

Proposed Application - Mine Permit I-002310 Sassafras Mine PUBLIC HEARING



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Proposed Application Sassafras Mine

Mine Operating Permit Application I-002310

Dorchester County

PUBLIC HEARING





























Agenda

- Gathering Time and Instructions for Participating Remotely
- Opening Remarks
- DHEC Overview of Sassafras Mine Permit Application
- Public Comments
- Closing Remarks
- Hearing Adjourned

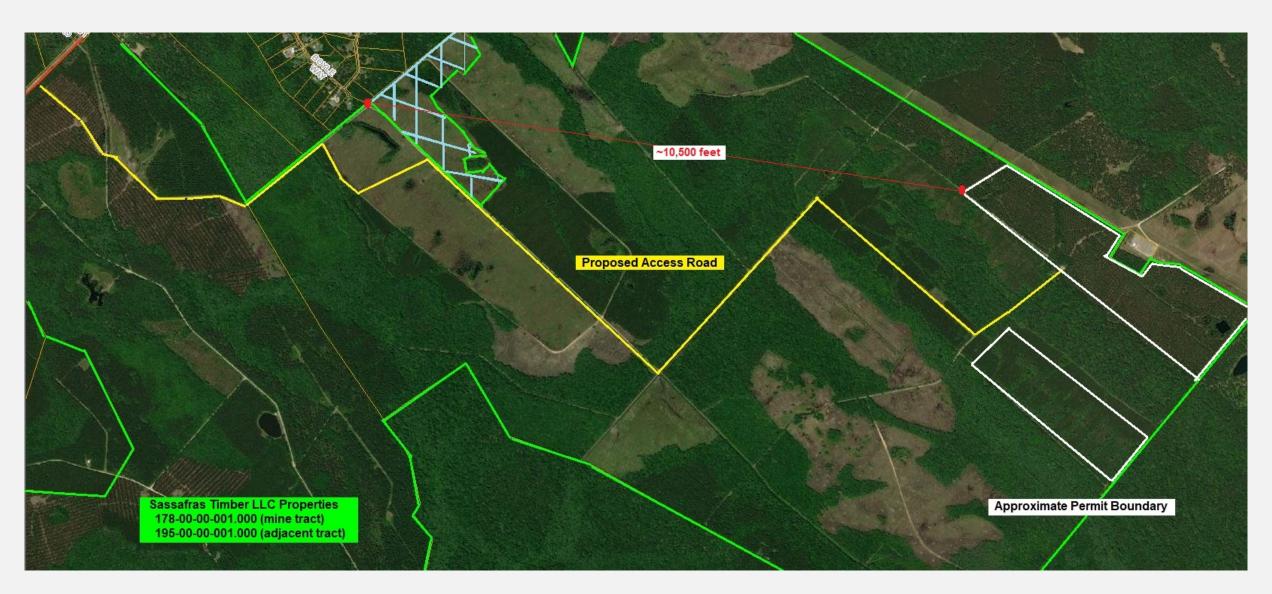


Topics of Tonight's Presentation

- Permit Application for the Proposed Sassafras Mine
- Reclamation of the Mine Operation
- Common Concerns
- Review of Comments
- Final Decision Process
- Notification of Final Decision



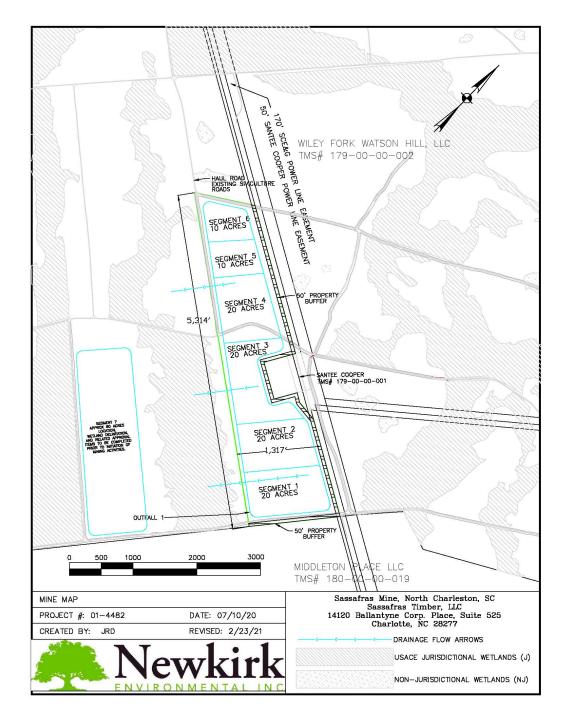
Location Overview

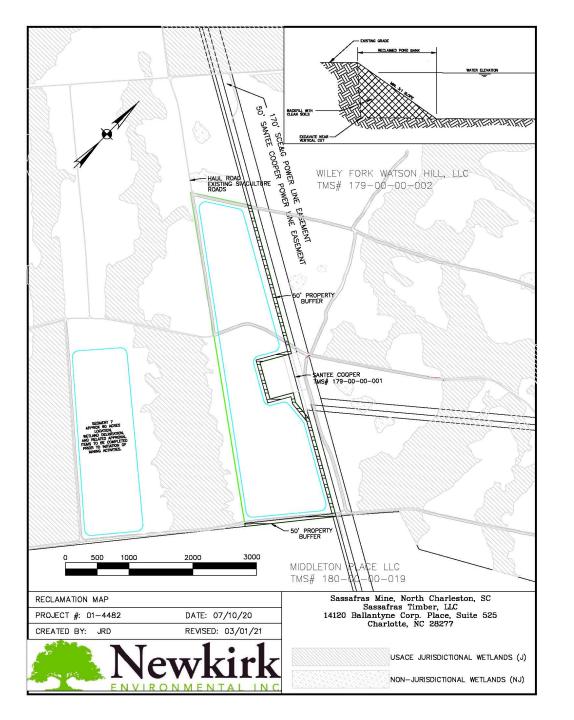




Proposed Application

- 2603-acre tract owned by operator
- 171.5 acres for proposed mining:
 - 160.0 acres affected by excavation
 - 3.0 acres roads
 - 8.5 acres of buffer
- Mined Material: sand, sand/clay, and topsoil
- Depth: 20 feet
- Processing: material will be excavated and loaded directly onto trucks
- No blasting
- Water will be pumped from the excavation
 - mixture of stormwater and groundwater
 - discharges are regulated by NPDES permit







Common Concerns with Mine Operations

DHEC does not have authority to regulate:

- Public roads (traffic/damage):
 - SCDOT, SC Public Service Commission, City of North Charleston Department of Public Works
 - Local Law Enforcement
- Location/Operating Hours
 - County and City Zoning Ordinances



Final Review

Comments Will Be Accepted By DHEC Through NOVEMBER 5, 2021

At that time DHEC will:

- review all comments received
- request additional information from the applicant, if needed
- complete technical review of the proposed mine permit application
- determine if the proposed mine meets the requirements of:
 - Coastal Zone Consistency (CZC)
 - NPDES Water Discharge Permit
 - the SC Mining Act and regulations



Final Decision

- The Mining program will make a final decision as outlined by the SC Mining Act and regulations.
- Notification of the final decision will be provided:
 - To all attendees of public meeting and/or public hearing
 - To all who submitted written comments
 - On the DHEC webpage: https://scdhec.gov/SassafrasMine

Notification of the final decision will include a summary of concerns and how they were addressed. The final decision date beings 15-day appeal period.



Comments

Written comments may be submitted by mail or email through

NOVEMBER 5, 2021

to:

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Additional information can be found at:

www.scdhec.gov/SassafrasMine



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