



LOUISIANA NATURAL AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM

PERMIT APPLICATION

Permit # _____ (Assigned by Department)

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' Scenic Rivers program is authorized by LRS title 56, Chapter 8 Part II. This law requires permits authorizing activities in or affecting rivers that have been designated by the Louisiana Legislature as Natural and Scenic. Information provided on this form will be used in evaluating the application for a permit. Information in this application is made a matter of public record through issuance of a public notice. Disclosure of the information requested is voluntary, however, the data requested necessary in order to communicate with the applicant and to evaluate the permit application. If necessary information is not provided, the permit application cannot be processed nor can a permit be issued.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Applicant Jon Scott Gwatney Jr	Name of Agent (if any) Christopher Paul
Address 18646 Manchac Highlands Dr.	Address 2251 Drusilla Lane Suite D
City, State, Zip Prairieville, LA 70769	City, State, Zip Baton Rouge, LA 70809
Phone 337-292-0271	Phone 225-772-9926
Email Address sgwatney@gmail.com	Email Address cpaul@southernshoreseng.com

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY

Brief summary of the description and purpose of the proposed activity (details to be attached as a separate document)

The project consists of the installation of an 85-ft long by 6-ft wide timber dock supported by timber piles along the right descending bank of Bayou Manchac and the installation of recycled concrete or riprap for shoreline stabilization. The project also includes permitting work completed by the previous homeowner.

Is any portion of the activity complete? ☒ YES or NO (If yes, indicate month and year of completion) Month unknown, 2016

LOCATION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY

Stream Name	Bayou Manchac
Address	18646 Manchac Highlands Dr.
City, State, Zip	Prairieville, LA 70769
Parish	Ascension Parish
Sec/Township/Range	14-08S-02E
Latitude/Longitude	30.326409, -91.015224

ADJACENT LANDOWNERS

Names, Addresses, Phone Numbers of Adjacent Landowners
HUBER, MICHAEL E, LORRAINE A HUBER 18654 MANCHAC HIGHLANDS DR PRAIRIEVILLE, LA 70769
PHILLIPS, KEVIN, AMY PHILLIPS 18638 MANCHAC HIGHLANDS DR PRAIRIEVILLE, LA 70769

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Must be a separate document. See the attached instruction sheet for completing the assessment.

CONFIRMATION OF INFORMATION ACCURACY

Application is hereby made for a Scenic River Permit to authorize the activities described herein. I certify that I am familiar with the information contained in this application and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, such information is true, complete, and accurate. I further certify that I possess the authority to undertake the proposed activities, or I am acting as the duly authorized agent of the applicant.

Signature

9-25-25

Date

ATTACHMENTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

- A complete description of the proposed project (including drawings).
- A map showing the exact location of the project on the river.
- Photographs of the project site from both banks of the river (if possible) and an upstream and downstream view of the project site from the project side of the river.
- A list of all other local, state and federal permits required for this project.
- An environmental assessment which includes separate evaluation of impacts on each of the following criteria:
 1. **Existing Land Use**
 2. **Wilderness Qualities**
 3. **Scenic/Aesthetic Values**
 4. **Ecological Regimes**
 5. **Recreational Use/Opportunities**
 6. **Fish and Other Aquatic Life**
 7. **Wildlife**
 8. **Historical and Archaeological Resources**
 9. **Geological Resources**
 10. **Botanical Resources (Vegetation)**
 11. **Water Quality and Quantity**
 12. **Hydrologic Features**
 13. **Cultural Resources**
 14. **Economic Impact of Project**

For each of the criteria, detail existing conditions, potential adverse impacts, if any, and mitigative measures being taken to minimize, eliminate or compensate for those impacts. Provide a statement of justification for each proposed action and a discussion of any alternative locations and/or methods that were considered. If no impacts are projected for a criterion, state that no impact is expected and give the reasons for that conclusion.

- The signed original of the enclosed legal agreement.
- A statement of the applicant's compliance history (i.e., has the applicant ever been cited for a violation of the Scenic Rivers Act?)
- A detailed listing of the steps that the applicant has taken in the development of the project to minimize and/or offset potential impacts to the river.
- Any reasonable alternatives to the proposed project.

Any documents larger than 8½" x 14" must be submitted in a Department approved digital format.

