

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**Public Notice** 

In Reply to Application Number NAB-2019-62106-M44 (AL DPW Oldtown Rd Garage/Building)

Baltimore District PN-20-22

Comment Period: March 31, 2020 to April 30, 2020

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO INFORM INTERESTED PARTIES OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY AND TO SOLICIT COMMENTS. NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED AT THIS TIME.

This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344),as described below:

#### **APPLICANT:**

Mr. James L. Webber, P.E. Allegany County Department of Public Works 701 Kelly Road Cumberland, Maryland 21502

**WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK:** The proposed project is located adjacent to the North Branch of the Potomac River, in Oldtown, Allegany County, Maryland (39.541667, -78.591667).

**OVERALL PROJECT PURPOSE:** To construct a salt storage building, garage, and regional trash/recycling drop off facility in the Oldtown area of southern Allegany County.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The applicant proposes to construct a salt building, garage/office space, and trash/recycling drop off facility to be utilized by the Allegany County Roads Division. The project would result in permanent farmed wetland impacts (pasture) of 62,290 square feet (1.43 acre). The project site is located adjacent to a MD State Highway Administration salt dome facility. Please refer to the table below for a summary of aquatic resource impacts.

#### **EFFECTS ON AQUATIC RESOURCES:**

Activity (i.e.	Stream Impact	Wetland Impact	Authority (Section
culvert)	(lf)	(Acres)	10/404/408)
Fill/Grading	0	1.43	404

**LEAD FEDERAL AGENCY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as the lead federal agency, is responsible for all coordination pursuant to applicable federal authorities.

# APPLICANT'S PROPOSED AVOIDANCE, MINIMIZATION, AND COMPENSATORY MITIGATION:

Avoidance and minimization: The project features and site layout have been designed as close as practicable to MD 51 to minimize impacts to wetlands.

Mitigation: As mitigation, the applicant proposes to create 1.43 acres of wetland at the south end of the site, adjacent to an existing wetland area.

CORPS EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS: This project will be evaluated pursuant to Corps Regulatory Program Regulations (33 CFR Parts 320-332). The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, 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 reasonable 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, economic, 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, mineral needs, and consideration of property ownership and in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The evaluation of the impact of this project will also include application of the Clean Water Act Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**ENDANGERED SPECIES:** A preliminary review of this application indicates that the proposed work will have no effect federally-listed threatened or endangered 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.

HISTORIC RESOURCES: Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and applicable guidance, the Corps has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places and initially determined that no registered properties listed as eligible for inclusion, therein, are located at the site of the proposed work. The Corps has made the preliminary determination that the proposed project has no potential to cause effectson historic properties. The Corps final eligibility and effect determination will be based on coordination with the State Historic Preservation Office as appropriate and required, and with full consideration given to the proposed undertaking's potential direct and indirect effects on historic properties within the Corps' identified permit area.

TRIBAL RESOURCES: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act also requires federal agencies to consult with federally-recognized American Indian tribes that attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties that may be affected by the agency's undertaking. Corps Tribal Consultation Policy mandates an open, timely, meaningful, collaborative, and effective deliberative communication process that emphasizes trust, respect, and shared responsibility. The policy further emphasizes that, to the extent practicable and permitted by law, consultation works toward mutual consensus and begins at the earliest planning stages, before decisions are made and actions taken. The Corps final eligibility and effect determination will be based on coordination with interested tribes, in accordance with the Corps current tribal standard operating procedures as appropriate and required, and with full consideration given to the proposed undertaking's potential direct and indirect effects on tribal resources.

MODIFICATION OF CIVIL WORKS PROJECTS: 33 USC 408 (SECTION 408): All Section 408 proposals will be coordinated internally at USACE. The Section 408 decision will be issued along with the Section 404 and/or Section 10 decision. Please see the following link for more information regarding Section 408: https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/section408/.

**WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:** The applicant is required to obtain a water quality certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

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

**SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS:** 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 provided will become part of the public record for this action and are subject to release to the public through the Freedom of Information Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

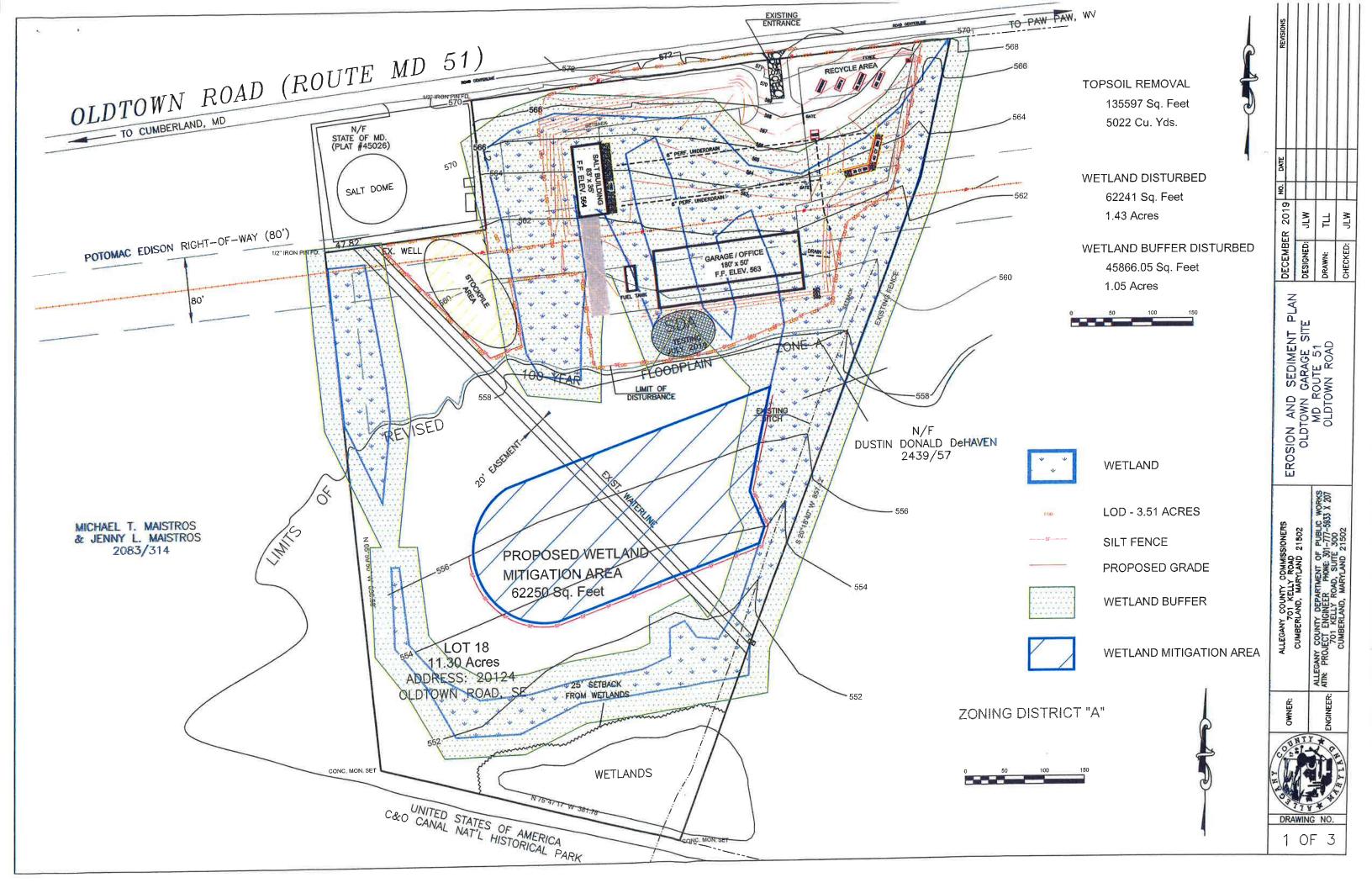
Written comments concerning the work described above related to the factors listed above or other pertinent factors must be received by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District within the comment period specified above through postal mail at the address below or electronic submission to the project manager email address below. Written comments should reference the Application Number (NAB-2019-62106-M44).

