

March 9, 2016

Mr. Steven J. Williams
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**RE: PEPCO Hyattsville Ford Crossing
(MR-1528A)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Prince George's County Planning Department appreciates the opportunity to review the proposed replacement of the existing ford crossing within the right-of-way at an unnamed tributary of the Northeast Branch of the Anacostia River to be located 0.28 miles northeast of the intersection of University Boulevard and Phelps Road. The proposed project will involve the installation of a permanent box culvert for permanent maintenance access. The box culvert will be 12 feet wide by 4 feet tall by 20 feet long and will disturb an area of approximately 1,500 feet. This application was reviewed in accordance with the Mandatory Referral review process as defined in the Land Use Article § 20-301 through 305 of the Maryland Annotated Code, and Section 27-294 of the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance.

Staff has evaluated the project and submits the following comments:

- This application qualifies for a standard letter of exemption from the Prince George's County Woodland Conservation Ordinance because the site contains less than 10,000 square feet of woodland. The letter of exemption is a requirement for any grading permit from the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement.
- This application also qualifies for a Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) equivalency letter because the proposed work is to replace an existing crossing and the impacts are expected to be minimal for the proposed replacement. The NRI is a requirement for any stormwater management review.

The electronic applications for the Exemption Letter and the NRI letter may be found at http://www.pgplanning.org/About-Planning/Our_Divisions/Countywide_Planning/Environmental_Planning.htm.

Thank you again for allowing us the opportunity to comment on this project. If you should have any questions or need additional information, please contact Katina Shoulars, Planning Supervisor, Environmental Planning Section, Countywide Planning Division, at 301-952-5404 or via email at Katina.Shoulars@ppd.mncppc.org.

Sincerely,



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