



US Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Portland District

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Application for Permit

**Issue Date:** July 20, 2016

**Expiration Date:** August 19, 2016

**US Army Corps of Engineers No:** NWP-2016-240

**Oregon Department of State Lands No:** APP0059155

### 30-Day Notice

Interested parties are hereby notified the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District (Corps) has received an application for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached plans. The Corps is soliciting comments on the proposed work.

**Applicant:** Circle Drive Partners, LLC.  
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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501  
Email: [today@core-investments.com](mailto:today@core-investments.com)  
Telephone: (505) 699-8821

**Applicant's Agent:** Environmental Science & Assessment, LLC.  
Attention: Jack Dalton  
107 SE Washington Street #249  
Portland, Oregon 97213  
Email: [jack@esapdx.com](mailto:jack@esapdx.com)  
Telephone: (503) 478-0424

**Location:** The project site is located near the intersection of NW Circle Boulevard and NW Harrison Boulevard in Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon. The site is in Sections 33 and 28 of Township 11 South, Range 5 West.  
Latitude and Longitude: 44.577206° North, 123.302629° West

**Waterway:** The project location has been identified as containing approximately 22.87 acres of wetlands and two unnamed tributaries to Oak Creek. The wetland boundaries and location of the ordinary high water mark shown on the project drawings have not yet been verified by the Corps. If the Corps determines the boundaries of the wetland or waters are substantially inaccurate a new public notice may be published.

**Project Purpose:** The applicant's stated purpose is to construct a residential development.

**Project Description:** The proposed project by Circle Drive Partners is a multi-family residential development. Up to 1.67 acres of wetlands would be filled for the construction and extension of the public access road named Northwest Circle Boulevard along the eastern portion of the site and the construction of a stormwater detention facility. Fill materials would consist of gravel, soil, rebar, concrete and other roadway materials. Utility lines would also

be installed within the roadway corridor. Additional impacts would include the grading of 0.537 acres of wetlands with the conversion of 0.303 acres of palustrine emergent wetland to seasonally inundated wetlands. On-site restoration work would also include the restoration of 0.813 acres of palustrine emergent wetland by removing 2,700 cubic yards of historic fill from the site.

**Mitigation:** The applicant proposes to avoid and minimize impacts from the project by isolating the development to the center of the site and leaving the remaining portion of the site (approximately 70 percent) as open space. The open space includes the higher quality Oregon white oak habitat located around the north end of the site and the majority of the 22.87 acres of wetland on site, except for the 1.67 acres of wetland and waters impacted by the extension of NW Circle Boulevard along the eastern edge of the site and the stormwater detention facility. The proposed roadway alignment largely avoids the best quality wetland in the southern end of the site and reduces impacts by 1.5 acres. The applicant has provided a proposed compensatory wetland mitigation plan to offset losses of waters of the U.S. that may result from the proposed project. The applicant will purchase 1.67 acre credits from the Long Tom Mitigation Bank.

**Drawings:** Twelve (12) drawings are attached and labeled Corps No. NWP-2016-240. Copies of this public notice, which have been mailed or otherwise physically distributed, feature project drawings in black and white. The electronic version features those drawings in color, which we think more accurately illustrates the proposed project. To access the electronic version of this public notice, go to the Portland District website at <http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/> and select Regulatory Branch Permit Information. At the Regulatory page select Regulatory Public Notices.

**Authority:** The proposed project will be evaluated under the following:

Section 404, Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), for discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

**Clean Water Act Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines:** The described discharge will be evaluated for compliance with guidelines promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act. The 404(b)(1) Guidelines are the substantive criteria used in evaluating discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. The source of the fill material would be from the project site and commercially available resources nearby. Excess materials removed from the site will be discharged in upland commercial facilities.

**Water Quality Certification:** Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1341) requires applicants to obtain a water quality certification for proposed discharges into waters of the United States. A permit for the described work will not be issued until certification has been issued or is waived from the certifying state. Attached is the state's notice for a water quality certification.

**Endangered Species:** Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 U.S.C 1536) requires federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) on all actions that may affect a species listed (or proposed for listing) under the ESA as threatened or endangered or that may adversely modify designated critical habitat. The Corps' preliminary review indicates the described

activity may affect an endangered or threatened species or designated critical habitat. The Corps will initiate consultation under Section 7 of the ESA. The Corps will complete the required consultation prior to finalizing a permit decision.

**Essential Fish Habitat:** Section 305(b)(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) as amended (16 U.S.C 1855), requires Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The Corps' preliminary review indicates the described activity would adversely affect EFH at the project location or in the vicinity. The Corps will initiate consultation under Section 305(b)(2) of the MSA. The Corps will complete the required consultation prior to finalizing a permit decision.

**Historic Properties/Cultural Resources:** Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470), requires Federal agencies to consult with the appropriate State and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer to take into account the effects of actions they undertake or permit on historic properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The Corps' preliminary review indicates to the best of our knowledge, the described activity is not located on property registered or eligible for registration in the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places. At this time the Corps is unaware of any cultural resource surveys of the project area.

This notice has been provided to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), interested Native American Indian Tribes, and other interested parties. If you have information pertaining to cultural resources within the permit area, please provide this information to the Corps' project manager identified at the end of this notice to assist in a complete evaluation of potential effects.

**State and Local Authorizations:** The applicant has obtained approval from the City of Corvallis and will be applying for the following additional governmental authorizations for the project: Removal/Fill Permit with the Oregon Department of State Lands.

**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. Requests for public hearings shall state with particularity the reasons for holding a public hearing.

**Evaluation:** The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts, of the described 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 described activity, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the described activity 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, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps 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 the proposed project. Comments received will be considered by the Corps to

determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. 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.

**Submitting Comments:** Interested parties are invited to provide comments on the proposed project. Comments may be submitted by conventional mail or email. All comments received will be considered in determining whether authorizing the work would be contrary to the public interest.

Either conventional mail or e-mail comments must include the Corps reference number as shown on page 1 and include the commenter's name and address. In order to be accepted, e-mail comments must originate from the author's e-mail account and must include on the subject line of the e-mail message the Corps reference number. All comments received will become part of the administrative record and are subject to public release under the Freedom of Information Act including any personally identifiable information such as names, phone numbers, and addresses.

Additional information about the proposed project may be obtained from the Corps Project Manager listed below. All comments, whether by conventional mail or email, must be received no later than the expiration date of this public notice to ensure consideration. Comments should be submitted to the following mailing address or email address:

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Benny A. Dean Jr.  
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Eugene, Oregon 97401-2722  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)**  
**Water Quality 401 Certification**

**Notice Issued:** July 20, 2016  
**Written Comments Due:** August 19, 2016

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**WHO IS THE APPLICANT:** Circle Drive Partners, LLC.

**LOCATION OF CERTIFICATION ACTIVITY:** See attached U.S. Army Corps of Engineers public notice.

**WHAT IS PROPOSED:** See attached U.S. Army Corps of Engineers public notice on the proposed project.

**NEED FOR CERTIFICATION:** Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act requires applicants for Federal permits or licenses to provide the Federal agency a water quality certification from the State of Oregon if the proposed activity may result in a discharge to waters of the state.

**DESCRIPTION OF DISCHARGES:** See attached U.S. Army Corps of Engineers public notice on the proposed project.

**WHERE TO FIND DOCUMENTS:** Documents and materials related to water quality issues as a result of the proposal are available for examination and copying at Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, 401 Water Quality Certification Coordinator, Northwest Region, 700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 600, Portland, Oregon 97232. Other project materials are available by contacting the Corps per the attached public notice.

Scheduling an appointment will ensure that water quality documents are readily accessible during your visit. To schedule an appointment please call DEQ Water Quality at Northwest Region at (503) 229-5263.

Any questions on the water quality certification process may be addressed to the 401 Program Coordinator at (503) 229-6030 or toll free within Oregon at (800) 452-4011. People with hearing impairments may call the Oregon Telecommunications Relay Service at 1-800-735-2900.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**Public Hearing:** Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 340-48-0032 (2) states that “The Corps provides public notice of and opportunity to comment on the applications, including the application for certification, provided that the department (DEQ), in its discretion, may provide additional opportunity for public comment, including public hearing.”

### **Written comments:**

Written comments on project elements related to water quality must be received at the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality by 5 p.m. on the date specified in the upper right section on page one of this notice. Written comments may be emailed, mailed or faxed as described below:

Email - [401publiccomments@deq.state.or.us](mailto:401publiccomments@deq.state.or.us)

Mail - Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Northwest Region  
700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 600  
Portland, Oregon 97232  
Attn: 401 Water Quality Certification Coordinator

Fax - (503) 229-6957

**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:** DEQ will review and consider all comments received during the public comment period. Following this review, certification of the proposal may be issued as proposed, issued with conditions, or denied. You will be notified of DEQ's final decision if you submit comments during the comment period. Otherwise, if you wish to receive notification, please call or write DEQ at the above address.

**ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION:** This publication is available in alternate format (e.g. large print, Braille) upon request. Please contact DEQ Office of Communications and Outreach at (503) 229-5317 or toll free within Oregon at 1-800-452-4011 to request an alternate format. People with a hearing impairment can receive help by calling the Oregon Telecommunications Relay Service at 1-800-735-2900.