

## Public Notice – Environmental Permit

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To seek public comment on the draft major modification from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow additional fill of nontidal wetlands in Newport News, Virginia.

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

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

**APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER:** The Marketplace at Tech Center, LLC, c/o Mr. Steve Collins, P.O. Box 214, Fairburn, Georgia 30213; VWPP No. 13-0678.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Marketplace at Tech Center, LLC proposes to modify their existing VWP Individual Permit to include construction of a connector road between the development site at 12080 Jefferson Avenue, and the Compass Way traffic signal. This road will provide a second signalized access to and from Oyster Point Road to alleviate traffic flow problems and ensure pedestrian safety. The proposed modification will result in permanent unavoidable impacts to 0.72 acres of nontidal forested wetlands. The activity proposed in the permit will affect an un-named tributary to Deep Creek in the James River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. To compensate for the wetland impacts, the applicant will purchase 1.44 wetland credits from the Chesapeake Wetland Mitigation Bank. DEQ's preliminary decision is to approve the permit modification.

**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. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

**CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS, AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Name: Jeffrey Hannah, Project Manager; Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality, Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Boulevard, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23462; Phone: 757-518-2146; E-mail: [jeffrey.hannah@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:jeffrey.hannah@deq.virginia.gov). FAX: 757-518-2009. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment.