

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on the draft permit modification from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow 0.532 acres of additional impacts to nontidal forested wetlands to modify the Langley Research and Development Park in Hampton, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper.

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board.

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: The Economic Development Authority of the City of Hampton, Virginia, Attn: Mr. Dan Girouard, Asset Manager, 1 Franklin Street, Hampton, Virginia 23669; VWPP No. 02-2167.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City proposes to modify their existing individual permit to impact an additional 0.532 acres of forested wetlands within existing ditches on site. These additional impacts are necessary to accommodate a FedEx Ground distribution center with associated parking, infrastructure, and stormwater management. Compensation for these additional impacts will be satisfied via purchase of a minimum of 1.064 wetland mitigation bank credits from the Middle Peninsula Environmental Bank. The activity proposed in the permit will affect Tabbs Creek in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. DEQ's preliminary decision is to approve the permit modification.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS, AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Name: Sheri Kattan, Project Manager; Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality, Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Boulevard, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23462; Phone: 757-518-2156; E-mail: sheri.kattan@deq.virginia.gov; FAX: 757-518-2009. The public may review the modified draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment.