

November 3, 2022

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Re: WSA MMPA and SP Application – Hamilton County 2nd RAI - Responses

Mr. Shirley,

Please find, provided for your review, our response to the 2nd RAI for the White Springs Master Mining Plan Amendment (MMPA) and Special Permit (SP) Application. White Springs received the email from you with comments on September 16, 2022. White Springs feels the following will satisfy or answer all the comments received.

- The applications do not reflect the details for Alternative #3 for mining in the proposed G lands wetlands areas, which the Applicant has identified as the “preferred alternative” in the Alternatives Analysis submitted to FDEP on June 28, 2022, as part of the pending state ERP application and Section 404 permit application. As stated in Alternatives Analysis Section 2.2.3, Alternative 3 “further decreases the spatial coverage of the ‘mined and disturbed’ footprint within existing onsite wetlands, resulting in a total of 492.9 acres of wetland impact and 382.37 units of functional loss, requiring 1,244 total acres of reclamation.” Please revise the MMP and SP text and map series to accurately reflect inclusion of Alternative 3 as the preferred alternative.*

The preferred alternative (alternative 3) updated post reclamation landuse is reflected on the MMP and SP text and map series. Please reference Table 1 from the CMP Summary of Onsite Mitigation Wetlands for the breakdown of Onsite Wetlands Mitigation Acreages by Reclamation Unit and note that the mitigation is greater than acre for acre by 16.6 acres

Summary of Onsite Mitigation Wetlands

| Reclamation Unit ID | Wetland Acreage | FLUCFCS Code ¹ | FLUCFCS Description |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| HC-RCS-18 | 63.1 | 630 | Wetland Forested Mixed |
| HC-RCS-19 | 66.9 | 630 | Wetland Forested Mixed |
| HC-RCS-20 | 373.0 | 630 | Wetland Forested Mixed |
| HC-HC-13 | 0.7 | 617 | Mixed Wetland Hardwoods |
| | 32.4 | 620 | Wetland Coniferous Forest |
| | 92.6 | 630 | Wetland Forested Mixed |
| HC-HC-10 | 203.7 | 630 | Wetland Forested Mixed |
| HC-RCS-11 | 9.1 | 630 | Wetland Forested Mixed |
| HC-RCS-16 | 5.4 | 617 | Mixed Wetland Hardwoods |
| | 413.7 | 630 | Wetland Forested Mixed |
| Total | 1,260.6 | | |

¹ Florida Land Use, Cover and Forms Classification System. Third edition. Florida Department of Transportation, 1999.