



Louisiana Department of Natural
Resources
Office of Coastal Management
(OCM)

Joint Permit Application

For Work Within the Louisiana
Coastal Zone



U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers
(COE)
New Orleans District

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MVN-2015-0683-EOO

Permit Number: P20150612

Date Received: 06/16/2015

Step 1 of 15 - Applicant Information

Applicant/Company Name: New Orleans City Park Improvement Association, an agency of the State of LA **Applicant Type:** GOVERNMENT AGENCY

Mailing Address: 1 Palm Drive
New Orleans, LA 70124

Contact Information: Bob Becker

Daytime: 504 483 9367 **Fax:** 504 483 9412 **Contact Email:**

Step 2 of 15 - Agent Information

Company Name: U.S. Health & Environmental Liability Management, LLC (U.S. HELM)

Mailing Address: 4307 Bluebonnet Blvd.
Suite B
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Contact Information: Kimberly Arcement

Daytime: 504 330 5584 **Fax:** 504 706 8413 **Contact Email:** karcement@ushelmlc.com

Step 3 of 15 - Permit Type

Coastal Use Permit (CUP) Solicitation of Views (SOV) Request for Determination (RFD)

Step 4 of 15 - Pre-Application Activity

a. Have you participated in a Pre-Application or Geological Review Meeting for the proposed project?

No

Yes

Date meeting was held:

05/21/2015

B.Becker L. Smeltzer USHELM

Rob Heffner

Attendees:

(Individual or Company Rep)

(OCM Representative)

(COE Representative)

b. Have you obtained an official wetland determination from the COE for the project site?

No

Yes

JD Number:

JD requested on 05/21/2015

c. Is this application a mitigation plan for another CUP?

No

Yes

OCM Permit Number:

Step 5 of 15 - Project Information

a. Describe the project:

Proposed reconstruction and reconfiguration of City Park Golf Complex; specifically, 10.26 acres to create Hole 5 with tree clearing to create a safety buffer. Of the 225-acre conversion of the West and East courses into a single 18-hole professional level course, approximately 1.31 acres of potential wetlands may be impacted with 0.20 acres to remain as green space in the out of play area. Unavoidable impacts to jurisdictional wetlands shall be mitigated via in-kind mitigation banking.

b. Is this application a change to an existing permit?

No

Yes

OCM Permit Number: P20131221

Describe the changes to the project:

c. Have you previously applied for a permit or emergency authorization for all or any part of the proposed project?

No

Yes

	<u>Agency Name</u>	<u>Permit Number</u>	<u>Decision Status</u>	<u>Decision Date</u>
OCM		P20131221	Approved	09/27/2013
COE		20111775EEO	Approved	10/19?2011

Other

Step 6 of 15 - Project Location

a. Physical Location

Street: Intersection of Harrison Avenue & Mona Lisa Drive

City: New Orleans **Parish:** ORLEANS **Zip:** 70124

Water Body: Man-made lagoons hydrologically connected to Bayou St. John via culverts

b. Latitude and Longitude

Latitude: 30 0 17.75 **Longitude:** -90 5 28.48

c. Section, Township, and Range

Section #: 113 **Township #:** 12S **Range #:** 12E

Section #: **Township #:** **Range #:**

d. Lot, Tract, Parcel, or Subdivision Name

Lot #: **Parcel #:**

Tract #: **Subdivision Name:**

e. Site Direction:

I-10 towards New Orleans, continue east and merge on I-610, exit on Pontchartrain Boulevard (north), take a right on Harrison Avenue and continue 1.4 miles Marconi Circle at Mona Lisa Drive

Step 7 of 15 - Adjacent Landowners

Adjacent Landowner : New Orleans City Park Improvement Association, an agency of the State of LA.

Mailing Address: 1 Palm Street
New Orleans, , LA 70124

Step 8 of 15 - Project Specifics

- a. **Project Name and/or Title:** Reconstruction & reconfiguration of City Park Golf Complex- Hole 5
- b. **Project Type:** Non-Residential
- c. **Source of Funding:** Federal

d. *What will be done for the proposed project?*

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge/Road | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Site/Driveway | <input type="checkbox"/> Pipeline/Flow Line | <input type="checkbox"/> Rip Rap/Erosion Control |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bulkhead/Backfill | <input type="checkbox"/> Levee Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Plug/Abandon | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site Clearance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Improvements | <input type="checkbox"/> Dredging | <input type="checkbox"/> Production Barge/Structure | <input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drill Barge/Structure | <input type="checkbox"/> Prop Washing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetative Plantings | <input type="checkbox"/> Wharf/Pier/Boathouse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drill Site | <input type="checkbox"/> Pilings | <input type="checkbox"/> Remove Structures | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fill | <input type="checkbox"/> Marina | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Industrial/Commercial | |
- Other: Invasive species eradication

e. *Why is the proposed project needed?*

The project is needed to create Hole 5 and clear trees to create a safety buffer for players. The project is part of the 225 acre restoration of the city Park Golf Complex functions and capacities lost after Hurricane Katrina. The damaged courses were integral parts of recreational activities offered to residents and visitors. The restoration will provide City Park with essential function and operating revenue by converting the former West & East courses into a single 18-hole professional course as outlined in the Master Golf Plan. The conversion of the two courses into one will reduce the park land used for golf by 96 acres.

