

# Public Informational Hearing: Beaver Dam Creek Stream & Wetland Mitigation Bank (2024-04-03 19:00 GMT-4) - Transcript

## Attendees

Alex Sicard -MDE-, Allegra Cangelosi, Amanda Sigillito -MDE-, Beth Connor, Gabrielle Myers, James Deriu (KCI), James Deriu (KCI)'s Presentation, Jennifer Bird, Joshua Tiralla -MDE-, Kelly Neff -MDE-, Kenneth Bawer, Marion Edey, roger davis, Sean Punte, Shannon Lucas, Sharon Boies, William Seiger -MDE-, William Seiger -MDE-'s Presentation

## Transcript

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**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** All right at 7pm and we will go ahead and start the hearing.

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** Good evening. I would like to welcome everyone to the Maryland Department of the environments public information hearing for the KCI Technologies Inc. Proposed Beaver Dam Creek stream and Wetland mitigation Bank application number 3268 backslash 20226011. My name is Amanda sigalito and I am the chief of the non-title wetlands division at the Maryland Department of the environment.

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** be referring to the Maryland Department of the environment as the department or mde for the rest of this evening. I will be the presiding official for this evening's public information hearing also in attendance with me from the Department our Kelly Neff who's mitigation and technical assistance section chief of the non-title wetlands division, Joshua natural resources planner of the mitigation and technical assistance section in the non-title wetlands Division and Bill Seeker Who's chief of the Waterway Construction Division? I would like to thank everyone for taking the time to participate in the public comment process. It is the responsibility of my office to evaluate applications that propose impacts to non-title Wetlands and waterways.

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** Departments Authority is found in subtitles five and nine of the environment article each application received through our regulatory program has specific and unique issues and impacts that must be considered in relationship to weighing the potential benefits. And detriments of the project the department is neither a proponent or opponent of any project. The logistics for this evening's hearing are as follows. I will make a few opening remarks about the purpose of the public information hearing and briefly with the proposed impacts. I will then call on KCI Technologies Inc for the applicant statement regarding their project. After these required presentation the department will facilitate.

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** Public statements by first calling on any elected officials or their representatives to make a statement. I will then call on those of you who indicate that you wish to speak. It is not necessary to read a statement to make it part of the official record written comments will also be

accepted and received the same consideration as any oral statement. In fact for accuracy, if you have a letter to read into the record, I suggest you also provide us with a copy of the letter via email or regular mail. We do not permit cross-examination of the speakers during their presentation's but you may post questions. Part of your statement for our consideration in our permit evaluation. Please note that we will not be responding to questions or comments pose this evening. This venue is for the Department to hear and record your public comments.

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE--:** This public information hearing is being recorded and the recording will be used to facilitate the Department's final decision. At this time, I would like to acknowledge any elected officials. That may be present this evening. If you are an elected official if you would raise your virtual hand so that you can be recognized.

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE--:** Okay, I don't see any virtual hands. The department is conducting this evening's public information hearing pursuant to subsection 5-204 of the environment article and code of Maryland regulations, 26 23 0202 and 26 1704 13. The purpose of this public information hearing is for the applicant to present an analysis of impacts that may be associated with the proposed activity. I would like to emphasize of the purpose of this public information hearing is to consider the application pending before the department. There may be a number of additional concerns related to issues that are beyond the scope of this particular hearing. I would like to have this hearing remain focused on the proposed Beaver Dam Creek stream and Wetland mitigation Bank.

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE--:** KCI Technologies, Inc. The applicant and Bank sponsor has applied to establish and approximately 40 acre multi-users stream and non-tidal Wetland mitigation bank that would include Rehabilitation enhancement and preservation of aquatic resources. This mitigation bank would provide commissary mitigation for future stream and non-title Wetland impacts Association authorized by the department in the USGS eight digit. hydrologic unit code or Hawk of Monocacy and the Piedmont physiographic region within the middle but Potomac Catoctin Huck

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE--:** the proposed project includes grading and planting that would result in approximately 6.4 Acres of wetland reestablishment 1.86 Acres of wetland enhancement, 10,87 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 of emergent non-title wetland.

