



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
SAVANNAH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
1590 ADAMSON PARKWAY, SUITE 200  
MORROW, GEORGIA 30260

Regulatory Division  
SAS-2015-00313

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### JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE Savannah District/State of Georgia

The Savannah District 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 follows:

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit application will close 30 days from the date of this public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit, and must be submitted so as to be received on or before the last day of the comment period. Written comments concerning the Department of the Army Permit application must reference the Applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be forwarded to the Corps of Engineers at the above address.

Application Number: SAS-2015-00313

Applicant: Mr. Dick Anderson  
The Office of the County Manager – Fulton County  
141 Pryor Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Agent: Mr. Alex Ottley  
Contour Environmental, LLC  
4462 Bretton Court NW, Suite 14  
Acworth, Georgia 30101

Location of Proposed Work: The project site is approximately 55 acres located north/northwest of the intersection of Martin Luther King Boulevard/Mableton Parkway and Fulton Industrial Parkway in Mableton, Fulton County, Georgia at the Fulton County Airport – Charlie Brown Field Airport Hanger (latitude 33.781757, longitude -84.523971).

Description of Work Subject to the Jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:  
Applicant's preferred alternative proposes the construction of a site pad for airport hangar development and roadway widening of Sandy Creek Road. Grading and filling would occur for a site pad large enough to accommodate the construction of hangars on the airport property. Other work to occur in uplands includes parking, access drives, taxiways, a storm water management facility, as well as all other attendant features.

Existing road features on Sandy Creek Road (ingress/egress onto site pad) shall be aligned in order to minimize wetland impacts. Grading and filling of the hangar site pad shall be reduced to its minimum size to reduce impacts to perennial streams. The Applicant states that by reducing the size of the proposed site pad, as well as altering alignment of the existing roadway, the Applicant was able to reduce the stream channel and riparian buffer impacts to 688 linear feet of perennial stream channel, 463 linear feet of ephemeral channel, and 3.99 acres of forested wetland. Two other on-site alternatives had greater wetland or stream impacts.

## **BACKGROUND**

This Joint Public Notice announces a request for authorizations from both the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the State of Georgia. The applicant's proposed work may also require local governmental approval.

Fulton County Airport - Charlie Brown Field is a public use general aviation facility located north/northwest of the intersection of Martin Luther King Boulevard / Mableton Parkway and Fulton Industrial Parkway in Mableton, Fulton County, Georgia. The airport accommodated 101 based aircraft and approximately 50,000 annual operations in 2013. It has three runways: Runway 8/26 (main active runway); Runway 14/32; and Runway 9/27. The taxiway system is comprised of full-parallel taxiways for Runway 8/26 and Runway 14/32, and access taxiways for Runway 9/27 (i.e. aircraft must cross Runway 8/26 to access Runway 9/27). The airport terminal area has 24 hangars and associated facilities operated by fixed base operators (FBOs), government agencies, and private corporations. Currently existing hangar space based in an area south of Runway 8/26, known as the Central Basing Area, is occupied by corporate hangar facilities with no room to accommodate growth at the Airport. FAA forecasts a growth of based aircraft to rise from 108 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 to 197 in FY 2040. This growth of corporate aviation fleets requires sufficient hangar space to house corporate aircraft needed by employees and clients. Furthermore, past years have demonstrated an increase in jet aircraft activity at the airport and the need for expansion to accommodate this increased activity. In order to accommodate the growth of corporate based aircraft at the airport, additional hangar facilities are required at this time. Runway crossings adversely affect the airport's capacity. Eliminating or reducing runway crossings allows an airport to operate more efficiently and reduces the potential for runway incursions. Given the FAA forecasts of an increase in based aircraft at the Airport steadily increasing over the next 25 years, runway incursions are a likely possibility unless improvements are made to the existing runway system at Fulton County Airport. Furthermore, the Runway 9/27 is proposed for conversion to a taxiway as required by the FAA, due to not meeting runway separation distance safety standards. Because of this closing it is no longer in use by fixed-wing aircraft. The conversion of Runway 9/27 to a taxiway would provide aircraft utilizing the new hangars with access to Runway 8/26, which is the main Airport runway.

