



LOUISIANA NATURAL AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM

PERMIT APPLICATIONPermit # 1386 (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 <u>Michael Watts</u>	Name of Agent (if any)
Address <u>41077 Scenic River LN</u>	Address
City, State, Zip <u>Mt. Hermon LA 70450</u>	City, State, Zip
Phone <u>(985) 335-5313</u>	Phone
Email Address <u>michaelwatts14@gmail.com</u>	Email Address

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY

Brief summary of the description and purpose of the proposed activity (details to be attached as a separate document) <u>see attachment "Environmental Assessment" spur dike refurb and erosion control</u>
Is any portion of the activity complete? <u>YES</u> or NO (If yes, indicate month and year of completion) <u>8/23</u>

LOCATION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY

Stream Name	<u>Bogue Chitto River</u>
Address	<u>41077 Scenic River LN</u>
City, State, Zip	<u>Mt. Hermon LA 70450</u>
Parish	<u>Washington Parish</u>
Sec/Township/Range	
Latitude/Longitude	<u>30.938675, -90.209423</u>

ADJACENT LANDOWNERS

Names, Addresses, Phone Numbers of Adjacent Landowners

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

10/10/25

Date

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."

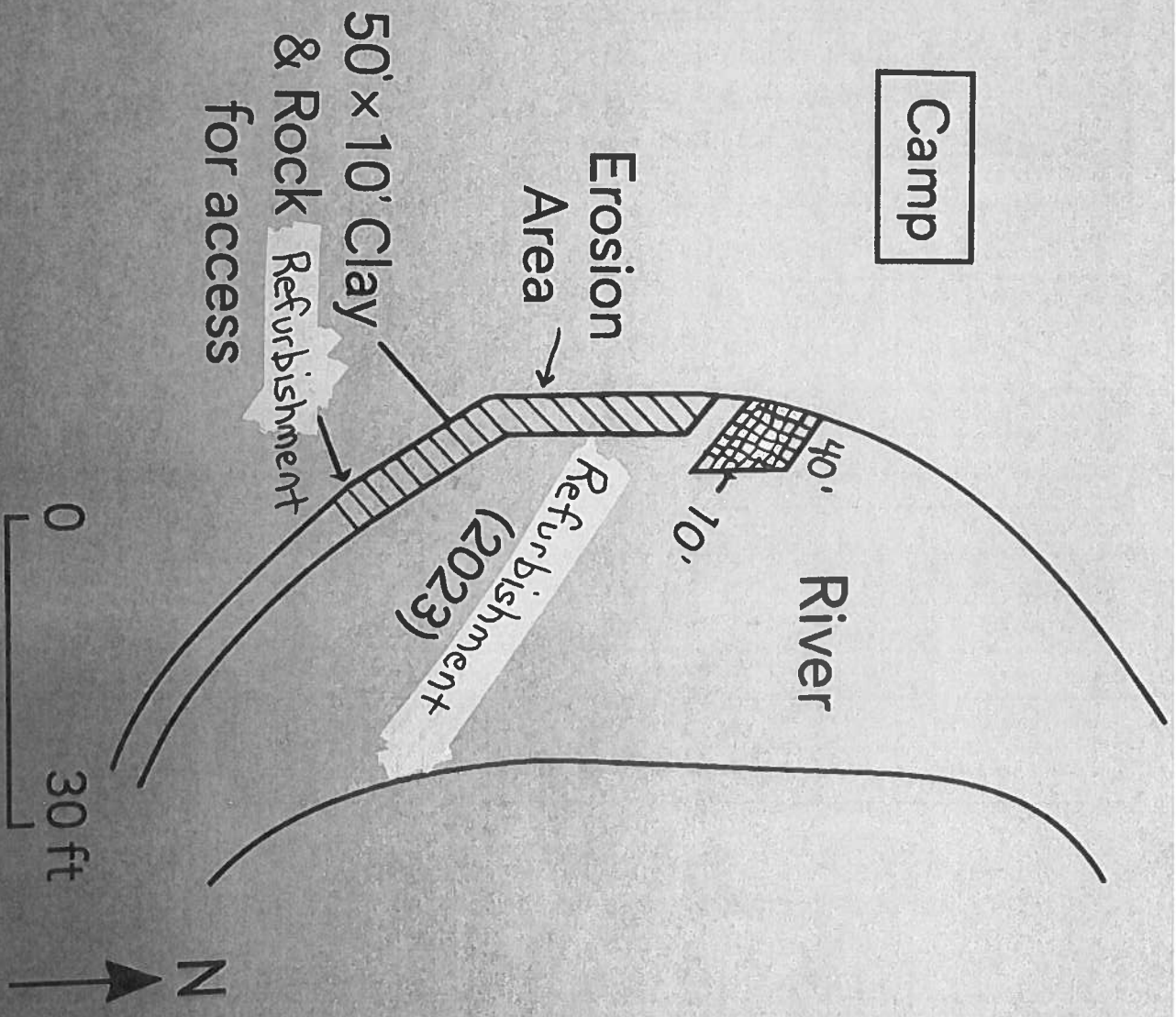
Authorized Signature

10-27-25

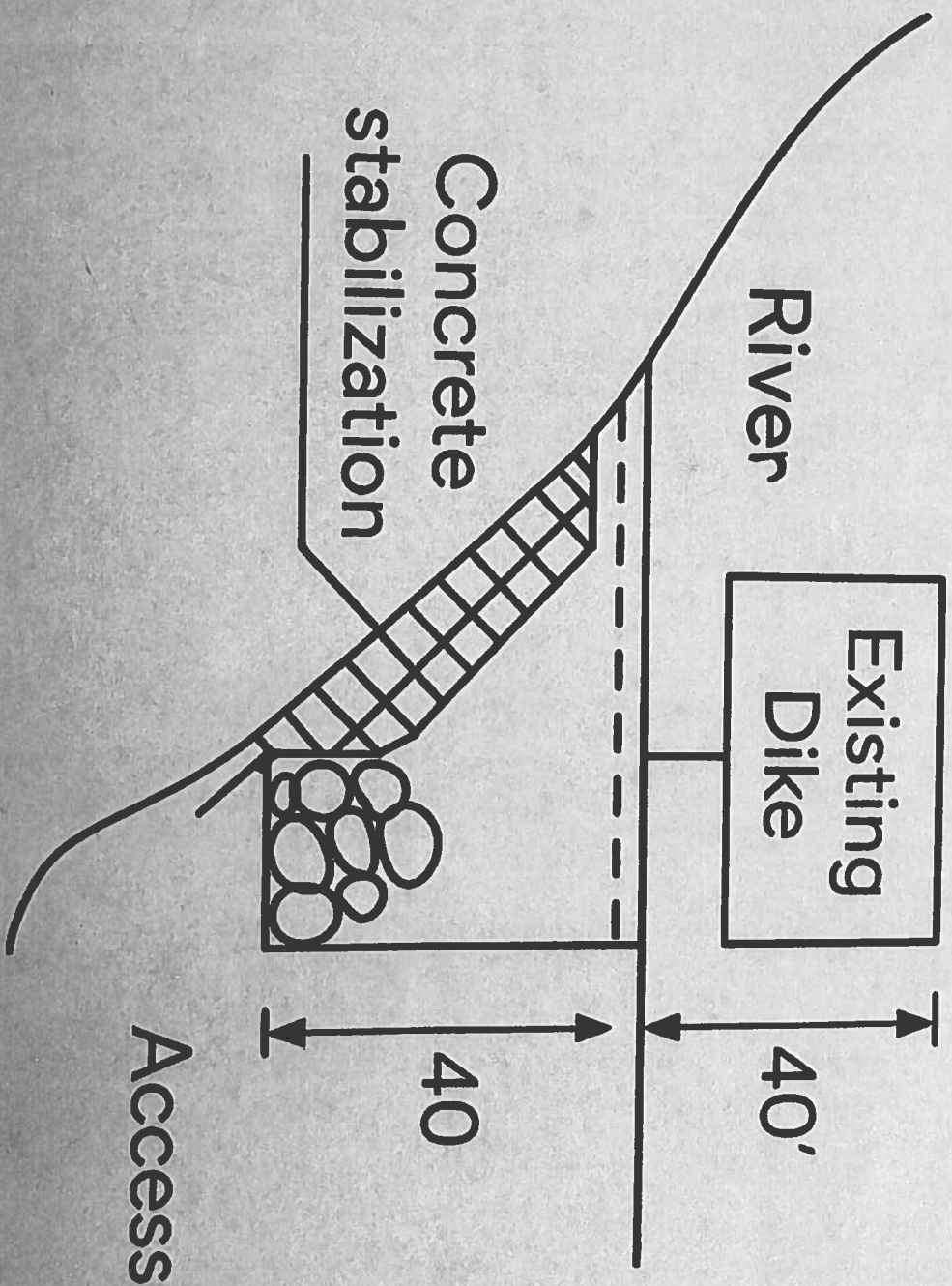
Date

REV. 5/23/25





Plan View



Profile / Cross-Section

Environmental Assessment

Project Description

The property at 41077 Scenic River Ln, Mt. Hermon, LA, is a permanent residence located along the Rogue Chitto River. A pre-existing concrete structure, angled approximately 45° over the river, was in place when I purchased the property. During a flood event, that structure broke apart, forming a U-shape. Afterward, each time the river rose, water would funnel through the broken structure, accelerating erosion and causing significant loss of my riverbank. To address this, I reinforced the original structure by adding additional concrete on top of the existing remains. This action was taken solely to divert floodwater away from the bank and prevent continued erosion. The intent was not to create a new obstruction but to restore and stabilize what was already there, ensuring the property remains intact during flooding events. In addition to the concrete reinforcement, I propose to restore my former access walkway down to the river. Floodwaters had eroded the previous sloped path, eliminating my ability to safely reach the river's edge with a vehicle. The new work will include bringing in clean clay fill to re-slope the bank in a stable, gradual manner. This path will allow continued access to the river for property maintenance and recreational use. The clay fill will be compacted to minimize erosion, and vegetation will be re-established along the sides of the slope to help stabilize the bank over the long term.

