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NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING

Application Number: AI 175986/22-NT-0001/202261353

Project Name: Mill Swamp Mitigation Bank, Charles County, MD

HEARING DATE: April 7, 2025

Dear Interested Person, Property Owner, or Public Official:

The Wetlands and Waterways Protection Program of the Water and Science Administration has scheduled a virtual public hearing for Monday, April 7, 2025 for the project referenced above, starting promptly at 7:00 PM and ending no later than 8:30 PM.

The purpose of the hearing is to gather information and hear testimony to assist the Department in making a determination regarding the Mitigation Bank application detailed below and the Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Authorization. Statements may be presented orally through the virtual platform during the hearing or can be provided in writing to the Maryland Department of the Environment, Wetlands and Waterways Program, Joshua Tiralla, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, MD, 21230 or by email [joshua.tiralla@maryland.gov](mailto:joshua.tiralla@maryland.gov) or Telephone No. (410) 537-3558. All statements must be received by the Maryland Department of the Environment by 5:00 pm on April 21, 2025.

In order to view or participate in the hearing: <https://meet.google.com/sty-teqd-jie>

Participants may join the public informational hearing via telephone by dialing +1 513-666-1548 and then enter PIN: 181 947 496#

Description: 22-NT-0001/202261353 JOHNSON, MIRMIRAN, & THOMPSON, INC/MILL SWAMP MITIGATION BANK, 40 Wight Avenue, Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030 has applied to establish an approximately 30.55-acre multi-user stream and nontidal wetland mitigation bank that would include restoration, enhancement, and preservation of aquatic resources. This project was previously placed on Public Notice March 1, 2023 through April 1, 2023 with a Public Informational Hearing held April 6, 2023. The project has been placed back on Public Notice due to a change in the scope of the project. Specifically, the Baker Parcel (Tax ID 07-039727) has been removed from the project and the Witter Parcel (Tax ID 07-025912) has been added resulting in an overall net reduction in the proposed impacts. This mitigation bank would provide compensatory mitigation for future stream and nontidal wetland impacts authorized by the Maryland Department of the Environment in the USGS 8-digit hydrologic unit code (HUC) of Middle Potomac-Anacostia-Occoquan (HUC 02070010) and Lower Potomac (HUC 02070011). This proposed project includes grading and planting that would result in approximately 4.66 acres of wetland restoration, 13.05 acres of wetland enhancement, 3,057 linear feet of stream restoration, and additional riparian buffer preservation/enhancement. The project will temporarily impact approximately 91,874 square feet emergent

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nontidal wetland, 55,266 square feet scrub-shrub nontidal wetland, 152,586 square feet forested nontidal wetland, 191,139 square feet of 25-foot nontidal wetland buffer, 28 linear feet of intermittent stream, 4,176 linear feet of perennial stream and 510,696 square feet of 100-year nontidal floodplain. The project is proposed along Mill Swamp mainstem and an unnamed tributary within the Middle Tidal Potomac River watershed (Use I). The project is located on multiple parcels off Marshall Hall Road and Fenwick Road in Bryans Road, Charles County, Maryland 20616 between Fenwick Road to the north and Ward Place to the south. Additional information as well as any further notices concerning actions or updates on the application will be placed on MDE's website at <https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/water/WetlandsandWaterways/pages/mill-swamp-mitigation-bank.aspx>. Please refer to Subsection 5-907 of the Annotated Code of Maryland or the Code of Maryland Regulations 26.23.02 for information regarding the application process.