FEES AND OTHER CHARGES

The administrative fee for each application is \$100.00 and must be submitted with the application. A fee of \$135.00/day will be assessed for site visits and field evaluations if they are necessary. Make the check payable to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries with "Scenic Rivers" in the memo.

Mail one complete application and all appropriate fees to:

LDWF Scenic Rivers Program
2000 Quail Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70808
Telephone: (225) 765-2357

INSUFFICIENT OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

INFORMATION ON THE SCENIC RIVER PERMIT PROCESS

Activities that may detrimentally affect or significantly degrade the wilderness quality, aesthetic values, or the ecological integrity of a system river shall be subject to a permit. Permitted activities include, but are not limited to, crossings by roads, pipelines and utilities, discharges, mining, piers, bulkheads, commercial uses, water withdrawals and other non-conforming structures and activities.

After a complete and sufficient application is received, the Department assigns a permit number and distributes copies of the application to a multi-agency review team for a full and thorough evaluation of thirty (30) days duration. The review agencies include the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Division of Administration's Office of State Planning & Budget, and the Division of Administration's Office of State Lands.

During this time the coordinator may schedule and make a site inspection. The applicant publishes a description of the proposed use in selected newspapers and sends evidence of this to the Coordinator. The public comment period is forty-five (45) days and begins with the date of publication in the official state journal. If there is sufficient interest from the public, a public hearing may be held. The decision by the Administrator (Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries) to grant or deny the permit will be made within thirty (30) days after the public comment period or the public hearing (if one is held). Most permits are valid for the useful life of the project, but are invalidated if the permitted activity has not begun within eighteen (18) months of permit issuance. Applicants may appeal denial of a permit to the 19th Judicial District Court.

In serious and urgent situations, the waiting periods for standard permitting procedures may be waived and an emergency permit granted by the Administrator. For these emergency procedures to be applicable, it must be clearly indicated in the application and the applicant must demonstrate that there is imminent harm to human health or the immediate environment and that those circumstances would significantly worsen during the review period required by standard permit procedures.

CHECKLIST OF APPLICANT RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE PERMIT PROCESS

- ___ 1. Submit the completed application. In addition to addressing each criteria of the environmental assessment, the application must also contain the following information:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project description & scaled drawings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statement of compliance history
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vicinity map of project location	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> List of steps taken to minimize impacts
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Color photos of project site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evaluation of project alternatives
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> List of other permits required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100 permit fee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signed legal agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> Site visit fee (if applicable)
- ___ 2. Publish public notices in the official state journal (1 issue) and the official parish journal (3 consecutive issues) of the parish where the project is located. Mail proofs of publication to the Scenic Rivers Program Coordinator.**
- ___ 3. If permit is issued, the applicant must adhere to all permit conditions. The permitted activity must begin within eighteen (18) months of permit issuance.**

INFORMATION ON PUBLIC NOTICES FOR SCENIC RIVER PERMITS

The forty-five (45) day public comment period begins with the publication of notice in the official state journal. It is the applicants responsibility to place public notice in one (1) issue of the official state journal (The Advocate, Phone: 225-383-1111) and three (3) consecutive issues of the official parish journal of the parish(es) in which the project is to be done. The name of the official parish(es) journal can be obtained from the Scenic Rivers staff at (225) 765-2357 if it is not known.

Once public notices have been placed, the applicant is to send proofs of publication to: Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Scenic Rivers Program, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808. A permit cannot be issued until proofs of publication have been received.

The suggested format for the public notice (with appropriate insertions) is as follows:

PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Scenic River Permit on (name of Scenic River)

The Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) as Administrator of the Louisiana Natural and Scenic Rivers System is currently considering the application of (applicant's name) for a permit to (brief description of proposed activity) on (name of Scenic River). Copies of the application can be reviewed by the public at the LDWF main office, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA. The public is invited to comment on this permit request for a period of forty-five (45) days. Responses should be mailed to LDWF Scenic Rivers Program, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808.

JEFF LANDRY
GOVERNOR



TYLER M. BOSWORTH
SECRETARY

PO BOX 98000 | BATON ROUGE LA | 70898

Dear Scenic River Permit Applicant:

Please review and concur on the following statement regarding the issuance of permits by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. This agreement must be signed and returned before a Scenic River Permit can be issued.

