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January 5, 2024

Hamid Shirazi
9810 Newhall Road
Potomac, MD 20854

Project: Pre-application site visit/Proposed subdivision
AI #: 180316
SUBJECT: MDE Waterways Site Visit Comments

Mr. Shirazi:

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) visited the above site on December 21, 2023 and January 5, 2024 to determine whether any state regulated waters are present within the area of proposed subdivision. A culvert which appears to carry only stormwater runs under Newhall Road onto the property. There is a small depression where an additional drainage pipe enters. Flow from the culvert and drainage pipe enter another drainage pipe which runs the remaining length of the property. A small amount of flow was present on December 21. A review of precipitation records indicated that there had been rainfall during the days leading up to this visit. A subsequent visit on January 5 confirmed that there was no flow from the drainage pipe, therefore indicating that the flow seen on December 21 was likely due to precipitation rather than groundwater influence. Based on these observed field conditions, MDE does not consider the drainage pipe a Water of the State. See sketch on Page 2. It was determined that no authorization is required from the Department's Waterway Construction Division for work within the property since no regulated resources are present.



Approximate location
of storm drain culvert
outfall

Approximate location of drainage
pipe outfall into stormwater only
drainage feature (non-
jurisdictional for MDE)

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this determination, please feel free to contact me at (410) 218-7451 or via email at melissa.knapp@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Knapp".

Melissa Knapp
Regulatory and Compliance Engineer
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