

AGENDA
MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION
JULY 28, 2026

**** APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

- 1. MINUTES** of previous meeting.
- 2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.**
- 3. CLOSED MEETING FOR CONSULTATION WITH, OR BRIEFING BY, COUNSEL.**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 5. PERMITS** (Projects over \$1,000,000 with no objections and with staff recommendation for approval).
- 6. DEANA MASSEY, VMRC #2026-0060,**
requests authorization to install an 82-foot long and an 83-foot long marsh toe sill, backfilled with clean sand and native wetland plantings, for the construction of a living shoreline adjacent to 38 Point Cove Lane, situated along Bush Park Creek in Middlesex County. The project is protested by an adjacent property owner.

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PAGE 2 ITEMS

- 2A. TUSCARORA BEACH ASSOCIATION, VMRC #2026-0676,**
requests authorization to extend an existing timber groin 10 feet landward at 194 Rio Vista Lane,
situated along the Rappahannock River in Essex County. This project requires a VMRC Beach and
Dune Permit.

MINUTES

COMMISSION MEETING

June 23, 2026

The meeting of the Marine Resources Commission was held at the Marine Resources Commission main office at 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Fort Monroe, Virginia with the following present:

Joseph Grist	Commissioner
Patrick Hand	
A.J. Erskine	
William Bransom	
Jeremy Headley	Associate Members
Jeanette Edwards	
Thomas Preston	
Preston White	
Kelci Block	Assistant Attorney General
Gerald Pitt	1 st . Sgt., Marine Police
Justin Worrell	Deputy Chief, Habitat Management
Mike Johnson	Engineer, Habitat Management
Tiffany Birge	Engineer, Habitat Management
Ethan Simpson	Chief, Fisheries Management
Alexa Galvan	Fisheries Management
Adam Kenyon	Chief, Shellfish Management
Andrew Button	Deputy Chief, Shellfish Management
John Dearstine	Natural Resources Manager
Alicia Nelson	Natural Resources Manager

Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS):

Lyle Varnell	Emily Hein	Alex Sabo
Julianna Kawal	David Rudder	

Others present:

Joseph Schiabel	Jeff Sili	Kenneth Richardson
Will Gemma	T & P Rush	M & M Thomas Bass
Robert Brett	Kaylene Green	Margaret Sitison
Andy Sitison	Roger Arnold	Christine Conrad
Rebecca Frances	John Ryan	Kim Huskey
Katy Damico	Madeline Loht	Rebecca Frances
Lois Elson	Tom Kramer	Thom Ennen
Dave O’Brien	Tammy Heath	Hill B. Willford Jr.
and others.		

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA. – Commissioner Joseph Grist asked if there were any changes from the Board members or staff.

Associate Member Bransom moved to approve the agenda as presented. Associate Member Erskine seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

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MINUTES: Commissioner Grist asked if there were any changes or corrections to be made to the May 26, 2026 meeting minutes.

Associate Member Erskine moved to approve of the minutes as presented. Associate Member Headley seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

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Commissioner Grist swore in the VMRC staff and VIMS staff that would be speaking or presenting testimony during the meeting.

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Ethan Simpson, Chief, Fisheries Management, introduced the two new data specialists, Reece Aponte and Linsey Nelson to the Fisheries Management Division team. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

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2. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: There were no consent agenda items.**

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3. **CLOSED MEETING FOR CONSULTATION WITH, OR BRIEFING BY, COUNSEL. – No meeting needed**

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4. **PUBLIC COMMENT: No one spoke during the public comment period.**

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5. **PERMITS** (Projects over \$500,000.00 with no objections and with staff recommendation for approval).

Justin Worrell, Deputy Chief, Habitat Management, reviewed the Page 2 items 2A through 2F for the Associate Members. Mr. Worrell's comments are a part of the verbatim record.

- 2A ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, VMRC #2025-2791,** requests authorization to hydraulically place up to 200,000 cubic yards of sandy dredged material, resulting from the maintenance dredging of the Winter Harbor Project Channel, upon approximately 3.6 million square feet of state-owned subaqueous bottom, creating a berm approximately 7,100 feet long with an elevation up to six (6) feet above mean low water, adjacent to undeveloped Tax Map parcels #37-A-2 and #36-A-151 along the Chesapeake Bay, near Winter Harbor in Mathews County. Staff recommends approval of the project with our standard dredge conditions and a condition requiring a time of year restriction (TOYR) of April 1 through October 31 of any given year to protect submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV). Additionally, staff recommends permit issuance be contingent upon receipt of revised cross-sectional drawings and a plan view drawing identifying the placement area relative to VIMS mapped SAV beds. The project requires a VMRC subaqueous permit.

