

Public Notice

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District

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FEDERAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The District Commander has received a joint application for Federal and State permits as described below:

APPLICANT

Stafford Regional Airport Authority
C/o Ed Wallis, Airport Manager
75 Aviation Way
Stafford, VA 22406

WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK: The project is located at 75 Aviation Way within the Potomac Creek watershed, a tributary to the Potomac River in Stafford County, Virginia.

PROPOSED WORK AND PURPOSE: The applicant proposes to expand an existing airport to include additional maintenance and hangar facilities. An individual permit was issued in October 1997 for impacts to 0.56-acres of Forested wetlands and 5.74-acres of streams associated with the initial phase of the Stafford Airport. The applicant satisfied the aforementioned impacts by dedicating 50 acres onsite in a conservation easement and the purchase of 70 acres of riparian habitat within Crow's Nest adjacent to Potomac Creek. In addition, the applicant has agreed to mitigate for the additional impacts to 1.69-acres of emergent wetlands and 103 linear feet of stream by the purchase of wetland credits from a suitable bank and/or a contribution to the Virginia Aquatic Resources Trust Fund. FAA Regulations do not allow wetlands within 10,000 feet of an active runway, therefore not allowing for the creation of onsite wetlands as mitigation for the 1.69-acres of impacts.

In addition to the required Department of the Army permit, the applicant must obtain a Virginia Water Protection Permit from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) assuring that applicable laws and regulations pertaining to water quality are not violated and a permit from the James City County Wetlands Board. Project drawings are attached.

AUTHORITY: Permits are required pursuant to Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217) and Title 62.1 of the Code of Virginia.

FEDERAL EVALUATION OF APPLICATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. The decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All of the proposal's relevant factors will be considered, including conservation, economics, aesthetics, general

environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use classification, 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 Environmental Protection Agency's "Guidelines for Specification of Disposal Sites for Dredged or Fill Material" will also be applied (Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act).

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. Any comments received will be considered by the 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. Anyone may request a public hearing to consider this permit application by writing to the District Commander within 30 days of the date of this notice, stating specific reasons for holding the public hearing. The District Commander will then decide if a hearing should be held.

Preliminary review indicates that: (1) no environmental impact statement will be required; (2) no species of fish, wildlife, or plant (or their critical habitat) listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (PL 93-205) will be affected; and (3) no known properties eligible for inclusion or included in the National Register of Historic Places are in or near the permit area, or would likely be affected by the proposal. Additional information might change any of these findings. For compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, the applicant must certify that federally licensed or permitted activities affecting Virginia's coastal zone (Tidewater) will be conducted in a manner consistent with the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program (VCP). For more information or to obtain a list of the enforceable programs of the VCP, contact the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Impact Review at (804) 698-4330 or e-mail: elirons@deq.virginia.gov.

COMMENT PERIOD: Comments on this project should be made in writing, addressed to the Potomac Field Office, Corps of Engineers, P. O. Box 1704, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650, and should be received by the close of business on **February 19, 2008**.

If you have any questions about this project or the permit process, please call Regena Bronson at 301.475.2720.

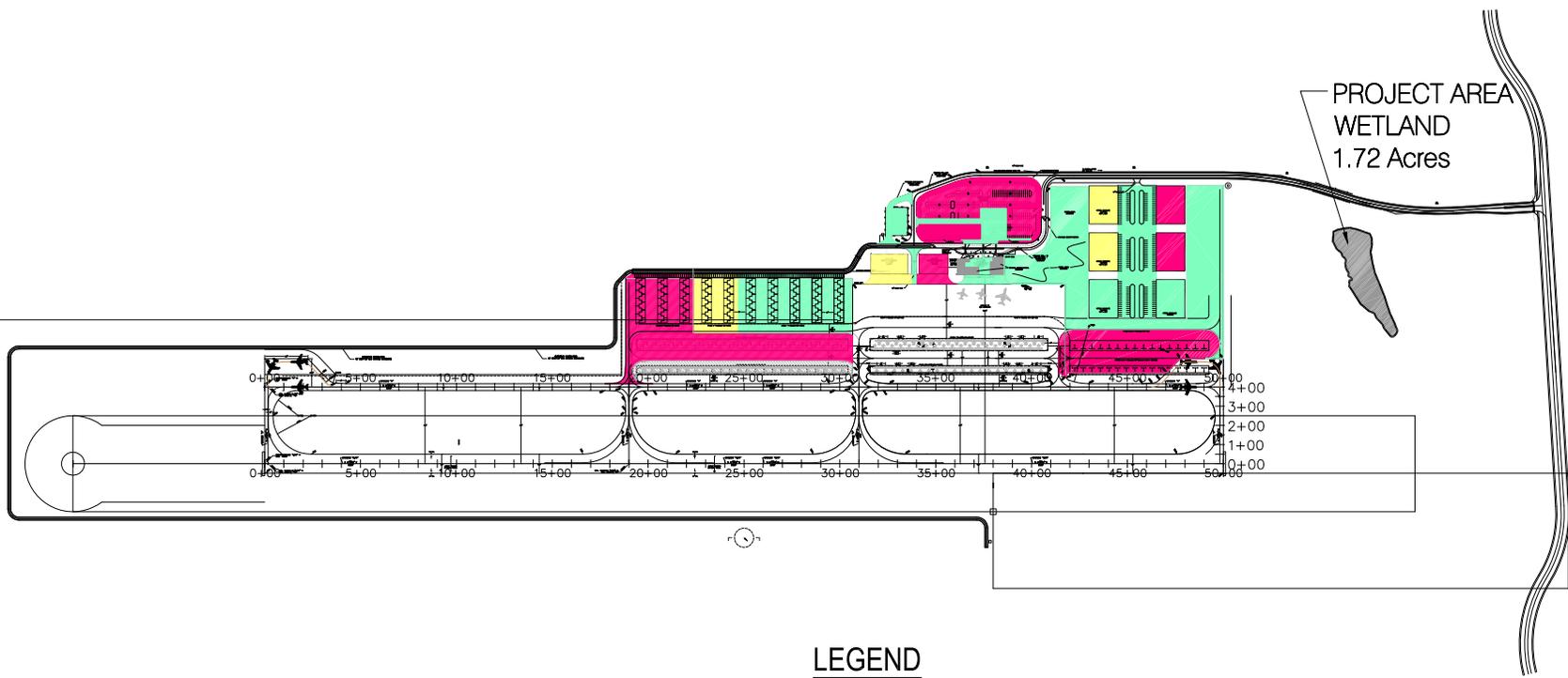
FOR THE DISTRICT COMMANDER:

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Regulatory Section

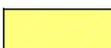
Attachment: Drawings



MAGNETIC VARIATION 10° 40' WEST
NOAA GEOMAGNETIC FIELD
SYNTHESIS PROGRAM NOVEMBER 2007



LEGEND

	EXISTING
	PHASE I (2001-2006)
	PHASE II (2006-2011)
	PHASE III (2011-2021)

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Stafford Regional Airport
AIRPORT LAYOUT DRAWING
FAA/DOAV - APPROVED PHASED AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT
SCALE: 1"=600'