

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Talbot County

Application for State Discharge Permit 19-DP-3460:

Town of Trappe, P.O. Box 162, Trappe, Maryland 21673 and Trappe East Holding Business Trust, 1960 Gallows Road, Suite 300, Vienna, VA 22182 submitted an application for a permit to discharge an average of 540,000 gallons per day of treated domestic wastewater from the Trappe East Wastewater Treatment Facility, located at East End of Backtown Road, Trappe, Maryland, to groundwater via a spray irrigation system.

The Department has reached a tentative determination to reissue the permit with the following limitations and conditions: (1) BOD5: 10 mg/l (monthly average); (2) suspended solids: 10 mg/l (monthly average); (3) total nitrogen: 3 mg/l (monthly average); (4) total phosphorus: 0.3 mg/l (monthly average) ;(5) fecal Coliform < 3 MPN/100 ml (monthly geometric mean) and (5) Ultimate permitted flow: 540,000 gal/day (yearly average). Approval of the permitted flow to 540,000 gpd is divided into five separate phases. Currently the permittee is at phase I.A and is authorized to discharge 37,500 gpd of flow.

The following conditions are also a part of this permit: 1) The Permittee shall monitor groundwater quality via 12 monitoring wells; 2) The Permittee shall monitor surface water quality via 3 sampling stations installed at tributaries of Mile Creek; 3) The wastewater treatment plant and spray irrigation system shall be monitored by a certified operator and 4) A storage pond with a volume of no less than 75 days of the permitted daily average wastewater flow shall be provided. 5) The permittee shall operate the spray irrigation system in conformance with the approved nutrient management plan.

The first notice on MDE's tentative determination was published on June 25, 2021 and July 2, 2021 in the newspaper "The Star Democrat." The Department received a request for a public hearing on the tentative determination for the above permit. The virtual meeting scheduled for September 8th, 2021, has been cancelled due to the Governor's Executive Order for meetings which has now come to an end. **The Department has rescheduled the hearing for Thursday, October 28, 2021 from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Talbot County Community Center – Curling Rink – 10028 Ocean Gateway, Easton, MD 21601.**

The hearing will be recorded and transcribed. Registered participants can provide oral comments during the public hearing or send in written comments after the public hearing, via email to mary.dewa@Maryland.gov. or via U.S. postal mail to the below listed address. The public hearing documents including permit application, draft permit, Summary Report & Fact Sheet (SRFS) and nutrient management plan are available on MDE's website at <https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/www/Pages/19DP3460.aspx> for download.

Persons who wish to provide comments regarding the tentative determination may speak at the public hearing or submit a written statement to the Department no later than **November 5, 2021**. The written comments via postal mail should be addressed to the **Maryland Department of the Environment, Water and Science Administration, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21230-1708, Attn: Mary Dela Onyemaechi, Groundwater Discharge Permits Division**, or email to mary.dewa@Maryland.gov.

Any questions regarding the proposed permit should be directed to Mary Dela Onyemaechi at mary.dewa@Maryland.gov or by telephone at 410-537-3662, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Any hearing-impaired person may request an interpreter for the hearing by contacting the Office of Fair Practices, at (410) 537-3964 at least ten working days prior to the scheduled hearing date. TTY users should contact the Maryland Relay Service at 1-800-201-7165.

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