately 0.14-acre of uplands and 0.36-acre of wetlands. The onsite wetlands are a freshwater forested system that are of medium to low quality. The vegetation consists of slash pine (*Pinus elliottii*), sweetbay (*Magnolia virginiana*), Chinese tallow (*Triadica sebifera*), and gallberry (*Ilex coriacea*). The vegetative composition throughout the site has been impacted by the lack of a natural fire regime which has resulted in community succession and the prevalence of exotic species. The hydrology

has been slightly altered by road construction and adjacent development. The onsite soils are mapped as Rutledge. The existing area surrounding the project area consists of residential development.

**PROPOSED WORK:** The applicant seeks authorization to fill 0.17-acre of wetlands for the construction of a single-family residence.

**AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION INFORMATION** – The applicant has provided the following information in support of efforts to avoid and/or minimize impacts to the aquatic environment:

Potential impacts are limited to 0.17-acre of wetlands out of a total of 0.36-acre of onsite wetlands. The remaining 0.19-acre of wetlands would remain in their existing natural state. A retaining wall would be constructed along the limits of fill to prevent the encroachment and runoff of sediments into the adjacent wetlands. Additional erosion control best management practices (BMP's), such as slit fencing would be used during construction and removed upon completion of work.

**COMPENSATORY MITIGATION** – The applicant has offered the following compensatory mitigation plan to offset unavoidable functional loss to the aquatic environment:

To offset direct and secondary impacts, the applicant proposes to purchase 0.13 freshwater forested mitigation bank credits from the Garcon Peninsula Mitigation Bank.

**CULTURAL RESOURCES:** The activity is of such limited scope there is little likelihood of impact upon a historic property; therefore, the proposed project would have "No Potential to Cause Effect".

**ENDANGERED SPECIES:** The Corps has determined the proposed project may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect the Eastern Indigo Snake (*Drymarchon corais couperi*). The Corps will request U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concurrence with this determination pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

**ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT (EFH):** This notice initiates consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service on EFH as required by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act 1996. The proposal would impact approximately 0.17 acres of palustrine wetlands adjacent to and contiguous with tidal waters utilized by various life stages of black grouper, gray snapper, red drum, and penaid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or Federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

**NOTE:** This public notice is being issued based on information furnished by the applicant. This information has not been verified or evaluated to ensure compliance

with laws and regulation governing the regulatory program. The jurisdictional line has not been verified by Corps personnel.

**AUTHORIZATION FROM OTHER AGENCIES:** Water Quality Certification may be required from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and/or one of the state Water Management Districts.

**COMMENTS** regarding the potential authorization of the work proposed should be submitted in writing to the attention of the District Engineer through the Pensacola Permits Section, 41 North Jefferson Street, Suite 301, Pensacola, Florida 32502, within 21 days from the date of this notice.

The decision whether to issue or deny this permit application will be based on the information received from this public notice and the evaluation of the probable impact to the associated wetlands. This is based on an analysis of the applicant's avoidance and minimization efforts for the project, as well as the compensatory mitigation proposed.

**QUESTIONS** concerning this application should be directed to the project manager, Steve Andrews Jr., in writing at the Pensacola Permits Section, 41 North Jefferson Street, Suite 301, Pensacola, Florida 32502, by electronic mail at [stephen.w.andrews@usace.army.mil](mailto:stephen.w.andrews@usace.army.mil), by fax at (850) 433-8160, or by telephone at (850) 439-0707.

**IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES:** Coordination with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Marine Fisheries Services, and other Federal, State, and local agencies, environmental groups, and concerned citizens generally yields pertinent environmental information that is instrumental in determining the impact the proposed action will have on the natural resources of the area.

**EVALUATION:** The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including 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 cumulative impacts thereof; among these are conservation, economics, esthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historical properties, 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, considerations of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, EPA, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act or the criteria established under authority of Section 102(a) of the Marine Protection Research

and Sanctuaries Act of 1972. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

The US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) 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 to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this determination, comments are used to assess impacts to endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

**COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT CONSISTENCY:** In Florida, the State approval constitutes compliance with the approved Coastal Zone Management Plan. In Puerto Rico, a Coastal Zone Management Consistency Concurrence is required from the Puerto Rico Planning Board. In the Virgin Islands, the Department of Planning and Natural Resources permit constitutes compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Plan.

**REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:** Any person may request a public hearing. The request must be submitted in writing to the District Engineer within the designated comment period of the notice and must state the specific reasons for requesting the public hearing.



DIRECTIONS TO THE SITE FROM DOWNTOWN PENSACOLA: START OUT GOING EAST ON CHASE STREET/US-98 TOWARDS GULF BREEZE. CONTINUE TO FOLLOW US-98 FOR APPROXIMATELY 11.3 MILES. TURN LEFT ONTO PORTSIDE DRIVE. TAKE PARADISE BAY DRIVE AND BAY WIND DRIVE TO CAPTAINS COURT. LOT IS ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE OF THE ROAD TOWARD THE END OF THE CUL DE SAC. PLEASE CALL 850-453-4700 WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

#### SUBJECT PROPERTY

PARCEL ID#28-2S-28-3020-00J00-0180

PROPERTY OWNER:  
Travis Carver  
1150 Shady Ln  
Gulf Breeze, FL 32563

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#### PROJECT LOCATION

LAT: 30°23'46.90"  
LONG: -87°3'46.01"



#### ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS

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PENSACOLA, FLORIDA 32507  
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PROJECT NAME: Lot 18 Blk J; Travis Carver

SITE LOCATION MAP

PROJECT NO.: 2017-670

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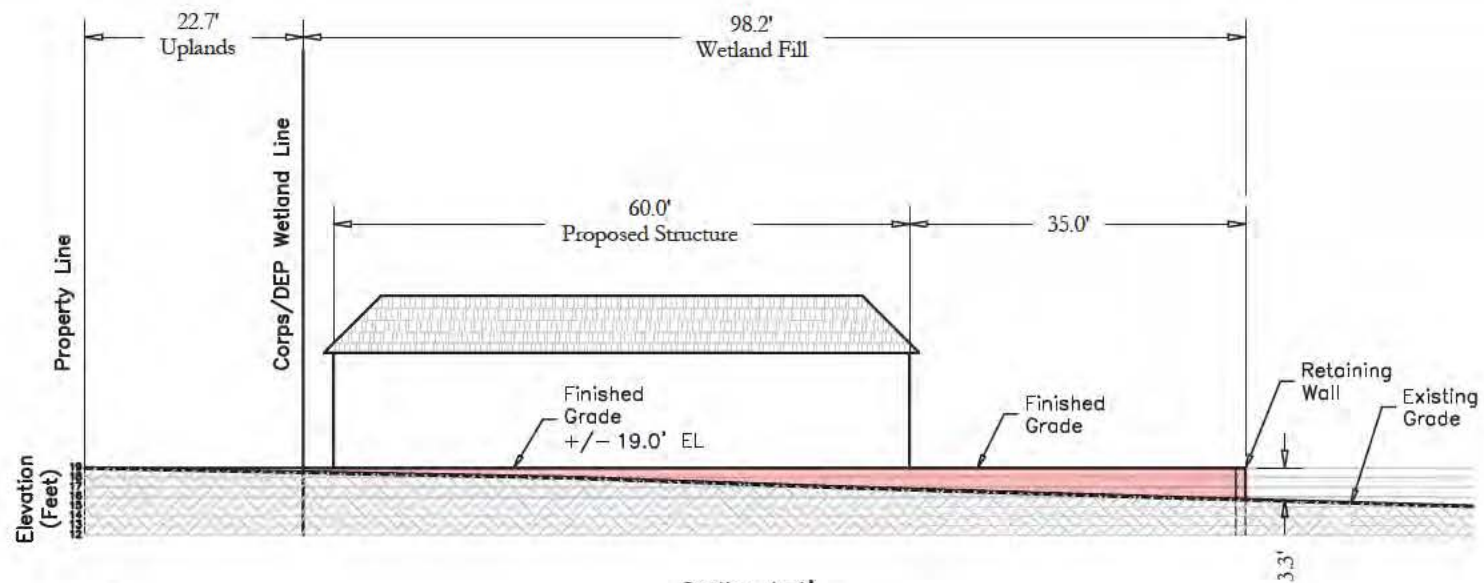
Subject Property

Corps/DEP/NWFWD Wetlands Identified by WSI  
0.359± AC

Corps/DEP Wetland Fill 0.170± AC and 823 CY

Corps/DEP Secondary Wetland Impact 0.165± AC





Corps/DEP/NWFMD  
Wetland Fill  
0.17± AC

