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## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

City of Spanish Fort  
Baldwin County

SRF Project No. CS010874-01

March 4, 2020

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has made \$462,000 in financial assistance available to the City of Spanish Fort using funds from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan program. In accordance with State and Federal regulations that govern the program, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management has conducted a review to assess potential impacts upon the environment that may result from implementation of this project.

The City of Spanish Fort proposes restoration and improvements to existing Wakefield Canal. Wakefield Canal is a naturally occurring drainage canal north of Wakefield Drive, which flows into Boggy Branch and thereafter into Bay Minette Creek. Wakefield Canal experiences excessive sediment erosion and debris accumulation. Proposed improvements will utilize a step down conveyance system, erosion control mats and grass pavers, and reinforced Concrete block mats to reestablish bank vegetation and re-stabilize eroded slopes. Proposed improvements will minimize sedimentation from storm water runoff and thereby enhance aquatic habitat and water quality.

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has determined that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion (CE) from further environmental study under the guidelines specified by the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) which specifically include actions which are solely directed toward minor rehabilitation of existing facilities, functional replacement of equipment, or towards the construction of new ancillary facilities adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities. However, this decision may be reconsidered if significant adverse information concerning the potential environmental impacts of the project is discovered.

Comments relative to this project should be submitted in writing to Mr. Stan Shirley, SRF Section, Permits and Services Division, Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Post Office Box 301463, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1463, no later than 30 days after the date of public notice. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management will not take formal action to proceed with the project without carefully evaluating any public comments opposing the project.

Sincerely,

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Lance R. LeFleur  
Director

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Attachment



The Categorical Exclusion is promulgated in the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) in Part IV, Section B: Categorical Exclusions for Clean Water State Revolving Fund Projects: (Italicized sections apply.)

1. The following clean water projects are eligible for categorical exclusions.
  - a. *Actions which are solely directed toward minor rehabilitation of existing facilities, functional replacement of equipment, or towards the construction of new ancillary facilities adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities;*
  - b. Actions which do not affect the degree of treatment or capacity of the existing facility including, but not limited to, infiltration and inflow corrections, replacement of existing mechanical equipment or structures, and the construction of small structures on existing sites;
  - c. Actions which are for minor upgrading and minor expansion of existing treatment works in sewerred communities with a population less than 10,000;
  - d. Actions where on-site technologies are proposed in unsewerred communities of less than 10,000;
  - e. Construction of new wastewater collection systems for existing communities, only if ancillary or appurtenant to existing facilities;
  - f. Projects where funding is being provided for planning and/or engineering costs only (in which case the requirements of IV.B.1 a-f do not apply)
2. In order to determine if a clean water project is eligible for a CE, all of the following conditions must not apply:
  - a. The action is known or expected to have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment, either individually, cumulatively over time, or in conjunction with other federal, State, local, tribal or private actions.
  - b. The action is known or expected to adversely impact:
    - 1) Cultural resources areas such as archaeological and historical sites,
    - 2) Endangered or threatened species and their critical habitats,
    - 3) Environmentally important natural resources areas such as floodplains, wetlands, important farmlands, or aquifer recharging zones.
  - c. This action is known or expected not to be cost-effective or to cause significant public controversy.
  - d. The facilities to be provided will
    - 1) Create a new, or
    - 2) Significantly relocate an existing discharge to surface or ground waters.
  - e. The facilities will result in more than 30% increases in the volume of discharge or the loading of pollutants from an existing source or from new facilities to receiving waters.
  - f. The facilities would provide capacity to serve a population 30% higher than the anticipated design population.



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, MOBILE DISTRICT  
P.O. BOX 2288  
MOBILE, ALABAMA 36628-0001

July 9, 2018

South Alabama Branch  
Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Department of the Army Jurisdictional Determination, File Number  
SAM-2018-00600-ES, City of Spanish Fort, Baldwin County, Alabama

The Honorable Michael McMillan  
Mayor of the City of Spanish Fort  
7361 Spanish Fort Blvd  
Spanish, Alabama 36547

Dear Mayor McMillan:

Reference is made to a May 30, 2018 letter, submitted on your behalf by Civil Southeast Engineering Group, requesting review and comments regarding the City of Spanish Fort's proposal to improve an existing storm drainage system in Baldwin County. This project has been assigned file number SAM-2018-00600-ES, which should be referred to in all future correspondence with this office concerning this project. The project would be constructed adjacent to Wakefield Drive, near Latitude: 30.678878° North, Longitude: -87.876408° West; Section 21, Township 4 South, Range 2 East; in Spanish Fort, Baldwin County, Alabama. The project activities include the following:

-- Remove the existing storm drain and culvert to replace with a new Low Impact Design (LID) drainage system. The LID plan includes the relocation of the storm water discharge inlet, and stabilization and revegetation of the eroded hillsides. Storm water will be managed with the installation of a step-down riprap storm water conveyance system, erosion control mats, grass pavers, and concrete block mats in high velocity drainage areas.

A desktop evaluation by this office has determined that the project, as described, does not involve activities in, over, or under navigable waters of the United States, as regulated under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (33 U.S.C. 403), or include the discharge of fill material, permanent or temporary, in waters of the United States, including wetlands, as regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Based upon the information and plans your agent provided, we have determined the work described above, does not require a Department of the Army permit, provided the work is conducted in conformance with the conditions outlined below:

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a. The activities will be conducted in accordance with the enclosed project description and plans.


b. Appropriate best management practices will be implemented and maintained to assure no fill material inadvertently enters waters of the United States, including wetlands.

The statements contained herein do not convey any property rights or any exclusive privileges, and do not authorize any injury to property or obviate the requirements to obtain other local, state, or federal assent required by law for the activities discussed above. Our determination is dependent upon the accuracy of the information and plans your agent provided. If the scope of work of your project changes, you are urged to contact this office for a verification of this determination.

A copy of this letter is being provided to your agent Civil Southeast Engineering Group; Attention Mr. Alan Killen, PE, P.O. Box 927, Daphne, Alabama 36526.

Please contact me at (251) 694-3781, or at [Elizabeth.A.Seavoy@usace.army.mil](mailto:Elizabeth.A.Seavoy@usace.army.mil) should you have any questions. You can visit our web site at [www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx](http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx) for additional information about our Regulatory Program. Also, please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey located near the bottom of the webpage. Your responses are appreciated and will allow us to improve our services.

Sincerely,

  
Elizabeth A. Seavoy  
Project Manager  
South Alabama Branch  
Regulatory Division

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2018-TA-082

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June 1, 2018

Mr. William J. Pearson  
US Fish and Wildlife Service  
1208-B Main Street  
Daphne, AL 36526



BY: *[Signature]*

**RE: Wakefield Canal Restoration  
ADEM Project No. CS010874-01  
City of Spanish Fort  
Baldwin County**

Dear Mr. Pearson

The City of Spanish Fort is currently in the process of rehabilitating and improving its storm drainage system. The project will be funded by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management Clean Water State Revolving Fund. Before funding can be granted, environmental and regulatory compliance must be met. The maps of the proposed project area are attached for your review, including a topographical vicinity map, wetland map, and flood zone map. The City of Spanish Fort will be required to secure the appropriate legal interest in the subject property in accordance with the applicable requirements.

We would like to have your concurrence with this project by June 15, 2018, in order to move forward with this project for the City of Spanish Fort. Thank you in advance for your expeditious response.

If you should have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at alan@civilse.com or at 256.366.3679.

Sincerely,  
Civil Southeast, LLC

*[Signature]*

Alan Killen, PE  
Project Engineer



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
1208-B Main Street – Daphne, Alabama 36526  
Phone: 251-441-5181 Fax: 251-441-6222

No federally listed species/critical habitat are known to occur in the project area. As described, the project will have no significant impact on fish and wildlife resources. IF PROJECT DESIGN CHANGES ARE MADE, PLEASE SUBMIT NEW PLANS FOR REVIEW. We recommend use of best management practices specific to your project (see <http://www.fws.gov/daphne/section7/bmp.html>).

*[Signature]*

JUN 12 2018

William J. Pearson, Field Supervisor

Date

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Enclosures



# ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900  
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Lisa D. Jones  
Executive Director  
State Historic Preservation Officer

September 6, 2018

Justin Stickler  
Wiregrass Archaeological Consulting  
P.O. Box 9385  
Dothan, AL 36304

Re: AHC 18-0938  
CRA  
Wakefield Canal restoration  
Baldwin County

Dear Mr. Stickler:

Upon review of the cultural resource assessment conducted for the above referenced project, we have determined that project activities will have no adverse effect on cultural resources eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, we concur with the proposed project activities.

However, should artifacts or archaeological features be encountered during project activities, work shall cease and our office shall be consulted immediately. Artifacts are objects made, used or modified by humans. They include but are not excluded to arrowheads, broken pieces of pottery or glass, stone implements, metal fasteners or tools, etc. Archaeological features are stains in the soil that indicate disturbance by human activity. Some examples are post holes, building foundations, trash pits and even human burials. This stipulation shall be placed on the construction plans to insure contractors are aware of it.

We appreciate your commitment to helping us preserve Alabama's historic archaeological and architectural resources. Should you have any questions, please contact Eric Sipes at 334.230.2667 or Eric.Sipes@ahc.alabama.gov. Have the AHC tracking number referenced above available and include it with any future correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lee Anne Wofford".

