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Notice of Public Informational Hearing 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.

A public informational hearing will be held on December 19, 2017 at the Hancock Middle/High School, 289 West Main Street, Hancock, MD 21750. The project plans will be on display beginning at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. and will end by 9:30 p.m. The public informational hearing allows the applicant and interested persons the opportunity to present facts and make statements relative to the granting or denying of a Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Permit. Opportunity is afforded to interested parties to provide written comments on the listed application through the end-of-business on January 16, 2018. If extenuating circumstances exist that preclude an interested person or persons from providing verbal testimony on this date, the Administration will consider taking verbal testimony at our offices through the end of the comment period. 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.

A Water Quality Certification is required from the Department of the Environment for this project. This certification is required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

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

Washington County

Staff Assigned: Paul Busam/Matt Radcliffe

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.