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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31401**

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Regulatory Division
SAS-2011-00779

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Savannah District**

The District Engineer has received a request to modify the Georgia-Alabama Land Trust's (GALT) In-Lieu-Fee (ILF) Instrument as compensatory mitigation for Federal and State permits as described below:

Application Number: SAS-2011-00779

In-Lieu-Fee Program Sponsor: Mr. Alex Robertson
Georgia-Alabama Land Trust
226 Old Ladiga Road
Piedmont, Alabama 36272

In-Lieu-Fee Project Sponsor: Mr. Trey Evans
Jackson Farms Holdings, LLC.
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Atlanta, Georgia 30308

In-Lieu-Fee Project Agent: Mr. Sean Miller
Mitigation Management
1860 Barnett Shoals Road, Suite 103 #414
Athens, Georgia 30605

This public notice does not imply, on the part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 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 80-acre Jackson Farms Mitigation Site (JFMS) is a proposed In-Lieu-Fee mitigation project, located northeast of the intersection of the Hurst Tate Road and Big Creek Road, approximately one (1) mile northeast of the City of Meigs, in Mitchell County, Georgia (Latitude 31.0930, Longitude -84.0813). The project is situated within the Ochlockonee River Basin watershed (Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) 03120002).

Description of Requested Modification: The GALT has requested authorization to incorporate into the ILF Instrument the proposed JFMS as compensation for the

107,383.65 advance stream credits previously sold (2016) within the Withlacoochee Primary Service Area (HUCs 03120001, 03120002, 03120003, 03110103, 03110201, 03110202, 03110203, and 03110204). The proposed mitigation plan for the JFMS proposes the following onsite mitigation prescriptions: (1) in-channel restoration, enhancement, and stabilization of approximately 9,114 linear feet (lf) of stream; (2) preservation of 2,554 lf of stream; (3) riparian restoration along 9,129 lf of stream; and (4) riparian preservation along 1,080 lf of stream.

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 this proposed modification of the approved ILF Instrument. The modification request can be reviewed on the Regulatory In-Lieu-Fee and Banking Information Tracking System (RIBITS) web address:

https://ribits.usace.army.mil/ribits_apex/f?p=107:25:11597806226911::NO:RP:P25_REP_ORT_ID,P25_BANK_ID:10572,4574. Written comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 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 the Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, Regulatory Division, Attention: Mr. Justin Hammonds, Post Office Box 528, Buford, Georgia 30515, no later than 30-days from the date of this notice. Please refer to the ILF name (Georgia-Alabama Land Trust's In-Lieu-Fee Program) and the Regulatory Division file number (SAS-2011-00779) in your comments.

If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please contact the Regulatory Division at 912-652-5768.