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Corps Seeks Comments on Applicant's Wetlands and Streams Mitigation Plan for the King William Reservoir Project

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers North Atlantic Division has made available for public review today the wetlands and streams mitigation plan developed by the City of Newport News Waterworks Department for its proposed 1,526-acre King William Reservoir project.

The city's 270-page mitigation plan requires the successful restoration of 806 acres of former wetlands to replace 437 acres of existing wetlands (403 acres) and streams (34 acres) that would be lost from flooding and filling because of the construction and operation of the proposed reservoir project. In the plan's Executive Summary (Page ES-1), the applicant states: "The reservoir mitigation plan, when successfully implemented, will exceed the goal of compensating for the loss of wetland acreage and function...".

Public comment on this plan is a vital aspect of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' review process. We are also seeking comments from involved federal and state agencies, whose expertise in these matters is well respected by the Corps. The Corps will carefully consider all comments prior to a decision on the acceptability of this wetlands and streams mitigation plan.

The comment period will begin on Wednesday, December 1, 2004 and remain open until Tuesday, February 1, 2005. Comments postmarked after February 1, 2005 will not be accepted. The public and agencies are invited to submit only written comments (no electronic mail or verbal comments will be accepted). The mailing address is: U.S. Army Engineer Division, North Atlantic, Fort Hamilton Military Community, Building 302, Brooklyn, NY 11252-6700, ATTN: King William Application Review.

The plan is available at <http://www.nad.usace.army.mil/kwr/kwr.htm>. Paper copies of the plan are available at the following public libraries:

Pamunkey Regional Library:

Hanover Branch, 7527 Library Drive, Hanover, VA 23069

King & Queen Branch, 450 Newtown Road, St. Stephen's Church, VA 23148

Upper King William Branch, 649-J Sharon Road, King William VA 23086-3627

West Point Branch, 721 Main Street, West Point, VA 23181

Newport News Public Library System Branch and Public Law Library:

Virgil I. Grissom Library (Denbigh), 366 DeShazor Drive, Newport News, VA 23608

West Avenue Library, 30th Street & West Avenue, Newport News, VA 23607

Hilton Area Library, 110 Main Street, Newport News, VA 23601-4105

Pearl Bailey Library (Southeast Community), 2510 Wickham Avenue, Newport News, VA 23607

Public Law Library, 2500 Washington Avenue (Court Building, 1st Floor), Newport News, VA 23607-4355

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Chesapeake Central Library, 298 Cedar Road, Chesapeake, VA 23322

Hampton Public Library, 4207 Victoria Boulevard, Hampton, VA 23669

Heritage Public Library, 9001 Boulevard Road, Providence Forge, VA 23140

Kirn Memorial Library, 4207 Victoria Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23510

Poquoson Public Library, 500 City Hall Avenue, Poquoson, VA 23662

Portsmouth Public Library, 601 Court Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704

Richmond Public Library, Main Branch, 101 East Franklin, Richmond, VA 23219

Virginia Beach Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Williamsburg Regional Library, 7770 Croaker Road, Williamsburg, VA 23188

York County Public Library, 100 Long Green Boulevard, Yorktown, VA 23693

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