



# Public Notice

**US Army Corps  
of Engineers**  
Louisville District ®

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LRL-2020-891-sea

Open Date:  
24 November 2020

Closing Date:  
24 December 2020

Please address all comments and inquiries to:  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District  
ATTN: Ms. Sarah Atherton, CELRL-RDS, Rm 752  
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Louisville, Kentucky 40201-0059

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This notice announces an application submitted for a Department of the Army (DA) Permit, subject to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act:

**APPLICANT:** Browning Consolidated PI, LLC  
6100 West 96<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 150  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46278

**AGENT:** Redwing Ecological Services, Inc.  
1139 South Fourth Street  
Louisville, Kentucky 40208

**LOCATION:** Unnamed tributary (UT) of Buffalo Run and adjacent wetlands on a 21.7-acre site located southwest of the intersection of Cedar Grove Road (KY 480) and Alpha Way in Shepherdsville, Bullitt County, Kentucky.

Latitude: 37.976293°N  
Longitude: 85.691133  
7.5 Minute Quad: Shepherdsville, Kentucky

**PURPOSE:** To construct a commercial warehouse building in the existing Velocity 65 Trade Center along I-65 in Bullitt County, Kentucky

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK:** The applicant proposes to discharge 2,275 cubic yards of clean earthen material and rock fill into 1.41 acres of palustrine emergent wetland. This activity would be required for the construction of the proposed Velocity 65 Trade Center Expansion Lot 5 development that would include a 326,000 square foot warehouse with associated parking lots and a stormwater management system.

**AVOIDANCE, MINIMIZATION, AND MITIGATION MEASURES:** The development plan has minimized impacts to jurisdictional features by avoiding 230 linear feet of an UT of Buffalo Run. To compensate for unavoidable impacts to “waters of the United States (U.S.)”, the applicant proposes to purchase wetland credits from an approved Mitigation Bank or the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Stream and Wetland Restoration In-Lieu Fee Program. It is noted that this proposed mitigation is open to comment and subject to change. The

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Corps will make a determination of appropriate mitigation, upon review of all submitted information.

**REVIEW PROCEDURES:** A DA Permit cannot be issued if any legally required Federal, State, or local authorization or certification is denied. A DA permit, if otherwise warranted, will not be issued until a State of Kentucky Water Quality Certification or waiver is on file at this office. In order to comply with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, the applicant must apply for State certification from the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet Division of Water (KDOW).

Copies of this notice are sent to the appropriate Federal and State Fish and Wildlife Agencies. Their views and comments are solicited in accordance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1956. The Endangered Species Act (ESA, 87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) requires federal agencies to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) pursuant to Section 7(a) 2 of the ESA on all actions that may affect a species listed (or proposed for listing) under the ESA as threatened or endangered, or any designated critical habitat. A copy of this notice is being furnished to the USFWS for their review. Per this notification, we request comments from the USFWS concerning potential impact to threatened and/or endangered species that may occur within the project area. After receipt of comments, the USACE will evaluate the potential impacts to proposed and/or listed species and their designated critical habitat and initiate consultation with USFWS, if required.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. A request for a public hearing must state the specific interest which might be damaged by issuance of the DA Permit.

The National Register of Historic Places has been examined, and it has been determined that there are no properties currently listed on the Register which would be directly affected by the proposed work. If we are made aware, as a result of comments received in response to this notice, or by other means, of specific archaeological, scientific, pre-Columbian, 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).

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact 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; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetic values, general environmental concerns, historic values, fish and wildlife values, flood damage prevention, land use, navigation, recreation, water supply, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production, and in general, the needs and welfare of the public. In addition, the evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines (40 CFR Part 230) promulgated by the Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the CWA.

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. It is presumed that all interested parties and agencies will wish to respond; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the proposed project. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of

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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.

Written statements received in this office on or before the closing date will become a part of the official record and will be considered in the determination on this permit request. Any objections which are received during this period will be forwarded to the applicant for possible resolution before the determination is made whether to issue or deny the requested DA Permit. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

Information pertaining to this application is available for public examination during normal business hours upon prior request. Drawings are available on Louisville District's Internet site at <http://www.lrl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Public-Notices/>. All comments regarding this proposal should be addressed to Sarah Atherton, CELRL-RDS at the address noted above and should refer to the Public Notice Number LRL-2020-891-sea.

If you desire to submit your comments by email, you must comply with the following:

- a) In the subject line of your email, type in **ONLY** the Public Notice ID No. LRL-2020-891-sea.

Example:

Subject: LRL-2020-891-sea

- b) Provide your physical mailing address and telephone number.
- c) Send your email to: [lrl.regulatorypubliccomment@usace.army.mil](mailto:lrl.regulatorypubliccomment@usace.army.mil)
- d) If you are sending attachments greater than 10 Mb in size with your email, you must send a hard copy (CD or paper) to the Corps' physical address as well.