1. Existing Land Use

The property is used as a permanent residential home. The work was necessary to protect the residence and prevent further loss of land due to erosion.

2. Wilderness Qualities

No long-term negative impacts to wilderness qualities are expected. The work involved reinforcing an already existing man-made structure rather than introducing something entirely new.

3. Scenic Values

Scenic values should not be permanently impacted. The concrete reinforcement follows the line of the existing structure and was installed to blend with the riverbank. Over time, vegetation will regrow around the area.

4. Ecological Regimes

The reinforcement helps reduce soil erosion and the amount of sediment being washed into the river, which is beneficial for the river's ecological balance.

5. Recreational Use/Opportunities

No new recreational use was created. The work was solely to stabilize the property and protect against erosion. Restoring the walkway will re-establish vehicle access to the riverbank, which was historically available before flood erosion. This does not create new recreational opportunities, but restores a previously existing one.

6. Aesthetic Values

While concrete was used, the project restored the stability of an existing structure and reduced damage to the natural bank. Plans include allowing vegetation to regrow around the structure to

soften its appearance. The clay slope will be shaped to blend naturally with the riverbank. Once vegetation regrows, the path will appear as a natural extension of the property rather than a new intrusive feature.

7. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Fish and aquatic life will not be negatively impacted. By reducing sediment washout from the bank, water quality conditions are actually improved.

8. Wildlife

Wildlife will not suffer negative effects from this work. Stabilizing the riverbank prevents further habitat loss caused by bank collapse during floods.

9. Historical and Archaeological Resources

To the best of my knowledge, no historical or archaeological resources are located on this property.

10. Geological Resources