- 2B CITY OF BRISTOL, VMRC #2026-0380**, requests authorization to construct a 51-foot wide clear span replacement bridge over a 35-foot section of Beaver Creek along Goodson Street in the City of Bristol. The project requires a VMRC subaqueous permit.
- 2C CITY OF BRISTOL, VMRC #2026-0379**, requests authorization to construct a 91-foot wide clear span replacement bridge over a 45-foot section of Beaver Creek along Martin Luther King Boulevard in the City of Bristol. The project requires a VMRC subaqueous permit.
- 2D NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VMRC #2025-2813**, requests authorization to hydraulically or mechanically maintenance dredge approximately 22,700 cubic yards of state-owned submerged lands, to a depth of minus 10 feet mean low water with beach and near shore (beneficial use) placement of sandy dredge material along properties immediately downstream of the Smith Point Inlet to the Little Wicomico River in Northumberland County. Staff recommends approval of the project with our standard dredge permit conditions. The project requires a VMRC subaqueous permit.
- 2E STEPHEN RICHARD, VMRC #2025-2003**, requests authorization to remove and replace five (5) 48-foot low-profile timber groins; reconstruct one (1) 48-foot low-profile stone groin; and to install two (2) 48-foot low-profile stone groins at 199 and 221 Shellfield Road, situated along the Rappahannock River in Essex County. This project requires a VMRC wetlands permit and General Permit #2 (Groin).
- 2F CHARLES TANGO, VMRC #2022-2429**, requests authorization to construct and backfill 80 linear feet of vinyl bulkhead and install 65 linear feet of stone revetment at 5237 Pickett River Drive situated along the James River in Henrico County. Staff recommends approval with the purchase of Virginia Stream and Wetland Mitigation Program credits to compensate for wetland impacts. This project requires a VMRC wetlands permit.

The matter is before the Commission for discussion and action.

Associate Member Erskine moved to approve the projects 2A through 2F as presented. Associate Member Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

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6. **CAROLINE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, VMRC #2020-0514**, requests authorization to install a 9 million gallon per day raw water intake structure along the south bank of the Rappahannock River, at 38.2347 N, -77.30815W, between Moss Neck and Olney Corner in Caroline County. The project is protested.

Mike Johnson, Environmental Engineer, Habitat Management, gave the briefing of the information provided in the staff's evaluation, with PowerPoint slides. for the Associate Members. Mr. Johnson's comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Joseph Schiabel and Roger Arnold were sworn in and spoke in support of the project on behalf of the applicant. Their comments are a part of the verbatim record.

There were two (2) people that spoke in support and two (2) people spoke in opposition to the project. Their comments are a part of the verbatim record.

The matter was before the Commission for discussion and action.

Associate Member Bransom moved to approve the application as presented. Associate Member Erskine seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

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7. **THOMAS KRAMER, VMRC #2025-1966**, requests authorization to construct a 34-foot by 16-foot open-sided boathouse over an existing boat lift and construct timber access stairs adjacent to an existing statutorily authorized private pier serving 2749 West Landing Road, situated along the North Landing River in Virginia Beach. This project is protested.

Tiffany Birge, Environmental Engineer, Habitat Management, gave the briefing of the information provided in the staff's evaluation, with PowerPoint slides. for the Associate Members. Ms. Birge's comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Tom Kramer, applicant, was sworn in and spoke on behalf of his application. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

David Amit spoke in opposition to the placement of the finger pier. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Louise Kramer was sworn in and spoke in support of the application. Her comments are a part of the verbatim record.

The matter was before the Commission for discussion and action.

Associate Member Preston moved voted to approve the application as proposed. Associate Member White seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

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8. PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed amendments to Chapter 4VAC20-270 "Pertaining to Blue Crab Fishery" to establish season and bushel limits for the 2026-2027 commercial blue crab fisheries and to close the 2026-2027 winter commercial crab dredge fishing season.

Alexa Galvan, Fisheries Management, gave a briefing of the information provided in the staff's evaluation, with PowerPoint slides for the Associate Members. Ms. Galvan's comments are a part of the verbatim record.

The matter was before the Commission for discussion and action.

Associate Member Erskine moved voted to approve staff recommendation. Associate Member Edwards seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

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9. RECOMMENDATION

Funding recommendations from the Recreational and Commercial Fishing Advisory Board.

Alicia Nelson, Natural Resources Manager, gave a briefing on the information provided in the staff's evaluation, with PowerPoint slides for the Associate Members. Ms. Nelson's comments are a part of the verbatim record.

The matter was before the Commission for discussion and action.

Associate Member Headley moved to approve funding for seven proposed projects, totaling \$783,543 from the Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund, and four proposed projects, totaling \$220,033 from the Marine Fishing Improvement Fund as presented. Associate Member Bransom seconded the motion. The motion carried, 6-0. Associate Member Edwards was not present during the final vote.

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10. LICENSE STATUS REQUEST.

John Dearstine, Natural Resource Manager, gave the briefing of the information provided in the staff's evaluation for the Associate Members. Mr. Dearstine's comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Christopher Akers requested to have his Commercial License reinstated. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Associate Member Preston moved to reinstate his Commercial Card. Associate Member Headley s seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:55 a.m. The next Commission meeting will be on **Tuesday**, July 28, 2026.

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Commission Meeting

19409
June 23, 2026

Joseph Grist, Commissioner

Jamie Hogge, Recording Secretary

Deana Massey
VMRC #2026-0060

1. Habitat Management Evaluation dated July 28, 2026
(Pages 1-2)
2. Application plan view and cross section drawings dated received July 7, 2026
(Pages 3-9)
3. Virginia Institute of Marine Science comments dated received June 4, 2026
(Pages 10-11)
4. Letters of protest from Mr. J. Willard Smith received March 16, 2026, and May 11, 2026
(Pages 12-16)

HABITAT MANAGEMENT DIVISION EVALUATION

DEANA MASSEY, VMRC #2026-0060, requests authorization to install an 82-foot long and an 83-foot long marsh toe sill, backfilled with clean sand and native wetland plantings, for the construction of a living shoreline adjacent to 38 Point Cove Lane, situated along Bush Park Creek in Middlesex County. The project is protested by an adjacent property owner.

