

## Public Hearing Notice – Environmental Permit

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To seek public comment and announce a public hearing on a proposed permit from the State Water Control Board (Board) that will allow the filling of wetlands in Hanover County, Virginia.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** June 20, 2020 to August 4, 2020

**PURPOSE OF HEARING:** To obtain input from the public related to this project for the Board to consider.

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND TIME:** July 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

**INFORMATION BRIEFING DATE AND TIME:** July 20, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

*To address protective measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, an electronic public hearing and briefing will be held via GoToWebinar teleconferencing service and in compliance with Item 4-0.01 g of Chapter 1289 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly. If a decision is made to hold the hearing and briefing in person, information will be posted on DEQ's website at <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WetlandsStreams/PublicNotices.aspx> and the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall website no later than 3 days prior to the meeting.*

**GoToWebinar Meeting Registration Instructions:** To attend and/or speak at the public hearing being held via electronic communications, you must register, provide the required information, and follow instructions on ways to join the public hearing. Participants can join the meeting starting at 6:15 p.m.

To register, please go to <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4223610498397315854> or copy and paste the address to your web browser.

**or**

On the date and time of the hearing, access the website <https://www.gotomeeting.com/webinar>, click "Join" and then enter Webinar ID 432-332-443. For audio, it is recommended that you call in to the webinar.

If joining from a mobile device, it is recommended you download the app prior to the meeting.

If you prefer to attend the meeting and do not plan to speak you may do so by accessing the live broadcast of the meeting at <https://hanovercova.civicclerk.com/web/Player.aspx?id=350&key=-1&mod=-1&mk=-1&nov=0>.

If you prefer to attend the meeting by telephone without internet access and do not plan to speak, contact Ann Regn at 804-698-4442 or [ann.regn@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:ann.regn@deq.virginia.gov) to obtain a telephone number.

**PERMIT NAME:** Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by the Board

**APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER:** Wegmans Food Markets, Inc.; Attn: Douglas Viets; 1500 Brooks Avenue, P.O. Box 30844, Rochester, NY 14603-0844; VWPP No. 19-2036

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Wegmans Food Markets, Inc. has applied for a new permit for the Wegmans Distribution Center. The project site is located south of Ashcake Road (Route 657), northwest of Sliding Hill Road (Route 656), and east of Egypt Road (Route 741) in Hanover County, Virginia. The permit will allow the applicant to fill a surface water wetland to construct a regional grocery distribution center. The proposed activity would affect 5.89 acres of palustrine forested wetland and 0.23 acre of palustrine emergent wetland. The activity proposed in the permit will affect wetlands that drain to Totopotomoy Creek, Kersey Creek, and Campbell Creek

in the Pamunkey 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 provide compensation for permanent impacts to wetlands authorized by this permit through the purchase of 12.01 wetland mitigation bank credits from a mitigation bank in the same or adjacent watershed. If sufficient wetland mitigation bank credits are not available, the permit allows the permittee to purchase credits from an in-lieu-fee fund. DEQ's preliminary decision is to recommend issuance of the permit.

**ISSUES RAISED BY PUBLIC:** The previous public comment period was from March 31, 2020 to April 30, 2020. Comments received at that time included the following: improper wetland delineation resulting in fewer surface waters identified onsite; inadequate analysis of secondary impacts from the proposed project; inaccurate compensatory mitigation requirements; insufficient off-site alternatives analysis; increased flooding from the project; environmental justice concerns; and location of historic resources onsite.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** The Board accepts written comments by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. The Board also accepts oral comments at public hearings. To make a statement at a public hearing being held via electronic communications, follow the instructions provided during the electronic meeting. The time allowed for each statement is set by the hearing officer. 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) A brief, informal statement on how the proposal affects the citizen. The public may request the draft permit and application by contacting the individual below.

**CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Name: Jaime Robb; Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality, Piedmont Regional Office, 4949-A Cox Road, Glen Allen, Virginia, 23060; Tel: (804) 527-5086; [Jaime.Robb@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:Jaime.Robb@deq.virginia.gov); Fax: (804) 527-5106