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TO: DEQ-DWR-Wetlands-Public Listserv

FROM: Stephanie Goss, 401 & Buffer Permitting Branch

RE: Notice of Application and Finding of Fact for Authorization Certificate with Major Exception pursuant to Randleman Lake Riparian Area Protection Rules - 15A NCAC 02B .0724 and 15A NCAC 02B .0611

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that in October 2024, a request was received by the City of Randleman to grant a Major Exception from the Randleman Lake Riparian Area Protection Rules (15A NCAC 02B .0724 and 15A NCAC 02B .0611) to H&M Architects/Engineering (50 Security Drive, Jackson TN) for a 1.75 million square feet distribution facility for Ross Dress for Less, Inc. The proposed project would permanently impact 36,087 square feet of Zone 1 of the buffer and 32,123 square feet of Zone 2 of the buffer. To mitigate the buffer impact in accordance with 15A NCAC 02B .0611 (b)(1)(I), the applicant proposes to purchase riparian buffer credits from private mitigation banks.

The request was presented to the City of Randleman Watershed Review Board on November 18, 2024, and subsequently issued a Findings of Fact and approved the request.

The application and Findings of Fact is available online at:

<https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WaterResources/DocView.aspx?id=3658163&dbid=0&repo=WaterResources&cr=1>

The application is also on file at the DWR Central Office and may be inspected with an appointment between 8 a.m. & 5 p.m. at 512 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, NC, 27604. For questions or to schedule an appointment, contact Sue Homewood at sue.homewood@deq.nc.gov.

Written comments on the application described above must be received by DWR no later than 5 p.m. on March 5, 2025. Written comments may be submitted online by filling out the Public Notice Comment Form here: https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/Forms/401_Public_Notice_Comments. Use the project number 20241363 and Version 1 to submit comments. Written comments may also be mailed to: 401 Permitting, 1617 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC, 27699-1617.

This notice is available electronically at: <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-quality-permitting/401-buffer-permitting-branch/public-notices>



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