"I have been advised and do understand that by applying for and accepting a Scenic Rivers permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, I am being allowed to engage in an activity which would otherwise be prohibited by law or for which a permit is required. I understand that the permit is not a license and confers no property right upon me. I specifically agree to abide by all State and Federal fish and wildlife laws and regulations, and all State and Federal laws and regulations which relate to this permit or the permitted activity, and by all other terms and conditions of this permit. I understand that the permit for which I am applying may be suspended, annulled, withdrawn or revoked and that I may be assessed civil penalties, all in accordance with the provision of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, and that I may be denied future permits as a consequence of my failure to fully and completely comply with the terms and conditions of the permit, as well as other laws and regulations pertinent thereto. If served with or notified of a cease and desist order signed by the Scenic Rivers Administrator, I agree to immediately and without delay cease all activities and operations which relate to the permitted activity or which are impacting the Scenic River, until such time as the matter can be resolved in an adjudicatory hearing pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act. I understand and agree that any permit issued to me by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is in the nature of a privilege which is being voluntarily extended to me by the Department and the failure on my part to cooperate with the Department can result in the loss of the privilege conferred and the denial of future requests for permits. By accepting this permit, I evidence my agreement to be bound by all conditions and stipulations set forth herein."

Authorized Signature

9-25-25

Date

REV. 5/23/25

Attachment A

**Complete Project Description, Permit Drawings, &
Map of Exact Project Location**

Complete Project Description:

The project consists of the installation of an 85-ft long by 6-ft wide timber dock supported by timber piles along the right descending bank of Bayou Manchac and the installation of recycled concrete or riprap for shoreline stabilization. The project also includes permitting work completed by the previous homeowner. The project is located at 18646 Manchac Highlands Drive, in Prairieville, Louisiana, (30.326409, -91.015224). A detailed breakdown of the proposed and existing features is provided below and in the accompanying permit drawings.

1. Permit application for existing features installed by previous homeowner includes a concrete boat ramp and shoreline stabilization (recycled concrete). The existing boat ramp is approximately 265 SQFT and is located near the northern boundary of the property along the right descending bank of Bayou Manchac. Existing shoreline/bank stabilization installed by the previous homeowner encompasses 0.03 acres along the right descending bank of Bayou Manchac.
2. Proposed project consists of the installation of shoreline stabilization methods to limit continued erosion along the bankline of the property. Shoreline stabilization methods will consist of placement of riprap or recycled concrete to maintain the current bank position. Impact areas are anticipated to be approximately 0.02 acres.
3. Permit application to install proposed 85'x6' timber dock installation. The dock will be installed along the bank line within property limits. Minimal impacts to the waterway are anticipated due to installation of timber piles. Impact area of the dock area is approximately 0.01 Acres.

Permit Drawings and a **Map** showing the exact location of the project along the river are included herein within the permit drawings.

INDEX TO SHEETS

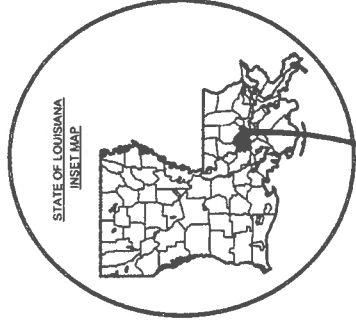
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- 1 TITLE SHEET & VICINITY MAP
- 2 PLAN VIEW
- 3 CROSS SECTIONS

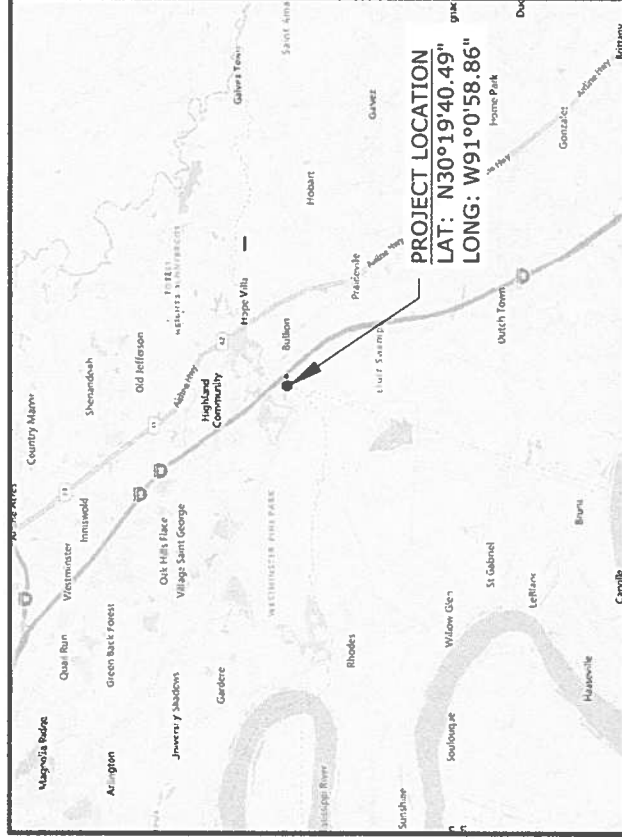
18646 MANCHAC HIGHLANDS DR.

