

Maryland Department of the Environment, Water and Science Administration.

Notice of Applications Received for a State Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Mitigation Bank and the Opportunity to Provide Written Comment or Request an Informational Hearing.

Issue Date: February 15, 2024

The Water and Science Administration is reviewing the following applications for a State Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Mitigation Bank. 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. Any request for a hearing must be in writing and provide the following information: 1) Name, Address and Telephone Number of the person making the request; 2) The identity of any other person(s) the requestor is representing; and 3) State specifically the issue proposed to be considered at the hearing. If a hearing is scheduled, sign language interpreters and other appropriate accommodations for individuals with disabilities will be provided upon request. Written comments, requests to be placed on the interested persons list, or requests for a hearing must be received on or before March 15, 2024. 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.

A Water Quality Certification may be 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 by mail to those persons on the interested persons list.

Frederick County

Staff Assigned: Josh Tiralla

Case Number: 22-NT-3268/202260111

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, requests for a public informational hearing and requests to be included on the interested persons list must be sent by March 15, 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-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.