

PUBLIC NOTICE

US Army
Corps
of Engineers
Baltimore
District

In Reply to Application Number
CENAB-OP-RMS(THE RIDGES AT BRANDYWINE
LLC/THE RIDGESII & III/RD XINGS & UTILITY
LINES)03-63869-15

Comment Period: February 27, 2004 to March 29, 2004

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO SOLICIT COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE WORK DESCRIBED BELOW. AT THIS TIME, NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED.

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 *The Ridges at Brandywine LLC*
 Attn: John C. Pyles
 2812 Chesterfield Place, NW
 Washington, DC 20008

LOCATION: *In Burch Branch, Prince George's County, Maryland.*

WORK: *The applicant proposes to construct six road crossings permanently impacting approximately 13,966 square feet of nontidal wetlands and 1,217 LF (14,611 SF) of stream channel and to install sewer lines temporarily impacting approximately 21,932 SF of nontidal wetlands and 207 LF (3,669 SF) of stream. The proposed work is being done in association with the construction of the Ridges II & III, a proposed residential subdivision comprised of 59 single-family homes in uplands (nonwetlands), on 237 acres along Floral Park Road in Prince George's County, Maryland. The upland construction activities are not regulated by the Corps of Engineers. The attached Impact Summary Table shows the proposed impacts. All work is to be completed in accordance with the enclosed plan(s). If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Jack Dinne at (410) 962-6005.*

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The applicant is required to obtain a water quality certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act from the Maryland Department of the Environment. Any written comments concerning the work described above which relate to water quality certification must be received by the Standards and Certification Division Maryland Department of the Environment, Montgomery Park Business Center, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 430, Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1708 within the comment period as specified above to receive consideration. Written comments concerning the work described above related to the factors listed above or other pertinent factors must be received by the District

Engineer, US Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, PO Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715, within the comment period as specified above to receive consideration. The 401 certifying agency has a statutory limit of one year to make its decision.

The applicant has certified in this application that the proposed activity complies with and will be conducted in a manner consistent with the Maryland Coastal Zone Program. This certification statement is available for inspection in the District Office; however, public comments relating to consistency must be received by the Coastal Zone Division, Maryland Department of the Environment, Montgomery Park Business Center, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 430, Baltimore, Maryland, 21230-1708, within the comment period as specified above. It should be noted that CZ Division has a statutory limit of 6 months in which to make its consistency determination.

The applicant must obtain any State or local government permits which may be required.

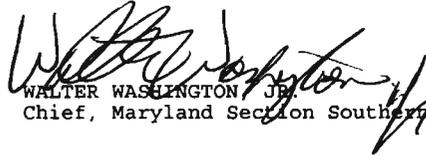
A preliminary review of this application indicates that the proposed work will not affect listed species or their critical habitat pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as amended. As the evaluation of this application continues, additional information may become available which could modify this preliminary determination.

Review of the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places indicates that no registered properties listed as eligible for inclusion therein are located at the site of the proposed work. Currently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistoric, or historical data may be lost or destroyed by the work to be accomplished under the requested permit.

The evaluation of the impact of the work described above on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Any person who has an interest which may be adversely affected by the issuance of this permit may request a public hearing. The request, which must be in writing, must be received by the District Engineer, US Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, PO Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715, within the comment period as specified as above to receive consideration. Also, it must clearly state forth the interest which may be adversely affected by this activity in the manner in which the interest may be adversely affected.

It is requested that you communicate the foregoing information concerning the proposed work 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:


WALTER WASHINGTON JR.
Chief, Maryland Section Southern

Impact Summary Table

<i>Impact</i>	<i>Impact Number</i>	<i>Wetland (sq. ft.)</i>		<i>25-foot Buffer (sq. ft.)</i>		<i>100-year Floodplain (sq. ft.)</i>	<i>Waters of the U.S. (sq. ft./lin. ft.)</i>	
		<i>Perm.</i>	<i>Temp.</i>	<i>Perm.</i>	<i>Temp.</i>		<i>Perm.</i>	<i>Temp.</i>
Road Crossing	1	0	0	0	0	5,748	2,554/ 294	42/ 14
Road Crossing	2	0	0	0	0	0	1,142/ 227	104/ 18
Road Crossing	3	11,953	0	9,860	594	16,144	5,974/ 346	172/ 12
Road Crossing	4	1,220	0	4,339	0	1,112	2,983/ 114	1,588/ 47
Road Crossing	5	0	0	0	0	2,083	1,958/ 236	295/ 22
Road Crossing	6	793	4,563	0	0	0	0	0
Sewer Line Installation	7	0	198	0	1,560	0	0	198/ 30
Offsite Sewer Line Installation	8a-c	0	17,171	0	6,298	0	0	1,270/ 60