

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**NOTICE OF HEARING
GREAT ESCAPES OPPORTUNITY ZONE FUND, LLC
SOAH Docket No. 582-21-0314
TCEQ Docket No. 2020-0839-MWD
Permit No. WQ0015802001**

APPLICATION.

Great Escapes Opportunity Zone Fund, LLC, 2539 South Gessner Road, Suite 13, Houston, Texas 77063, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for new Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0015802001, to authorize the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 25,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on May 24, 2019.

The facility will be located at 16740 Albert Voelker Road, in Travis County, Texas 78621. The treated effluent will be discharged to a roadside ditch, thence to an unnamed tributary of Willow Creek, thence to Willow Creek, thence to Cottonwood Creek, thence to Wilbarger Creek, thence to the Colorado River Above La Grange in Segment No. 1434 of the Colorado River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are minimal aquatic life use for the roadside ditch, limited aquatic life use for the unnamed tributary of Willow Creek, Willow Creek, and Cottonwood Creek, and high aquatic life use for Wilbarger Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 1434 are primary contact recreation, public water supply, and exceptional aquatic life use. In accordance with 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 307.5 and the TCEQ's *Procedures to Implement the Surface Water Quality Standards* (June 2010), an antidegradation review of the receiving waters was performed. A Tier 1 antidegradation review has preliminarily determined that existing water quality uses will not be impaired by this permit action. Numerical and narrative criteria to protect existing uses will be maintained. A Tier 2 review has preliminarily determined that no significant degradation of water quality is expected in Wilbarger Creek, which has been identified as having high aquatic life use. Existing uses will be maintained and protected. The preliminary determination can be reexamined and may be modified if new information is received. As a public courtesy, we have provided the following Web page to an online map of the site or the facility's general location. The online map is not part of the application or the notice:
<https://tceq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=db5bac44afbc468bbddd36of816825of&marker=-97.4475%2C30.346666&level=12>.
For the exact location, refer to the application.

The TCEQ Executive Director has prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and printing at: <http://www.m3engineering.com/tceq>. To request copies by phone, please contact Troy Moore at (512) 820-3265.

CONTESTED CASE HEARING.

Considering directives to protect public health, the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) will conduct a preliminary hearing via Zoom videoconference. A Zoom meeting is a secure, free meeting held over the internet that allows video, audio, or audio/video conferencing.

10:00 a.m. - December 9, 2020

To join the Zoom meeting via computer:

<https://soah-texas.zoomgov.com/j/1603116249?pwd=SVhmSVR1dWxvUTFVR1poS2Q4Vj9LZzo9>

Meeting ID: 160 311 6249

Password: L2=5V&

or

To join the Zoom meeting via telephone:

(346) 248-7799

Meeting ID: 160 311 6249

Password: 872492

Visit the SOAH website for registration at: <http://www.soah.texas.gov/> or call SOAH at 512-475-4993.

The purpose of a preliminary hearing is to establish jurisdiction, name the parties, establish a procedural schedule for the remainder of the proceeding, and to address other matters as determined by the judge. The evidentiary hearing phase of the proceeding, which will occur at a later date, will be a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. The hearing will address the disputed issues of fact identified in the TCEQ order concerning this application issued on August 27, 2020. In addition to these issues, the judge may consider additional issues if certain factors are met.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 2001, Texas Government Code; Chapter 26, Texas Water Code; and the procedural rules of the TCEQ and SOAH, including 30 TAC Chapter 80 and 1 TAC Chapter 155. The hearing will be held unless all timely hearing requests have been withdrawn or denied.

To request to be a party, you must attend the hearing and show you would be adversely affected by the application in a way not common to members of the general public. Any person may attend the hearing and request to be a party. Only persons named as parties may participate at the hearing.

In accordance with 1 Tex. Admin. Code § 155.401(a), Notice of Hearing, “Parties that are not represented by an attorney may obtain information regarding contested case hearings on the public website of the State Office of Administrative Hearings at www.soah.texas.gov, or in printed format upon request to SOAH.”

INFORMATION.

If you need more information about the hearing process for this application, please call the Public Education Program, toll free, at 800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.texas.gov.

Further information may also be obtained from Great Escapes Opportunity Zone Fund, LLC, at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Troy Moore, P.E., M3 Engineering, at 512-820-3265.

Persons with disabilities who need special accommodations at the hearing should call the SOAH Docketing Department at 512-475-4993, at least one week prior to the hearing.

Issued: October 27, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bridget C. Bohac". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B'.

Bridget C. Bohac, Chief Clerk
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality