

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit modification from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the filling of a wetland and stream in Stafford County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper: September 15, 2016 to October 14, 2016

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

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Westlake Development, LLC; 24012 Frederick Road, Clarksburg, Maryland 20871; VWPP No. 11-1522

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Westlake Development, LLC has requested modification of VWP No. 11-1522 for the Westlake Residential Development. The project site is located at the terminus of Charlie Coakley Road and is bordered to the southeast by Horsepen Run and the southwest by Jack Ellington Road (County Road 748) in Stafford County, Virginia. The modification would authorize additional surface water impacts associated with final site plan engineering for phase I of the project. The proposed impacts consist of permanent impacts to 0.051 acre of palustrine forested wetland and 0.012 acre (141 linear feet) of intermittent stream channel and temporary impacts to 0.025 acre (75 linear feet) of stream channel. The activity proposed in the permit will affect Horsepen Run in the Rappahannock 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 0.148 wetland credits and 197 stream credits from a DEQ approved mitigation bank. DEQ's preliminary decision is to issue the modification of 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: Tyler Gelles; Northern Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia 22193; Phone: (703) 583-3815; E-mail: tyler.gelles@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.