The installation has not altered any geological resources, but rather protected existing soil and riverbank features. The re-sloping with clay helps stabilize the soil and reduces erosion. Temporary disturbance to vegetation is expected but will be offset through reseeding and natural regrowth.

11. Botanical Resources

Some vegetation was temporarily disturbed during reinforcement, but the stabilization now allows natural vegetation to take hold and protect the bank long-term.

12. Water Quality and Quantity

By reinforcing the structure, water is now diverted around the bank instead of rushing through the failed structure and eroding the soil. This reduces sediment entering the river and improves water quality. Water quantity and flow remain unaffected overall. The restored path is designed with erosion control in mind. By stabilizing the slope with clay and vegetation, sediment entering the river should be reduced compared to the current eroded condition. Hydrology and overall water flow will not be significantly altered.

13. Hydrologic Features

The project has no significant long-term impact on hydrology. It is simply redirecting water to flow as it did prior to the failure of the original structure.

14. Cultural Resources

There are no known cultural resources associated with this property.

15. Economic Impact of the Project

The work provided income to local concrete and construction services. More importantly, it protects a permanent residence from erosion-related damage, ensuring safety, stability, and preservation of property value. As with the concrete reinforcement, this work supports local suppliers (clay hauling and construction services) and protects the property's usability and value.

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

The concrete added was placed directly on top of the existing broken structure, minimizing disturbance to the river. No new land was filled, and no expansion into the river occurred beyond what had already been impacted by the previous structure's failure. The purpose of the work is to prevent further erosion, reduce sediment loss into the river, and stabilize the bank for long-term sustainability.

Alternatives

Other alternatives such as steel bulkheads or rip rap were considered but were either too costly or would have required greater disturbance to the bank and river. Reinforcing the existing structure was the least disruptive and most effective solution.

Applicant's Compliance History

To the best of my knowledge as owner of 41077 Scenic River Ln, Mt. Hermon, LA, I have not been issued any citations for environmental or con