## STATE OF GEORGIA

Water Quality Certification: The Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, intends to certify this project at the end of 30 days in accordance with the provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, which is required for a Federal Permit to conduct activity in, on, or adjacent to the waters of the State of Georgia. Copies of the application and supporting documents relative to a specific application will be available for review and copying at the office of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, Watershed Protection Branch, 2 MLK Jr. Drive, Suite 418, Atlanta, Georgia 30334, during regular office hours. A copier machine is available for public use at a charge of 10 cents per page. Any person who desires to comment, object, or request a public hearing relative to State Water Quality Certification must do so within 30 days of the State's receipt of application in writing and state the reasons or basis of objections or request for a hearing. The application can also be reviewed in the Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division, 1590 Adamson Parkway, Suite 200 Morrow, Georgia 30260-1777.

State-owned Property and Resources: The applicant may also require assent from the State of Georgia, which may be in the form of a license, easement, lease, permit or other appropriate instrument.

## U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

The Savannah District must consider the purpose and the impacts of the applicant's proposed work, prior to a decision on issuance of a Department of the Army Permit.

Cultural Resources Assessment: The Applicant has identified two National Register-eligible historic architectural resources within the Area of Potential Effect (APE). The two resources, the Fulton County Airport Administrative Building (Resource 33132) and the Fulton County Airport Administrative Annex (Resource 33132-Annex) are both eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. However, both resources are currently contained in an airport setting with elements considered non-historic. The Applicant believes that the construction of additional hangars approximately 1,900 feet north of Resource 33132 would not significantly change the setting of the resource and would have no adverse effect. Further, a previously surveyed archaeological site, Site FU565 was identified by the Applicant. Site FU565 was recommended eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under two categories. The Applicant states that avoidance of this site would not be possible with their preferred build alternative due to the location of the resource in relation to the proposed project site. Therefore, the proposed project will have adverse effects on Site FU565. A mitigation plan has been proposed by the Applicant and accepted by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources – Historic Preservation Division (GDNR-HPD). The Applicant states

that a Memorandum of Agreement between GDNR-HPD and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will be developed to address the adverse effects of this project.

Endangered Species: Pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), we request information from the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service; or, any other interested party, on whether any species listed or proposed for listing may be present in the area.

During field surveys by the Applicant, no threatened /endangered species were noted within the APE and no suitable habitat exists on site for known threatened/endangered species for the general vicinity of the site.

Public Interest Review: 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, 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.

Consideration of Public Comments: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Native American 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 U.S. Army 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.

Application of Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines: The proposed activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into the waters of the United States. The Savannah District's 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, which mandates that a permit cannot be issued if a practicable alternative exists that would have less adverse impact on the aquatic ecosystem.

**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 for a Department of the Army permit. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for requesting a public hearing. The decision whether to hold a public hearing is at the discretion of the District Engineer, or his designated appointee, based on the need for additional substantial information necessary in evaluating the proposed project.

**Comment Period:** Anyone wishing to comment on this application for a Department of the Army Permit should submit comments in writing to the Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, Attention: Stacy Marshall, no later than **30 days** from the date of this notice. Please refer to the applicant's name (Mr. Dick Anderson, The Office of the County Manager – Fulton County) and the application number (2015-00313) in your comments.

If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please contact Stacy Marshall, Regulatory Specialist, Piedmont Branch, at [stacy.l.marshall@usace.army.mil](mailto:stacy.l.marshall@usace.army.mil) or 678-422-6571.

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1. Vicinity Map (Figure 1)
2. Waters Map (Figure 3)
3. Preferred Site Plan (Figure 7)
4. Alternative Site Plan – Option A (Figure 8A)
5. Alternative Site Plan – Option B (Figure 8B)



