

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity Impacting a Wetland

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To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that Prince George's County has determined that the following proposed action under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant number B-19-UC-24-0002 will impact a wetlands area, and Prince George's County will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the vicinity of a wetland and the potential impacts on the wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The purpose of the project is to improve environmental conditions in the project area. The project area includes Davey Street from west of Capitol Heights Boulevard to Sultan Avenue, Capitol Heights Boulevard from Davey Street to Chamber Avenue, and Chamber Avenue from Capitol Heights Boulevard to Central Avenue in the Town of Capitol Heights, Prince George's County. The type of assistance includes, in part, proposed funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The type of wetland impacted is riverine. Natural and beneficial functions that will result from the project include capture and infiltration of stormwater and a reduction of peak runoff to Watts Branch. No values (e.g., recreational, educational, scientific, historic, or cultural) of the wetland potentially will be adversely affected by the activity.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities affecting wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the vicinity of the wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in the vicinity of wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Topic: Community Forum for Town of Capitol Heights (CDBG Project)
Time: October 26, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Written comments must be received by Prince George's County at the following address on or before November 12, 2021: Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development, 9200 Basil Court, Suite 306, Largo, MD 20774; Attention: Linda G. Kruelle, Environmental Review Officer and telephone number (301) 883-5539. A PDF of the full description of the project may be requested via email to lgkruelle@co.pg.md.us. Comments may also be submitted via email to the same address.

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Date: October 14, 2021