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**From:** Tyler McDougal <tyler@gatordredging.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 18, 2017 10:41 AM  
**To:** Lauren F. Greenfield; Johnny Patronis  
**Cc:** Michaud Burgos  
**Subject:** RE: 3 Stonegate Dr / App 748382

Lauren,

Thanks and we would like to withdraw the exemption application. Reason for withdrawal is we need time to evaluate the alternate permit route recommended by SWFWMD.

We are currently researching the Individual Permit process/tasks necessary in your email below. We may have a few questions with those pretty soon to get some final clarification.

Thanks again for all your help with this project.

Sincerely,

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Hi Johnny and Tyler,

I wanted check in with you to see what your plans are with the project. As outlined in the email below, the project may be able to be authorized under an individual permit, but not an exemption. Since the time period to respond to the Request for Additional Information has passed, and since we now know that the project will not qualify for an exemption, I would like to have you all withdraw the exemption application. Once you have gathered the information

that is outlined below, you can re-apply for an individual permit. In the meantime, I can continue to help you with any questions you may have. Please let me know if you would like to withdraw the application.

Thanks,  
Lauren

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**From:** Lauren F. Greenfield  
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Hi Tyler,

Thank you for taking the time to discuss the project with me today. Below is a summary of what we discussed and what may be the best approach to getting the applicant his dock and access to navigable water.

During my site visit on 7/19/2017, I was not able to determine that the material within the area around the proposed dock came from upland construction or that if it did, it went all the way down to -1 MLW. I also do not think that maintenance dredging in accordance with the intake/discharge structure portion of 403.813(1)(f), F.S. would allow for dredging to the depths needed to moor a boat and get it to navigable waters without prop dredging. So the next step is to see if we can authorize this as a new dredge with an Individual Permit. The application would need to be for the dock and the dredge together. Some items we would need with the application are below.

1. As part of an Individual Permit review and in order to obtain approval for new dredging in an aquatic preserve, we would need to show that the total project has been designed to reduce and eliminate impacts to the maximum extent feasible. It looks like the dock, as shown on the exemption application plans, is about 30 feet from the property line to the south. That's pretty close to as far south as it can get without needing a setback waiver from the neighbor to the south. To minimize the footprint of the dredge, the dredge footprint should include a mooring area at the dock and a path just wide enough for navigation to the existing channel. It looks like the deepest depth of the existing channel is -2 MLW. If the dredge footprint went from the proposed mooring area to the -2 contour as a depth of 2-MLW, that would allow for a vessel with a draft of 1 foot to be able to operate with one foot of clearance.
2. In order for the dredge to connect to the -2 contour, dredging would need to be done within the riparian rights area of the neighbor to the south. Therefore, the neighbor would need to be a co-applicant.
3. Two other items needed to obtain approval for new dredging in an aquatic preserve:
  - a. The applicant would need to place a conservation easement (CE) over his entire shoreline that would prohibit any additional dredging beyond what would be authorized in the permit. It would not prohibit maintenance of the permitted dredge area.
  - b. A draft restriction would also need to be placed in the permit so that there will be at least one foot of clearance between the deepest draft of the vessel and the submerged bottom. So if the proposed dredge is to -2 MLW, then the permit would restrict the draft to 1 foot.
4. Revised signed and sealed plans showing a revised dredge footprint and dock would be needed. The plans should include BMP's, dimensions, depths, distances from riparian lines, etc.
5. The application should request a mixing zone for the dredge area. The mixing zone request can extend outside of the dredge area, if needed, but should not include areas with seagrass or other submerged resources.
6. The permit application fee would be \$2,184 for an online application.
7. Severance fees will be required or documentation that a waiver of the severance fees applies.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Have a good weekend!

Thanks,

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