Narrative

The project is located south of the confluence of Bush Park Creek and the Rappahannock River within Hardyville in Middlesex County. On January 13, 2026, Mrs. Massey submitted an application requesting authorization to construct a living shoreline. The channelward toe of the stone sills extend approximately two (2) feet channelward of mean low water. The remainder of the project – portion of sills, clean sand backfill, and native wetland plantings – is located intertidally, within the jurisdiction of the Middlesex County Wetlands Board. The goal of the project is to manage shoreline erosion at her property and promote the growth of tidal wetland vegetation.

The Middlesex County Wetlands Board heard and approved this project's proposed impacts to tidal wetlands on May 12, 2026.

Issues

In an attempt to process the application for a Living Shoreline General Permit, staff notified both adjoining property owners of the proposal. The adjoining property owner immediately to the north, Mr. J. Willard Smith, protested the proposal. Due to Mr. Smith's protest, the general permit could not be issued, so therefore a public notice was placed in the Southside Sentinel, and the request was processed as a normal subaqueous permit request.

Mr. Smith complained about the status of the applicant's upland property and expressed concern regarding the placement of rock and sand impacting water depths. Additionally, Mr. Smith questioned the installation methods of the project due to shallow water depths.

The Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) conducted a site visit and provided a report regarding the proposal. VIMS recommended the consideration of a coir log sill but stated that if a stone sill is utilized, reducing the footprint of the structure to minimize impacts would be advisable and careful placement of the proposed sand nourishment be considered. The applicant and agent revised the proposal to include VIMS' recommendations, including reducing the height of the stone sills and limiting sand placement to non-vegetated wetland areas.

Summary/Recommendation

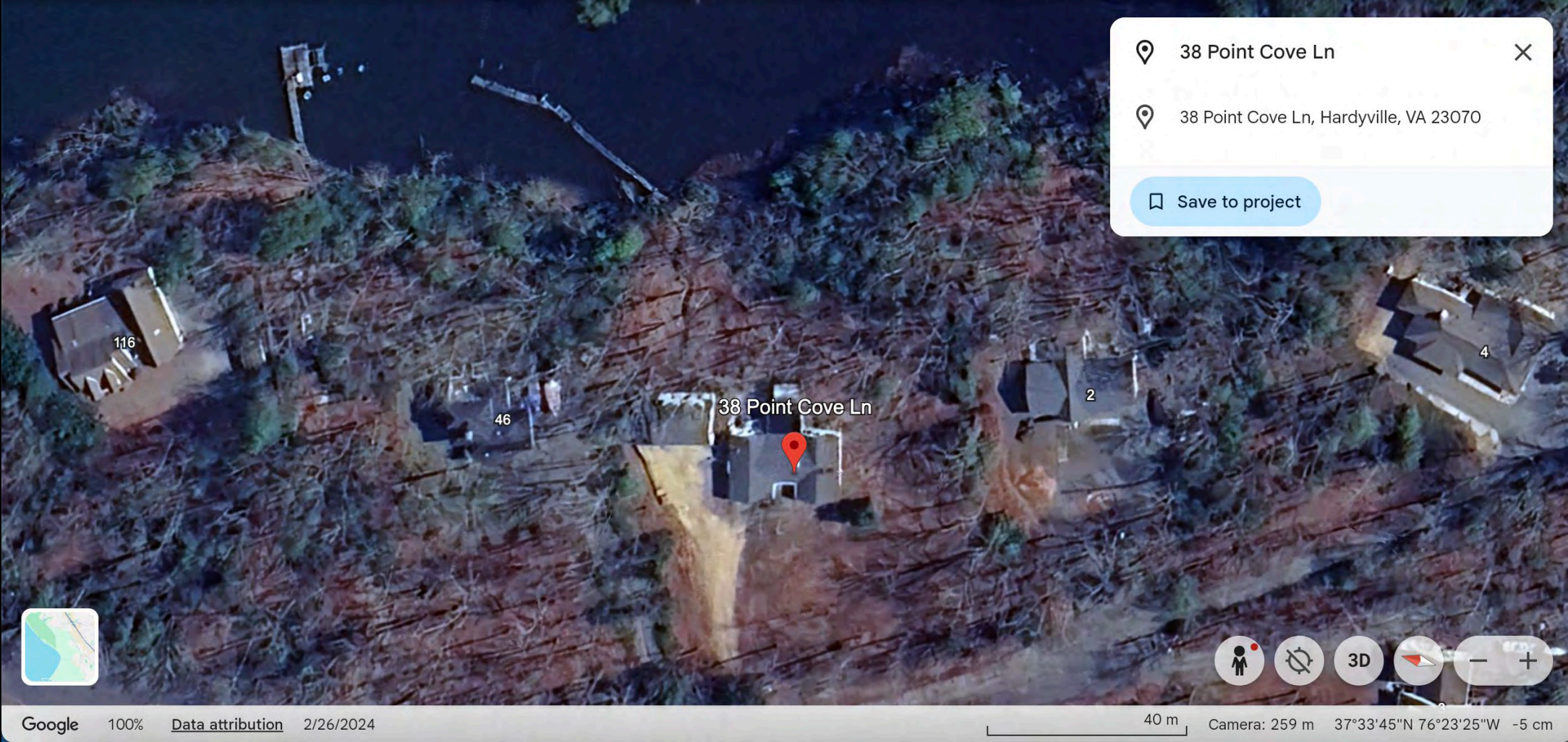
As designed, the proposal would have met the qualifications for the Living Shoreline Group 2 General Permit if not protested by the adjacent property owner. The techniques and conditions contained within the general permit were designed to limit the potential for adverse impacts on the environment and adjoining properties while incentivizing living shoreline installation

Summary/Recommendation (cont'd)

techniques. The general permit would have been approved administratively for the original submittal had it not been protested by the adjacent property owner. As noted, the application was modified by the agent after consideration of the comments from VIMS resulting in an improved living shoreline design.

The protestant's concerns regarding upland land disturbance activities are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction and should instead be addressed at the County level. Sand is not expected to migrate from behind the rock sills due to the use of filter cloth and low wave energy. The proposal will not impact existing shellfish leases nor existing submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV). Additionally, the protestant's dock and vessels are located closer to the mouth of the creek and are unlikely to be navigating near the applicant's project. The sand and rock will be transported by small barge at a high tide to the project area for placement.

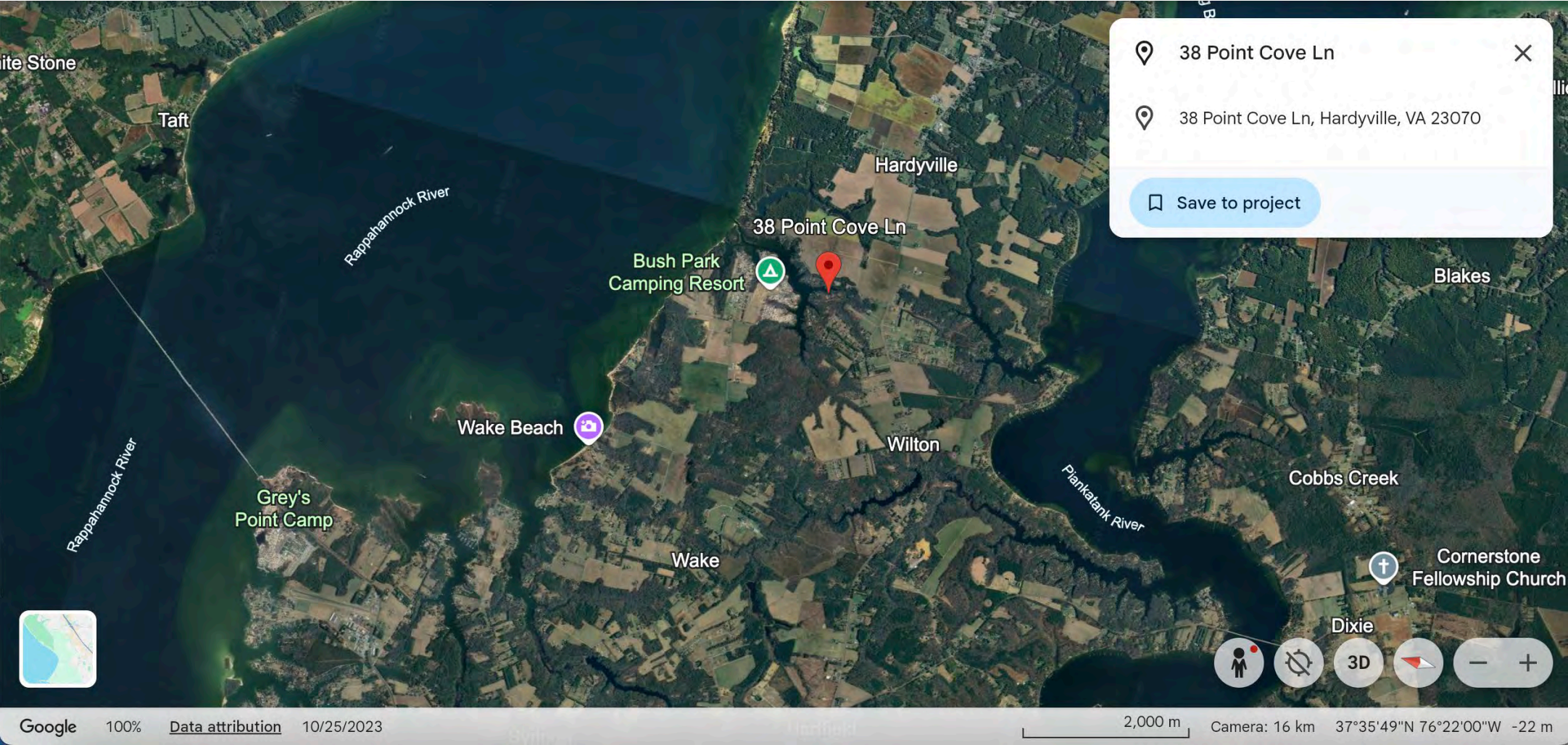
Therefore, after evaluating the merits of the project against the concerns expressed by those in opposition, and after considering all the factors contained in §§28.2-1205(A) and 28.2-104.1 of the Code of Virginia, staff recommends approval of the living shoreline project as proposed.



