



March 24, 2011

Thanks for your continued support of the Bastrop County Eco-Merge Green Corporate Center project, including the Central Texas Airport. As you know, this initiative has the capacity to create enormous new economic, transportation, educational and social benefit for Bastrop County and all of Central Texas by helping to establish the region's leadership in the global ecological revolution, much as the surrounding area has in information technology since the 1980s. Companies from many parts of the globe have already committed to locating research, development and manufacturing operations, and other companies will develop, deploy and market their technologies at Eco-Merge Green Corporate Centers. The goal for most of these companies is to access the North and Central American markets using Texas and Bastrop County as the gateway.

You have indicated an interest in additional ways to express your endorsement of GCC and we could use that assistance now. In order to help accurately represent widespread community support for the project we would ask you to send a letter of support to the Fort Worth Regional Office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Your approval of the project would be of particular interest to **Colonel Richard J. Muraski, Jr.**, district commander of the regional office. In such a letter, please refer to Corps project number: **USACE Project No. SWF 2010-506**.

It would be helpful if you could also send copies of your letter to Col. Muraski, in separate envelopes, to the attention of both **Stephen Brooks** and **Jennifer Walker**, who are also aware of the project. We understand that it is most efficient to place the individual letters and envelopes in a single express-mail (e.g., FedEx) letter package. Complete contact information for Col. Muraski, Mr. Brooks and Ms. Walker, including their phone numbers are below.

We appreciate your interest in and backing of GCC. Please do not hesitate to contact us with future questions about or suggestions for this important project.

Primary U.S. Army Corps of Engineers contact:	With copies of your letter to:
<p>Colonel Richard J. Muraski, Jr. Fort Worth District Commander U.S. Army Corps of Engineers c/o Regulatory Branch 819 Taylor St., Room 3A37 Forth Worth, TX 76102 (817) 866-1515</p>	<p>Stephen Brooks Chief, Regulatory Branch U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (817) 866-1473</p> <p>Jennifer Walker Section Leader, Regulatory Branch U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (817) 978-7547</p>



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Re: SECTION 404 STANDARD INDIVIDUAL PERMIT
Central Texas Airport/Green Corporate Centers

Project Case Information

Central Texas Airport/Green Corporate Centers has requested the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to issue a Section 404 Standard Individual Permit relative to the determination that Jurisdictional Waters of the U. S. have been identified on the property. The application was filed on January 17, 2011 with the Fort Worth, Texas office of the USACE. The Project is located in Elgin, Bastrop County, Texas at the intersection of FM 969 and FM 1704. The Corps project number is USACE Project No. SWF 2010-506.

Economic & Employment Impact Summary

The region of impact for this Section 404 Permit lies in rural Bastrop County, Texas approximately 16 miles east of the Texas State Capital. Bastrop County is an agricultural based economy that has suffered compounded adverse economic impacts from both the economy and a drought lasting over 3 ½ years that has been classified as "exceptional". Bastrop County suffers from a lack of employment opportunities, has an illiteracy rate of 25% and more than 60% of its schoolchildren are from economically disadvantaged families.

The central Texas region has a long-standing deficiency for general aviation facilities and services that have been documented by the FAA, State of Texas Department of Transportation-Aviation Division, and area Chambers of Commerce. Attempts to construct a general aviation reliever airport have failed for more than two decades.

A privately funded initiative to construct this vital national air transportation asset is pending; a project named Central Texas Airport at Green Corporate Centers. The FAA has approved the utilization of air space and all other federal, state, and local obstacles have been cleared. On Monday, June 14, 2010, the Bastrop County Commissioners Court formally ratified a public-private funding agreement by unanimous consent for the construction and operation of the Central Texas Airport./Green Corporate Centers

Texas state officials requested that an Economic Impact Assessment be performed for the Central Texas Airport project. The Perryman Group was engaged for the assessment which demonstrated the impact of this project would result in the creation of more than 43,000 new permanent jobs in Texas, 32,000 of which would fall out in the Bastrop County area (total County population is 75,000). More than \$86 million is projected in new annual taxes for area school and taxing districts and annual spending is forecast to increase to more than \$8.3 Billion. This is an unprecedented economic impact opportunity, located in a severely depressed economic area. The construction phase alone generates approximately 4,000 new jobs and is slated to begin in the 4th quarter of this year.

This project is located by necessity on a very large, flat, remote location. Limited topographic relief results in site-generated drainage conditions during storm events that create the current



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areas identified as Waters of the U. S.. An existing livestock pond and cattle operation are to be relocated to the easternmost portions of the property, with site grading and drainage improvements for the runway and taxiways construction.

This important project and its beneficial economic impacts can be accelerated if the pending application for the Section 404 Permit can be approved on an expedited basis. The request is for this permit processing to be expedited as quickly as possible.