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**Amanda Sigillito -MDE--:** 14409 square feet of the 25 foot non-title Wetland buffer 10,102 linear feet of perennial stream 1,247 linear feet of intermittent stream and 329,663 square feet of the Non-title floodplain. The project is proposed along Beaver Dam Creek in the double Pipe Creek Watershed. The project is located at 13219 Molasses Road Union bridge in Frederick County. I will now ask the applicant to provide a brief presentation of their proposed project.

**James Deriu (KCI):** Okay, unless someone says otherwise I'm going to assume that everyone can see this and...

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE--:** It's thanks.

**James Deriu (KCI):** that you can hear me everyone can hear me? Okay?

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-**: Yes, and we can see your presentation. If you can start by giving us your name, please.

**James Deriu (KCI)**: Sure thing, but my name is James deroux. I'm a vice president and principal at KCI Technologies. I've been in the environmental field for almost 25 years have been at KCI for about 20 years now. And excited to be here today to present this project.

**James Deriu (KCI)**: So just kind of a higher level and some of this is reiterated in the comments by mde earlier and then also spelled out in the perspective document that was linked to the public notice, but we intend to establish this project as a compensatory mitigation Bank to develop and provide mitigation credits within the minocular base and for future impacts. you're going to do this through two means one is stream stabilization.

**James Deriu (KCI)**: And restoration activities along with the establishment of protected buffers and the restoration of on-site historic Wetlands that have since been disconnected or impacted through really historic land uses at the site and in the vicinity for 400s of years. golden objectives of the project pretty straightforward here

**James Deriu (KCI)**: I know there was a lot of information about impacts to existing resources in order to complete this project. I want to make it clear sort of from the outset that these resources are impacted every single day through current and improved agricultural uses throughout the site. So we have a couple goals here one is to create and restore a functioning where I parry and buffer along streams. We want to improve floodplain connection one reduce sediment and nutrients Supply to Not Just Beaver Dam Creek, we want to provide an opportunity for groundwater recharge and discharge into these restored wetlands and provide habitat, which will improve water quality and all of these are

**James Deriu (KCI)**: Really non-existent at the project site right now due to current practices. So again just a little bit more about the existing conditions here these sites actually all of the parcels engaged here are currently in agricultural use. It's a to cattle Dairy operation close by

**James Deriu (KCI)**: there are several tributaries throughout the project footprint that flow through these open Farm Fields. There is really no way of Education to speak into the vicinity of these streams. in areas are essentially non-vegetated due to cattle grazing so really, no buffers around this or anything like that. and as Beaver, Dam Creek

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**James Deriu (KCI)**: I believe there's Reed canary grass throughout these areas as well. Proposed restoration approach for this project really twofold one in terms of wetlands we intend to restore the hydrology over existing and impacted hydric soils as is pretty typical in an agricultural setting the adjacent Wellens have been drained historically either through dream tiles or other practices. and our plan is really to try to reconnect all of those Wetlands back to what was a historic floodplain and the channel there.

**James Deriu (KCI)**: All the projects I will be planted with Native vegetation to provide not just stabilization and buffer but also have a tat the extensive fencing throughout the entire project length in order to exclude any cattle access here. they'll be Crossing points throughout the project control Crossing points, of course to allow agricultural uses throughout the entire parcel, but not within the restored area and in the easements that are established for this Streams, we plan to reconnect and trench streams to allow for

floodplain connection. Which will significantly reduce velocities throughout the channel will reduce erosion. We plan to add back sinuosity to sections of the channel that have been historically straightened.

**James Deriu (KCI):** will restore that sort of naturally occurring riffle pool sequence throughout we have Who will probably end up being about 35 feet minus of force that riparian buffer around all of our streams? Again, mde really outlined the full sort of extent of the temporary impacts out here. But ultimately with work in the channel and around the channel I'll have about 11,000 linear feet of temporary impacts to streams as we look to stabilize them connect them back to the floodplain

**James Deriu (KCI):** temporary and temporary impacts to non-title Wetlands are associated with the clearing activities of invasive species and ultimately planting throughout these areas really from a couple of the pictures and some of the information presented in the full perspective. It gives you a pretty good idea that there's really minimal impacts to trees out here. It's

**James Deriu (KCI):** They're really not there right now. And our goal is to really restore that riparian buffer throughout the entire length of the project. We're talking about restoration of almost the most more than two miles of stream and we intend to revegetate that buffer again long term enhancements about 11,000 feet of stream restoration greatly creation reestablishment and enhancement of seven acres of wetlands, and really it reestablishment of a forest extreme buffer that probably has not existed on these projects for 400 of years. As part of our plan. We have a full landscape restoration plans. will have permanent seating

**James Deriu (KCI):** and multiple levels of a vegetative cover throughout the project site. We'll have tree canopy which will allow these towers from forested Wetlands over time again, just listed kind of a couple of the species. that we will at this point. Look to plant black Willows. We come American sick more Oaks Paw these species. Do not exist throughout this project Corridor right now.

**James Deriu (KCI):** as with all projects, there will be temporary seating during construction activities, but really permanent seating with a native seed mix after the fact long-term benefits again as with any mitigation projects all of the areas that are restored are preserved in perpetuity. That is Once our monitoring is completed on this project throughout the permit term the project will be handed over to a long term Steward for protection but these areas if this bank is approved and developed will never have the agricultural uses with inside of them that they do right now. Again, long-term benefits of nutrient reduction and sediment into the Monocacy watershed.

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**James Deriu (KCI):** The creation and restoration Wetlands to enhance some of their riparian buffers that we're putting in there any site like this restore properly will provide habitat for native birds and pollinators and of course throughout the project safe, but we'll look to reduce invasive species. And that's what I have right now for our presentation.

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE--:** All Thank you very much. Now we'd like to hear from those who would like to make a statement tonight. If you would like to make a statement, please raise your virtual hand and leave it raised until we call on you when we call your name. We will unmute you and you Please start by clearly stating your name and any interest which you may be representing speakers representing a group or organization are a lot of five minutes to make their remarks and individuals are allotted three minutes for their remarks. At the 32nd Mark for all speakers. We will inform you of the time remaining for your statement at the end of 30 seconds. We will thank you for your statement and call on the next speaker. So

if you would like to make a comment or statement tonight. Please raise your hand and we'll start with K Mr. Bauer are you speaking as an individual or representing an organization tonight?

**Kenneth Bawer:** Yes, can you hear me? Yes.

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** Yes. Yes, we can. Are you representing an organization? Are you speaking on your own behalf?

**Kenneth Bawer:** an organization the Coalition stops stream destruction

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** All right, you'll have five minutes. If you start by giving us your name and the name of the organization again, please.

**Kenneth Bawer:** Okay, my name is Kenneth Bauer a representing the coalition to stop stream destruction. This project application to become a mitigation Bank should be denied on a following grounds. Please see my written comments for details. The scientific research by Palmer Hildebrand car and Sutherland that analyzed over 700 projects included this trim registrations. They do not improve stream-back stability water quality does not improve the ecology does not approve. Therefore extreme Restorations. Do not support the requirement that mitigation project must provide biological uplift, which is the most important and ultimate goal of functional upload for the federal mitigation rule. The Clean Water Act clearly states that a goal and policy.

**Kenneth Bawer:** Is a restoration and maintenance of chemical physical and biological Integrity of Nations Waters since the scientific research shows that stream restoration do not restore or uplift in stream biology extreme restoration projects are a violation of the Clean Water Act. So the core and mde is approval of this project to be subject to legal action, the alternative industry and restoration for mitigation purposes is to do Out of kind projects given the authority of the core to allow out of kind of practices certainly Upland stormwater control locations such as riparian buffers qualify as off-site compensatory mitigation, which is already proposed in perspectives for this project.

**Kenneth Bawer:** MD in the core and the core should require that the applicant analyze where out of stream stormwater control could be done. So to avoid the destructive and stream restoration work. The district engineer has to flexibility to acquire that the applicant must prove why non-destructive Upland at a stream practices cannot be done instead of a destructive extreme restoration for ms4. Permit Credit the current key criteria that stream restoration projects must meet is that there must be geomorphic evidence of active stream degradation. The applicant has provided no such proof.