EXISTING AND PROPOSED BOAT RAMP, DOCK, AND SHORE PROTECTION

MVN-2025-00132-SS
ASCENSION PARISH, LOUISIANA



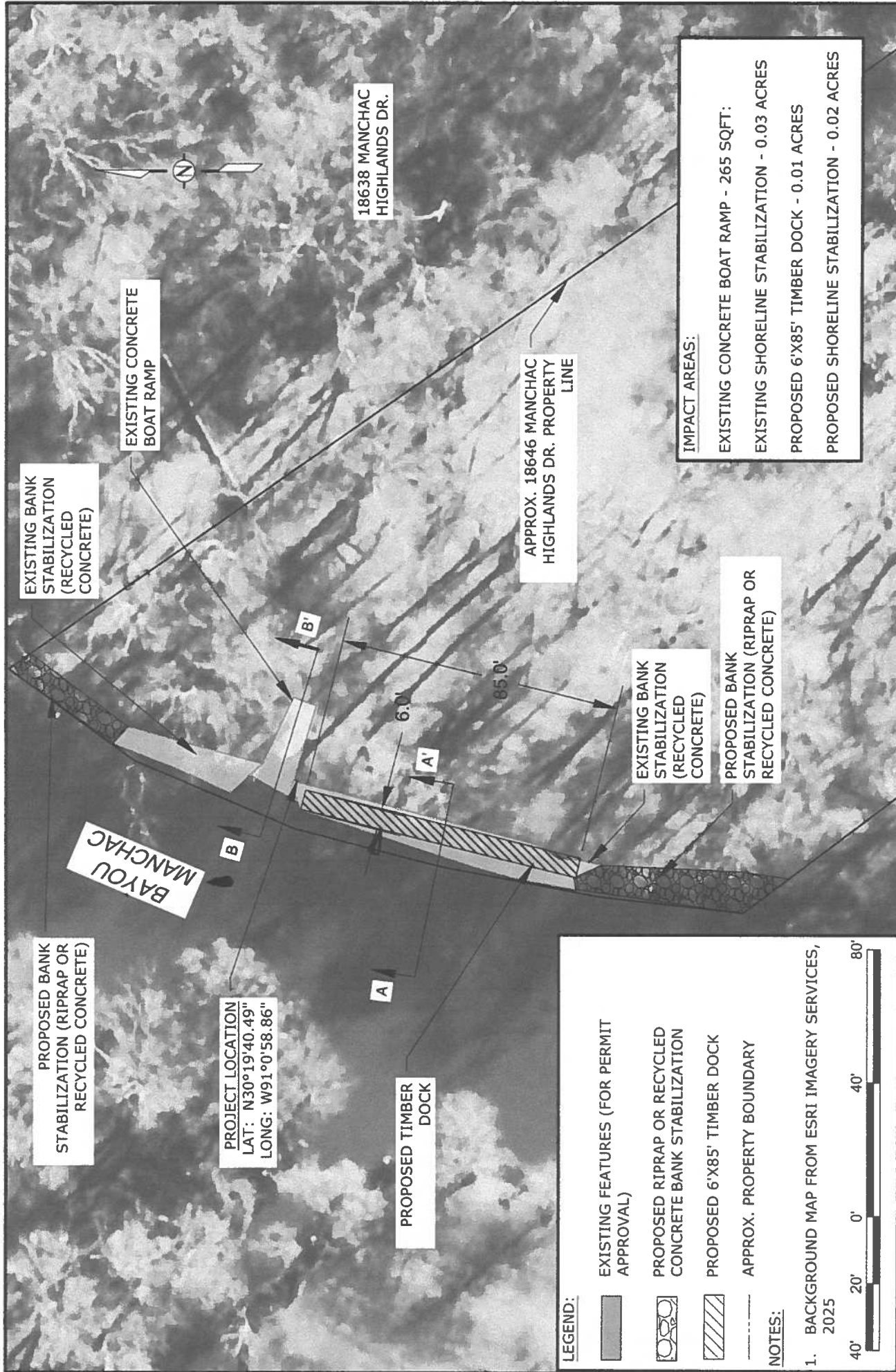
ASCENSION PARISH




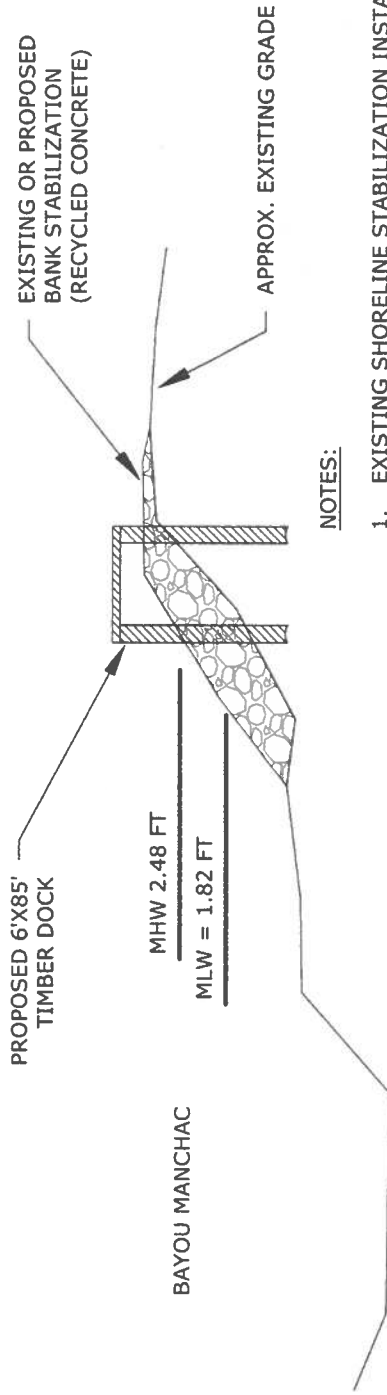
PERMIT DESCRIPTION:

1. PERMIT APPLICATION FOR EXISTING FEATURES INSTALLED BY PREVIOUS OWNER INCLUDED CONCRETE BOAT RAMP AND SHORELINE STABILIZATION (RECYCLED CONCRETE) INSTALLED ALONG BANK OF BAYOU MANCHAC.
2. PERMIT APPLICATION TO INSTALL SHORELINE STABILIZATION (RECYCLED CONCRETE OR RIPRAP ALONG THE REMAINDER OF THE BANKLINE WITHIN PROPERTY LIMITS.
3. PERMIT APPLICATION TO INSTALL 6'X85' TIMBER DOCK WITHIN PROPERTY LIMITS ALONG THE BANK LINE

<p>APPLICATION BY:</p> <p>Southern Shores ENGINEERING, LLC. 2251 DRUSILLA LN, SUITE D, BATON ROUGE, LA 70809</p>	<p>DESIGNED BY: CMP</p>	<p>APPLICATION FOR:</p> <p>JON SCOTT GWATNEY JR REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST 18646 MANCHAC HIGHLANDS DR PRAIRIEVILLE, LA 70769</p>	<p>18646 MANCHAC HIGHLANDS DR. EXISTING AND PROPOSED FEATURES PERMIT APPLICATION</p>	<p>TITLE SHEET & VICINITY MAP</p>
<p>DRAWN BY: CMP</p>	<p>APPROVED BY: CMP</p>	<p>APPROVED BY: CMP</p>	<p>DATE: 7/8/2025</p>	<p>SHEET 1</p>



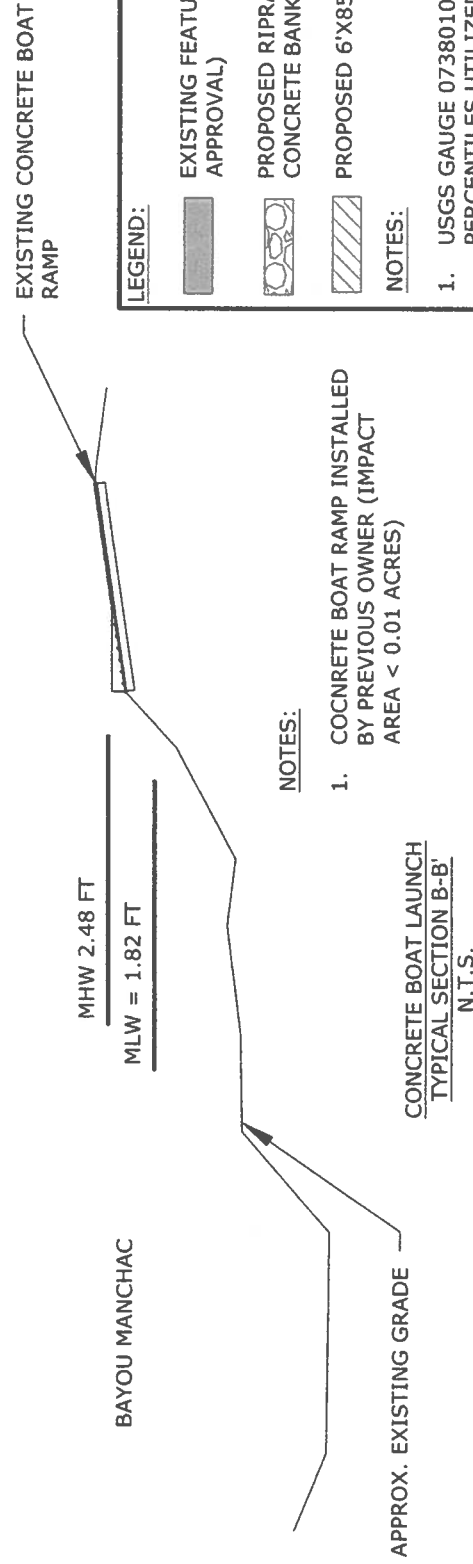
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DRAWN BY: CMP	DESIGNED BY: CMP	APPROVED BY: CMP	DATE: 7/8/2025 SHEET 2



NOTES:

1. EXISTING SHORELINE STABILIZATION INSTALLED BY PREVIOUS OWNER (0.03 ACRES) AND PROPOSED SHORELINE STABILIZATION (0.02 ACRES)

BANK STABILIZATION AND TIMBER DOCK
TYPICAL SECTION A-A
 N.T.S.






NOTES:

1. COCNRTE BOAT RAMP INSTALLED BY PREVIOUS OWNER (IMPACT AREA < 0.01 ACRES)


CONCRETE BOAT LAUNCH
TYPICAL SECTION B-B
 N.T.S.

LEGEND:

	EXISTING FEATURES (FOR PERMIT APPROVAL)
	PROPOSED RIPRAP OR RECYCLED CONCRETE BANK STABILIZATION
	PROPOSED 6'X85' TIMBER DOCK

NOTES:

1. USGS GAUGE 07380101 25TH AND 75TH PERCENTILES UTILIZED FOR MEAN HIGH WATER (MHW) AND MEAN LOW WATER (MWL), RESPECTIVELY.

APPLICATION BY:  SOUTHERN SHORES ENGINEERING, LLC. 2251 DRUSILLA LN. SUITE D. BATON ROUGE, LA 70809		APPLICATION FOR: JON SCOTT GWATNEY JR REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST 18646 MANCHAC HIGHLANDS DR PRAIRIEVILLE, LA 70769	18646 MANCHAC HIGHLANDS DR. EXISTING AND PROPOSED FEATURES PERMIT APPLICATION	CROSS SECTIONS
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				SHEET 3

Attachment B

**Site Photographs & List of All Permits Required
for this Project**

Project Site Photographs:



Photo 1: View looking upstream (south) of existing bank stabilization.



Photo 2: View looking upstream (south) of existing bank stabilization.



Photo 3: View looking downstream (north) of existing bank stabilization.



Photo 4: View looking downstream (north) of existing bank stabilization & boat ramp.



Photo 5: View looking west of existing bank stabilization & opposite bank.



