

## Public Notice – Environmental Permit

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To seek public comment on a draft major modification from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow excavation and fill of surface waters in Loudoun County, Virginia.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** July 23, 2015 to August 24, 2015

**PERMIT NAME:** Virginia Water Protection Permit (VWPP) issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

**APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER:** Willowsford Greens, LLC; 500 Boylston Street, Suite 1880, Boston, Massachusetts 02116; VWPP Individual Permit No. 08-0174

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Willowsford Greens, LLC has applied for a modified permit for the Greenfields project. The project is located south of Braddock Road (Route 620) and on the west side of Lightridge Farm Road (Route 705) in Loudoun County. The modification is being requested to authorize additional impacts to state surface waters which are associated with the final engineering plans for phase IV of the Greenfields development. The modification to the permit would result in the additional permanent impact of 0.32 acre of wetlands and 0.56 acre of open water, the conversion of 0.30 acre of forested wetland to emergent wetland, a decrease in permanent impacts to 0.001 acre (86 linear feet) of stream channel, a decrease in temporary impacts of 0.28 acre of wetlands and 0.03 acre (77 linear feet) of stream channel; and the encroachment into a recorded preservation easement associated with the Kirkpatrick Farms Project. The activity proposed in the permit would affect unnamed tributaries to Bull Run in the Potomac River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. To compensate for the additional impacts, Willowsford Greens, LLC proposes to provide 0.64 wetland compensation credits from the on-site creation and preservation of wetlands and from the purchase of wetland mitigation credits from a DEQ approved mitigation bank that is authorized to sell credits to the permitted impact site, create a 0.56 acre wet pond and purchase 13 stream compensation credits from a DEQ approved mitigation bank that is authorized to sell credits to the permitted impact site. DEQ's preliminary decision is to approve the modification request.

**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:** David Grimes; Northern Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia 22193; Phone: 703-583-3862; E-mail: David.Grimes@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: (703) 583-3821. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above.