

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 non-tidal wetlands and open water ditch in Chesapeake, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: March 24, 2016 to April 23, 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: Kroger Limited Partnership 1, P.O. Box 14002, Roanoke, Virginia 24038, Attn: Mr. Fenton Childers; 15-0862.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant has applied for a new permit to construct a Kroger grocery store and fueling center, associated parking, and stormwater pond just east of Grassfield Parkway, south of Dominion Boulevard, and west of Cedar Road. Access to the Kroger facility will be provided via an extension of Dominion Commons Way to the south. The permit will allow the applicant to permanently impact 0.683 acres of non-tidal forested wetlands, 0.639 acres of non-tidal scrub shrub wetlands, 0.730 acres of non-tidal emergent wetlands, and 0.058 acres of open water ditch. The activity proposed in the permit will affect unnamed ditches that flow to the Southern Branch of 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 these impacts, the applicant proposes to purchase 3.111 mitigation credits at the Great Dismal Swamp Restoration Bank – Lewis Farm Site 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; FAX – 757-518-2009. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment.