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PUBLIC NOTICE
Savannah District

The District Engineer has received a request to modify the Final Banking Instrument for the Wahachee Creek Mitigation Bank, previously approved for compensatory mitigation for Federal and State permits as described below:

Application Number: SAS-2007-00372

Bank Project Sponsor: Mr. Trey Evans
Mitigation Management
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This 30-day public notice does not imply, on the part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) or other agencies, either a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the work to be performed, but is issued to solicit comments regarding the factors on which final decisions will be based.

Location of Proposed Work: The compensatory mitigation bank is located on an approximately 97.5-acre property located northwest of the intersection of Ed Mills Road and Wahachee Creek Road, within Elbert County, Georgia (centered at approximately latitude 34.0729, longitude -82.7753). The project is situated within the Broad River Basin watershed (Hydrologic Unit Code 03060104).

Description of Requested Modification: The proposed modification of the mitigation plan for the Wahachee Creek Mitigation Bank involves the following elements: (1) in-channel restoration and riparian treatments along approximately 1,110 linear feet of intermittent stream within the northern portion of the site; (2) removal from the mitigation bank compartment of one intermittent stream reach, within the southern portion of the site; (3) modification of approved monitoring protocols, including additional data collection stations and vegetative monitoring plots; (4) modification of approved

performance standards, to include interim and final performance milestones; (5) modification of total project credit generation and the corresponding credit release schedule; (6) performance of adaptive vegetation management, including control of *Festuca sp.* and replanting of native woody species; and (7) enhancement of constructed stream riffles, as needed, within project stream channels.

Consideration of Public Comments: The USACE 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 this proposed modification of the approved Banking Instrument. The modification request can be reviewed on the Regulatory In-Lieu-Fee and Banking Information Tracking System (RIBITS) website: https://ribits.usace.army.mil/ribits_apex/f?p=107:25:2072169509241::NO:RP:P25_REP_ORT_ID,P25_BANK_ID:10581,1238. Written comments received will be considered by the USACE in evaluating this proposal. Comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore 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.

Comment Period: Anyone wishing to comment on this proposal should submit comments in writing to: Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, Attention: Adam White, 1590 Adamson Parkway, Suite 200, Morrow, Georgia 30260-1777, no later than **30 days** from the date of this notice. Please refer to the compensatory mitigation bank name (Wahachee Creek Mitigation Bank) and the Regulatory Division file number (SAS-2007-00372) in your comments.

If you have any questions concerning this public notice, please contact Adam White, Project Manager, Piedmont Branch at 678-422-2730, or adam.f.white@usace.army.mil.