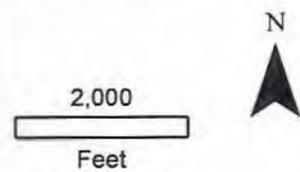
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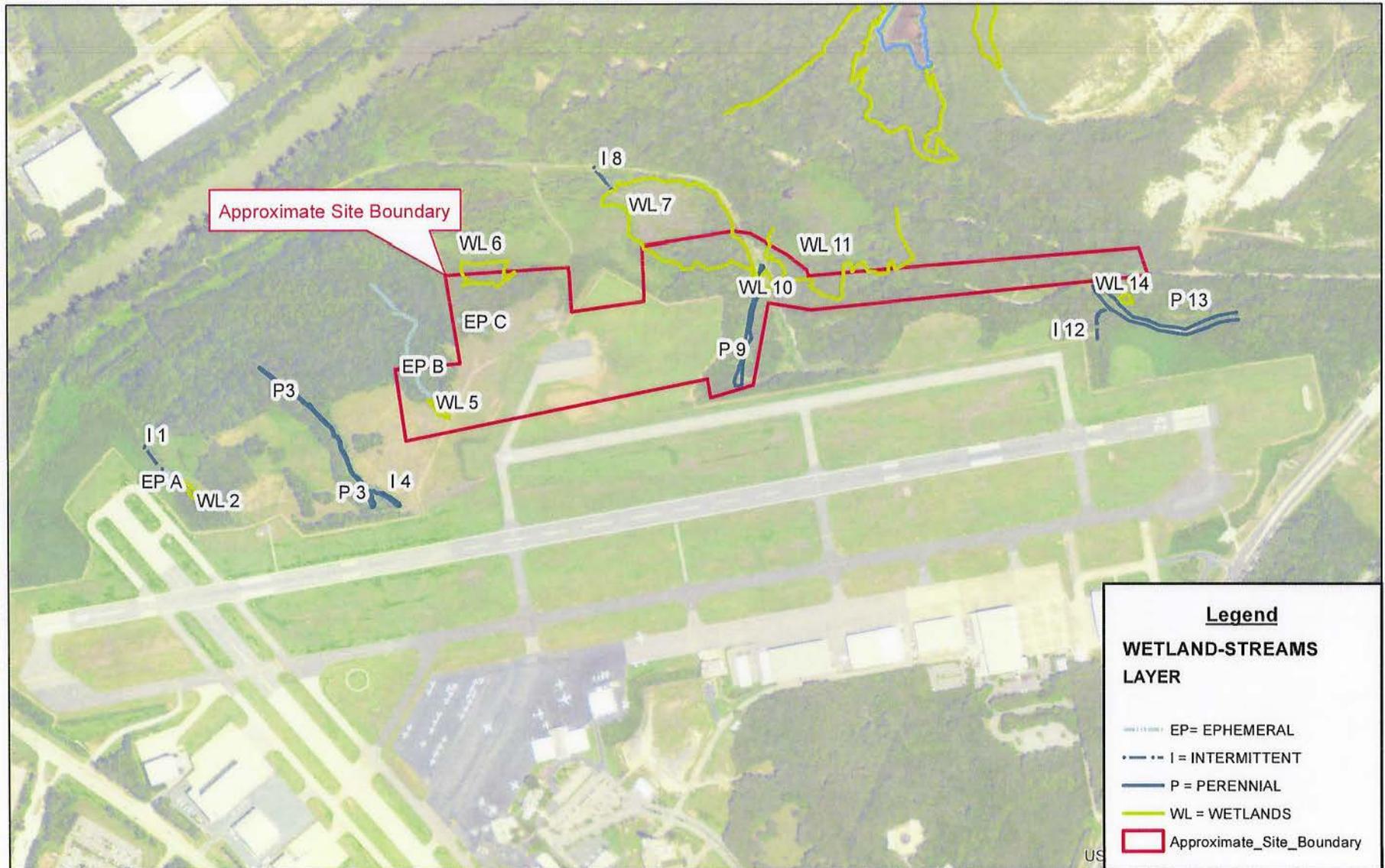
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**FIGURE 1: VICINITY MAP**

Fulton County Airport Hangar Development  
 Fulton County Airport  
 Mableton, Fulton County, GA  
 for  
 Fulton County Government



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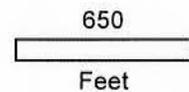