Photo 6: View looking downstream (north) of existing bank stabilization.

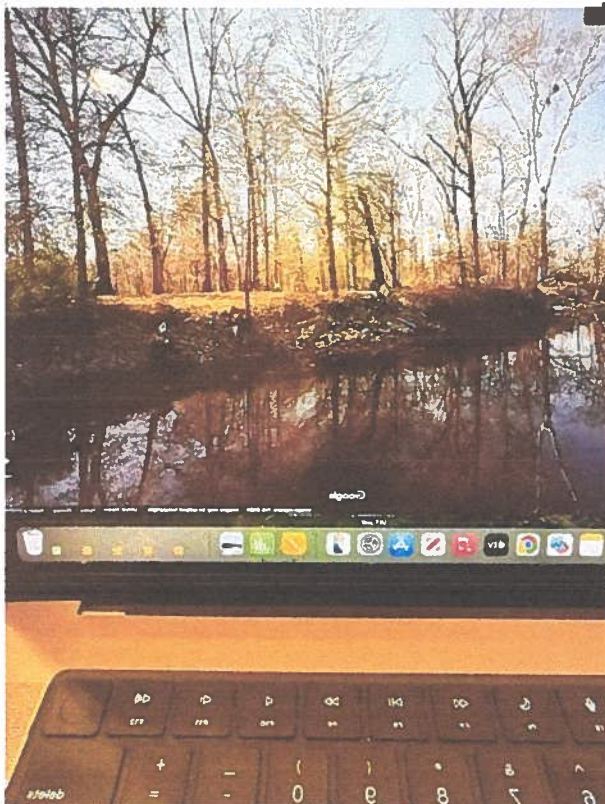


Photo 7: February 2024 view of bank stabilization.

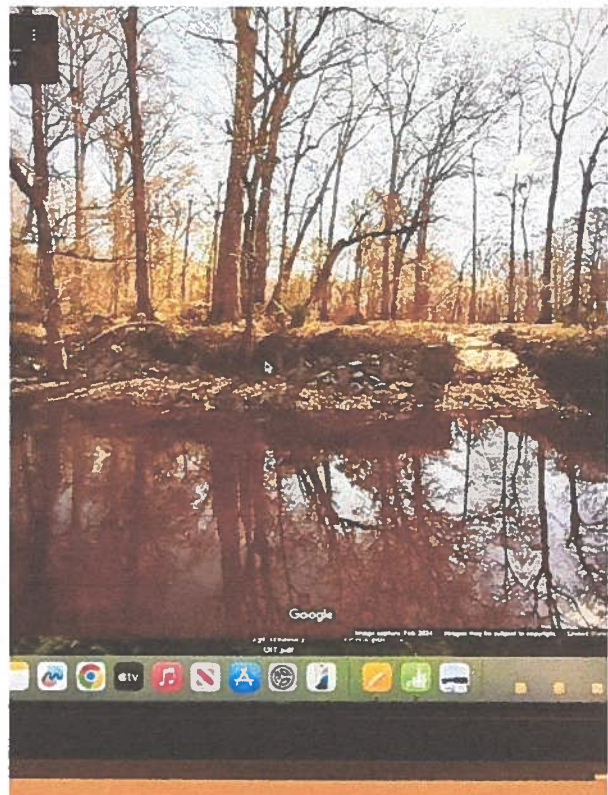


Photo 8: February 2024 view of bank stabilization & boat ramp.

