



PUBLIC NOTICE

FILE # NRS 16.260

Pursuant to Tennessee Rules, Chapter 0400-04-07, the proposed activity described below has been submitted for approval under an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit and § 401 Water Quality Certification. This notice is intended to inform interested parties of this permit application and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. No decision has been made whether to issue or deny this application.

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LOCATION

The project is located along the Tennessee River near the intersection of Cobb Road and Colonel James Hardin Road, Hardin County; Latitude 35.410, Longitude -88.070.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION / PURPOSE

The Tennessee Mitigation Fund, an in-lieu fee wetland mitigation program of the Tennessee Wildlife Federation, proposes compensatory wetland mitigation for wetland losses associated with the widening of State Route 15 in Hardin County. The mitigation area currently contains wetlands that have been degraded by ditching and agriculture. The property contains two sites that are appropriate for wetland restoration and enhancement. Site 1 is currently in agricultural production. There are 24.16 acres that will be restored with the plugging and partially filling an existing ditch and then planting wetland tree species. Site 2 will consist of enhancement activities on 10.81 acres that shall return the site to a floodplain forested wetland. No hydrologic manipulation will be needed. Functional lift shall be provided by the cessation of agricultural activities and the planting of native wetland trees. Monitoring will occur annually with reports submitted to this office and the U.S Army Corp of Engineers. The Tennessee Wildlife Federation has prepared a detailed compensatory wetland prospectus.

WATERSHED / WATERBODY DESCRIPTION

The site is located in the Lower Tennessee -Beech River Watershed HUC-8 (06040001) and the Ross Creek Watershed HUC 12 (060400010701).

For more information on this watershed or any Tennessee watershed, please visit our [TN Basins webpage](#).

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To view the proposed location of these activities and the watershed condition visit: <http://tdeconline.tn.gov/dwr/> and search on the permit number listed in the title of this Public Notice.

DETERMINATIONS

In accordance with the Tennessee Anti-Degradation Statement (Rule 0400-40—03-.06) the Division has determined that the proposed activities will result in no more than de minimis degradation to water quality (No mitigation required).

FACTORS CONSIDERED

In deciding whether to issue or deny a permit, the Division will consider all comments of record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws. In making this decision, a determination will be made regarding the lost value of the resource compared to the value of any proposed mitigation. The Division shall consider practicable alternatives to the alteration, loss of waters or habitat, diminishment in biological diversity, cumulative or secondary impacts to the water resource, and adverse impacts to unique, high quality, or impaired waters.

HOW TO COMMENT

Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the Division. Written comments must be received within **thirty days of the date that this notice is posted**. Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced. Send all written comments to the Division's address listed below and to the attention of the permit coordinator. You may also comment via email to water.permits@tn.gov. After the Division makes a final permit decision, a permit appeal may be filed by the applicant or by any person who participated in the public comment period whose appeal is based on comments given to the Division in writing during the public comment period or in testimony at a formal public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

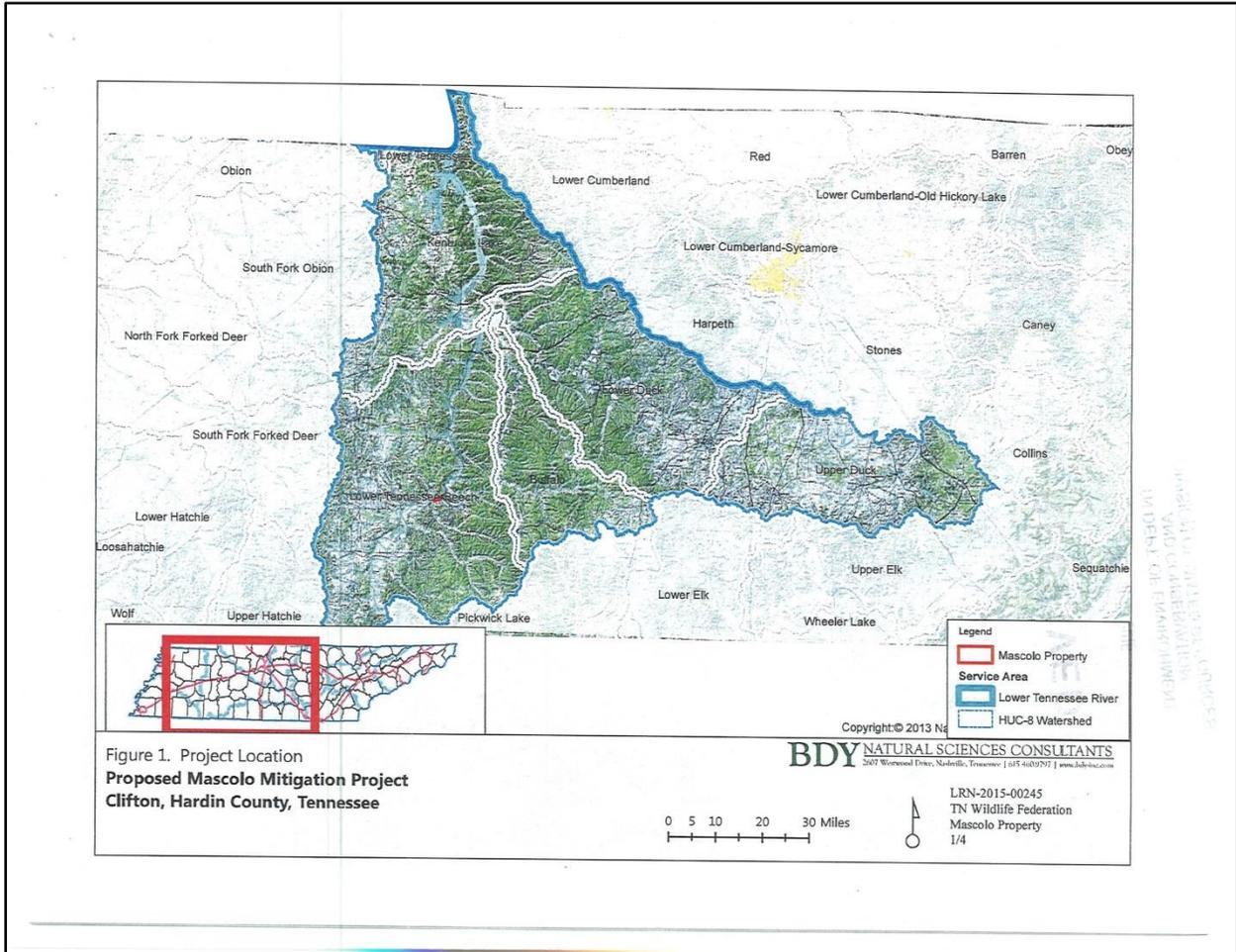
Interested persons may request in writing that the Division hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be received by the Division within the comment period, indicate the interest of the person requesting it, the reason(s) that the hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the Division will hold a public hearing in accordance with 0400-40-07-.04 (4) (f). Send all public hearing requests to the attention of the permit coordinator at the address listed below.

FILE REVIEW

The permit application, supporting documentation including detailed plans and maps, and related comments are available for review on the internet at the Division's [data viewer](#) by entering the permit number listed in the title of this Public Notice. The file may be viewed in person at the Division's address (listed below) for review and/or copying.

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LOCATION/TOPOGRAPHIC MAP



SITE DESIGNS