**Kenneth Bawer:** The outer framework already being proposed should be sufficient to address any stream erosion without the need for a stream rest the request permit for a stream restoration is scientifically unnecessary unnecessary and is not scientifically supported and is a transparent effort to Beth up the profits for this proposed projects. the Wetland restoration being proposed for mitigation

**Kenneth Bawer:** But I should say some comments about the Wetland mitigation.

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**Kenneth Bawer:** So now some specific comments from the perspective regarding the statement quote restoring these streams and wetlands will reestablish a stable ecosystem with a functioning riparian buffer Etc. There's no S there's no scientific evidence in the literature and the perspectives provides. None of the reference to support their claim of restoring these functions the overwhelming scientific evidence

refuse this assertion. Regarding the statement quote. These Wetlands will enhance through plantings with Native hydrofitic vegetation. They will be better connected to the stream and enlarged as part of this dream Channel restoration unquote. There's no scientific evidence to support the assertion that Wetland restoration will replace the functions. Of destroyed or damaged Wetlands at the construction impact site that will be mitigated.

**Kenneth Bawer:** regarding this statement quote anticipated credits listed below are Right regarded the credits the scientific evidence does not show any significant improvements compared to either the construction site or...

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** 30 seconds

**Kenneth Bawer:** reference sites for stream or Wetland Restorations. So it just a quick comment before I get cut off here is the tables and the The applicant wants 20% of credits released upon plan approval. This should be 0% Same thing with the credit release schedule for the wetlands. They want 15% released upon a plan approval that's preposterate that should be there.

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** That's five minute mark. Thank you very much for your comments.

**Kenneth Bawer:** Thank you.

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** All right. The next person is Allegra cangelosi. I carry just fine.

**Allegra Cangelosi:** Hello, can you hear me?

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** So if you can start by stating your name, and would you tell me Are you speaking on your own behalf, or are you representing an organization?

**Allegra Cangelosi:** Okay, my name is Allegra cangelosi. I'm a resident of Tacoma Park, Maryland, and I'm speaking on my own behalf. Okay. Thank you for taking my comments on the Beaver Dam Creek.

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** Very good. Go ahead. You'll have three minutes.

**Allegra Cangelosi:** I have three primary concerns. First the perspectives takes a largely heavy engineering approach to Restoration of a largely rural stream that would likely instead respond better to strategic use of Upland best management practices fencing out cattle as proposed. Could in fact take care of much of the problem allowing the stream to recover using its own ecological resources.

**Allegra Cangelosi:** As we know the objective of generating mitigation credits can at times interfere with conservative selection of project methods to address needs of a weakened stream system. This proposal should be revised to focus almost entirely on the use of Upland best management practices to achieve its project goals second the perspective mentions Mercury as a concern in the soil a disruptive stream restoration approach is highly inconsistent with a site in which there may be Mercury pollution has mde thoroughly reviewed at a minimum the proposal should incorporate whole site upstream and downstream monitoring for the chemical before during and after restoration.

**Allegra Cangelosi:** Third the project goal is stated is for it to address quote ecological functioning of the Monocacy River Basin and quote yet. The perspectives contains no aquatic Community diversity in abundance monitoring and after This aquatic Community monitoring is a must for determining product project achievement of its primary goal and should be added.

**Allegra Cangelosi:** Regarding monitoring generally who will do the out-year monitoring for this project. How can the public be sure, it will happen and cover sufficient biological endpoints to determine stream health will the results be made public on an ongoing basis as a result of these and other concerns that I'll have in my written comments. I request that this permit be denied pending revision of the project approach and methods monitoring endpoints and clarification of public access to monitoring information. Thank you very much.

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**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** Thank you. Marion edey are you speaking on your own behalf, or are you representing an organization?

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** Marion edey Are you available?

**Marion Edey:** Yes. I'm sorry. I was muted. Can you hear me now?

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** Can you just fine? are you speaking on your own behalf or are you representing in?

**Marion Edey:** I own Beth I'm a resident Silver Spring

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** Very good then why don't you go ahead and you'll have three minutes?

**Marion Edey:** Okay, I want to start by saying this project strikes me is better than most stream restoration projects, which I think are bad this one. I'm somewhat relieved that there does not sync. It seems to be almost a holy agricultural area and I think fencing out cattle is great. My questions relate very much are similar to the ones of the previous. Speaker is that when you bring heavy equipment into reshape a stream and you're scraping the soil there and crushing it and killing the microorganisms. You're kind of creating a blank slate and that's where when invasive species Russian and tend to take over the area of disturbance. And I think it's challenging to recreate an ecosystem from scratch under those conditions.