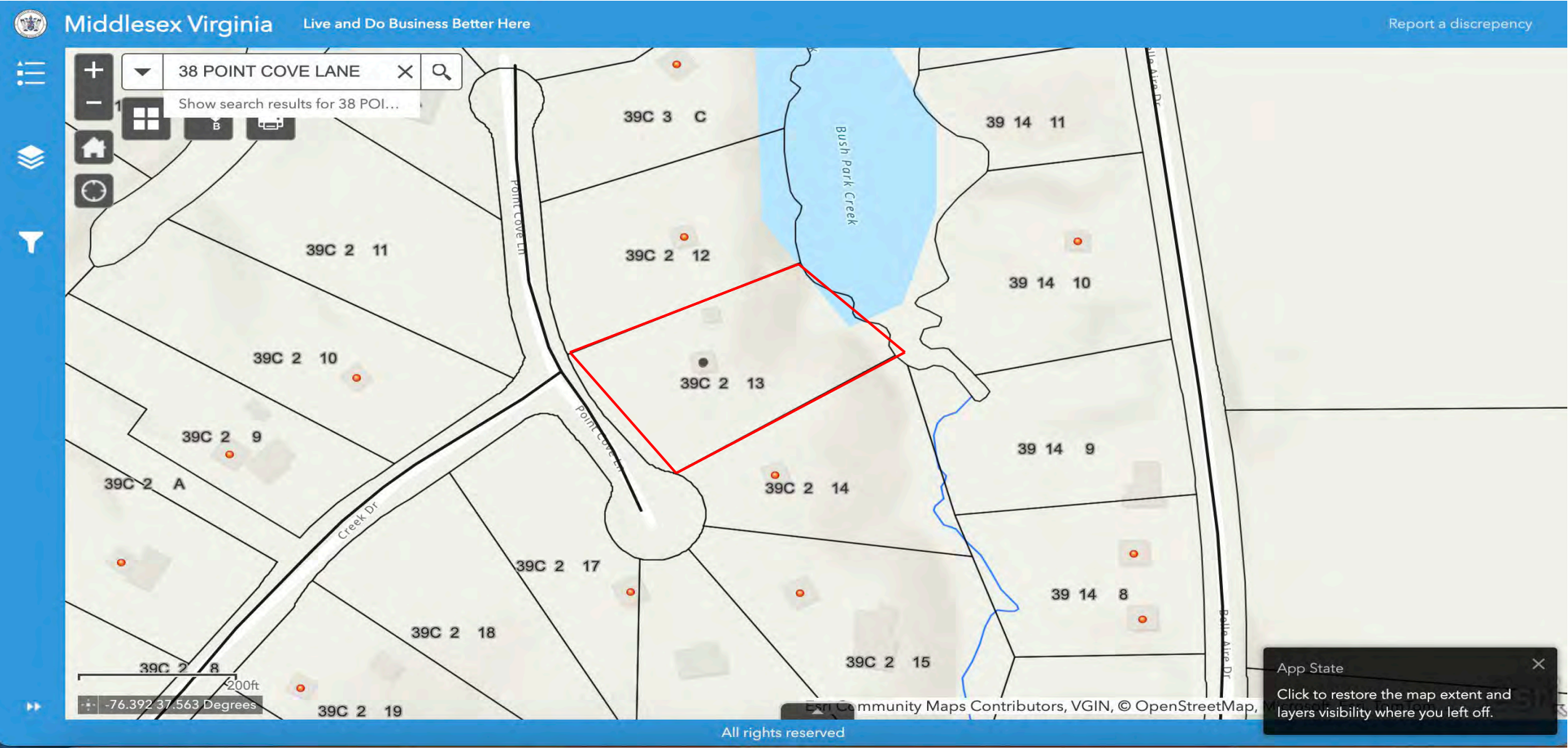
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Project Address: 38 POINT COVE LANE
County: MIDDLESEX/HARDYVILLE
LAT. & LONG: 37°33'56" -76°23'43"

