

Maryland Department of the Environment, Water and Science Administration.

Notice of Applications Received for a State Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Permit, Notice of Scheduled Public Informational Hearing, and the Opportunity to Provide Written Comment.

Issue Date: May 1, 2023

The Water and Science Administration is reviewing the following applications for a State Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Permit. The applications and related information are on file at the Nontidal Wetlands Division, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland 21230. Arrangements may be made for inspection and copying of file materials. Opportunity is afforded to interested parties to provide written comments on the listed application(s), or to be placed on the interested persons list for a specific application. Any request for a hearing must be in writing and provide the following information: 1) Name, Address and Telephone Number of the person making the request; 2) The identity of any other person(s) the requestor is representing; and 3) State specifically the issue proposed to be considered at the hearing. If a hearing is scheduled, sign language interpreters and other appropriate accommodations for individuals with disabilities will be provided upon request. Written comments and requests to be placed on the interested persons list must be received on or before July 12, 2023. If requesting to be placed on the interested persons list, please clearly state this request in written form. On all correspondence, please refer to the case number which identifies each application. Correspondence should be addressed to the Water and Science Administration, Nontidal Wetlands Division, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland 21230.

A Water Quality Certification has been requested from the Department of the Environment for this project. This certification is required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

Any further notices concerning actions on the following applications will be provided by mail to those persons on the interested persons list.

Wicomico County

Staff Assigned: Mieko Camp

Case Number: 21-NT-2114/202162246
23-WQC-0014

WICOMICO REGIONAL AIRPORT, 5485 Airport Terminal Road, Salisbury, Maryland 21804, has applied to make improvements to the existing airport, which includes extending Runway 32, removing airspace obstructions, and upgrading airport facilities and infrastructure. These activities will permanently impact 211,482 square feet (4.85 acres) of emergent nontidal wetlands, 245,635 square feet (5.64 acres) of forested nontidal wetlands, and 852,981 square feet (19.58 acres) of the 25-foot nontidal wetland buffer as well as to permanently convert 595,703 square feet (13.68 acres) of forested nontidal wetlands to emergent nontidal wetlands. Mitigation will be required for all permanent nontidal wetland impacts and conversion. The Applicant has proposed to satisfy mitigation through an offsite permittee responsible mitigation site and purchase of credit from the Maple Dam Mitigation Bank. A virtual public informational hearing has been scheduled for the referenced project on Wednesday, June 28, 2023. The

hearing will begin at 7:00 P.M. and end no later than 9:00 P.M. To participate in the public informational hearing, please use the following link, meet.google.com/jdv-xegc-yxc or dial 1-507-591-1127, PIN: 155 141 390#. Written comments and requests to be included on the interested persons list may be sent by July 12, 2023 to Mieko Camp at mieko.camp@maryland.gov or 443-717-0951. Any further notices concerning actions on the application will be provided only by mail to those persons on the interested persons list. Please refer to Subsection 5-907 of the Annotated Code of Maryland or the Code of Maryland Regulations 26.23.02 for information regarding the application process.