**Marion Edey:** and for that reason I want to reiterate the importance of monitoring whether or not the benefits actually occur as claimed and is there going to be monitoring of the levels of as the previous caller so the Aquatic Life in the streams the levels of water pollution and consultation and all of the above

**Marion Edey:** and how does this monitoring going to be linked to The Proven success going to be linked to the kinds of credits which are awarded to the riparian areas and I'm wondering to what extent the project could be done without bringing in the heavy equipment and the problems that causes thank you. That's it.

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** Thank you. All right. Next up is Roger Davis Mr. Davis. Will you be speaking on your own behalf, or are you representing an organization this evening?

**roger davis:** I'm Roger Davis speaking on my own behalf.

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** All right, then go ahead. You'll have three minutes.

**roger davis:** And I'm against this project for many reasons. I guess the fundamental one even though it's Doesn't appear to have a lot of tree removal is I don't believe in the nutrient reduction models. that mde is relying on there's just Mountains of scientific evidence against it and very poor scientific evidence it

supported it. and I think if The people and my side of the argument are successful. We're going to convince the public that this whole thing is a sham. and the stability these projects it's never been shown. I live in Ellicott City and every project around me at least four of them. Complete failures. So all the Earth that you all have moved allowed to be moved.

**roger davis:** And shape these pretty stream Banks and then a couple years later after a major storm or two. And it looks like a stream in need of our restoration again. And so to me, I wish I could do the math to show how many tons of sediment. Are being contributed to the Bay because of your projects? it's just outrageous. It's as though you either just ignoring reality or just refuse to go look at Old projects. I know all the politicians and members of the gardening groups and the Watershed groups are all showed, projects after there are a year or two old before they've had a storm and it's just outrageous that we're working at that level. Another problem I have is doing these projects on private land. But I tried to check out a project in.

**roger davis:** And around the county a couple days ago and turns out it's all on private land. No access whatsoever. and I saw a farm that they bought just to get sand to fill the streaming and so They're going to be filling a stream bed with sand and gravel and wood chips and just on the face of it. It seems absurd to think that something like that is going to with withstand a storm. the other thing about private land is What contractors will do when they know there's no supervision?

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**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** 30 seconds

**roger davis:** in my neighborhood the Woodland Road stream restoration For a week they were dumping from the stream Bank into the river in March when they're not supposed to be working in the screen and this is with a County engineer on the site and I showed a video of this to secretary Mackle Wayne when I met already hearing and Haven't heard a thing back for them. So. It's just outrageous that you're permitting these things and there's absolutely no supervision whatsoever.

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** All right, that's three minutes, sir. Thank you very much for your comments.

**roger davis:** Thank you.

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** Sharon boies this boys. Are you speaking on your own behalf, or are you representing an organization?

**Sharon Boies:** Hello, good evening. up

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** Hello. Good evening. are you representing yourself tonight or are you speaking on behalf of an organization?

**Sharon Boies:** I'm represent protect our streams to see evening.

**roger davis:** first

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** All right.

**Sharon Boies:** My name is Sharon voice and...



**Sharon Boies:** thank you for this opportunity to express a few suggest an alternative to the current proposal the topography area show project site is somewhat in the primary goals for the tributaries stabilize the head Cuts capture water and replant the project site has other than 20 foot drop ancient head cuts and stream Banks would expected Isn't natural if the degradation from the live. the polluter run off from the road and open farmland and the potential impact from Mercury and

**Sharon Boies:** A medals that had been detected in the Watershed Google Earth shows mostly Agricultural and pervious surfaces with little to no change in the area since at least 1988 and there's not much development expected in the near future the perspective states that the US EPA Enviro Atlas identify stream. comments within the Beaver, Dam Creek in the project vicinity Minutes appear to be Mercury Metals other than Mercury impaired by Ott. and other impairments Is not located in your Brownfield. Super fun sites and quote. It might not be but a proflies wing carries an underground water sources travel and connect it is

**Sharon Boies:** Fairly near a large open air Limestone Quarry that operated from many decades and there's a large concrete facility that operates at this location as well. Both are types of operations that have been known to introduce Metals into the surrounding environment. We feel that soil and surface and groundwater samples must be tested for mercury and other metals including iron before any workers to be considered that were Disturbed and destabilize any soil and connect Brown water and surface water sources to each other specially those that have been designated is used for protected recreational trout Waters and sources of public drinking water Restorations permanently altered geomorphology surface and groundwater hydrology integrate water quality of cows don't invite invasive species. They will quickly move in and take over the Disturbed oil which could require the use of herbicides next to the stream and in grazing areas the picture show dairy cows could drinking.

