

## Public Notice – Environmental Permit

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To seek public comment on the draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow impacts to tidal and non-tidal wetlands and waters in Norfolk, Virginia.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** February 26, 2016 to March 26, 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:** Cherry Hill Construction, Inc., 8211 Washington Boulevard, Jessup, Maryland 20794, Attn: Mr. Roger Lant; 15-0777.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Cherry Hill Construction has applied for a permit to construct the I-564 Intermodal Connector project. This project includes an east/west intermodal connector from Naval Station Norfolk and Norfolk International Terminal to I-564; expansion of the east and west bound lanes on I-564 from its intersection with the Intermodal Connector to the Terminal Boulevard interchange; the Hampton Boulevard Connector; realignment of Patrol Road, relocation of Gate 6, a reconfigured commercial vehicle inspection station, and security fencing for Naval Station Norfolk, and construction of stormwater management facilities throughout the project corridor. The permit will allow the applicant to permanently impact 5.023 acres of surface waters, including 1.411 acres of tidal and 3.612 acres of nontidal. The activity proposed in the permit will affect Boush Creek, Mason Creek, and the Elizabeth River in the James River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. To compensate for the project's impacts, the applicant will purchase 3.36 nontidal wetland mitigation credits from the Great Dismal Swamp Restoration Bank – Lewis Farm, 1.156 tidal wetland mitigation credits from the Libertyville Tidal Mitigation Bank and 92 stream credits from the Virginia Aquatic Resources Trust Fund in the project's watershed. DEQ's preliminary decision is to approve 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. 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: Sheri Kattan, Project Manager; Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality, Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Boulevard, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23462; Phone – 757-518-2156; E-mail Address – [sheri.kattan@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:sheri.kattan@deq.virginia.gov); FAX – 757-518-2009. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment.