August 5, 2009

Angie Lacoste Department of Army New Orleans District, COE P.O. Box 60267 New Orleans, LA 70160-0267

Permit No.:

MVN-2007-3859-EKK

Applicant:

Paris Properties LLC

TNC No.:

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Dear Ms. Lacoste,

This letter is confirmation that The Nature Conservancy of Louisiana has received payment from Paris Properties, LLC for 33.3 acres of pine wetland mitigation, which was required under the above listed permit. This contribution has been deposited in our Southeast Louisiana Pine Wetlands Mitigation Bank account and will be used for the acquisition, restoration and maintenance of pine wetlands in southeast Louisiana. To date, our bank in the Northshore area has helped conserve over 4,000 acres.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Dearbone

Land Conservation Specialist

cc: Paris Properties LLC 501 J. F. Smith Avenue Slidell, LA, 70460

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA PINE FLATWOOD WETLAND MITIGATION BANK MITIGATION PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

of 1009 by Paris Properties, LLC ("Permittee") whose address is 501 J. F. Smith Avenue, Slidell, LA, 70460 and The Nature Conservancy ("TNC"), a nonprofit conservation organization established under the laws of the District of Columbia with its local address of P.O. Box 4125, Baton Rouge, LA, 70821.

WHEREAS, in May 1992, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and Louisiana Department of Natural Resources formally approved the interagency agreement establishing the Southeast Louisiana Pine Wetland Mitigation Bank (the "Mitigation Bank"); and

WHEREAS, TNC is the owner of three areas of degraded pine wetland savanna and flatwoods in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana (hereinafter referred to as the "Mitigation Areas"); and

WHEREAS, the Mitigation Areas, specifically known as the Lake Ramsay, Abita Creek Flatwoods (including the Perino Tract), and Talisheek Pine Wetlands (Money Hill) units are part of the Mitigation Bank and have been accepted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District (NOD) and the mitigation bank review team (collectively, the "MBRT") as acceptable options for providing off-site compensatory mitigation for the permitted loss of pine wetlands savanna and flatwoods within southeast Louisiana for St. Tammany, Washington, Tangipahoa, and Livingston Parishes; and

WHEREAS, Permittee has filed an application with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the following Wetlands Use Permit(s) (the "Permit(s)"):

. Permit Number:

MVN-2007- 3859-EKK

Applicant Name:

Paris Properties LLC

Project Name:

Johnnie F. Smith Memorial Business Park

Phase II

said Permit(s) to be conditioned to require mitigation for impacts which are likely to occur within St. Tammany Parish and which are of importance to the human or aquatic environment; and

WHEREAS, Permittee desires to fulfill its off-site compensatory mitigation requirements as outlined in the Permit(s), by participating in the Mitigation Bank;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and the mutual covenants herein contained and subject to the terms and conditions set forth below, Permittee and TNC do hereby contract and agree as follows:

- 1. Permittee agrees to purchase from TNC all or a portion of acre credits required to fulfill its off-site compensatory mitigation under the Permit(s), said purchase to consist of a minimum of 33.3 acre credits (the "Minimum Credits") at a non-refundable purchase price of \$13,000 per acre credit (the "Credit Price") for a total minimum payment of \$432,900.00. Any purchase by Permittee of additional acre credits (if available) above the Minimum Credits shall be at the then current Credit Price, prorated for any partial acre credit. Permittee acknowledges and agrees Permittee is responsible for ensuring that any such payment schedule and acre credits comply with the terms of Permittee's Wetlands Use Permits listed above and any rules, regulations or requirements of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Permittee agrees to deliver payment to TNC at the signing of this contract for the all acre credits to be purchased under this Agreement and said contract is not valid until payment has been received.
- 2. TNC agrees to temporarily reserve 33.3 acres of potential mitigation within the Southeast Louisiana Pine Flatwood Wetland Mitigation Bank Perino Tract, as part of this Agreement. Upon receipt by TNC from Permittee of full payment of all amounts due hereunder, TNC further agrees to incur responsibility for mitigation of the amount of acreage of pine wetland savanna and/or flatwoods in the Mitigation Bank equal to the amount of acre credits actually purchased by Permittee in accordance with this Agreement.
- 3. Permittee acknowledges that TNC has reserved acres in the Mitigation Bank in reliance upon Permittee's payment in accordance with this Agreement. Permittee further acknowledges and agrees that Permittee's payment obligation for the Minimum Credits is not dependent upon the issuance of the Permit(s) or any changes in mitigation requirements thereunder. In the event payment for the Minimum Credits is not made in full by the due date, then Permittee shall be in default hereunder and TNC shall be entitled, without prior notice to Permittee, to seek all remedies available at law and equity, specifically including without limitation termination of this Agreement, release of the acres reserved under this Agreement and pursuit of collection of the minimum payment due from Permittee hereunder. In such event, Permittee agrees to reimburse TNC for all reasonable costs of enforcement, including court costs and reasonable legal expenses.
- 4. This Agreement shall become effective as of the date it is last signed by TNC and Permittee and payment has been received, and constitutes the entire agreement between Permittee and TNC and may not be changed, amended or modified except by instrument in writing signed by both parties hereto.
- 5. TNC's obligations under this Agreement are subject to the receipt by TNC from Permittee of the completed and executed "Disclosure Form" in the form attached hereto as