**FIGURE 3: EXISTING CONDITIONS  
AERIAL IMAGERY**

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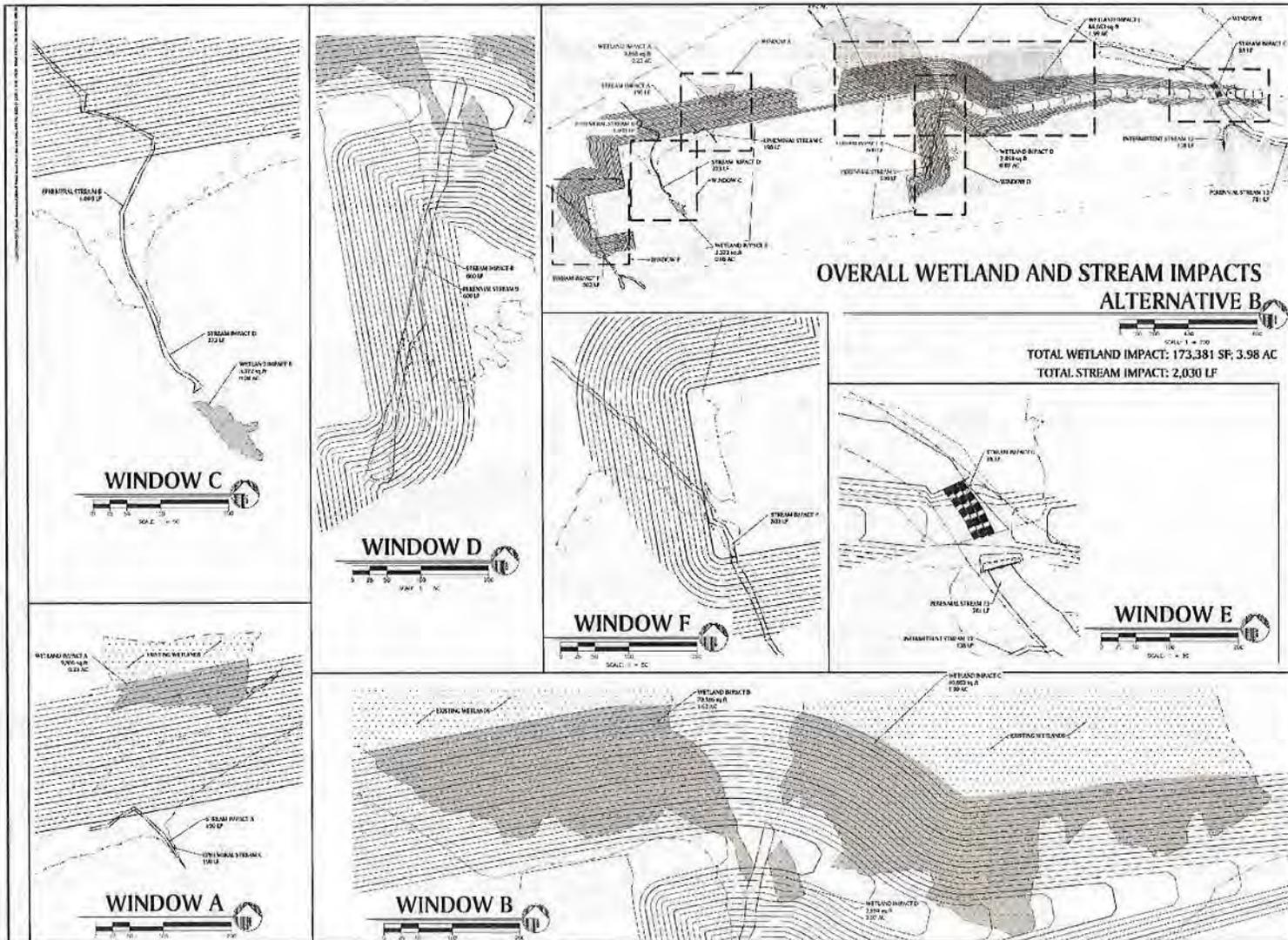
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**OVERALL WETLAND AND STREAM IMPACTS  
ALTERNATIVE B**

SCALE: 1" = 100'  
**TOTAL WETLAND IMPACT: 173,381 SF; 3.98 AC**  
**TOTAL STREAM IMPACT: 2,030 LF**

PAULSON MITCHELL  
INCORPORATED

**FULTON COUNTY AIRPORT  
IMPROVEMENTS &  
HANGAR DEVELOPMENT**

LAND: 215.17 & 21  
149.05 AC  
2,000 SF  
FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

DATE:

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**WETLAND & STREAM  
IMPACT  
ALTERNATIVE B**

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**FIGURE 8B: ALTERNATIVE ON-SITE  
LAYOUT OPTION B**

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NOT TO SCALE



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