

Public Notice

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Pittsburgh District

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Closing Date: December 20, 2018

Application No. LRP-2014-1067 Date: November 20, 2018

Notice No. 18-43

1. <u>TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN</u>: The following application has been submitted for a Department of the Army Permit under the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

2. APPLICANT: FWH Development, LLC

1028 Riviera Road

Emlenton, Pennsylvania 16373

- 3. <u>LOCATION</u>: Unnamed tributaries to Kaufman Run and abutting and adjacent wetlands on the south side of the Route 228 and Myoma Road intersection in Adams Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania. Approximate center location of project is at 40.691728N, -80.047368W.
- 4. PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF WORK: FWH Development proposes to develop approximately 57.1 acres of land with mixed use development that will include single and multifamily residential units and commercial development along Route 228. Various alternatives have been investigated by the applicant and they have selected Alternative 4 as the preferred option as it results in the least stream and wetland impacts while meeting the project purpose and need. According to the permit application the project will result in impacts to three streams for a total of 1,075 linear feet and seven wetlands for a total of 0.316 acre. The applicant has proposed to create five wetland mitigation areas on the site for a total of 0.344 acre. In order to offset the stream impacts the applicant has proposed the creation of 110 linear feet of ephemeral stream channel, relocation of 653 linear feet of Stream 2, and the proposed restoration of 372 linear feet of stream through riparian enhancement. The Project Location Map, Stream and Wetland Delineation Map, and Impact and Mitigation Map may be found at the following website by clicking on Public Notice number 18-43.

http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PublicNotices.aspx

5. <u>ENCROACHMENT PERMIT</u>: The applicant has obtained a Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit (E10-491 issued on June 8, 2015) which includes 401 Water Quality Certification from the:

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> Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Northwest Regional Office 230 Chestnut Street Meadville, Pennsylvania 16335

- 6. <u>IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES</u>: The applicant conducted a review of the Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI- 661630 dated July 13, 2018) which resulted in No Known Impact and No Further Review Required for the PA Game Commission, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, PA Fish and Boat Commission, and US Fish and Wildlife Service. This Public Notice serves as a request to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1972 (as amended).
- 7. <u>IMPACT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES</u>: The applicant conducted coordination with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and received a historic structures clearance letter dated August 1, 2014 and archaeological resources clearance in a letter dated January 15, 2015. If we are made aware, as a result of comments received in response to this notice, or by other means, of specific archeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical sites or structures which might be affected by the proposed work, the District Engineer will immediately take the appropriate action necessary pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 Public Law 89-665 as amended (including Public Law 96-515).
- 8. <u>PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT</u>: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in the paragraph below entitled "RESPONSES," that a public hearing be held to consider this application. The requests for public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.
- 9. EVALUATION: Interested parties are invited to state any objections they may have to the proposed work. 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 benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposals 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, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain 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. 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

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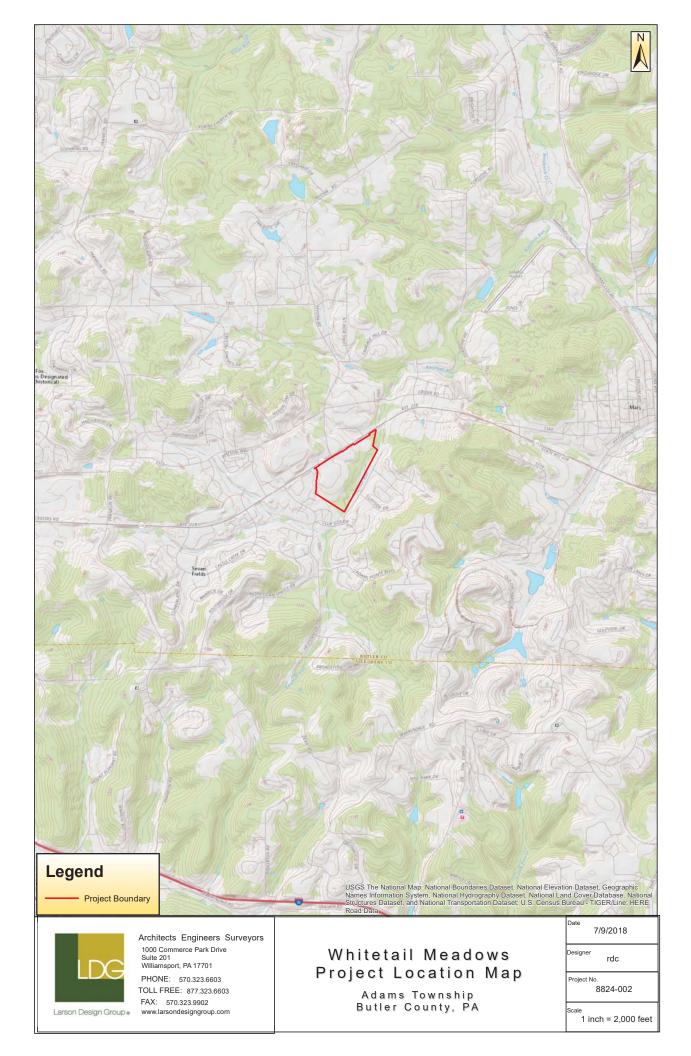
used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. 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 the authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR Part 230).

