

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the impoundment and conversion of stream channel to open water in the City of Manassas, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper: January 15, 2015 to February 13, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

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

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: City of Manassas, 8500 Public Works Drive, Manassas, Virginia 20110; VWPP No. 14-0961

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Manassas has applied for a new permit for the “Prince William Hospital Regional Stormwater Management Facility”. The project is located in the undeveloped area south of Hospital Way, east of Rolling Road and west of Diggs Road in the City of Manassas, Virginia. The permit will allow the applicant to impound and convert stream channel to open water for the creation of a regional stormwater management facility. The proposed activity would affect 0.283 acre (871 linear feet) of stream channel. The activity proposed in the permit will affect an unnamed tributary to Flat Branch in the Potomac River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. To compensate for the affected area, the applicant would purchase 758 stream credits from the Virginia Aquatic Resources Trust Fund and/or a DEQ approved mitigation bank that is authorized to sell credits to the permitted impact site. DEQ’s preliminary decision is to issue the permit.

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. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, 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 by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed below.