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via email: thomas.magee@fryemagee.com

Mr. Thomas Magee Frye Magee, LLC 117 Tioga Road Ball, Louisiana 71405

Proposal No. 2022.028

Subject: Lincoln Parish Park Bike Trails Wetlands Support

Lincoln Parish, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Magee:

Wetlands Unlimited, LLC (WU) is pleased to submit this proposal to assist with the wetland delineation and permitting requirements for the proposed installation of new bike trails at the Lincoln Parish Park near Ruston, Louisiana. The following sections present our scope of work, schedule, and fees for completing the project. The proposed scope of work is based on information obtained during our recent correspondence.

SCOPE OF WORK

Wetland Delineation and Preliminary JD Ground-Truthing

WU understands that a Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination (PJD) was issued for the project area by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) denoting the jurisdictional wetlands and streams within the proposed project footprint and beyond.

WU will conduct wetland delineation activities and ground-truth the areas determined to be jurisdictional in the USACE PJD that have the potential to be impacted by the construction of the proposed bike paths and the two areas designated for water/sewer boring activities. Should the delineation efforts determine that the jurisdictional areas identified are inaccurate, WU will collect the required field information, prepare a delineation report, and work with the USACE to update the jurisdictional footprint. Additionally, WU will mark the limits of the jurisdictional areas in the field. Please note that the project area for this effort includes only the areas previously denoted as part of proposed project – the areas outlined in red in the PJD map provided as **Attachment A – Project Footprint.** Should it be determined

that the client would like a verification and potential update to the entire jurisdictional area designated in the PJD, WU can amend this proposal accordingly to accommodate that request.

Delineation activities will be conducted in accordance with the procedures mandated in the *United States* Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual and November 2010 Regional Supplement to the USACE Wetland Delineation Manual: Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plain Region (Supplement – Version 2.0). The assessment activities will include reviews of readily available historical aerial imagery, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) soil survey maps, and interviews of persons familiar with the site (if necessary and available). The information gathered during the delineation activities will be compiled into a report and submitted to the USACE – Vicksburg District in support of permitting activities for the project.

USACE Nationwide Permitting

Based on our understanding of the project activities, the estimated impacts at the project location consist primarly of potential stream bed disturbance from the installation of the bike paths and related activities. Based on the pre-project information provided and also based on previously completed projects of similar scope, WU is anticipating less than 0.5 acres of wetland impacts at the bridge location which likely makes the project applicable for coverage under a USACE Nationwide Permit (NWP). As part of the proposed scope of work, WU will complete a preconstruction notice (PCN) and application for coverage under the appropriate NWP, as required. WU will also act as liaison on behalf of the client to shepherd the project through the USACE permitting process.

Should the extent of impacts increase beyond the threshold for permitting the project under the NWP option, a Standard Permit will likely be required. The scope of work in this proposal does not provide for the preparation of a Standard Permit application. Should a Standard Permit become required, WU will provide an amended scope of work and cost estimate for that effort.

At this preliminary juncture, WU cannot be sure if compensatory mitigation will be required for the permitting effort. In the event that impacts to WOTUS are sufficient to require mitigation, WU assumes that the mitigation requirements will be fulfilled by purchasing credits from a USACE- approved mitigation bank and the associated costs will be the responsibility of the client/applicant.

WU will provide the services described above using its commercially reasonable best efforts consistent with the level and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the profession currently practicing under similar conditions.

FEES

WU proposes to provide the scope of work contained herein on a fixed fee basis for a total cost of **\$10,650.00**. All anticipated expenses related to the completion of the scope of work are included in the fixed fee price.

The pricing breakdown includes \$6,850.00 for the delineation, ground-truthing, and USACE jurisdctional area update activities and \$3,800.00 for the USACE NWP support activities.

SCHEDULE

WU is prepared to proceed within two weeks of authorization to proceed.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Accompanying this proposal as **Attachment B** is a copy of our standard Terms and Conditions, and these Terms and Conditions are incorporated into this proposal as if fully set forth herein.

For your convenience, this proposal is presented in a form that can be accepted as an agreement. To accept this proposal, please sign the acceptance page in the designated area and return a copy to either Matt Mixon at matt@wetlandsunlimited.org or to me at jeffrey@wetlandsunlimited.org.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide you with this proposal. If you have any questions regarding the proposal or require additional information, please don't hesitate to call me using the contact information included with my signature below.

Sincerely:

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