Exhibit A evidencing that Permittee does not have a real or perceived conflict of interest with TNC.

- 6. Any notices given under this Agreement to either party shall be made in writing, and delivered in person or by (i) United States certified mail, return receipt requested, or (ii) Federal Express Corporation or other nationally recognized overnight courier for next day delivery to each party at their address set forth above. Any notice delivered as above will be deemed given upon its personal delivery or upon deposit into the custody of the U.S. Postal Service or Federal Express Corporation or other nationally recognized overnight courier, as applicable.
- 7. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Louisiana, and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of Permittee and TNC. Neither party hereto shall assign this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party and the Corps of Engineers.

SIGNATURES

By:

By:

Dr. Keith Ouchley, Ph.D.
The Nature Conservancy

Date:

Legal Review: LPR 0723/09

Disclosure Form

It is the policy of The Nature Conservancy ("TNC") to identify real or perceived conflicts of interest involving any party with whom TNC is entering into a transaction. To assist TNC in complying with this policy, we request that all individuals and/or "entities" (other than TNC) that will be involved in this transaction complete this form.

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Check one: Acreage:	Fee interest: Other (describe):	Conservation easement:
A. Real Estate Transaction Site (Tract): Check one:	TNC acquisition:	TNC sale:

Paris Properties, LLC

INDIVIDUALS ANSWER SECTIONS III AND V; ENTITIES ANSWER SECTIONS IV AND V.

III. QUESTIONS FOR EACH <u>INDIVIDUAL</u> IDENTIFIED IN SECTION II:

Ar	e you: (please attach an explanation for any "Yes" answers)	Yes	No
A.	a TNC employee (now or during the last 12 months)		·/
В.	a member of TNC's Board of Directors (now or during the last 12 months)		V
C.	a TNC Chapter Trustee/Advisor (now or during the last 12 months)		/
D.	a Major Donor of TNC - A " <u>major donor</u> " is an individual or organization that has made a gift or pledge of US\$500,000 or more at any one time or cumulatively within the last 5 years in cash, appreciated securities or other assets, or in land, easement, or bargain-sale value		/
E.	an other Insider of TNC- "Other insiders" of TNC include individuals such as former members of TNC's Board of Directors, former Chapter Trustees, members of TNC advisory boards or committees, members of TNC's President's Conservation Council, volunteers or former employees of TNC who, by virtue of their current involvement or their involvement within the past 12 months with TNC either have access to "inside information" that could place them within a conflict situation or could give the appearance of such persons having the ability to unduly influence TNC. Depending on circumstances, an independent contractor, grantee, other outside party or their employees may be an "other insider" if that person or entity has access to "inside information." "Inside information" consists of any material information that is identified as confidential and proprietary and pertains to the business and affairs of TNC, whether related to a specific transaction or to matters relating to TNC's interests, activities and policies.		V

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to your knowledge, a close relative of any individual an individual" includes (a) his or her spouse, in-laws(the daughter in-laws), natural or adopted children, parent grandparents, brothers and sisters; (b) any person where the circumstances that closely resemble a marital infinancially dependent upon the individual?	s and/or step-parents, grandchildren, no shares living quarters with the individual		~
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