

## 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 filling and excavation of wetlands in Loudoun County, Virginia.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper: **April 24, 2015 to May 26, 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:** Loudoun Hospital Center, c/o Inova Design and Construction; 3300 Gallows Road, Falls Church, Virginia 22042; VWPP No. 14-1765

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Inova Design and Construction has applied for a new permit for the “Inova Loudoun Hospital”. The project is located north of Harry Byrd Highway (Route 7), directly northeast of the interchange with Lansdowne Boulevard in Loudoun County, Virginia. The permit would allow the applicant to fill and excavate wetlands to expand the existing hospital and construct five ambulatory care centers/ medical office buildings, stormwater management facilities, and associated infrastructure. The proposed activity would affect 1.75 acres of wetlands. The activity proposed in the permit would affect an unnamed tributary to Russell 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 of 3.42 wetland credits from 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:** Allison Hill; Northern Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia 22193; Phone: 703-583-3909; E-mail: Allison.Hill@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.