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Mine Operating Permit Application I-002279

**Dorchester County** 

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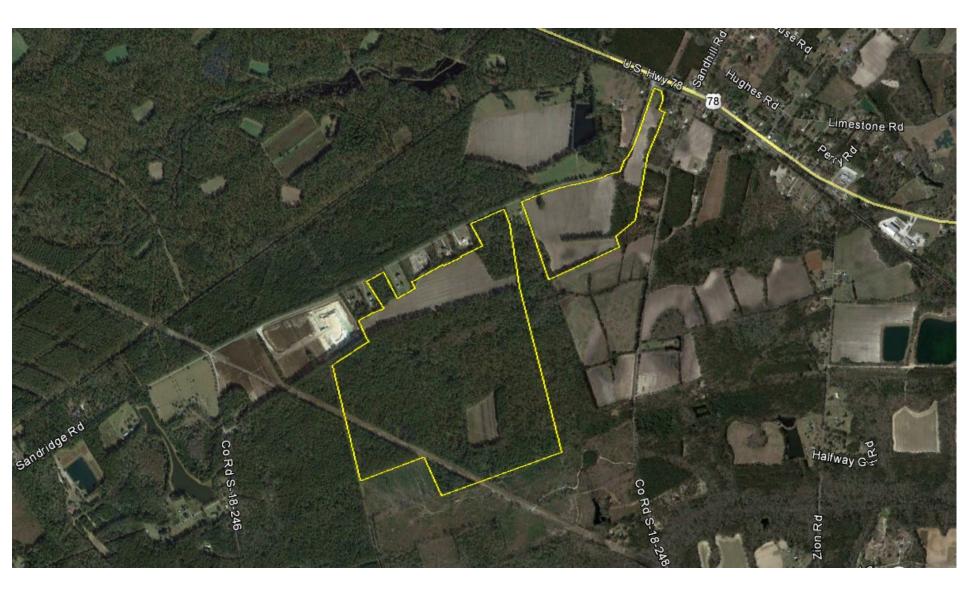
# Agenda

- Gathering Time & Instructions for Participating Remotely
- Introductions & Opening Remarks
- Overview of Proposed Mine
- Discussion
- Closing Remarks



# **Tonight's Topics**

- General Information about the site
- Proposed Permitted Area
- Mine Permitting Process
- Reclamation
- Next Steps





## **Other DHEC Permits**

- Office of Coastal Resource Management
  - Coastal Zone Consistency Determination
- Bureau of Water
  - National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)



# **Existing General Permits**

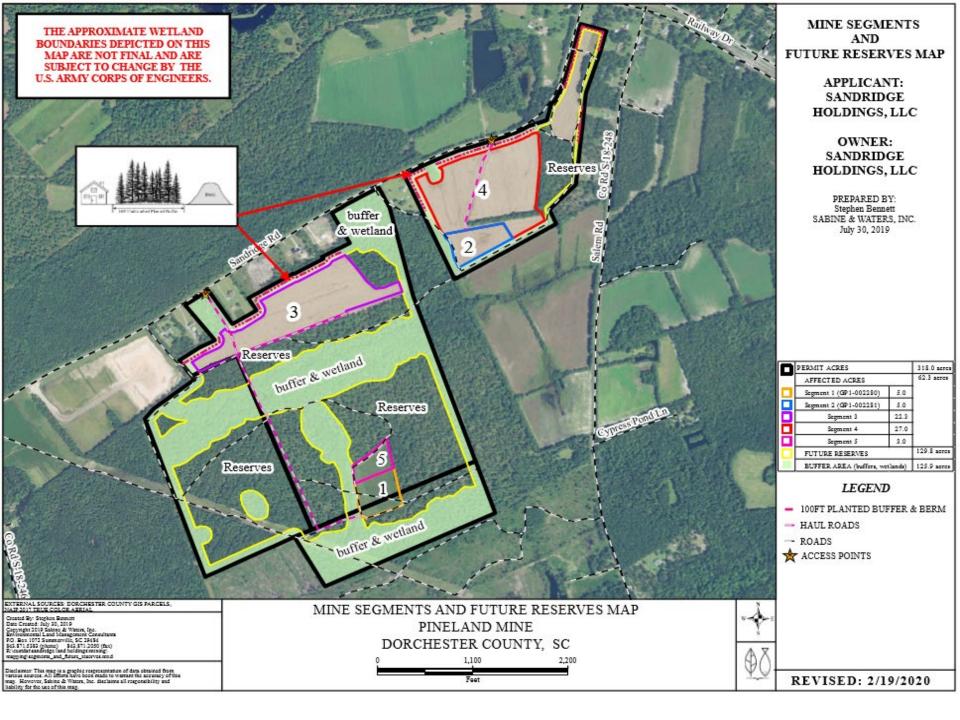
- Two General Mine Operating Permits (GP1) for the Excavation of Topsoil or Sand/Clay
  - Limits the mining of each general permit area to a maximum of five acres and a depth of 20 feet
  - No processing of material is allowed
  - Coverage was granted on March 17, 2020
- Two NPDES General Permit (SCG730000) coverages
  - Addresses water quality of stormwater and wastewater from the site
  - Coverage was granted on February 12 and March 17, 2020

DHEC's approval for general permit coverage <u>does not guarantee</u> that an individual mine operating permit will be issued



## **Proposed Permitted Area**

- 318.0 total acres
  - 62.3 acres of affected area
    - Includes two existing general mine permits
  - 125.9 acres of buffer
  - 129.8 acres of future mining reserves





## **Proposed Mining Process**

- Clearing of trees and vegetation
- Topsoil removed and stockpiled into berms and then vegetated
- Pit developed and dewatered as needed
- Sand mined and loaded onto haul trucks with no further processing



#### Example of an active sand mine



#### Proposed Mining Process (cont.)

- No more than 30 feet below the ground surface
- Life of mine is expected to be 10 years
- Applicant may request to mine permitted future reserve areas (requires DHEC approval)



## Reclamation

**Reclamation** is the planned process for restoring the affected land to a useful purpose while protecting natural resources of the surrounding area.

- Reclamation plan included in application
  - Will be reclaimed to ponds and grasslands
  - Land is sloped and graded during the mining process
  - Stockpiled topsoil used to enhance vegetation
- Reclamation bond is required to ensure that reclamation is completed



#### Example of a reclaimed sand mine



# Mine Permitting Timeline

<b>September 19, 2019</b>	Mine application received
February 27 and March 5, 2020	Public Notice of Intent to Mine published in <i>Post &amp; Courier Newspaper</i>
July 23, 2020	Public meeting
August 7, 2020	Public comment period closes



## Next Steps

- DHEC will review all comments received and make a final decision
- DHEC will provide notification of final decision and a written response to all comments to everyone on mailing list
- Final decision date begins 15-day appeal period





Additional information can be found at:

www.scdhec.gov/PinelandMine



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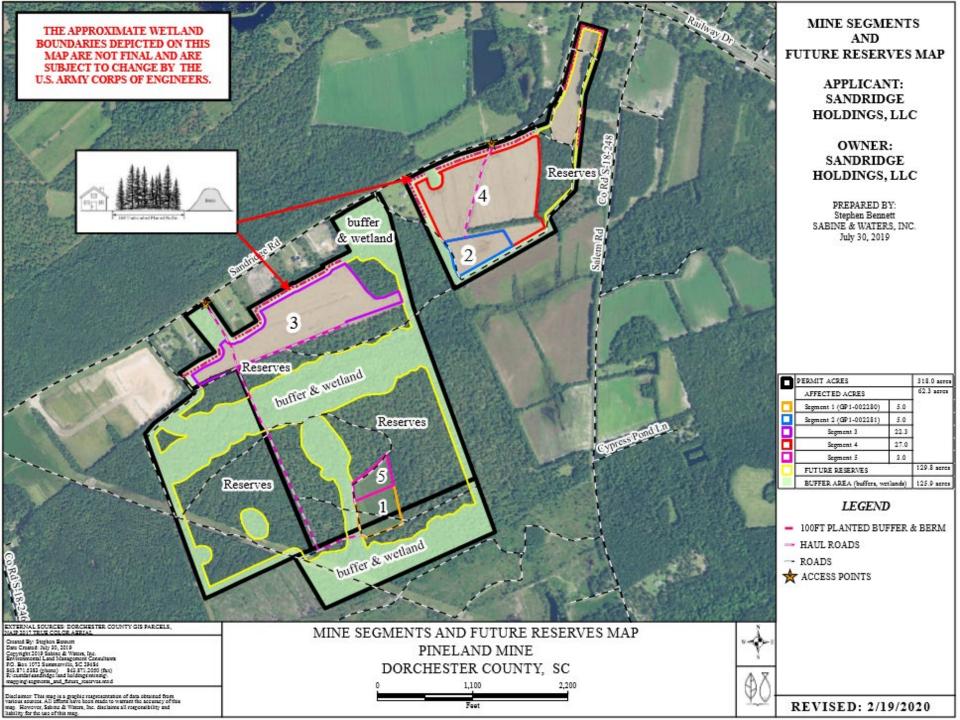
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