

23-NT-2075/202360340 WETLAND RESOURCE CENTER LLC/LINKWOOD MITIGATION BANK, 33 Stahl Point Road, Building 1, Curtis Bay, Maryland 21226 (bank sponsor) has applied to establish an approximately 244-acre multi-user nontidal wetland mitigation bank that would include re-establishment, rehabilitation, enhancement, and preservation of aquatic resources. This mitigation bank would provide compensatory mitigation for future nontidal wetland impacts authorized by the Maryland Department of the Environment in the USGS 8-digit hydrologic unit code (HUC) of Tangier (HUC 02080110), Nanticoke (HUC 02080109), Pocomoke-Western Lower Delmarva (HUC 02080111), and Choptank (HUC 02060005). The proposed mitigation project includes grading and planting that would result in approximately 38.5 acres of wetland re-establishment, 10.6 acres of wetland rehabilitation, 97.3 acres of wetland enhancement, 44.4 acres of wetland preservation, 49.6 acres of upland restoration and 3.3 acres of upland preservation. Separate from the mitigation bank and prior to restoration activities, the areas dominated by loblolly pine will be commercially harvested following a Forestry Plan developed by a Registered Forester. The project will temporarily impact approximately 495,234 square feet forested nontidal wetland and 47,350 square feet of 25-foot nontidal wetland buffer. The project is proposed along the Transquaking River within the Transquaking River watershed (Use I). The project is located at 5317 Linkwood Road, Linkwood, Dorchester County, MD 21835. A virtual public informational hearing has been scheduled for the referenced project on Thursday, April 18, 2024. The hearing will begin at 7:00 P.M. and end no later than 9:00 P.M. To participate in the public informational hearing, please use the following link, meet.google.com/npc-aqzv-ykd or dial 1 984-999-3808 PIN: 171 838 855#. Written comments may be sent by May 2, 2024, to the Maryland Department of the Environment, Attn: Kelly Neff, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21230 or kelly.neff@maryland.gov or 410-537-4018. Additional information as well as any further notices concerning actions or updates on the application will be placed on MDE's website at <https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/water/WetlandsandWaterways/Pages/linkwood-mitigation-bank.aspx>. 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.