



Maryland DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

November 24, 2020

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE RECOMMENDATION

State Application Identifier: MD20201023-0934

Applicant: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Project Description: USDA: McKayla Melada Farm: Proposed Construction of Two (2) Steel Barn Buildings for a Sheep Operation - The first Building will be a 54'x60' Steel Barn including 12'x 60' Lean tos on each side. The Sheep Barn will also include four 32'x60' Outdoor Pens, with Two on each side.

Project Address: 8306 and 8310 Reichard Rd., Fairplay, MD 21733

Project Location: Washington County

Approving Authority: U.S. Department of Agriculture USDA/FSA

Recommendation: Consistent with Qualifying Comments

Dear Ms. Moore:

In accordance with Presidential Executive Order 12372 and Code of Maryland Regulation 34.02.01.04-.06, the State Clearinghouse has coordinated the intergovernmental review of the referenced project. This letter constitutes the State process review and recommendation. This recommendation is valid for a period of three years from the date of this letter.

Review comments were requested from the Maryland Departments of Natural Resources, Transportation, and the Environment; Washington County; and the Maryland Department of Planning including the Maryland Historical Trust. Washington County did not have comments.

The Maryland Departments of Natural Resources, and Transportation; 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 effect" on historic properties and that the federal and/or State historic preservation requirements have been met.

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

1. Construction, renovation and/or demolition of buildings and roadways must be performed in conformance with State regulations pertaining to "Particulate Matter from Materials Handling and Construction" requiring that during any construction and/or demolition work, reasonable precaution must be taken to prevent particulate matter, such as fugitive dust, from becoming airborne.
2. During the duration of the project, soil excavation/grading/site work will be performed; there is a potential for encountering soil contamination. If soil contamination is present, a permit for soil remediation is required from MDE. Please contact the New Source Permits Division at (410) 537-3230 to learn about the State's requirements.
3. Any above ground or underground petroleum storage tanks, which may be utilized, must be installed and maintained in accordance with applicable State and federal laws and regulations. Underground storage tanks must be registered and the installation must be conducted and performed by a contractor certified to install underground storage tanks by the Land Management Administration in accordance with COMAR 26.10. Contact the Oil Control Program at (410) 537-3442 for additional information.
4. 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 Waste Diversion and Utilization Program at (410) 537-3314 for additional information regarding recycling activities.
5. The Waste Diversion and Utilization 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.
6. The proposed project may involve rehabilitation, redevelopment, revitalization, or property acquisition of commercial, industrial property. For specific information about these programs and eligibility, please contact the Land Restoration Program at (410) 537-3437.
7. 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 requires site approval. Contact the Mining Program at (410) 537-3557 for further details.
8. The project may cause contaminated runoff from an animal feeding operation (AFO). Please contact the AFO Division at (410) 537-4423 to determine if this AFO will require registration under the General Discharge Permit for Animal Feeding Operations.
9. The project will result in increased numbers of confined animals at this animal feeding operation (AFO) and therefore necessitate registration under the General Discharge Permit for Animal Feeding Operations. Please contact the AFO Division at (410) 537-4423 to determine if this AFO will require registration under this permit.

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Any statement of consideration given to the comments should be submitted to the approving authority, with a copy to the State Clearinghouse.

The State Application Identifier Number must be placed on any correspondence pertaining to this project. The State Clearinghouse must be kept informed if the approving authority cannot accommodate the recommendation.

Please remember, you must comply with all applicable state and local laws and regulations. If you need assistance or have questions, contact the State Clearinghouse staff person noted above at 410-767-4490 or through e-mail at rita.pritchett@maryland.gov. **Also please complete the attached form and return it to the State Clearinghouse as soon as the status of the project is known. Any substitutions of this form must include the State Application Identifier Number. This will ensure that our files are complete.**

Thank you for your cooperation with the MIRC process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Myra G. Barnes".

Myra Barnes, Lead Clearinghouse Coordinator

MB:RP

Enclosure(s)

cc: Ian Beam - MDOT
Amanda Redmiles - MDE
Tony Redman - DNR

Jill Baker - WSHG
David Cotton - MDPLW

Beth Cole - MHT

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Larry Hogan, Governor
Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor



Robert S. McCord, Secretary
Sandy Schrader, Deputy Secretary

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PROJECT STATUS FORM

Please complete this form and return it to the State Clearinghouse upon receipt of notification that the project has been approved or not approved by the approving authority.

TO: Maryland State Clearinghouse
Maryland Department of Planning
301 West Preston Street
Room 1104
Baltimore, MD 21201-2305

DATE: _____
(Please fill in the date form completed)

FROM: _____
(Name of person completing this form.)

PHONE: _____
(Area Code & Phone number)

RE: State Application Identifier: MD20201023-0934

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PROJECT APPROVAL

This project/plan was: ☐ Approved ☐ Approved with Modification ☐ Disapproved

Name of Approving Authority: _____

Date Approved: _____

FUNDING APPROVAL

The funding (if applicable) has been approved for the period of:

_____, 201____ to _____, 201____ as follows:

Federal \$: _____

Local \$: _____

State \$: _____

Other \$: _____

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Further comment or explanation is attached

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