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Little Rock District

# JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

*CORPS OF ENGINEERS – STATE OF ARKANSAS*

**Application Number: 1991-10252-5**

**Date: November 26, 2019**

**Comments Due: December 23, 2019**

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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Comments are invited on the work described below. Please see the Public Involvement section for details on submitting comments.**

Point of Contact. If additional information is desired, please contact the regulator, Jim Ellis, telephone number: (501) 324-5295, mailing address: Little Rock District Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division, PO Box 867, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867, email address: [Jim.D.Ellis@usace.army.mil](mailto:Jim.D.Ellis@usace.army.mil)

Project Information. Pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S. Code 1344), notice is hereby given that

**Mr. Will Ford  
Westrock Coffee Roasting, LLC  
30 Collins Industrial Place  
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72113**

has requested authorization for the placement of dredged and fill material in 1.3 acres of a forested wetland and 772 feet of an intermittent stream associated with the expansion of the Westrock Coffee manufacturing facility by constructing a new building and associated parking lot. The wetland will be impacted by permanent placement of fill material and the intermittent stream will be impacted by fill and piping of the stream. Drainage will be controlled and directed to the west and north through the same stream system where water currently flows. The proposed project is located in a wetland and stream located immediately west of the existing Westrock Coffee manufacturing facility. The wetland and stream flows into White Oak Bayou, which flows into the Arkansas River, in section 3, T. 2 N., R. 13 W., Pulaski County, Arkansas.

The purpose of the project is to expand an existing commercial facility that services a global market. The project is not water dependent.

The site is surrounded by commercial development in a rapidly expanding portion of Central Arkansas within the city limits of North Little Rock and Maumelle. Terrain on the project site consists of uplands including a forested wetland and intermittent stream that flow into White Oak Bayou. The wetland and stream functions are impaired since they are surrounded by commercial development and road crossings. To accomplish the project, clearing of existing wetland vegetation (including trees), filling, and grading of a wetland and piping of an intermittent stream would be required. Approximately 3,000 cubic yards of soil and rock would be required for fill material. Other authorizations, including a storm water pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) will be obtained to prevent and minimize transport of sediment to downstream waters not receiving fill material. Typical best management practices such as silt fencing and other construction methods would be used to mitigate impacts to water quality and other resources.

The applicant has investigated other alternative project sites in proximity to the proposed site but none adequately meet the project purpose and the applicant states that sites not located near the existing facility would be unjustified economically. The permit applicant has owned the proposed project site many years. The applicant has altered the layout of the proposed commercial development but avoidance of any waters of the United States located on the property is not possible.

Compensatory mitigation requirements for impacts to wetlands would be assessed utilizing the 2002 Charleston Method with the Little Rock District Addendum. The intermittent stream will be assessed using the 2011 Little Rock Stream Method. The applicant proposes to mitigate for unavoidable impacts by permittee-responsible off-site compensatory mitigation located adjacent to mitigation lands previously obtained to mitigate for another permit issued to the applicant (see Sheet 4 of 4). The mitigation site is located in the White Oak Bayou watershed and east of an existing large mitigation area. No mitigation banks service this watershed.

The location and general plan for the proposed work are shown on the enclosed sheets (Sheets 1-3 of 4).

Water Quality Certification. By copy of this public notice, the applicant is requesting water quality certification from the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act. Upon completion of the comment period and a public hearing, if held, a determination relative to water quality certification will be made. Evidence of this water quality certification or waiver of the right to certify must be submitted prior to the issuance of a Corps of Engineers permit.

Cultural Resources. A Corps staff archeologist will review topographic maps, the National Register of Historic Places, and other data on reported sites in the area. The District Engineer invites responses to this public notice from Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies; historical and archeological societies; and other parties likely to have knowledge of or concerns with historic properties in the area.

Endangered Species. Our preliminary determination is that the proposed activity will not affect listed Endangered Species or their critical habitat. A copy of this notice is being furnished to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and appropriate state agencies and constitutes a request to those agencies for information 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 proposed activity.

Floodplain. We are providing copies of this notice to appropriate floodplain officials in accordance with 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 60 (Floodplain Management Regulations Criteria for Land Management and Use) and Executive Order 11988 on Floodplain Management.

Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines. The evaluation of activities to be authorized under this permit, which involves the discharge of dredged or fill material will include application of guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act. These guidelines are contained in 40 Code of Federal CFR 230.

Public Involvement. Any interested party is invited to submit to the above-listed POC written comments or objections relative to the proposed work on or before **December 23, 2019**. Substantive comments, both favorable and unfavorable, will be accepted and made a part of the record and will receive full consideration in determining whether this work would be in the public interest. 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 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, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic 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.

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.

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, the reasons for holding a public hearing. The District Engineer will determine if the issues raised are substantial and whether a hearing is needed for making a decision.

**NOTE:** The mailing list for this Public Notice is arranged by state and county(s) where the project is located, and includes any addressees who have asked to receive copies of all public notices. Please discard notices that are not of interest to you. If you have no need for any of these notices, please advise us so that your name can be removed from the mailing list.

Enclosures

Approximate Coordinates of Project Center

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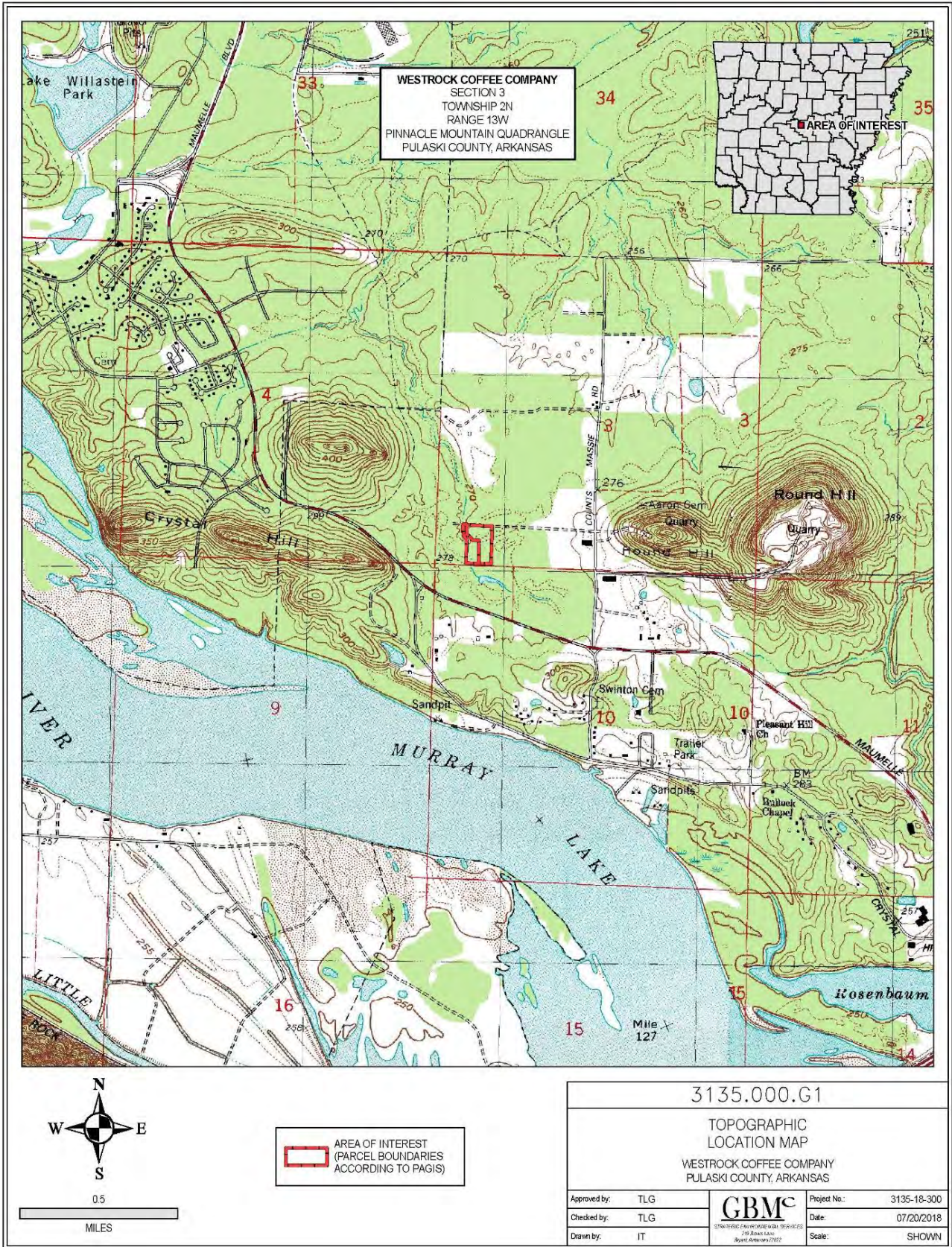
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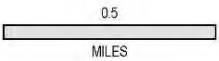
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WESTROCK COFFEE COMPANY  
 SECTION 3  
 TOWNSHIP 2N  
 RANGE 13W  
 PINNACLE MOUNTAIN QUADRANGLE  
 PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS



AREA OF INTEREST  
 (PARCEL BOUNDARIES  
 ACCORDING TO PAGIS)

3135.000.G1	
TOPOGRAPHIC LOCATION MAP	
WESTROCK COFFEE COMPANY PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS	
Approved by: TLG	Project No.: 3135-18-300
Checked by: TLG	Date: 07/20/2018
Drawn by: IT	Scale: SHOWN

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**COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT**  
 Stream and Wetland Fill  
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 November 2019 Sheet 1 of 4





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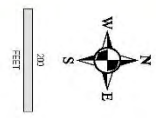
MITIGATION AREA

EXPANSION 2  
 WESTROCK COFFEE COMPANY  
 PULVER COUNTY, ARKANSAS

PROJECT NO.	DATE	SCALE
10222918	10/22/2019	AS SHOWN




  
 UTA BOUNDARY (1:100 FT)
   
 WETLAND (0:1 FT)
   
 MITIGATION AREA (1:8 ACRES)
   
 WESTROCK EXISTING MITIGATION AREA



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