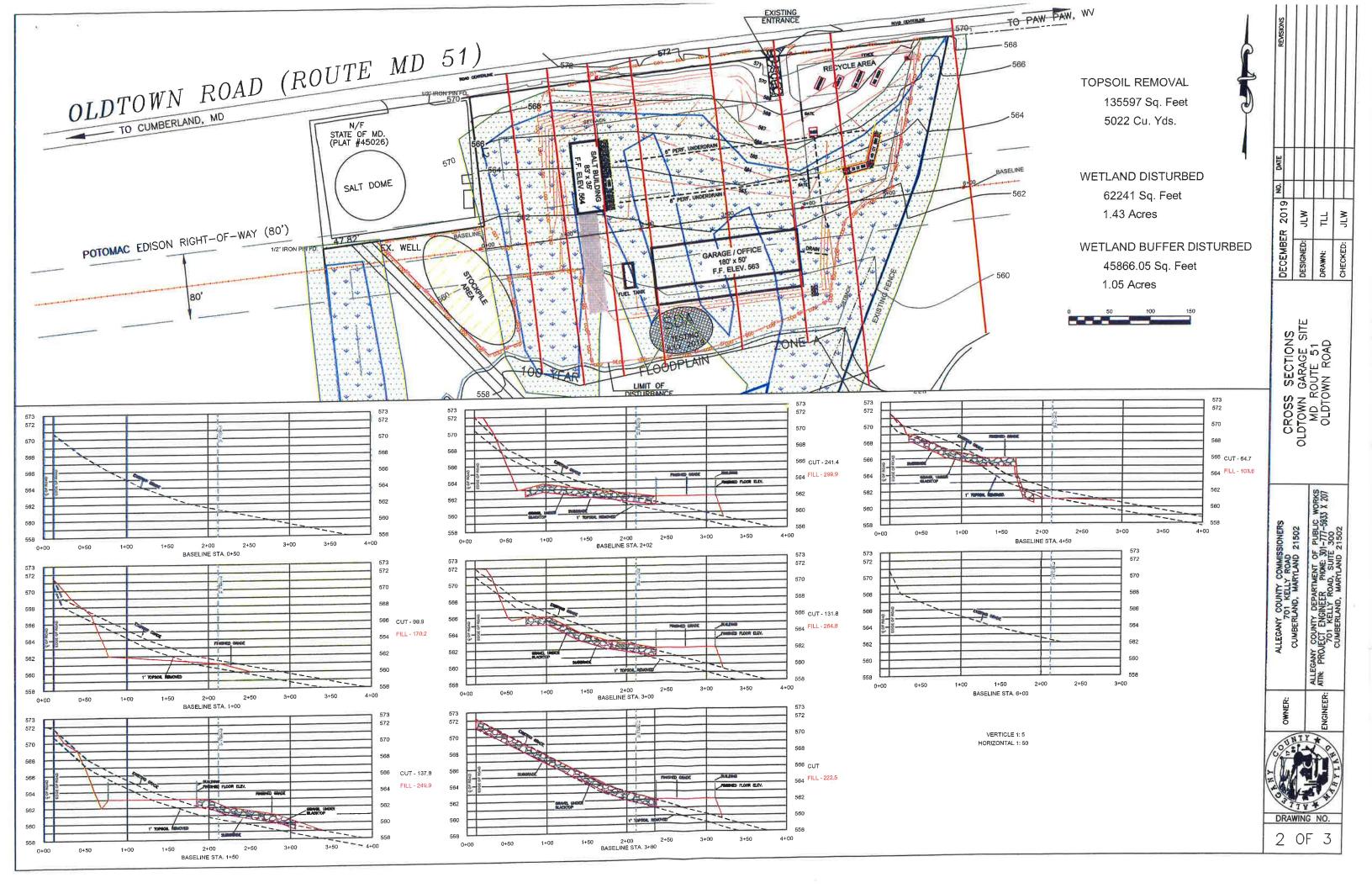
**PUBLIC HEARING REQUESTS:** Any person who has an interest which may be adversely affected by the issuance of this permit may request a public hearing. The request, which must be in writing, must be received within the comment period as specified above to receive consideration. Also it must clearly set forth the interest which may be adversely affected by this activity and the manner in which the interest may be adversely affected. The public hearing request may be submitted by electronic mail or mailed to the following address:

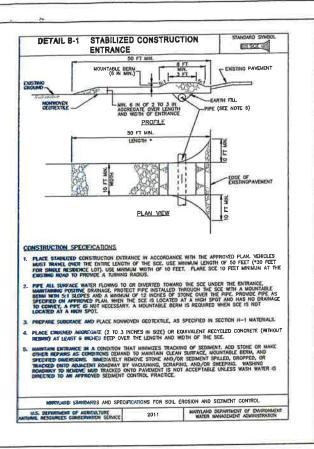
Ms. Jamie Larkin
(Jamie.H.Larkin@usace.army.mil)
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District
Regulatory Branch
2 Hopkins Plaza
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

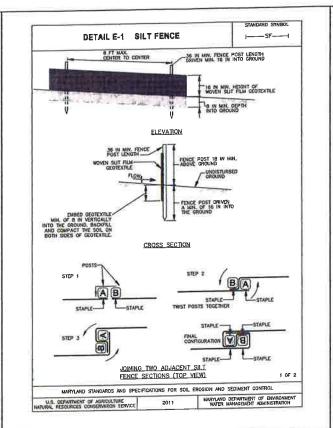
It is requested that you communicate this information concerning the proposed work to any persons known by you to be interested, who did not receive a copy of this notice.

General information regarding the Corps' permitting process can be found on our website at <a href="https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx">https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx</a>. This public notice has been prepared in accordance with Corps implementing regulations at 33 CFR 325.3. If you have any questions concerning this specific project, or would like to request a paper copy of this public notice, please contact Jamie Larkin, 410-962-4522, <a href="mailto:Jamie.H.Larkin@usace.army.mil">Jamie.H.Larkin@usace.army.mil</a>. This public notice is issued by the Chief, Regulatory Branch.









# STANDARD SYMPO DETAIL E-1 SILT FENCE CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS. USE WOOD POSTS IN X THE A RIGH (MINIMUM) SQUARE CUT OF SOUND QUALITY HARDWOOD. AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO WOODER POSTS USE STANDARD "T" OR "U" SECTION STEEL POSTS WEIGHING NOT LISS THAN 1 FOUND PDR LINEAR FOOT. USE 36 INCH MINIMUM POSTS DRIVEN 16 INCH MINIMUM INTO GROUND NO MORE THAN 6 FEET APART. Use woven sufficience sometime as specified in section $H\!-\!1$ materials and fasten geotextile securely to upslope side of fence posts with wire ties or staples at top and mid-section. PROVIDE MANUFACTURER CERTIFICATION TO THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INSPECTION/ENVIRONMENT AUTHORITY SHOWING THAT THE GEOTEXTILE USED MEETS THE RECURREMENTS IN SECTION H-1 MATERIALS. EMBED GEOTEXTILE A MINIMUM OF 8 INCHES VERTICALLY INTO THE GROUND, BACKFILL AND COMPACT THE SOL. ON BOTH SIDES OF FABRIC. . WHERE TWO SECTIONS OF GEOTEXTILE ADJOIN: OVERLAP, TWIST, AND STAPLE TO POST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS DETAIL. extend both ends of the silt fence a minimum of five horizontal feet upslope at 45 degrees to the main fence alignment to prevent runoff from going around the ends of the silt fence. REMOVE ACCUMULATED SCIDMENT AND DEBRIS WHEN BULGES DEVELOP IN SILT FENCE OR WHEN SEDIMENT REFACES 28X OF FENCE HEIGHT. REPLACE GEOTEXTILE IF TORN. IF UNDERWINNING OCCURS, STRENGSTAL FERMAN MARYLAND STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL WATER MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION U.S. DEPUREMENT OF AGRICULTURE 2011

# REQUIRED STREET, BOSTON AND SECTION CONTROL NOTES

- The contractor shall protect all points of construction inquess and order to prevent the deposition of materials cate public reads. Bll materials deposited outo public roads shall be remaked immediately.
- The contractor shall inspect daily and maintain continuously in all effective operating condition all erosics and mediment control measures until such time as permanent stabilization of expansed soll occurs.
- When property is brought to finished grade during the months of Momember through February, and permanent stabilization is found to be impractical, temporary seed and anchored straw mulch shall be applied to disturbed areas. The final permanent stabilization of such property shall be applied by April 15 or earlier if ground and weather conditions allow.
- The site's approved Erosion and Sediment Control Plans shall be available at the site.
- The applicant is responsible for obtaining any other federal, attain, or local authorizations which may be required.
- Pollowing initial soil disturbance or redisturbance, permanent or temporary stabilization shall be completed within three (3) calendar days as to the surface of all perimeter controls, dikes, swales, ditches, perimeter slopes, and all slopes greater than 3 horizontal to I vertical (3:1); and seven (7) days as to all other disturbed or graded areas on the project site.
- The approval of this plan makes no representation as to the existence or nonexistence of any utilities at this site. It is the responsibility of the landowners or operators and contractors to assure that no bazard exists or damage will occur to utilities. It is suggested that Miss Utility be contacted at: Phone 1-800-257-7777.

#### SITE DATA

TOTAL SITE AREA: 0.99 ACRE + TOTAL AREA OF DISTURBANCE: 0,99 ACRE ±
EXISTING IMPERVIOUS AREA: 0.0 ACRE ± PROPOSED IMPERVIOUS AREA: 0.0 ACRE ± CUT/FILL VOLUMES: 0 CY / 15,600 CY

SEED MIXTURE (FOR HARDINESS ZONE 6b ) (FROM TABLE 8.3)				FERTILIZER RATE	LIME	UREA- FORM
NO.	SPECIES	APPLICATION RATE (lb/ac)	SEEDING DATES	(20-10-10)	1)	(46-0-0)
( <b>4</b> )	TALL FESCUE KENTUCKY BLUE GRASS	100 RANGING 10-35% OF THE TOTAL MIX BY WEIGHT	3/15 TO 5/15 8/1 TO 10/15	250 lb/ac (5.8 lb/ 1000 sl)	2 tons/ac (100 lb/ 1000 sl)	150 lb/ac

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ZONE 6b) 3)	FERTILIZER RATE	LIME RATE	UREA- FORM	1, SCOPE: CONSTRUCTION OF VEGETATIVE STABILIZATION
SEEDING DATES	(20-10-10)		(46-0-0)	2. STANDARDS/SPECIFICATIONS:
	250 lb/ac	2 tons/ac	150 lb/ac	VEGETATIVE STABILIZATION SHALL CONFORM TO OF 2011 MARYLAND STANDARDS AND SPECIFICAL SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL*

NOTE: ABOVE MIXTURE IS FOR LAWN AREAS ONLY. SEE JOINT PERMIT AUTHORIZATION FOR SEED & MULCH SPECIES TO BE USED IN STREAM CHANNELS.

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APORARY SEEDING:
ANNUAL RYEGRASS, MILLET, OATS, AND/OR RYE CONFORMING
TO THE AFOREMENTIONED GUIDELINES.

#### SEQUENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

CONTACT MDE AT LEAST FIVE (5) DAYS PRIOR TO START OF CONSTRUCTION (301-689-1487).

CONTACT "MISS UTILITY" AT 1-800-257-7777 SEVENTY-TWO (72) HOURS PRIOR TO THE START OF CONSTRUCTION.

INSTALL SILT FENCE. (DETAIL E-1)

MAINTAIN EXISTING ENTRANCE AND CONSTRUCT STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE AS NEEDED. (DETAIL B-1)

DEPOSIT SHALE IN STOCKPILE AREA.

MAINTAIN SILT FENCE AS NECESSARY.

APPROVED FOR EROS	ION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL	
BY	DATE	
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OWNER'S / DEVELOPER'S CERTIFICATION

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"7/WE HERBY CERTIFY THAT ALL CLEARING, GRADING, CONSTRUCTION AND/OR DEVELOPMENT WILL BE DONE PURSUANT TO THIS PLAN AND THAT ANY RESPONSIBLE PERSONNEL RIVOLVED IN THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT WILL HAVE A CERTIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE AT A MARTLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENMIRONMENT APPROVED TRANSING PROCRAM FOR THE CONTROL OF SEDMENT AND EROSION BEFORE BEGINNING THE PROJECT, I HERBEY AUTHORIZE THE RIGHT OF ENTRY FOR PERMODIC ON-SITE EVALUATION BY THE STATE OF THE FAMORICAMING THE PROJECT OF THE STATE OF THE SAMOROMANTAL COMMUNICATION INSPECTIORS." MARYLAND, DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, COMPLIANCE INSPECTORS."

> 301-777-5933 OWNER/DEVELOPER SIGNATURE

PAUL F. KAHL, P.E. - DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
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DESIGN CERTIFICATION

"I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN OF EROSION & SEDIMENT CONTROL AND/OR POND DESIGN IS/ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2011 STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ANY OTHER LOCAL OR STATE REQUIREMENTS. ANY STORMWATER STRUCTURES ARE DESIGNED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ALLEGANY COUNTY MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE AND ACCEPTED STANDARDS OF ENGINEERING PRACTICE.

DESIGNER SIGNATURE PE RLS. RLA ADMI PUTERSON, P.E.



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DECEMBER DESIGNED:

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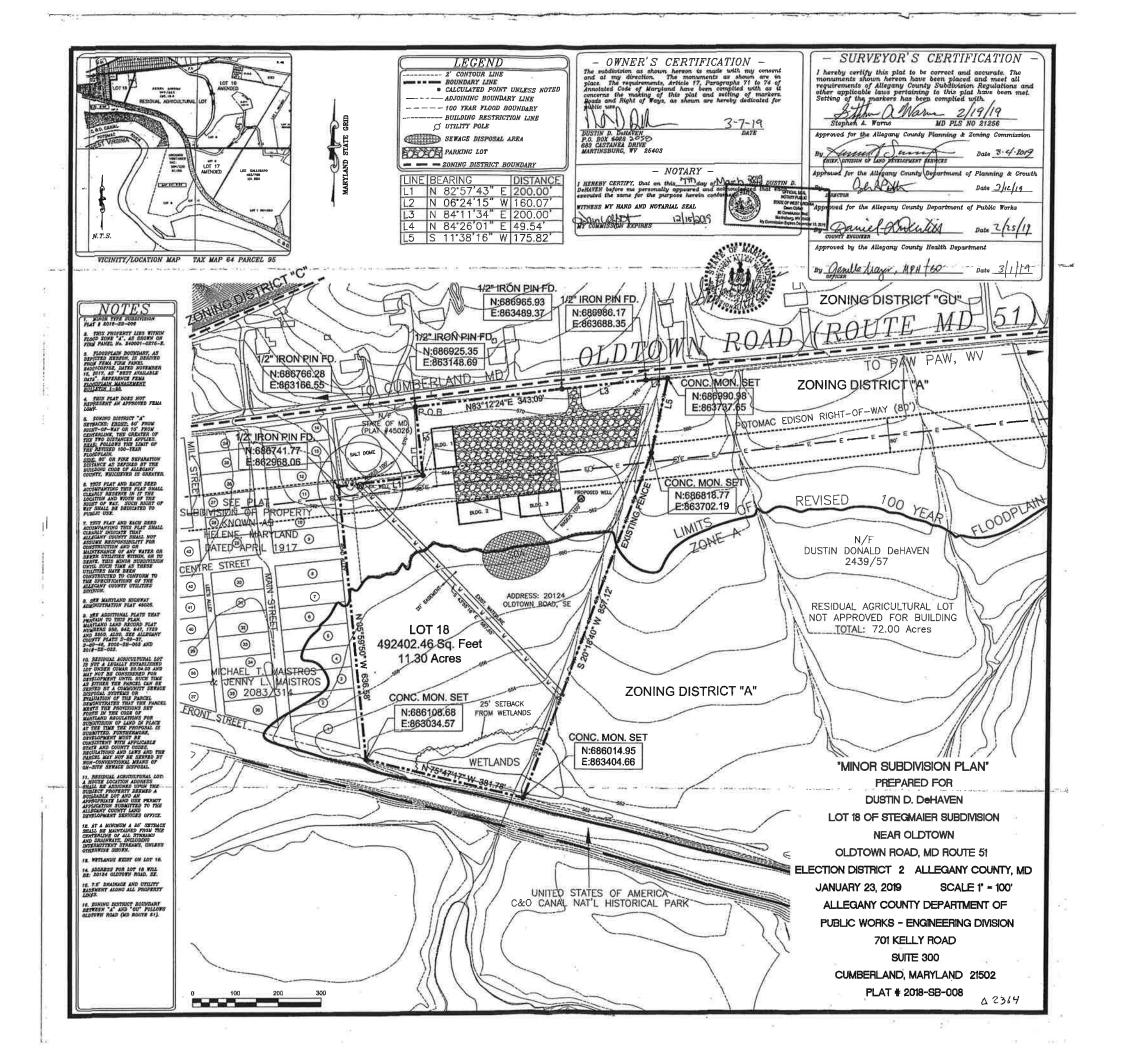
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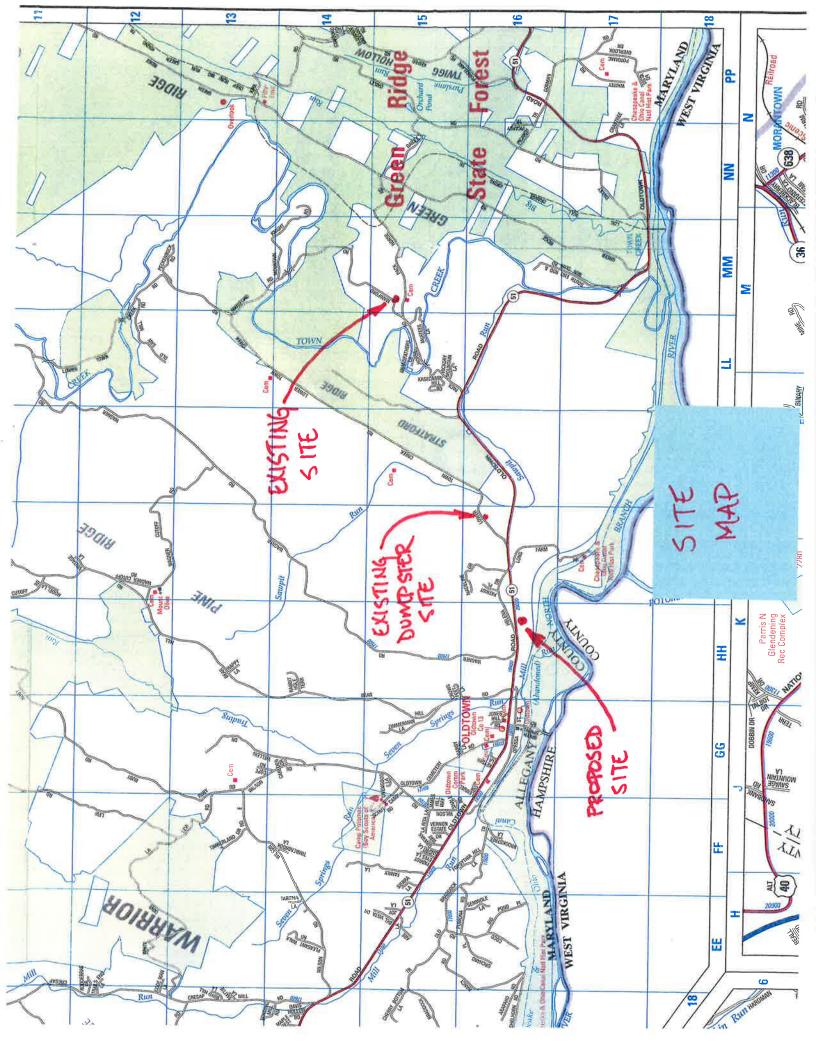
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# **Alternatives Analysis**

As stated in the Purpose and Needs Statement, Allegany County is in dire need of a new County roads garage and trash/recycling drop-off area for the southern portion of the County. Our office looked at 13 different sites to determine the best available site for the new facility. **All sites**would require onsite alternatives. See attached maps. The following are notes on each site:

### Site 1 (Old Oldtown Road) (Map 1/8)

- Two (2) properties were investigated in this area
- None were for sale
- Site is in a nice residential area
- Existing road has a sharp, hairpin turn

# Site 2 (Bible Hill) (Map 1/8)

- Not for sale
- Bad traffic site distance

#### Site 3 (Cresap Mill) (Map 2/8)

- Not for sale
- Floodplain on the west
- Steep slopes

#### Site 4 (East Wilson Road) (Map 2/8)

- Two (2) properties were investigated in this area
- None were for sale
- Bad traffic site distance
- Bad intersection

## Site 5 (Bel Vista) (Map 3/8)

- One acre parcel for sale
- Site not large enough
- Site is in a nice residential area

#### Site 6 (East Wilson Road) (Map4/8)

- Not for sale
- Long distance from Route 51
- Bad site distance

#### Site 7 (Oldtown Cemetery Road) (Map 5/8)

- Not for sale
- Bad traffic site distance
- Bad intersection

### Site 8 (Bear Hill Road) (Map 5/8)

- Owned by Allegany County
- Flood buyout property development not allowed
- Floodplain

### Site 9 (Wagner Road) (Map 6/8)

- Two (2) properties were investigated in this area.
- None were for sale
- Steep slopes
- Floodplain
- Bad traffic site distance

# Site 10 (Helena Drive) (Map 6/8)

- Not for sale
- Site is in a nice residential area
- Bad traffic site distance
- Bad intersection

### \*Site 11 (Gibson Farm) (Map 6/8)

- Owned by Allegany County
- Good traffic site distance
- Good grades
- Located next to an existing MDOT salt dome

### Site 12 (lower Town Creek) (Map 7/8)

- Two (2) properties were investigated in this area
- None were for sale

- Bad traffic site distance
- Bad intersection
- Steep slopes

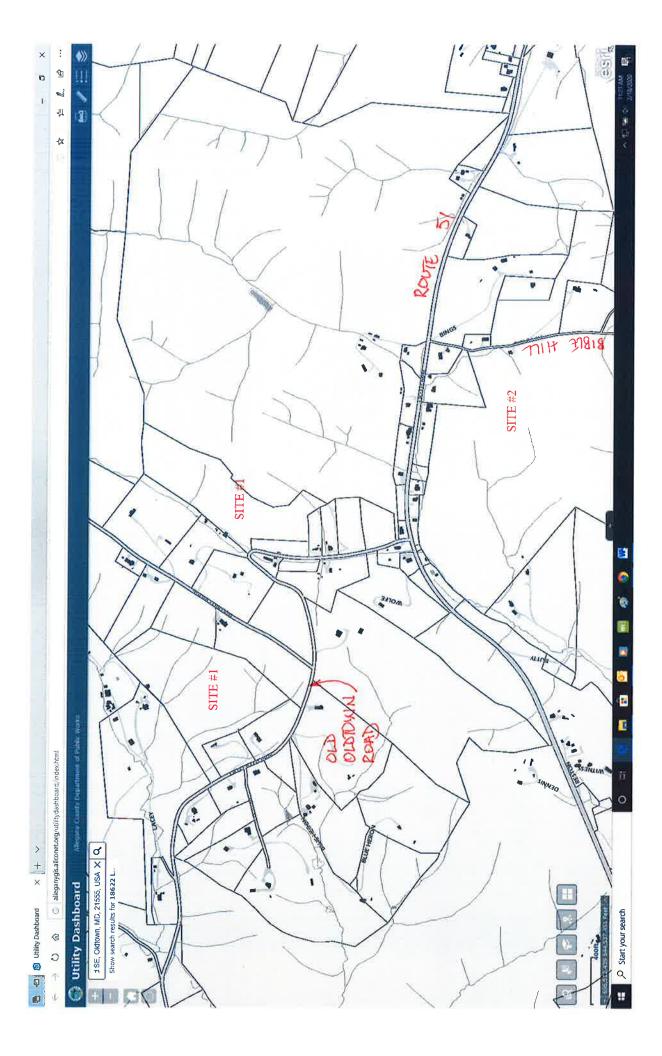
## Site 13 (Pack Horse Road) (Map 8/8)

- Not for sale
- Located next to the existing roads garage
- Located over a mile from Route 51
- Windy road with a hairpin turn

All sites are zoned either "C" (Conservation), "GU" (General Urban), or "A" (Agriculture), where the construction of institutional uses (government offices) are permitted.

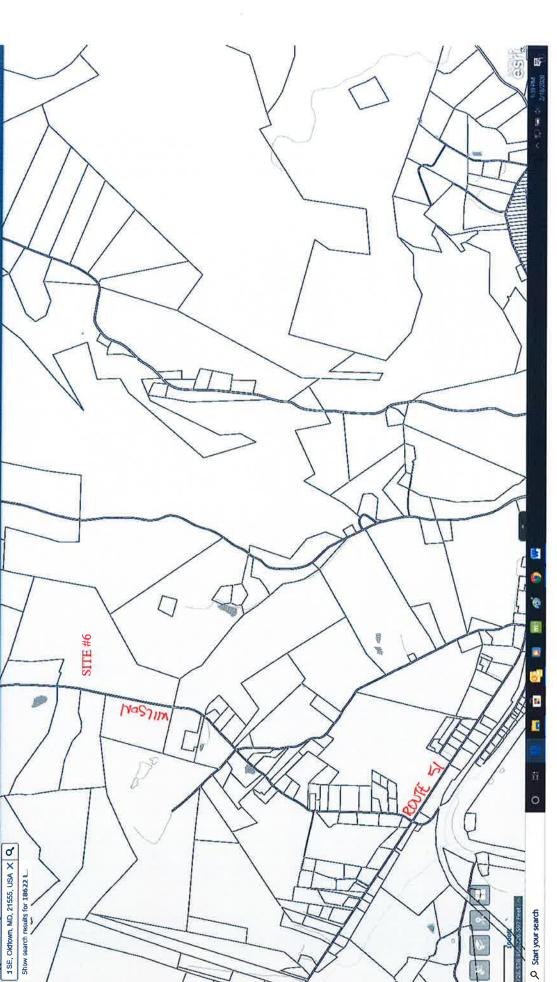
\*Site 11 was chosen as the best site. Not many other properties were for sale during our search and the County purchased the property for the following reasons:

- Located next to a similar site (existing MDOT salt dome)
- Good site distance for an entrance
- Direct access to Route 51
- Good grades requiring little earthwork
- Site large enough for garage, salt shed, and trash/recycling drop-off area, as well as associated appurtenances
- Soils perked site approved for on-site septic
- Site was previously used for farming and agriculture (hay, corn, and cattle). The amount of wetland area was a surprise, seeing as the property had been farmed for years









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