

Application Number: 19-NT-0150/201960846

Applicant: MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MDTA)
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Notice of Applications Received for a State Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Permit and the Opportunity to Provide Written Comment or Request an Informational Hearing.

Issue Date: November 15, 2021

The Water and Science Administration is reviewing the following application for a Modification to a State Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Permit. The application and related information are on file at the Nontidal Wetlands Division, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland 21230. Arrangements may be made for inspection and copying of file materials. Opportunity is afforded to interested parties to provide written comments on the listed application(s), or to be placed on the interested persons list for a specific application. Written comments and requests to be placed on the interested persons list must be received on or before December 30, 2021. If requesting to be placed on the interested persons list, please clearly state this request in written form. On all correspondence, please refer to the case number which identifies each application. Correspondence should be addressed to the Water and Science Administration, Nontidal Wetlands Division, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland 21230. A virtual public informational hearing for only the proposed work listed in this public notice is being held to gather information and hear testimony to assist the Department in making a determination regarding an application for a Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Permits. The virtual public hearing is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on December 2, 2021. The plans and an opportunity to ask questions will be provided from 6:30 pm – 7:00 p.m. The public informational hearing will begin promptly at 7:00 pm and end at 9:00 p.m. In order to view or participate in the hearing, a participant must register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7017776319619504400> , webinar ID 285-539-851, and directions will be electronically forwarded to the email provided. If internet service is not available, the participant may call 1-866-901-6455 and then enter access code 834-073-155 to hear the public hearing. Phone only participants will not have the ability to provide testimony during the hearing, however, statements may be provided to Jennifer Bird by November 24, 2021, to be read during the hearing which may not be longer than three minutes in length. Information and questions can be provided orally by participants during the hearing through the virtual platform. Written comments and requests to be included on the interested persons list may be sent by December 30, 2021, to the Maryland Department of the Environment. For nontidal wetland concerns, send correspondence to the attention of Jennifer Bird, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21230 or at jennifer.bird@maryland.gov or 410-316-7959. Any further notices concerning actions on the application will be provided on the Maryland Department of the Environment's website, <https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/WetlandsandWaterways/Pages/I-95-ETL-North-Sect200-PhaseII.aspx>. Please refer to Subsection 5-907 of the Annotated Code of Maryland or the Code of Maryland Regulations 26.23.02 and 26.24.02 for information regarding the application process.

Any further notices concerning actions on the following application will be provided on our website.

Baltimore, Harford, and Cecil County Staff Assigned: Jennifer Bird

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MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, 300 Authority Drive, Baltimore 21222 has applied for a Modification to 19-NT-0150. The modification request includes design changes such as an additional stormwater management facility along southbound I-95 south of MD 152, addition of a floodwater attenuation facility located near Old Joppa Road, various other design changes to erosion and sediment control and stormwater management facilities, culvert and outfall improvements, and stream channel stabilization throughout the corridor. Also included is revised design of I-95 NB widening and a noise wall between MD 24 and Bynum Run, geotechnical borings associated with a potential Park and Ride facility located near Old Mountain Road adjacent to I-95, and clearing of trees within a wetland, buffer, and floodplain along MD 7C in Cecil County. The modification also includes minor changes to impacts at the Eccleston Mitigation Site as well as the addition of the previously constructed HT-3012 Stream Restoration site and removal of the previously proposed Lilly Run Stream and Wetland Mitigation site from the mitigation package. The project is located on I-95 from north of Old Joppa Road to Bynum Run, just south of MD 543 in Harford County, Maryland. The modification results in an overall decrease of permanent impacts to 32,931 square feet of wetland, 103,386 square feet of 25-foot nontidal wetland buffer, 4,586 linear feet waterway, and 107,429 square feet of 100-year floodplain. In total, the project will permanently impact 99,733 square feet of forested nontidal wetland, 7,733 square feet of scrub-shrub nontidal wetland, 31,094 square feet of emergent nontidal wetland, 3,187 square feet of forested/emergent nontidal wetland, 387,739 square feet of 25-foot nontidal wetland buffer, 14,013 linear feet of perennial streams, 9,956 linear feet of intermittent streams, 103,207 square feet of 100-year floodplain, and temporarily impact 58,741 square feet of forested nontidal wetland, 6,258 square feet of scrub-shrub nontidal wetland, 83,592 square feet of emergent nontidal wetland, 5,236 square feet of palustrine, unconsolidated bottom wetland, 192,652 square feet of 25-foot nontidal wetland buffer, 1,560 linear feet of perennial streams, 954 linear feet of intermittent streams, and 778,357 square feet of 100-year floodplain. Despite an overall reduction in impact, the project will result in new permanent impacts to 22,412 square feet of forested nontidal wetland, 170 square feet of scrub-shrub nontidal wetland, 6,319 square feet of emergent nontidal wetland, 69,795 square feet of 25-foot nontidal wetland buffer, 1,580 linear feet of perennial streams, and 1,663 linear feet of intermittent streams, and new temporary impacts to 2,608 square feet of palustrine, forested wetland, 721 square feet of palustrine, emergent wetland, 1,739 square feet of 25-foot nontidal wetland buffer, 273 linear feet of perennial streams, and 109 linear feet of intermittent streams, not previously authorized for disturbance. The mitigation requirement is 252,400 square feet of wetland mitigation and 10,634 linear feet of stream mitigation. The proposed mitigation will be provided off-site at the following locations: Eccleston Mitigation Site adjacent to Greenspring Valley Road and Park Heights Avenue in Baltimore County, Carsins Run Mitigation Site located along I-95 southbound in Harford County, and HT 3012 Stream Restoration Site in Baltimore County.

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