



April 6, 2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING

RE: Permit Number: AI 175986/22-NT-0001/202261353
Project: Mill Swamp Mitigation Bank, Charles County, MD

Dear Adjacent Property Owner/Interested Person/Public Official:

The Wetlands and Waterways Protection Program of the Water and Science Administration in the Maryland Department of the Environment (Department) has scheduled a virtual public informational hearing for the above referenced project. This hearing is being held in response to a request by an interested person(s) and will allow the Department to gather information and hear testimony to assist in our determination regarding an application for the Mitigation Bank and the Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Authorization.

The public informational hearing will be held on April 24, 2023, and will start promptly at 7:00 PM and end no later than 9:00 PM. To join the Google Meet, go to the website: meet.google.com/ecv-evwi-imx
If internet service is not available, the participant may call 1-984-219-3799, then enter PIN 844 072 868#. If anyone planning to attend requires special consideration due to hearing or other impairment, please notify Josh Tiralla by April 17, 2022, so that we can try to make the necessary accommodations.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter please contact me at 410-537-3558 or at joshua.tiralla@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joshua Tiralla".

Josh Tiralla
Mitigation and Technical Assistance Section
Wetlands and Waterways Protection Program

Public Hearing for Mill Swamp Mitigation Bank
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JOHNSON, MIRMIRAN, & THOMPSON, INC/MILL SWAMP MITIGATION BANK, 40 Wight Avenue, Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030 has applied to establish an approximately 49-acre multi-user stream and nontidal wetland mitigation bank that would include restoration, enhancement, and preservation of aquatic resources. This mitigation bank would provide compensatory mitigation for future stream and nontidal wetland impacts authorized by the Maryland Department of the Environment in the USGS 8-digit hydrologic unit code (HUC) of Middle Potomac-Anacostia-Occoquan (HUC 02070009) and Lower Potomac (HUC 02070011). This proposed project includes grading and planting that would result in approximately 9.40 acres of wetland restoration, 24.98 acres of wetland enhancement, 7,490 linear feet of stream restoration, and additional riparian buffer preservation/enhancement. The project will temporarily impact approximately 120,713 square feet emergent nontidal wetland, 55,266 square feet scrub-shrub nontidal wetland, 101,281 square feet forested nontidal wetland, 245,445 square feet of 25-foot nontidal wetland buffer, 1,697 linear feet of intermittent stream, 4,313 linear feet of perennial stream and 545,430 square feet of 100-year nontidal floodplain. The project is proposed along Mill Swamp mainstem and two unnamed tributaries within the Middle Tidal Potomac River watershed (Use I). The project is located on multiple parcels off of Marshall Hall Road, Fenwick Road, and Bird Wing Place in Bryans Road, Charles County, Maryland 20616 between Barrys Hill Road to the north and Ward Place to the south. Written comments, requests for a public informational hearing and requests to be included on the interested persons list must be sent by May 8, 2023 to the Maryland Department of the Environment, Attn: Josh Tiralla, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21230 or joshua.tiralla@maryland.gov or 410-537-3558. Any further notices concerning actions or updates on the application will be placed on MDE's website at <https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/WetlandsandWaterways/Pages/index.aspx>. 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.