

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow dredging of three lakes in the Lake Wilderness community in Spotsylvania County, Virginia.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper: **September 22, 2020** to **October 23, 2020**.

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

**APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER:** Lake Wilderness Property Owners' Association; 12910 Jackson Ford Rd, Spotsylvania, Virginia 22551; VWPP No. 20-0680

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Lake Wilderness Property Owners' Association has applied for a new permit to hydraulically dredge three lakes within the Lake Wilderness community. The proposed activity would affect 8.00 acres of lacustrine open water and temporarily affect 0.03 acre of palustrine emergent wetland and 25 linear feet of stream channel. The activity proposed in the permit will affect Wilderness Run Lake, Lee Lake, and Grant Lake in the Wilderness Run watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. DEQ's preliminary decision is to issue 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:** Wynn Prusaczyk; Northern Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia 22193; Phone: (703) 583-3871; E-mail: [Wynn.Prusaczyk@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:Wynn.Prusaczyk@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 above.