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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Vicksburg District): 404 Permit Public Noticed for Prairie County, Arkansas, Greentree Reservoir

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The United States Army Corps of Engineers (Vicksburg District) ("Corp") issued a March 3rd Public Notice regarding an application for a 404 permit by L&P Realty Company ("L&P"). See Application No. MVK-2022-522.

The Public Notice describes the application as addressing the:

... building up an existing roadway for the construction of a levee for a greentree reservoir (GTR).

The GTR would be located in Prairie County, Arkansas.

The activities for which L&P is requesting a 404 permit in jurisdictional areas are for the stated purpose of impoundment of an existing low-lying area during the winter months to provide seasonal habitat and hunting opportunities for migrating and wintering waterfowl.

The scope of the GTR is described as:

- Approximately 150 acres
- 3,970 feet long levee (12 feet wide at the base, 4 feet wide at the crest, and an average height of 2 feet high)

The levee's purpose would be to prevent unintended flooding from Bayou Meto so the area could be inundated with a controlled release from the applicant's adjacent fishing reservoir.

Total impacted wetlands are stated to be approximately 0.54 acres.

Mitigation will be required because the cumulative impacts are above 0.1 acre.

The Corps Public Notice list the following threatened and endangered species in the area as including:

- Eastern Black Rail
- Piping Plover
- Red Knot
- Pondberry

The Corps states that it has determined that the proposed activity would have no effect on these species as per the IPAC determination tool.

The Public Notice also addresses:

- Floodplain
- Evaluation Factors
- Public Involvement
- Opportunity for a Public Hearing
- Notification of Final Permit Actions

The Public Notice is signed by Gerald Bourne who is listed as the Chief, Arkansas Branch, of Vicksburg District's Regulatory Division.

A copy of the Public Notice can be downloaded <u>here</u>.