Proposed: RIPRAP/ LIVING SHORELINE
Tax Map: 39C 2 13
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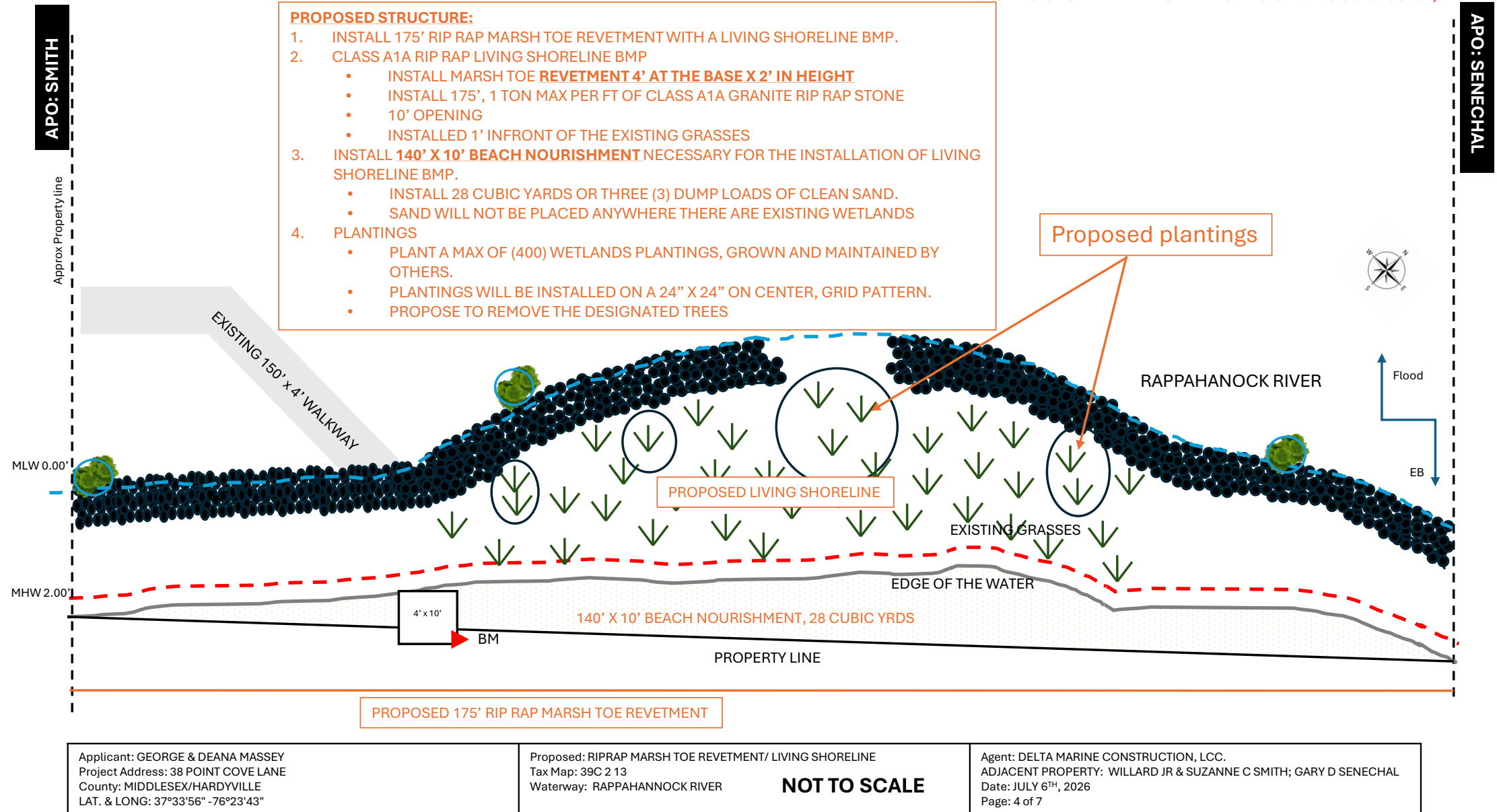
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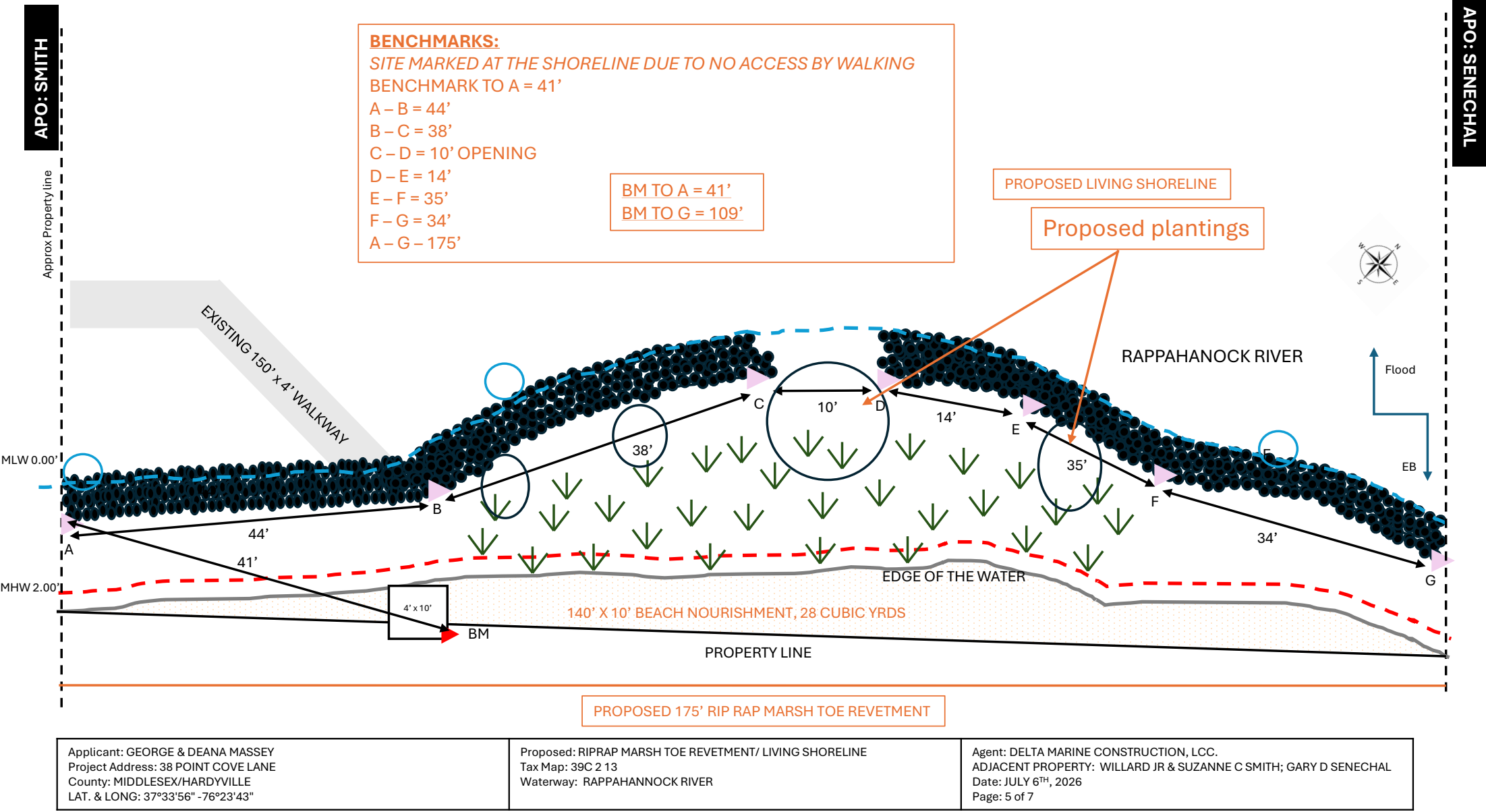


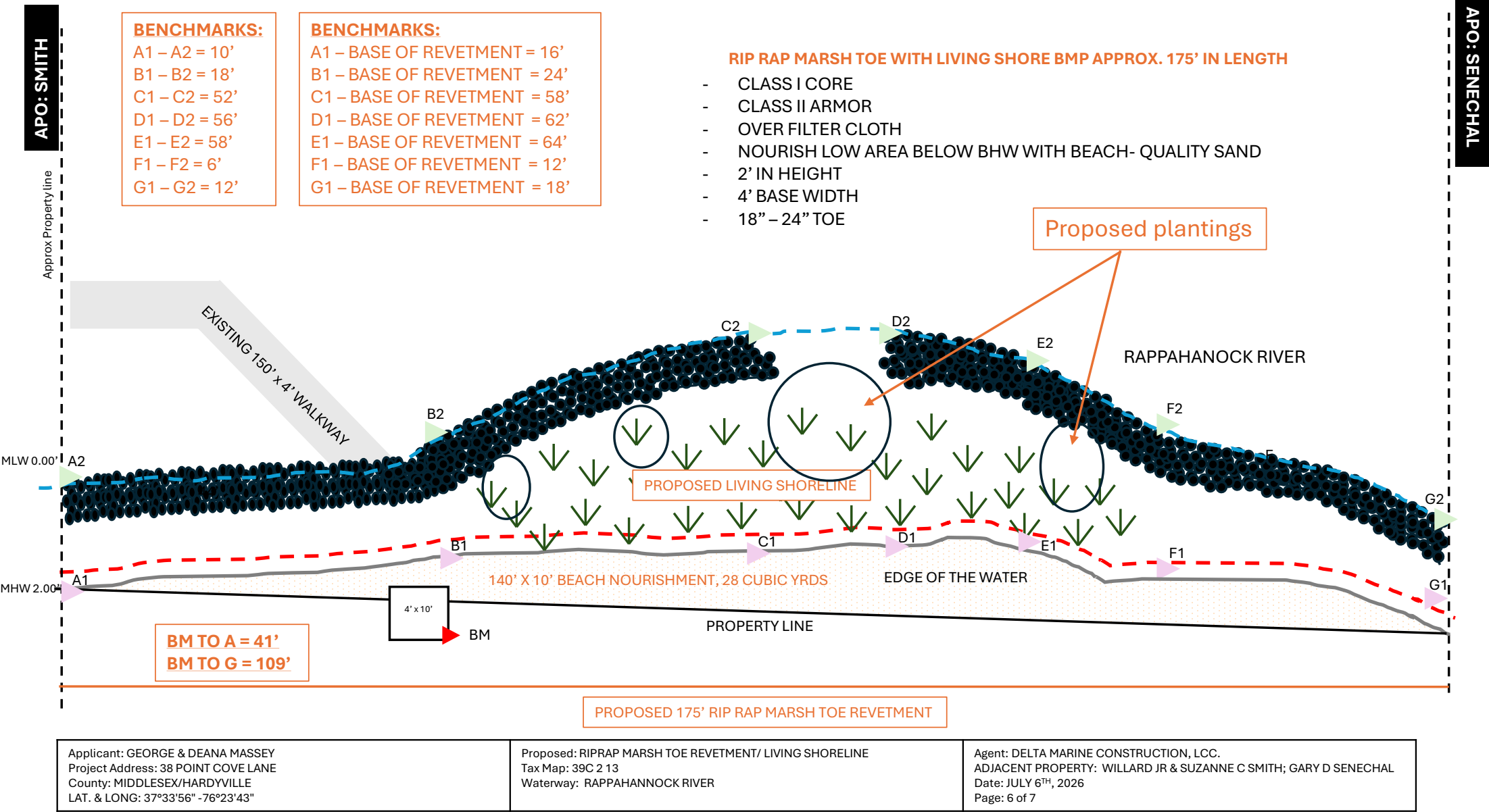
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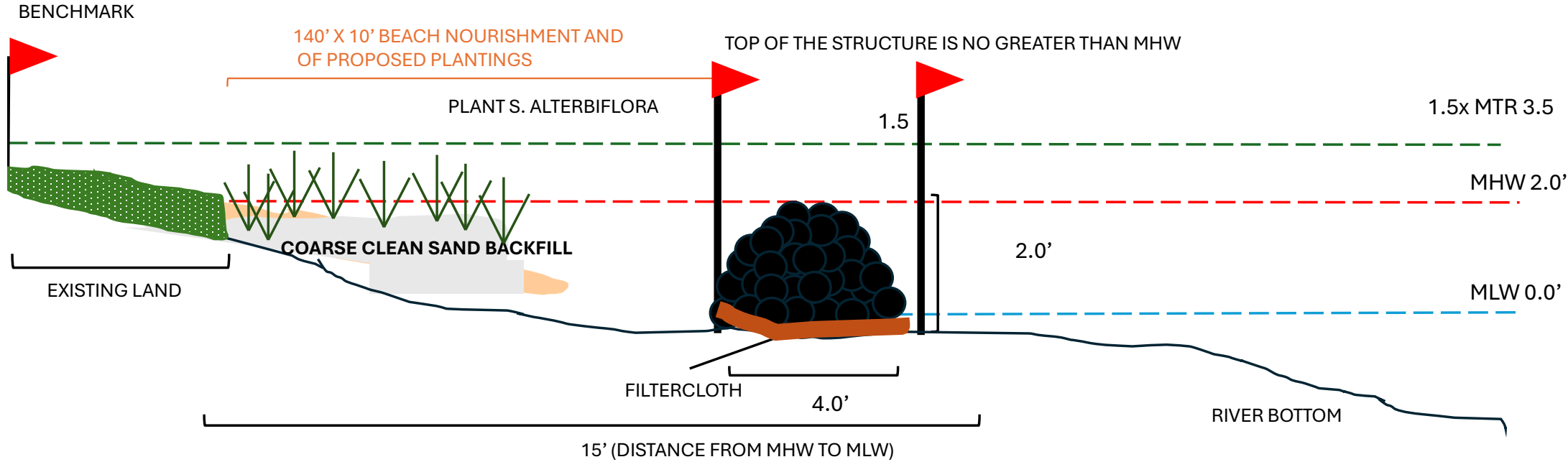