Step 9 of 15 - Project Status

a. *Proposed project start date:* 01/12/2015 *Proposed project completion date:* 02/27/2017

b. *Is any of the project work in progress?*

- No Yes

Clearing and construction activities are taking place in upland areas through out 225 acre City Park Golf Complex; however, clearing activities voluntarily ceased in 1.31 acres potentially identified as wetlands where ongoing water leaks from subsurface piping occurred at Hole 5. A wetland delineation and a Jurisdictional Determination request was submitted to the Corps in the May 21, 2015 meeting.

c. *Is any of the project work complete?*

- No Yes

Step 10 of 15 - Structures, Materials, and Methods for the Proposed Project

a. *Excavations*

0.00 yd³

0.00 Acres

b. Fill Areas20,000.00 yd³

5.18 Acres

c. Fill Materials

- | | | | |
|--|-----------------|--|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete: | yd ³ | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock: | yd ³ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crushed Stone or Gravel: | yd ³ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sand: | 20,000.00yd ³ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excavated and placed onsite: | yd ³ | <input type="checkbox"/> Hauled in topsoil/Dirt: | yd ³ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excavated and hauled offsite: | yd ³ | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | yd ³ | | |

d. What equipment will be used for the proposed project?

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Airboat | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bulldozer/Grader | <input type="checkbox"/> Marsh Buggy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Backhoe | <input type="checkbox"/> Dragline/Excavator | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Tracked or Wheeled Vehicles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barge Mounted Bucket Dredge | <input type="checkbox"/> Handjet | <input type="checkbox"/> Self Propelled Pipe Laying Barge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barge Mounted Drilling Rig | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Based Drilling Rig | <input type="checkbox"/> Tugboat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | | |

Step 11 of 15 - Project Alternatives

a. Total acres of wetlands and/or waterbottoms filled and/or excavated.

1.31 acres

b. What alternative locations, methods, and access routes were considered to avoid impact to wetlands and/or waterbottoms?

Since the discovery of the potential presence of wetlands, the architects have studied several relocation possibilities for Hole 5 to include; shifting west, east, north and shortening the hole. There is not enough land to shift west and not encroach on the designated golf envelope. Shifting to the east would create significant safety issues and risk of injury as Hole 5 would have to be played on Hole 6. Shifting north would further exacerbate the primary conflict involving "forced carry" and safety issues. Shortening the hole would require the hole to change from "par 4 hole" to "par 3 hole", which loses the general users expectations and "championship" appeal and defeats the purpose of creating a single 18-hole professional golf course.

c. What efforts were made to minimize impact to wetlands and/or waterbottoms?

Similar to the redesign efforts stated above. The shape, size, and location outside of the recent discovery of potential wetlands conflicts with overall playability and fairness of Hole 5. Average and less-skilled players would be intimidated by the unfair challenge of a "forced carry" that would be encountered with the second or third shot. Many players would be unable to execute the shot, resulting in long delays and unsatisfactory

experiences that would deter players from the course. Overall, holes that are contrived and/or poorly designed acquire a negative reputation and minimize revenues.

d. How are unavoidable impacts to vegetated wetlands to be mitigated?

The unavoidable impacts to wetland habit shall be mitigated through the purchase of in-kind credits from an approved mitigation bank.

Step 12 of 15 - Permit Type and Owners

a. Are you applying for a Coastal Use Permit?

No Yes

b. Are you the sole landowner/oyster lease holder?

No Yes

The applicant is an owner of the property on which the proposed described activity is to occur.

The applicant has made reasonable effort to determine the identity and current address of the owner(s) of the land on which the proposed described activity is to occur, which included, a search of the public records of the parish in which the proposed activity is to occur.

The applicant hereby attests that a copy of the application has been distributed to the following landowners/oyster lease holders.

Landowner/Oyster Lease Holder: State of LA
Mailing Address: PO Box 94095
City/State/Zip: Baton Rouge LA 70804-9409

Landowner/Oyster Lease Holder: New Orleans City Park Improvement Association, an agency of the State of LA.
Mailing Address: 1 Palm Street
City/State/Zip: New Orleans LA 70124

c. Does the project involve drilling, production, and/or storage of oil and gas?

No Yes

Step 13 of 15 - Maps and Drawing Instructions

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Step 14 of 15 - Payment

The fee for this permit is: \$100.00

Step 15 of 15 - Payment Processed

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Application Information

Permit Type: CUP

To the best of my knowledge the proposed activity described in this permit application complies with, and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program. If applicable, I also certify that the declarations in Step 12c, oil spill response, are complete and accurate.

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