



Maryland Department of the Environment, Water and Science Administration.

January 5, 2018

Notice of Public Informational Hearing for the Eastern Panhandle Expansion Project for a State Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Permit and the Opportunity to Provide Comments.

The Water and Science Administration (Administration) is reviewing the following application for a State Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Permit. The application and related information are on file at the Wetlands and Waterways Program, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland 21230. Arrangements may be made for inspection and copying of file materials. Opportunity is afforded to interested parties to provide written comments on the listed application(s), or to be placed on the interested persons list for this application. If requesting to be placed on the interested persons list, please clearly state this request in written form.

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) held a public informational hearing on this application on December 19, 2017. Due to the high volume of requests to provide oral testimony at the December 19, 2017 public hearing, MDE has scheduled another opportunity for the public to provide oral comments. The additional public informational hearing will take place on January 22, 2018 (with a snow date of January 25th) at the Hancock Middle/High School, 289 West Main Street, Hancock, MD 21750. The hearing will start promptly at 6:00 p.m. and will end by 10:00 p.m. The public informational hearing allows interested persons the opportunity to present facts and make statements relative to the granting or denying of a Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Permit. MDE will prioritize speakers for the January 22, 2018 public hearing in the following order: (1) those who signed up to speak but were not able to speak due to time constraints at the December 19, 2017 hearing; (2) those who sign up to speak at the January 22, 2018 hearing who did not speak at the December 19, 2017 hearing; and (3) as time allows, anyone else who requests an opportunity to speak at the January 22, 2018 hearing. If there are more requests to speak than time allows, comments will need to be provided in writing by the close of the comment period. The comment period has been extended through midnight January 25, 2018 to afford interested parties the opportunity to provide written comments on the listed application. Sign language interpreters and other appropriate accommodations for individuals with disabilities will be provided upon request. On all correspondence, please refer to the case number which identifies the application. Correspondence should be addressed to the Water and Science Administration, Wetlands and Waterways Program, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland 21230.

Any further notices concerning actions on the following application will be provided by mail to those persons on the interested persons list.

Washington County

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Case Number: **201760592 / 17-NT-3089:**

COLUMBIA GAS TRANSMISSION, LLC, 5151 San Felipe, Suite 2400, Houston, Texas, has proposed the construction of 3.06 miles of new 8-inch diameter natural gas transmission pipeline. The purpose of the pipeline is to increase supply options and system reliability by providing firm transportation service with receipts from Texas Eastern Transmission's Marietta interconnect in Lancaster County, PA to a proposed point of delivery meter station in Morgan County, WV. The proposed project will permanently impact 127 linear feet (923 square feet) and temporarily impact 95 linear feet (1,130 square feet) of perennial and intermittent streams. The project also proposes to temporarily impact 14,885 square feet of regulated floodplain, 2,642 square feet of emergent nontidal wetland, and 8,829 square feet of the 25-foot nontidal wetland buffer. The proposed project alignment extends from Fulton County, Pennsylvania in the north to Morgan County, West Virginia in the south and is approximately 1.4 miles west of Hancock in Washington County.

If you have any questions concerning the hearing, the project, or our review process, please contact Paul Busam at paul.busam@maryland.gov or (410) 537-3213. Any further notices concerning actions on the application will be provided by mail to those persons on the interested persons list. 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.