

**PUBLIC NOTICE - ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT****Public Notice - Environmental Permit**

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the filling and excavation of wetlands in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper:

**September 28, 2018 to October 29, 2018**

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

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: City of Alexandria c/o Mr. Mitchell Bernstein, P.E., Director - Project Implementation; 301 King Street, Suite 3200, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; VWPP No. 17-1756

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: City of Alexandria has applied for a new permit for the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station. The project is located in Potomac Yard, east of Potomac Avenue, west of George Washington Memorial Parkway, and north of Potomac Greens Drive in the City of Alexandria, Virginia. The permit will allow the applicant to fill and excavate surface waters consisting of wetlands. The proposed activity would permanently affect 1.56 acres of wetlands and temporarily affect 2.85 acres of wetlands. The activity proposed in the permit will affect an unnamed tributary in the Four Mile Run watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. To compensate for the permanently affected area, the applicant would purchase 2.48 wetland credits from a DEQ approved mitigation bank, in-lieu fee fund, or a combination thereof that is authorized and approved by DEQ to sell credits in the area in which the impacts will occur and has credits available (as released by DEQ). 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, hand delivery, 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.

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