

**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 and streams in the City of Newport News in association with the construction of Atkinson Boulevard along Atkinson Way at the intersection with Warwick Boulevard extending east over CSX Railroad and I-64 to Jefferson Ave on a new location.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** August 3, 2015 to 5:00 p.m. on September 1, 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:** City of Newport News Attn: Everett Skipper 2400 Washington Ave, VA 23607, Permit 15-0421

Permit Number: 15-0421

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The City of Newport News has applied for a permit to construct approximately 1.2 miles of a new east-west transportation link between Jefferson Avenue (Route 143) and Warwick Boulevard (Route 60) in Newport News, Virginia. The proposed permit will allow the applicant to fill or otherwise alter wetlands and streams. The proposed activity would permanently affect 9.7 acres of wetlands and 246 linear feet of streams. The activity proposed in the permit will affect unnamed tributaries to Stony Run which flows into the Warwick River, located in the Lower James River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. As compensation for these impacts, the permittee shall purchase wetland and stream credits from an approved mitigation bank in the Lower James watershed. 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, fax 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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