

PONTCHARTRAIN PARTNERS, LLC. *Lakeside*

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a monthly insight into PPLLC



PROJECT 1102

YAZOO RIVER BASIN

AGENCY

DEPT. OF THE ARMY

VICKSBURG DISTRICT,

CORPS OF ENGINEERS

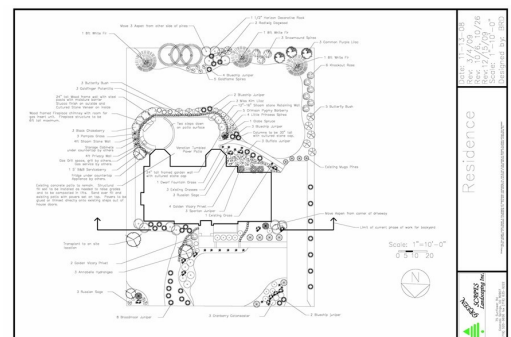
Andre' Simmons

Project Manager



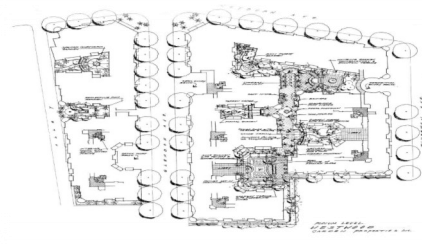
SSHO Aubrey Howell, Operator Frank Colby and PM/QC Andre Simmons reviewing site 10 work plans.

The goal of this job is to install a 14 riser pipe grade control structures and one rock chute (300') in Carroll County, Ms. Principle features include clearing and grubbing, excavation, back-fill, pipe fill, embankment and control of water.



YAZOO

A WORK IN PROGRESS



Photos from top right to left resembling the process and progress of job 1102. Tilling lime with the tractor, seeding and positioning the conduit riser. **Photo Credit : Andre Simmons.**

Also, engineering fabric, riprap placement (R200 and R650), corrugated metal pipe installation; topsoil, fertilizing, seeding and mulching, lime treatment, concrete, stormwater pollution prevention, and environmental protection. Current hardship is all weather related. The anticipated weather delays for the month of December were 12 days.

Rain and freezing temperatures prevented work during those 12 days of anticipated delays. Forecasting the month of January, the anticipated weather delays are 11. Unfortunately, because of the anticipated weather delays finishing early will be a challenge. It is a challenge that I have accepted head on. By constantly communicating with OPS Manager Mr. Gravois concerning manpower and equipment I believe we will work out all kinks to complete the job on time.

Also, Assistant PM's Chelsea Castillo, Maite Pinto and Construction Admin Cierra Erwin providing outstanding assistance from the office, we will do our best to bring the project in early and profitable. I would like to personally thank the men in the field for all their hard work, specifically, SSHO Aubrey Howell, Superintendent/Operator Matt Karl, Superintendent/Operator Steve Deese, and Operator Frank Colby. I appreciate their patience with me as I oversee my first job as Project Manager for Pontchartrain Partners, LLC.

Andre Simmons
Project Manager

W E L C O M E
2017



Milfred “Boogie” Baye 1/5

Reginald Robichaux 1/8

Kirk Deese 1/15

Mary Leblanc 1/16

Julius Blanks 1/19

Andrew Wertz 1/20

Deborah Herbert 1/21

Bobbie Bridges 1/22

Nathan Watts 1/27

Carly Colomb 1/29

*The older you get, the better you get unless
you're a banana.*

Betty White



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY

We hope those of you who were able
to take advantage of having a day off
in remembrance Martin Luther King
Day were able to enjoy your time.

Whatever your life's work is

DO IT WELL

- MLK



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**2017
TAX
SEASON**

It is that time of year, again.... Year End and W2s.

You have probably received an email from Netchex regarding electronic W2's. I would suggest you consent to receive your W2 electronically for a few reasons:

- You do not have to wait for the W2 to come in the mail.
- W2's will not be returned to Pontchartrain Partners LLC due to an incorrect or incomplete mailing address.
- Throughout the year, you will have access to your W2 for your convenience.

If you have any questions concerning W2's, please contact Mary LeBlanc by calling the main office at (504) 872-3199 or emailing her at the email address listed above.



**DEADLINE
TUESDAY, APRIL 18TH**



NEW ORLEANS

2016 Christmas Party was held at Ruth's Chris Steak house, Downtown New Orleans. A great time was had by all as we celebrated a successful 2016!



Thu Vo, Sr. Accountant with her boyfriend Chad Tran.



John Grieshaber, Chief of Engineering



Partner, Tim Jarquin with his best friend, and Office Mgr. Yvette Patton.



Boogie Baye and his wife. Lori, Chelsea Castillo and her friend Tania.



Partners, Bart Cook & James Washington III



Yvette Patton, Dr. John Grieshaber and Partner Danny Blanks .



Malissa Gioia, Cierra Erwin and Raven Melrose.





Guy Brignac PM Asst., Boogie Baye, Project Manager
and Yvette Patton, Office Manager.



Malissa Gioia, AP Clerk and Brooke Woods,
Business Development Mgr.



Malissa, AP Clerk, Partner Danny Blanks and
Shannon.



Chelsea Castillo, PM Assistant dancing
with Don Tutor, Project Manager



Malissa Gioia, Brooke Woods, James Washington, III



Partner, James Washington and wife,
Jasmine.



2016 Christmas Party

Orlando, FL



S.K. Rasel and Mrs. Rasel



Robert Miller Mrs. Miller



Craig Kempshall and Julius Blanks .



Debbie Herbert and Craig Kempshall.

*The Partner's joined the employees of Kennedy Space Center for
a Christmas Dinner at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse in Orlando, FL.*

A great time was had by all.



Todd Grantier and Mrs. Grantier.





Trenching & Excavation safety

In an instant and without notice, an unsupported trench can give way and a worker can be buried alive. “Even though small amounts of dirt may not seem treacherous, a single cubic yard of dirt can weigh more than 3,000 pounds, which can fatally crush or suffocate workers,” NIOSH states.

OSHA notes that excavation and trenching are among the most hazardous construction operations, with cave-ins being “perhaps the most feared trenching hazard.” Other hazards in this line of work include falls, hazardous atmospheres and falling loads. From 2000 to 2009, 350 workers died in trenching or excavation cave-ins. How can employers help keep workers safe?

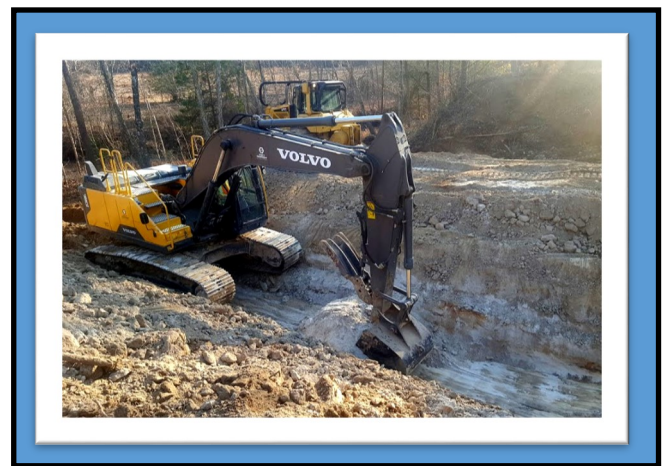
Planning is paramount

NIOSH recommends that employers do the following before beginning a trenching or excavation project:

- Designate a trained competent person to check that all safety precautions are in place. In relation to trenching, OSHA defines a competent person as “an individual who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards or working conditions that are hazardous, unsanitary, or dangerous to workers, soil types and protective systems required, and who is authorized to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate these hazards and conditions.”
- Call 811 to ensure no utility lines are in the job area and to mark any existing lines.

- Locate safe places away from the trench to place spoil piles and heavy equipment paths.
- Ask the competent person to determine what kinds of protective systems will be needed for the job, and have the systems in place before workers are allowed on-site.
- Enforce the rule that workers who are younger than 18 are not allowed in the trench.
- Assign workers to the job only if they have been trained about hazards and work practices in a language – and at a literacy level – they understand.
- Have an emergency action plan in place that details steps to take in the event of a trench incident.
- Make sure workers know never to enter an unprotected trench.

Teach workers to immediately exit a trench and call for the competent person if they find any evidence of problems with the protective trenching system.



Workers performing conduit excavation . Thank you to the crew for working hard and using proper technique digging trenches.
