

Maryland Department of the Environment, Water and Science Administration.

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 8, 2021

The Water and Science Administration is reviewing the following applications for a State Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Permit. The applications 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 8, 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. Written comments, requests for a public informational hearing, and requests to be included on the interested persons list may be sent by December 8, 2021 to the Maryland Department of the Environment. For nontidal wetland concerns, send correspondence to the attention of Kate Traut, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21230 or at Kate.Traut@maryland.gov or 443-539-2513. 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/index.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.

A Water Quality Certification is required from the Department of the Environment for this project. This certification is required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

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

Cecil County

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Case Number: 20-NT-0180/202061123 and Water Quality Certification 21-WQC-0327

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, 300 Authority Drive, Baltimore 21222 has applied for a new interchange between I-95 and Belvidere Road at the current overpass, including all necessary attendant infrastructure (roadway widening, new ramps, new culverts/extensions, utility relocations, stormwater management, etc.) and off-site staging/stockpiling, wetland mitigation, and reforestation. The work includes clearing, grading, excavating, and filling. The project will permanently impact 10,177 square feet (0.23 acre) of forested nontidal wetlands, 4,518 square feet (0.10 acre) of scrub-shrub nontidal wetlands, 40,669 square feet (0.93 acre) of emergent nontidal wetlands, 165,660 square feet (3.80 acres) of 25-foot nontidal wetland buffer, 3,143 linear feet (14,560 square feet) of intermittent stream, and 1,572 square feet (net volume reduction of 12 cubic yards) of 100-year nontidal floodplain. The project will temporarily impact 10,817 square feet (0.25 acre) of forested nontidal wetlands, 652 square feet (0.01 acre) of scrub-shrub nontidal wetlands, 21,078 square feet (0.48 acre) of emergent nontidal wetlands,

47,971 square feet (1.10 acres) of nontidal wetland buffer, 690 linear feet (13,262 square feet) of perennial stream, and 1,535 linear feet (9,748 square feet) of intermittent stream. Mitigation is required for this project and is proposed to be satisfied both on-site and off-site. On-site mitigation includes restoration of degraded intermittent streams; remediation of a forested nontidal wetland headcut; preservation of an intermittent stream; preservation of forested nontidal wetlands containing rare, threatened, and endangered species; and wetland recharge area protection. Off-site mitigation along a tributary of Little Northeast Creek provides for compensatory wetland mitigation by wetland creation/restoration and includes wetland and buffer enhancement. A Water Quality Certification (21-WQC-0327) is required for this project. The project is located at the current Belvidere Road/I-95 overpass in Belvedere, Cecil County (under Maryland Transportation Authority Contract KH 3024-000). Written comments, requests for a public informational hearing, and requests to be included on the interested persons list may be sent by December 8, 2021 to the Maryland Department of the Environment. For nontidal wetland concerns, send correspondence to the attention of Kate Traut, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21230 or at Kate.Traut@maryland.gov or 443-539-2513. 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/index.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.