Lee Anne Wofford  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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## South Alabama Regional Planning Commission

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May 9, 2018

Honorable Michael McMillan  
City of Spanish Fort  
7361 Spanish Fort Boulevard  
Spanish Fort, Alabama 36527

**RE: ADEM CWSRF CS010874-01  
Wakefield Canal Restoration  
City of Spanish Fort**

Mayor McMillan:

The South Alabama Regional Planning Commission has reviewed your proposal for water system improvements and supports your efforts to pursue FY2018 CWSRF funding.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Sincerely,

South Alabama Regional Planning Commission

John F. "Rickey" Rhodes

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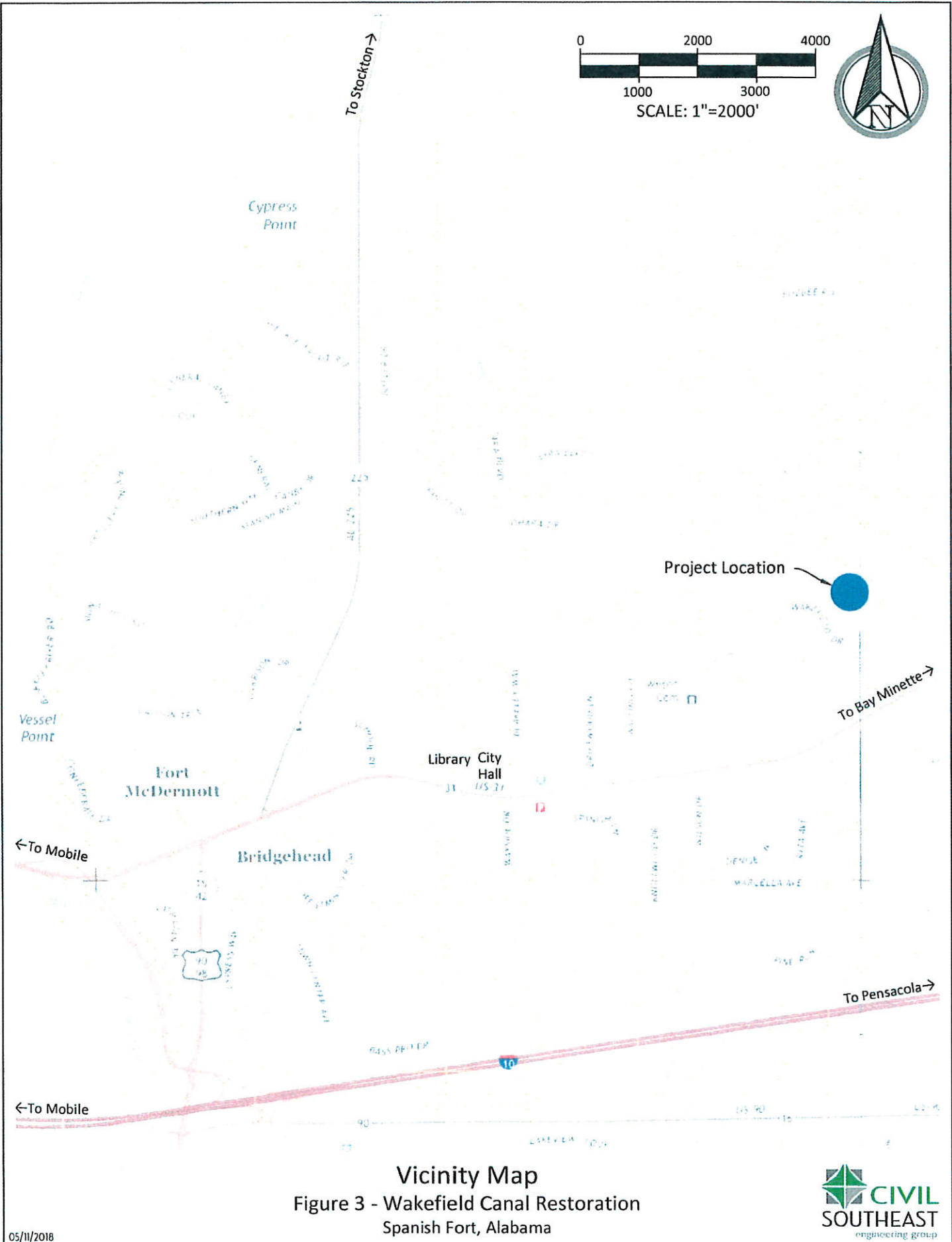
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**South Alabama Regional Planning Commission**

John F. "Rickey" Rhodes

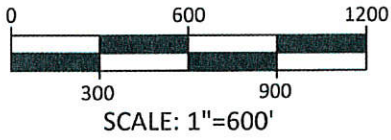
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Vicinity Map  
 Figure 3 - Wakefield Canal Restoration  
 Spanish Fort, Alabama





To Loxley →

Boggy Branch

Project Location

To Foley →

Spanish Fort Blvd

Highway 31

East Boulevard

← To Mobile

Google

Figure 1: Project Area in Relation to City  
2018 DWSRF  
Spanish Fort, Alabama

