



Maryland DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

November 24, 2020
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Mr. Chris Homeister, Liaison
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
580 Taylor Avenue, B-3
Annapolis, MD 21401

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE RECOMMENDATION

State Application Identifier: MD20201019-0916

Applicant: Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Project Description: Easement: Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) State Highway Administration (SHA) is Requesting a ~~0.037 Acre Fee Simple and a 0.899~~ **0.912**-Acre Permanent Easement from DNR for the MD24 Section A Project. The Requests ~~are~~ **is** Being Made to Accommodate Roadway and Safety Improvements on MD24. ~~These were~~ **This was** Reviewed in 2013 (MD20130715-0535), but Never Processed.

Project Address: 3318 Rocks Chrome Hill Road, Jarrettsville, MD 21084

Project Location: Harford County

Approving Authority: Maryland Board of Public Works (BPW)

Recommendation: **That the easements be approved contingent upon consideration of the Maryland Department of the Environment's qualifying comments**

Dear Mr. Homeister:

In accordance with Presidential Executive Order 12372 and Code of Maryland Regulation (COMAR) 34.02.02.04-.07, the State Clearinghouse has coordinated the intergovernmental review of the referenced project. This letter constitutes the State process review and recommendation based upon comments received. As a result of the review, it is recommended to approve the ~~0.037-acre fee simple and 0.899~~ **0.912**-acre permanent easements from DNR for the MDOT SHA MD24 Section A project, contingent upon consideration of the Maryland Department of the Environment's qualifying comments.

Review comments were requested from the Maryland Departments of General Services, Transportation, and the Environment; Harford County; and the Maryland Department of Planning, including the Maryland Historical Trust.

The Maryland Departments of General Services, and Transportation; Harford County; and the Maryland Department of Planning, including the Maryland Historical Trust found this project to be consistent with their plans, programs, and objectives.

The Maryland Historical Trust has determined that the project will have "no adverse effect" on historic properties and that the federal and/or State historic preservation requirements have been met.

Harford County provided the following comments: "Safety improvements are supported in this vicinity. No buildings are within the areas of this proposed project. As a result, no wells or septic systems will be impacted."

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) found this project to be generally consistent with their plans, programs, and objectives, but included certain qualifying comments summarized below.

1. "Any solid waste including construction, demolition and land clearing debris, generated from the subject project, must be properly disposed of at a permitted solid waste acceptance facility, or recycled if possible. Contact the Solid Waste Program at (410) 537-3315 for additional information regarding solid waste activities and contact the Resource Management Program at (410) 537-3314 for additional information regarding recycling activities.
2. The Resource Management Program should be contacted directly at (410) 537-3314 by those facilities which generate or propose to generate or handle hazardous wastes to ensure these activities are being conducted in compliance with applicable State and federal laws and regulations. The Program should also be contacted prior to construction activities to ensure that the treatment, storage or disposal of hazardous wastes and low-level radioactive wastes at the facility will be conducted in compliance with applicable State and federal laws and regulations.
3. The proposed project may involve rehabilitation, redevelopment, revitalization, or property acquisition of commercial, industrial property. Accordingly, MDE's Brownfields Site Assessment and Voluntary Cleanup Programs (VCP) may provide valuable assistance to you in this project. These programs involve environmental site assessment in accordance with accepted industry and financial institution standards for property transfer. For specific information about these programs and eligibility, please contact the Land Restoration Program at (410) 537-3437.
4. Borrow areas used to provide clean earth back fill material may require a surface mine permit. Disposal of excess cut material at a surface mine may require site approval. Contact the Mining Program at (410) 537-3557 for further details.
5. Additional comments from the Water and Science Administration were emailed to Sylvia Mosser [enclosed]."

It is requested that this matter be brought before the Board of Public Works at the earliest possible time. The attached Clearinghouse review recommendation paragraph should be included on the project's agenda item brought before the Board.

The State Clearinghouse should be kept informed of all decisions made in regard to this project. We appreciate your attention to the intergovernmental review process and look forward to continued cooperation. If you need assistance or have questions, contact the State Clearinghouse staff person noted above at 410-767-4490 or through e-mail at sylvia.mosser@maryland.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation with the Maryland Intergovernmental Review and Coordination process.

Sincerely,



Myra Barnes, Lead Clearinghouse Coordinator

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Enclosures—BPW Agenda Item Request & MDE Additional Comments
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Tanja Rucci - DGS
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BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

The following comment should be included on the project's agenda item brought before the Board of Public Works:

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE: The Clearinghouse conducted an intergovernmental review of the project under **MD20201019-0916**. It is recommended to approve the 0.912-acre permanent easements from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration MD24 Section A project, contingent upon consideration of the Maryland Department of the Environment's qualifying comments.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Myra A. Barnes".

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Myra Barnes, Lead Clearinghouse Coordinator