

PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant:
Pennsylvania Department of
Transportation
PN-25-13

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Baltimore District
Application No. NAB-2022-00093-P02 (PA DOT – Fetter Advanced Wetland Compensation Site).

The Baltimore District has received a request to modify the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PA DOT) Umbrella Mitigation Banking Instrument (PUMBI) approved on February 3, 2013, to add the existing Fetter Advanced Wetland Compensation Site, operated under an Interagency Agreement for Advanced Wetland Compensation approved in 1995 with PA DOT Engineering District 9-0. PA DOT requests that the Fetter Advanced Wetland Compensation site be added to the list of approved PUMBI mitigation banks and operated in accordance with the PUMBI, including monitoring protocol, long term management, crediting and debiting, service areas, and closure procedures outlined in the PUMBI.

APPLICANT: Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Bureau of Design and Delivery

Attn: Drew Ames, Chief, Environmental Policy and Development Division

400 North Street, 7th Floor Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

AGENT: Skelly and Loy, Incorporated

Attn: Thomas Johnston

449 Eisenhower Boulevard, Suite 300

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17111

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: The project is located in the Dunning Creek Watershed, off Mennonite Road in West St. Clair Township, Bedford County, Pennsylvania at coordinates 40.158214 N, -78.613114 W.

PROJECT PURPOSE: The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments on the mitigation site plan for amending the established Fetter Advanced Wetland Compensation Site to the PA DOT PUMBI as an approved wetland mitigation bank, managed under the PUMBI requirements and procedures.

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS: A Mitigation Site Plan dated January 2022, prepared by Skelly and Loy has been uploaded for review on the Regulatory In Lieu Fee and Banking Information Tracking System (RIBITS) website at:

https://ribits.ops.usace.army.mil/ords/f?p=107:278::::278:P278 BANK ID:6285.

EVALUATION: The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties to help inform the Corps and the Interagency Review Team as to the overall merits of modifying the PUMBI to include the Fetter Advanced Wetland Compensation Site as an approved wetland mitigation bank, and to identify project aspects that should be addressed during the evaluation process of the mitigation site plan and proposed modification of the PUMBI. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether the proposal has the potential to provide mitigation opportunities for PA DOT projects authorized to impact waters of the U.S. under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, or as a means of resolving Section 404 and/or Section 10 enforcement actions, within the identified service area. 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.

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS: The Baltimore District will receive written comments on the proposed work, as outlined above, until April 13, 2025. Comments should be submitted electronically via the Regulatory Request System (RRS) at https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs or to Michael Danko, Transportation Program Manager at mike.danko@usace.army.mil. Alternatively, you may submit comments in writing to the Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, Attention: Michael Danko, Transportation Program Manager, Carlisle Field Office 401 East Louther Street, Suite 205 Carlisle, PA 17013. All comments should reference the Application Number NAB-2022-00093-P02 (PA DOT – Fetter Advanced Wetland Compensation Site).

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. Requests for a public hearing will be granted, unless the District Engineer determines that the issues raised are insubstantial or there is otherwise no valid interest to be served by a hearing.