

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**ISSUANCE OF A VIRGINIA WATER PROTECTION INDIVIDUAL PERMIT AND**  
**STATE CERTIFICATION UNDER THE STATE WATER CONTROL LAW**

Citizens may comment on a proposed permit that will allow the filling of wetlands in Southampton County, Virginia, in association with the relocation of Route 742.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** June 10, 2015, to 5:00 p.m. on July 10, 2015

**PERMIT NAME:** Virginia Water Protection Permit

Persons that proposed to dredge, fill, excavate, withdraw water, or otherwise alter streams, rivers, lakes, ponds or wetlands must apply for this permit. Swamps and marshes are examples of wetlands. The applicant must submit the application for this permit for review by the Department of Environmental Quality, under the authority of the State Water Control Board.

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To invite the public to comment on the draft permit.

**NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER OF APPLICANT:** Virginia Department of Transportation; Melissa R. Wolford, 1700 N. Main Street, Suffolk, VA 23434; Permit Number: 14-4097

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Virginia Department of Transportation has applied for a relocation of Route 742 in Southampton County, Virginia. The project will relocate Route 742 with a bridge over the Route 58 bypass and construct an interchange at the cross-section of Route 58 and Route 58 Business. Loops, a ramp, and a spur will be added to create an interchange. A right turn lane will be added along eastbound Route 58. The permit will allow the applicant to excavate and fill or otherwise alter wetlands. The proposed activity would affect 5.251 acres of palustrine forested wetlands in the Chowan River and Dismal Swamp watersheds. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. To compensate for the affected area, the applicant will purchase 10.503 wetland credits at Nottoway River Mitigation Bank. DEQ's preliminary decision is to approve the permit.

**HOW A DECISION IS MADE:** After public comments have been considered and addressed by the permit or other means, DEQ will make the final decision unless there is a public hearing. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit. If there is a public hearing, the State Water Control Board will make the final decision.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** DEQ accepts comments by e-mail or postal mail. All comments must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. The public also may request a public hearing.

**WRITTEN COMMENTS MUST INCLUDE:**

1. The names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the person commenting and of all people represented by the citizen.
2. If a public hearing is requested, the reason for holding a hearing, including associated concerns.
3. A brief, informal statement regarding the extent of the interest of the person commenting, including how the operation of the facility or activity affects the citizen.

**TO REVIEW THE DRAFT PERMIT AND APPLICATION:** The public may review the documents at the DEQ Central Office every work day by appointment.

**CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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**Public Notice Verification Form**

Complete this form for the documentation of publication of the Public Notice for VWP Individual Permit No. 14-4097. Please return original to: Hannah Schul at Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, VWP Permit Program, PO Box 1105, Richmond, Virginia 23218.

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