

Public Notice – Environmental Draft Permit and Public Hearing

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment and announce a public hearing on a draft permit from the State Water Control Board that would allow the filling of wetlands in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The public comment period will run from the day after the notice is published in the newspaper until 15 days after the public hearing date: **June 14, 2019 to July 31, 2019.**

PUBLIC HEARING: Oswald Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 on July 16, 2019 at 7:00pm. The public hearing will adjourn when everyone present has had an opportunity to speak, or the facility closing time.

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

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

INFORMATION BRIEFING: Same date and location as public hearing from 6:00pm to 6:45pm.

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: City of Alexandria; 301 King Street, Suite 3200, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; VWPP No. 19-0170

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Alexandria has applied for a new permit for the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station project. The project is located east of Potomac Avenue, west of George Washington Memorial Parkway, and north of Potomac Greens Drive in City of Alexandria, Virginia. The permit will allow the applicant to fill surface waters consisting of wetlands. The proposed activity would permanently affect 0.92 acre of palustrine forested wetland (PFO) and 0.64 acre of palustrine emergent wetland (PEM), and would temporarily affect 1.10 acres of PFO and 0.91 acre of PEM. The activity proposed in the permit will affect surface waters in the Potomac 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 4.96 wetland credits for permanent impacts and 1.10 wetland credits for temporary impacts. DEQ's preliminary decision is to recommend issuance to the State Water Control Board.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, hand delivery to DEQ staff at the public hearing or to the DEQ office listed below, fax or postal mail. All comments must be received by DEQ during the comment period. 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 Board also accepts oral comments at the public hearing. To make a statement at the public hearing, write your name on a sign-up sheet available before the hearing. You may sign up only for yourself. The time allowed for each statement is set by the hearing officer. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named below by contacting the DEQ contact listed below.

HOW A DECISION IS MADE: After public comments have been considered and addressed by the permit or other means, the State Water Control Board will make the final decision.

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; 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.