

PUBLIC NOTICE

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, FOREST SERVICE WILL REQUEST APPLICATIONS FOR A FOREST CONSERVATION PLAN AND INFORMATION HEARING

Notice of Application Submissions for a Forest Conservation Plan Approval and the Opportunity to Provide Written Comment or Request an Information Hearing.

Issue Date: January 26, 2017

The Forest Service is reviewing the following applications for a Forest Conservation Program Plan Approval. The applications and related information are on file at the Central Region Office of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Forest Service, 2 South Bond St., Bel Air, MD 21014. Arrangements may be made for inspections and copying of file materials.

Opportunity is afforded to interested parties to provide written comments on the lists application(s), or to be placed on the interested persons list for a specific application. If requesting to be placed on the interested persons list, please clearly state this request in written form. Any request for a hearing must be in writing and provide the following information: 1) Name, Address and Telephone Number of the person making the request; 2) The identity of any other person(s) the requestor is representing; and 3) State specifically the issue proposed to be considered at the hearing. If a hearing is scheduled, sign language interpreters and other appropriate accommodations for individuals with disabilities will be provided upon request.

Written comments, requests to be placed on the interested persons list, or requests for a hearing must be received on or before **February 26, 2017**. Correspondence should be addressed to:

Maryland Department of Natural Resources-Forest Service, State Forest Conservation Program

Tawes State Office Building E-1

580 Taylor Avenue

Annapolis, MD 21401

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

Applications received:

The Maryland State Highway Administration proposes the construction of a Stream Restoration Project along a section of Long Draught Branch in Gaithersburg, Montgomery County, affecting 2.01 acres of existing forest, as part of a Forest Conservation Plan (C17-05) submitted to the State of Maryland Forest Conservation Program. The site is located in the Washington Metropolitan watershed. Information about this project may be obtained by contacting the Central Region State Forest Conservation Program Coordinator at (410) 836-4568.