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Louisiana Natural & Scenic River System  
**SCENIC RIVER PERMIT #926**

Issue/Effective Date: June 23, 2015

Scenic River: Flowers Bayou

Recipient: GY-Covington, LA-1-UT, LLC  
c/o Loutre Consulting, LLC  
Attn: Elizabeth Spalding  
634 N. Hennessey St.  
New Orleans, LA 70119

Description: Construction of a New Commercial Building and Appurtenant Structures

This permit is issued by authority of Part II of Chapter 8, Title 56 of the LRS of 1950 as amended and re-enacted regarding the Louisiana Natural & Scenic Rivers System and the administrative procedures pertaining to the management of these watercourses designated as Scenic Rivers.

The permit is issued by the Administrator with the understanding that the recipient in implementation of the proposal will proceed in compliance with, and not significantly deviate from the provisions contained in the petition for the permit and any special conditions attached hereto. The permit holder is expected to minimize adverse impacts to the structural and functional integrity of the natural systems and aesthetics associated with the Scenic River where the activity is occurring so as to preserve the fundamental character and purpose for which the System was established.

The Administrator assumes no responsibility for or incurs no liability for any injury to persons or property caused by any act of the permit holder or his agent in the permission granted by this permit. In addition to the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, the petition was given a full and thorough evaluation by the Louisiana Departments of Agriculture & Forestry; Culture, Recreation & Tourism; Environmental Quality; and the Office of State Planning and Budget. If during the review process objections were made to the proposed activity, those objections were either found to be insignificant or they have been included in the conditions of the permit.

This permit shall expire if the permitted activity has not begun within 18 months of the "Issue Date" indicated above.

Compliance with these conditions is necessary for this permit to be valid:

- 1) Adequate erosion control measures shall be implemented at all times to ensure that no sediments, pollutants, and/or construction related debris are allowed to enter Flowers Bayou, whether directly or indirectly, as a result of this construction.
- 2) Unless otherwise specified by the conditions of this permit, this project must be carried out in a manner consistent with the design that the applicant submitted during the permit process. Should significant physical modification to the project become necessary during implementation of the project or after its completion, the permit holder will submit a letter of explanation within one week of discovery to the Administrator to determine if another petition will be required.
- 3) A 50 foot wide vegetated buffer must be maintained between the mean low water line of Flowers Bayou and the proposed project, including its parking lot, driveway and any access road. This permit does not authorize the construction of the access road which the permittee has indicated will be designed and constructed by others.
- 4) The applicant shall develop and, subsequent to LDWF's approval, implement a plan to restore a vegetated riparian buffer along the left descending bank of Flowers Bayou, between the project site and the bayou. The plan shall include tree and shrub species to be planted, number to be planted, planting dates, and a site plan map depicting the area to be planted. The plan must be submitted to LDWF within 30 days of this notice. Locally native, riparian tree and shrub species identified by Loutre Consulting, LLC at the identified reference site (Flowers Bayou corridor, east of Highway 21) should be installed throughout this buffer, spaced no greater than 9 feet on center, yielding a density of approximately 538 plants per acre. An overall survival rate of no less than 50% must be achieved throughout the project area by the end of the fifth complete growing season. Monitoring reports, indicating the percentage of live seedlings must be submitted to the Scenic Rivers Coordinator at the end of the first, third, and fifth growing seasons. This riparian vegetation will improve the aesthetic value of the site, reduce non-point source contaminants entering the waterway, provide shading and wildlife habitat, contribute organic matter to the stream ecosystem, and stabilize soils. Pending the establishment of an effective vegetated buffer, the applicant should continue to take measures to stabilize bare soils along the river's bankline utilizing geotextiles, seeding and silt fencing, control herbivorous predation of promoted plant species and reduce competition from invasive species throughout the impacted area.
- 5) The permittee shall post a copy of this Scenic River permit in a conspicuous location at the site of the activity authorized by this permit during all phases of construction. Upon completion of the activities authorized by this permit, the applicant shall immediately contact this Department (*Chris Davis at (225)765-2642 or Matt Weigel at (985)543-4777*). LDWF will review the completed activity to assure that all activities were performed in accordance with the conditions of this permit.

- 6) All other applicable permits not contingent upon this permit from governmental entities will be acquired and their conditions implemented with fidelity. Applicant has title to the property or permission from the landowner to implement the project.
- 7) If during project activity, any sensitive archaeological, biological or botanical element is encountered, activity will temporarily cease and the permit holder will contact the Administrator to determine the disposition of that element or artifact.

If you need any additional information, you may contact Mr. Kyle Balkum, Biologist Director, in the Baton Rouge Office at (225) 765-2819.



Robert J. Barham  
Administrator