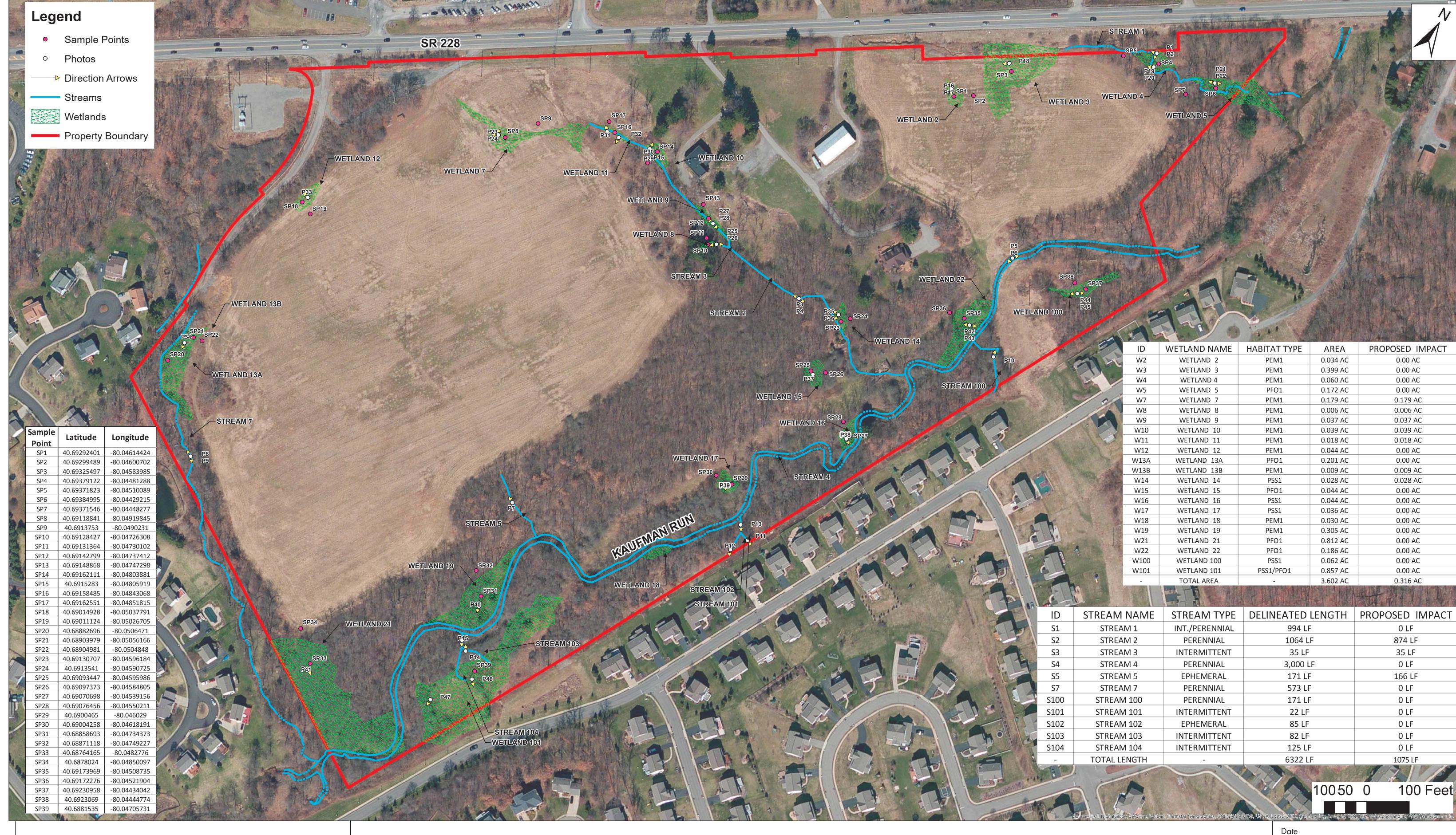
10. <u>RESPONSES</u>: A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest. Written statements concerning the proposed activity should be received in this office on or before the closing date of this Public Notice in order to become a part of the record and to be considered in the final determination. Any objections which are received during this period may be forwarded to the applicant for possible resolution before the determination is made whether to issue or deny the requested DA Permit. All responses to this notice should be directed to the Regulatory Division, attention Matthew Mason at the above address, by telephoning (412) 395-7129, or by e-mail at Matthew.R.Mason@usace.army.mil. Please refer to CELRP-OP-F 2014-1067 in all responses.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

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Tyler Bintrim North Branch Chief, Regulatory Division







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WHITETAIL MEADOWS STREAM AND WETLAND DELINEATION MAP

Adams Township, Butler County, PA

A, USGS, AEX, Getmapping, Aerogrid, IGN, IGP, swisstopo, and the GIS User Community		
	Date	12/16/2014
	Designer	CAB
	Project No.	8824-002
	Scale	1 "= 100'

