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Baltimore District

Public Notice

In Reply to Application Number
CENAB-OP-RMN(HO DPW/LITTLE PATUXENT PARALLEL
SEWER INTERCEPTOR/UTILITY LINE)2007-07575-M16

PN-08-20

Comment Period: March 31, 2008 to May 14, 2008

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO ANNOUNCE THE DATE, LOCATION AND TIME OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE **PROPOSED HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, LITTLE PATUXENT PARALLEL SEWER INTERCEPTOR PROJECT**. AT THIS TIME, NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED.

PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION:

Date: **Tuesday, April 29, 2008**
Location: Patuxent Valley Middle School
9151 Vollmerhausen Road
Jessup, Maryland 20794

Displays will be available at 6:30 pm. Representatives of the project team and the agencies listed above will be available to discuss points of interest. A formal presentation will begin at 7:00 pm that will include a description of the proposed project plans. The presentation will be followed by public testimony, which will be recorded. Written comments will also be accepted. A time limit of 3 minutes per speaker may be set, depending upon turnout, to ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to voice their views.

The hearing will provide an opportunity for the public to present oral and/or written comments. All persons and organizations that have an interest in this project are urged to participate.

Anyone who is hearing impaired who wishes to attend this meeting should notify Mr. Joseph P. DaVia of the Corps at (410) 962-4527. Non-English speaking persons who wish to attend should also notify Mr. DaVia. All requests for an oral, sign language, or non-English language interpreter must be received by April 14, 2008. To the extent possible and feasible, an interpreter will be provided.

Comments on this project must be received on or before May 14, 2008.

Additional Background Information:

The Baltimore District has received an application for a Department of the Army Permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), as described below:

APPLICANT: Howard County Department of Public Works
Attention: Mr. Kin Siew
9250 Bendix Road
Columbia, Maryland 21045

LOCATION: In the Little Patuxent River and unnamed tributaries, and adjacent wetlands, parallel to the existing Little Patuxent Sanitary Sewer right-of-way, from Savage to Columbia, Howard County, Maryland.

WORK: Discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the US, including jurisdictional wetlands, associated with construction of approximately 55,000 linear feet (10.4 miles) of parallel sewer interceptor pipeline within/adjacent to the existing Little Patuxent Sewer interceptor utility right-of-way. The proposed pipeline would deviate from a strict parallel alignment only in areas where a parallel sewer would conflict with existing infrastructure, historic/cultural, or natural resource constraints. The project will result in permanent impacts (e.g., wetland conversion from palustrine forested to palustrine emergent) to approximately 2.42 acres of wetlands and 597 linear feet (11,470 square feet) of streams. The project will result in temporary impacts to approximately 2.47 acres of wetlands and 6,952 linear feet (78,981 square feet) of streams. Project impacts to waters of the US would occur in the Little Patuxent River and unnamed tributaries, and adjacent wetlands.

The applicant has submitted a Phase I Conceptual Mitigation Report for the project. To mitigate for the conversion of palustrine forested to palustrine emergent wetlands, the applicant proposes the enhancement of an existing wetland/upland complex located immediately adjacent to the sewer installation project area in the vicinity of Leafreader Way, to the south of MD 175, Columbia, Howard County, Maryland. The applicant proposes a wetland mitigation plan to create additional wetland acreage (0.71 acres), eradicate invasive and monotypic species (6.1 acres), modify hydrology by plugging agricultural ditches (325 linear feet), and implementation of a planting schedule (6.8 acres). To mitigate for permanent impacts to streams, the applicant proposes stream restoration (e.g., stream bank stabilization, installation of grade control structures) along a section of the Little Patuxent River located south of Stevens Forest Road, Columbia, Howard County, Maryland.

The purpose of the project is to alleviate stress on the existing Little Patuxent Sanitary Sewer resulting from existing development within the sewershed and to increase capacity in anticipation of future development throughout the area.

If you have any questions concerning this matter or would like to submit written comments, please contact:

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The initial Corps public notice announcing the project for public comments, PN-08-04, was issued on January 22, 2008 and is available for review on the Corps Baltimore District website at <http://www.nab.usace.mil/>. In addition, copies of PN-08-04 are available by contacting Mr. DaVia at the phone number or e-mail address listed above.

It is requested that you communicate the foregoing information concerning the public hearing to any persons known by you to be interested (and not being known to this office) who did not receive a copy of this notice.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

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