**Sharon Boies:** Water and eating contaminated vegetation have an impact on their health and on the milk, they produce or these properties or any properties Downstream on Wells for the residents or livestock for drinking water concerns of water loss and needing Assurance of sufficient water rights for a farm or existing ecosystem is quite unacceptable. We should never permit work that causes streams to dry up even if only temporarily the property assessments were blacked out.

**Sharon Boies:** The landowners been told how much the market value of the credits could be page 24 indicates that no ecological monitoring has been performed without long-term Baseline sampling for fire criteria and water quality how we establish it measurable and quantifiable goals have been achieved before credits are sold the problems are the mitigated runoff the medals the degradation from the cows and the huge demand for credits. The applicant feels their design is feasible. We feel it's Overkill and will cause more harm than good. Therefore as an alternative design. I would like to suggest that you consider the following fence the cows out of all streams tributaries and wetlands remove the invasive species from the entire project. Hello D and Grant plant and reach one mitigate the runoff from molasses Road and a fire retention or creative Wetlands replace all culverts in the Stream with the lightest touch possible leave all intermittent in ephemeral tributaries and reach to

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**Sharon Boies:** except for fencing invasive species removal and plantings reach three needs to be reviewed for opportunities for Upland bmps such as dry ponds and fire retention to capture the runoff required two years of Baseline bioindicators and water sampling in 10 years of post-construction

sampling do not perform any stream Restoration in any stream or destabilize large areas of soil consider using this as a pilot project by swapping the stream restoration Credit Value for the extra.

**Sharon Boies:** Anything's pmps and long-term testing and monitoring too often. These projects have turned streams into rock line storm channels Board of their native flora and fauna with little hope of biological recovery or uplift. They just allow huge profit for environmental harm to continue and...

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** 30 seconds

**Sharon Boies:** no requirement to stop no new pollution from occurring. We're asking you to please deny the application and design a submitted but to also consider a new design instead. Please see my written testimony for more and please provide a copy of all testimonies to each landowner as well. Thanks again for this opportunity if you're immediate consideration of our suggestions and for your time this evening.

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** Thank you. Those are all the virtual hands now.

**Sharon Boies:** Thank you.

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** Is there anyone who hasn't already offered comments? I would like to make a comment now.

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** I don't see any. new virtual hands up All right.

**Beth Connor:** I might excuse me.

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** I'm sorry.

**Beth Connor:** This is Beth Connor. I think my system went down when my hand had been raised.

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** I thought I saw your hand raised earlier. Would you like to make a comment now?

**Beth Connor:** Yeah, it's very quick. Im I'm Howard County resident Ellicott City. I'm speaking for myself, and I'm just wanted to know obviously I'm not going to get an answer, but how much profit they'll be from the sale of the credits and how much we'll go to the landowners. And that's all I have to say.

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** All right. Thank you.

**Beth Connor:** Thank you.

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** All right, and I don't see any other hands that have not already been raised. So the hearing record will remain open for two weeks until 5 PM on Wednesday, April 17th, 2024. The public comments received during the public comment period it will become part of the project file, and we'll be considered by the department when rendering a decision on application number 3268. Backslash 20226011.

**Amanda Sigillito -MDE-:** One several of you stated tonight that you would be sending in comments or perhaps you've already sent them in but if you haven't you can mail them into Mr. Joshua. Turella at mde 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland, 21230 and to the attention of Josh Turella or you can email them directly to osh at Joshua dot turella at maryland.go And that's spelled out as Joshua

dot t i r a l l a at maryland. On behalf of the department your interest in this project and attendance at this evening's hearing is very much appreciated. The hearing is now adjourned. Thank you.

Meeting ended after 00:39:01 🙌