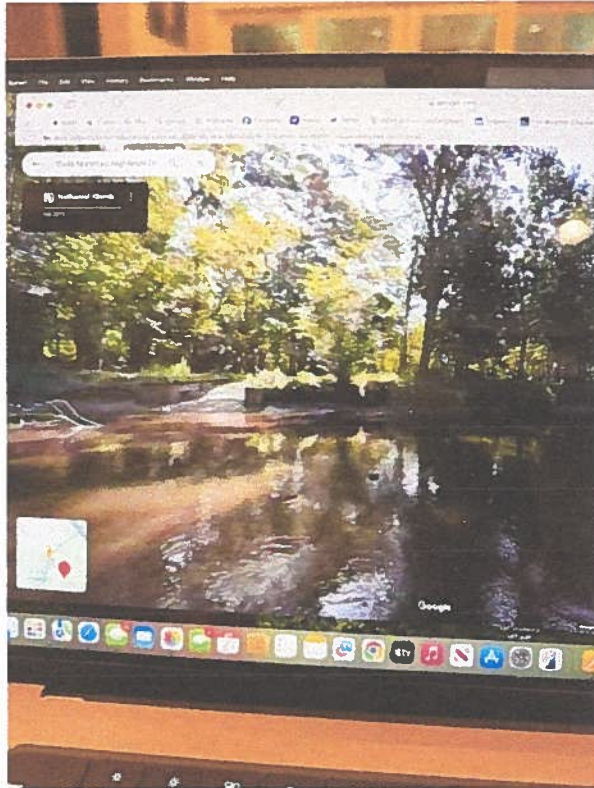


Photo 9: February 2024 view of bank stabilization & boat ramp.

List of Permits Required:

1. USACE Permit
2. LDWF Scenic Rivers Permit

No additional permits are anticipated at this time.

Attachment C
Environmental Assessment

Scenic Rivers – Environmental Assessment

Project Description: The project proposes the installation of an 85-ft long by 6-ft wide timber dock supported by timber piles along the right descending bank of Bayou Manchac and the installation of recycled concrete or riprap for shoreline stabilization. The project also includes permitting work (concrete boat ramp and bank line stabilization) completed by the previous homeowner. The project is located along the right descending bank of Bayou Manchac and will only impact the bank line.

1. Existing Land Use

The land is owned by Jon Scott Gwatney Jr. Revocable Living Trust and used for residential activities. The property was purchased by Mr. Gwatney in August 2024. The previous owner owned the property from March 2014 to August 2024. The property is part of the Machac Highlands subdivision; a developed neighborhood with greater than fifty (50) residences.

2. Wilderness Qualities

The project will have no negative impact on wilderness qualities. The surrounding area consists of sparse woody vegetation and some understory vegetation. The bank lines consist of spotty vegetation. All surrounding lots are developed. This project does not include the removal of any existing vegetation.

3. Scenic/Aesthetic Values

The scenic values will not be impacted by the proposed project. The project is similar to other piers, docks, and camps along the bayou.

4. Ecological Regimes

The proposed project should have no impact on the ecology of the river as the structures will not alter existing water flow patterns. Construction is anticipated to be conducted from the property and will not impact flow.

5. Recreational Use/Opportunities

This project will allow for private recreation at this location.

6. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Fish and other aquatic life should not be impacted by the proposed project. Minor waterbottom disturbance may temporarily occur during placement of riprap/recycled concrete during construction at the bank line. However, long term these materials should enhance fish and aquatic life.

7. Wildlife

The wildlife on the property should not be permanently affected by construction activities. No clearing or removal of vegetation is proposed with this project.

8. Historical and Archaeological Resources

To the best of our knowledge, no historical or archaeological resources of significance occur on the property.

9. Geological Resources

To the best of our knowledge, no geological resources adjacent to the river will be changed by the proposed project.

10. Botanical Resources

No vegetation or tree removal is proposed with this project. No clearing is proposed with this project. Some minor impacts to grasses along the bank line may occur due to placement of riprap/recycled concrete and construction of the timber dock.

11. Water Quality and Quantity

No change to water quantity or quality of the river is expected during or after construction. Riprap/recycled concrete will be placed along the bank line to prevent further erosion/sedimentation into the bayou.

12. Hydrologic Features

The proposed project will not have any significant impact on local hydrology.

13. Cultural Resources

There are no known cultural resources associated with this project.

14. Economic Impact of Project

The project will include employment of local businesses for the installation of riprap/recycled concrete and the installation of the timber dock. Materials will be locally sourced.

Steps to Minimize and/or Offset Potential Impacts to the River

This project will positively impact Bayou Manchac as it will maintain the current position of the right descending bank and will allow recreational access to the bayou for personal enjoyment at the existing property.

Alternatives

Some alternative construction methods were considered for this project including the use of synthetic materials for the dock and placement of alternative shoreline protection materials. These options were cost prohibitive and did not include significant benefits over the selected alternative. The current selected alternative minimizes impacts to Bayou Manchac and enhances the overall aesthetic and recreational value of the bayou at the property.

Applicant's Compliance History

The applicant has not been cited for any violation of the Scenic Rivers Act.