

March 6, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING

RE: Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Application No.: 22-NT-3268/202260111 AI No. 174105 Project: Beaver Dam Creek Stream and Wetland Mitigation Bank, Frederick County, MD

Dear Adjacent Property Owner/Interested Person/Public Official:

The Wetlands and Waterways Protection Program of the Water and Science Administration in the Maryland Department of the Environment (Department) has scheduled a virtual public informational hearing for the above referenced project. This hearing is being held in response to a request by an interested person(s) and will allow the Department to gather information and hear testimony to assist in our determination regarding an application for the Mitigation Bank and the Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Authorization.

The virtual public informational hearing will be held on April 03, 2024, and will start promptly at 7:00 PM and end no later than 9:00 PM. To join the Google Meet, go to the website: meet.google.com/bpn-heip-mpv . If internet service is not available, the participant may call +1 636-789-8067, then enter PIN 770159403#. If anyone planning to attend requires special consideration due to hearing or other impairment, please notify Josh Tiralla by March 27, 2024, so that we can try to make the necessary accommodations.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter please contact me at 410-537-3558 or at joshua.tiralla@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Joshua Tiralla

Josh Tiralla Mitigation and Technical Assistance Section Wetlands and Waterways Protection Program 22-NT-3268/202260111 KCI TECHNOLOGIES INC/BEAVER DAM CREEK STREAM AND WETLAND MITIGATION BANK, 936 Ridgebrook Road, Sparks, MD 21152 (bank sponsor) has applied to establish an approximately 40-acre multi-user stream and nontidal wetland mitigation bank that would include re-establishment, rehabilitation, enhancement, and preservation of aquatic resources. 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 Monocacy (HUC 02070009) and the Piedmont physiographic region within the Middle Potomac-Catoctin (HUC 02070008). This proposed project includes grading and planting that would result in approximately 6.4 acres of wetland re-establishment, 1.86 acres of wetland enhancement, 10,807 linear feet of stream restoration, 330 linear feet of stream preservation, 34.44 acres of riparian buffer enhancement and 0.97 acres of riparian buffer preservation. The project will temporarily impact approximately 61,167 square feet emergent nontidal wetland, 145,409 square feet of 25-foot nontidal wetland buffer, 10,102 linear feet of perennial stream, 1,247 linear feet of intermittent stream and 329,663 square feet of 100-year nontidal floodplain. The project is proposed along Beaver Dam Creek mainstem and three unnamed tributaries within the Double Pipe Creek watershed (Use IV-P). The project is located at 13219 Molasses Rd, Union Bridge, Frederick County, MD 21791. Written comments and requests to be included on the interested persons list must be sent by April 17, 2024 to the Maryland Department of the Environment, Attn: Josh Tiralla, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21230 or joshua.tiralla@maryland.gov or 410-537-3558. 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/beaver-dam-mitigationbank.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.