

Howard County

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Case Number 23-WQC-0011/202360416

The Howard County Department of Public Works, Stormwater Management Division, 9801 Broken Land Parkway, Columbia, MD 21046 has requested a State Water Quality Certification for a stormwater management (SWM) retrofit and stream restoration project located east of the cul-de-sac of South Meadow Court in Ellicott City, Howard County, Maryland. The purpose of this project is to decommission the existing South Meadow Court SWM pond, replace the lost water quality volume through the retrofit of an existing downstream sediment basin, restore approximately 340 feet of a perennial stream and approximately 340 linear feet of an ephemeral tributary. The proposed action is needed because the existing SWM pond does not comply with MD Code 378. The SWM pond will be replaced with a combination of constructed riffles, boulder/log sills and new storm drains to safely convey water from to the retrofitted pond, which will be sized to both treat the impervious surface to the SWM pond and the additional impervious surfaces flowing to the sediment basin. The retrofitted sediment basin will be designed to meet current SWM requirements and classified as a low hazard dam. The project will restore 200 feet of the perennial mainstem into the new pond. This additional stream restoration will be used to offset the length of stream removed by the pond construction. The project is located along a tributary of Centennial Lake, a Use IV-P waterway, which is located within the Little Patuxent River watershed. Written comments or requests for a public informational hearing concerning water quality issues related to this project must be received by May 31, 2023. Please provide comments to: Maryland Department of the Environment, Attn: Danielle Spendiff, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 430, Baltimore, MD 21230, or via email to Danielle.spendiff1@maryland.gov or by phone to 410-537-4023. Please refer to the Code of Maryland Regulations 26.08.02 for information regarding the Water Quality Certification application process.