

September 22, 2020

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPEMNT

Kent County MD: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Development, USDA

ACTION: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Development, (RD) as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, is issuing an environmental assessment (EA) in connection with possible impacts related to a project proposed by the Kent County MD. Department of Public Works, 729 Morgnec Road, Chestertown MD 21620. The proposal is for construction of a Groundwater Treatment Facility. The Kent County Department of Public Works has submitted an application to the RUS for funding of the proposal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Terry Fearins, Community Program Director, 1221 College Park Drive, Suite 200, Dover, DE 19904 (302) 857-3631 email: terry.fearins@usda.gov or Mr. Mike Moulds, Director of Public Works, 709 Morgnec Road, Chestertown MD 21620, 410-778-2600, email: mmoulds@kentgov.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Kent County Department of Public Works proposes to construct a groundwater treatment facility.

McCrone Engineering, an engineering and environmental consultant, prepared an Environmental Assessment for the RUS program that describes the project, assesses the proposed project's environmental impacts, and summarizes as applicable any mitigation measures used to minimize environmental effects. The RD Program has conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental assessment and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.

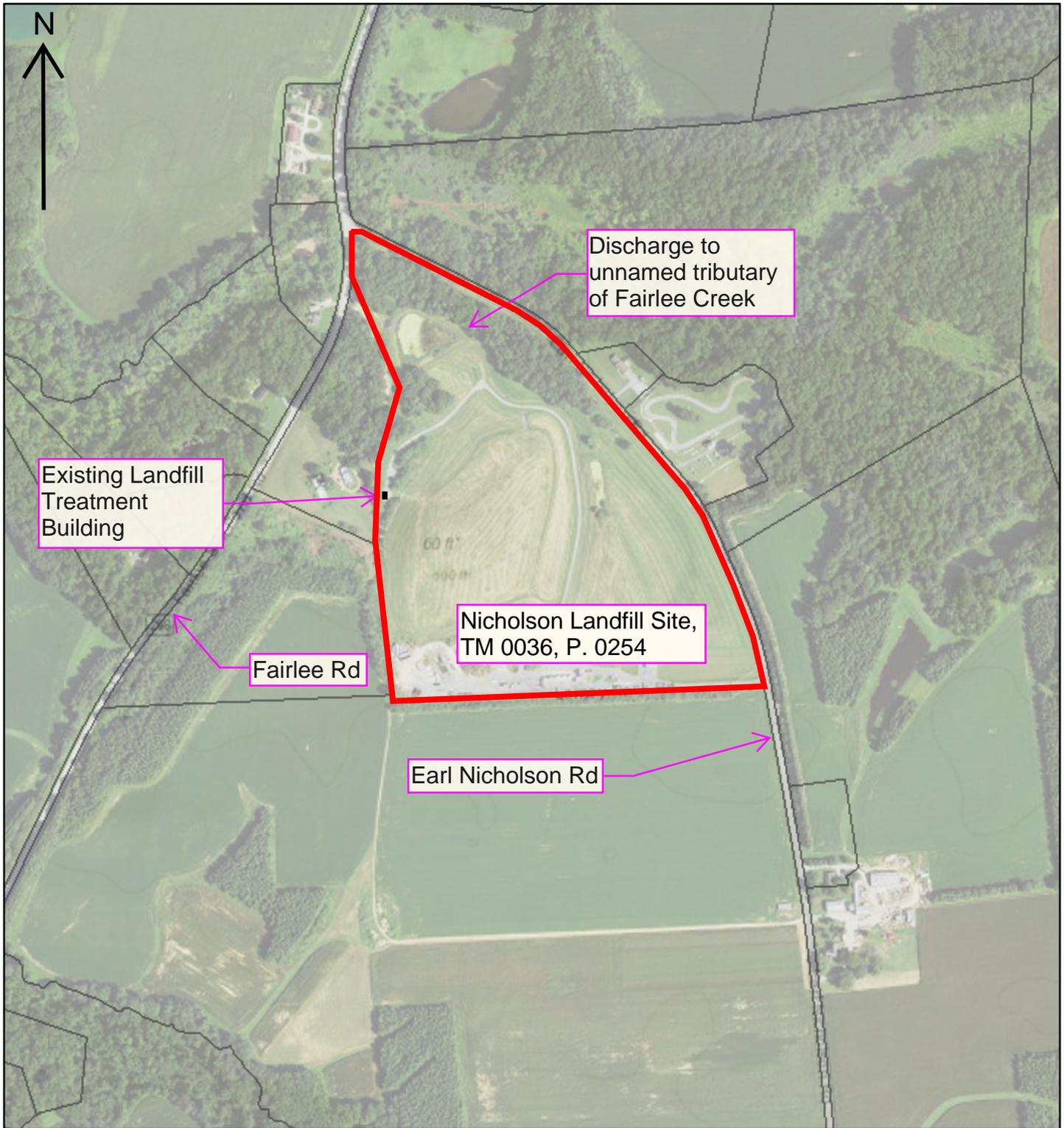
The environmental assessment can be reviewed by appointment at the following location: USDA Service Center, 1221 College Park Drive, Dover DE 19901, Terry Fearins, Program Director, 302-857-3631, email: terry.fearins@usda.gov OR at the Kent County Department of Public Works, 709 Morgnec Road, Chestertown MD 21620, Mr. Mike Moulds Director of Public Works, 410-778-2600 email: mmoulds@kentgov.org.

Questions and comments should be sent to Ms. Terry Fearins of the RD Program at the address provided. The RD program will accept questions and comments on the Environmental Assessment for 14 days from the date of first publication of this notice.

Any final action by the RD Program related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by 7 CFR Part 1970, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

A general location map of the proposal is shown below.

Exhibit 1 - Study Area

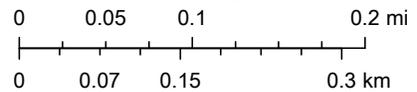


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NAIP Imagery 2018

- Study Area
- Parcel Boundary

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