

PUBLIC NOTICE – ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft individual permit from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) authorizing the filling of open water for the purpose of grading a 2.37 acre commercial pad in Forest, Bedford County, Virginia.

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

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

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: MB Development, LLC, 3921 Campbell Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24501, VWP Permit Number 14-0983.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: MB Development, LLC has applied for a new VWP permit to fill state waters for the purpose of grading 2.37 acre commercial pad level with U.S. 221, Forest Road, located in Forest, Bedford County, Virginia. The project site is listed as Tax Map number 101-A-30A by Bedford County geographic information system. The VWP Permit will authorize MB Development, LLC temporary impacts of 2.45 acres of open water, permanent impacts of 0.91 acres open water, and permanent impacts of 40 feet of stream bed. A 2.45 acre pond will be drained during construction so work occurs in the dry and to minimize the potential for sediment discharges downstream. After completion of construction, the pond shall be refilled to re-establish a 1.54 acre pond that may also provide a stormwater management function for the project. Open water compensation shall be at a ratio of 0.5 to 1, and consist of the purchase of 0.46 acres of wetland credits from the James River Mitigation Landbank. Stream compensation shall consist of the purchase of 30 linear feet of stream credits from the Glenthorne Farm Stream Bank. The facility is located in the Ivy Creek watershed and the Middle James River Basin. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. DEQ's preliminary decision is to approve 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/requestor and of all persons represented by the commenter/requestor. 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 requestor or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit, and 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: Jay Roberts, Blue Ridge Regional Office, 3019 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, Virginia, 24019, phone (540) 562-6785, fax (540) 562-6725, and e-mail jesse.roberts@deq.virginia.gov. 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.