

## Public Notice – Environmental Permit

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow surface water impacts to wetlands in the Cities of Hampton and Poquoson, Virginia.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper: May 16, 2019 to June 15, 2019

**PERMIT NAME:** Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

**APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER:** John F. Jacobs III, Virginia Department of Transportation; 7511 Burbage Drive, Suffolk, Virginia 23435; VWPP No. 19-4004

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** John F. Jacobs III of the Virginia Department of Transportation has applied for a permit for the Wythe Creek Road Widening project. The permit will allow the applicant to impact 1.682 acres of surface waters, including 0.540 acre of permanent impacts comprised of 0.022 acre of non-tidal wetlands, 0.09 acre of tidal wetlands, 0.410 acre of jurisdictional ditch, and 0.018 acre of palustrine unconsolidated bottom; 1.13 acres of conversion impacts from estuarine emergent wetland to mudflat; and 0.012 acre of temporary impacts comprised of 0.002 acre non-tidal wetlands and 0.010 acre of tidal wetlands To compensate for the affected area, the applicant would purchase 1.272 wetland credits from a DEQ approved mitigation bank, in-lieu fee fund, or a combination thereof. DEQ's preliminary decision is to issue the permit.

**HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING:** DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

### CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Hannah Schul; Department of Environmental Quality, 1111 East Main Street Suite 1400, Richmond, Virginia 23219; Phone: (804) 698-4074; E-mail: [vwppublicnotices@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:vwppublicnotices@deq.virginia.gov). The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.