

Richmond County to Host Public Meeting on Proposed Stormwater Management Program

In legislation and corresponding regulations that took effect on September 13, 2011, the Virginia General Assembly directed local governments to develop and administer stormwater management (SWM) programs adding this component to erosion and sediment control (E&S) programs currently under county purview. Such regulations protect local water resources by minimizing sediment and other pollutants from construction sites during construction (E&S control) and after construction (SWM). The aim was the development of a comprehensive local program with improved efficiencies and coverage for all building construction activity integrating erosion and sediment control law, Stormwater Management Act provisions and the Chesapeake Bay Act. Localities have been working hard for two years to develop local ordinances, budgets and procedures toward a July 1, 2014, deadline for implementation.

Richmond County invites county residents that have interests in and questions on the new program to attend a public information meeting on March 19, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. in the county office building public meeting room at 101 Court Circle, Warsaw.

The presentation will cover background information on stormwater runoff regulations, examples of new stormwater control techniques and practices that will be employed during and after construction, and an overview of Richmond County policies and procedures proposed for administration of the program. A question and answer session will follow the presentations.

A technical session for engineers, developers and contractors highlighting the design and specifications of stormwater practices will be offered in the next couple of months.