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TIDE RANGE (MTR) ELEVATION ABOVE THE MEAN LOW WATER (MLW)
NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO SAND PLACED WHERE THERE ARE WETLANDS PLANTINGS

- PROPOSED 400 WETLANDS PLANTINGS



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3 June 2026

Ms. Kylie Harris
Environmental Engineer
Virginia Marine Resources Commission
380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96
Fort Monroe, VA 23651

Dear Ms. Harris:

At your request, we have reviewed the joint permit application submitted by Ms. Deana Massey to construct a marsh sill with associated sand fill along her shoreline along Bush Park Creek in Middlesex County (VMRC #2026-0060, NAO-2026-00086). Existing shoreline conditions include a steep upland slope that transitions channelward to a mix of vegetated and nonvegetated tidal wetlands. Wave energy within this narrow portion of the creek is extremely low, and during our visit to the site around low tide on 19 May 2026 the waterway was not navigable.

As proposed, the applicant intends to construct two marsh sill segments, approximately 82 and 83 feet long with a 10-foot-wide habitat access gap in the center. These stone sills are intended to surround existing wetland vegetation, allowing for sand fill to be placed in the landward intertidal zone. This sand fill is proposed to be placed around existing wetland vegetation and then planted as needed.

Due to the low fetch along this reach, and the lack of visible or documented historical erosion, we believe it may be possible to accomplish the project goals without constructing a stone marsh sill. In its current condition, the fringe marsh along this shoreline is not eroding due to channelward effects. Most of the wetland is vegetated with saltmarsh cordgrass (*Sporobolus alterniflorus*), and the nonvegetated areas are likely the result of shading and freshwater runoff from the upland. With this in mind, the applicant could improve the overall health of the vegetated areas and increase plant colonization of the nonvegetated areas by limbing up upland trees and addressing overland flow from the steep hillside. During our visit to the site, it appeared as though the applicant was already working to address these upland issues.

If deemed necessary, the design of the living shoreline should be modified to reduce impacts to existing wetlands to the greatest extent possible. Due to the steep hillside of the upland yard, and extremely shallow depth of the creek, construction access will be difficult. As proposed, the applicant intends to access the site via boat at high tide. Even at high tide, this is likely to disturb the subaqueous bottom and mudflats, potentially degrading the existing creek habitat. In order to eliminate this risk for disturbance, we recommend the applicant modify their design to utilize coir logs or similar structures rather than the proposed stone. As mentioned above, there is very little wave action within this creek, and therefore coir logs could provide temporary protection for newly planted vegetation. Altering the design in this way could eliminate the need for boat access, allowing all construction to occur by hand and from the upland. Along with the coir logs, sand fill and plantings can occur, however, we recommend a modified approach be taken for this component as well.

Regarding the wetland component of the marsh sill system, the applicant should consider eliminating the proposed placement of sand fill throughout the existing vegetated wetlands. Placing sand on and around existing vegetation is likely to damage or kill the plants. If necessary, minimal sand placement can occur within the currently nonvegetated wetland areas, though we recommend placement is done by hand to

reduce the likelihood of impacts to adjacent vegetation. Additionally, it is important that the elevation of new sand placement matches that of the existing vegetated wetlands. Planting of *S. alterniflorus* can then occur within the nonvegetated areas and care should be taken to ensure existing vegetation is not disturbed.

If a stone sill approach is deemed necessary, we recommend the applicant lower the elevation of the proposed sill. As proposed, the sill is intended to be approximately one foot above mean high water (MHW) elevation with a six-foot base width. Within this low-energy cove, this sill height is not necessary and could be reduced to two feet, placing the top of the sill in line with MHW. With a two-foot height, the base width of the sill can be reduced to four feet, reducing the overall wetland impacts of the project. If a stone still were to be constructed, we recommend that all aforementioned sand fill and planting recommendations be followed to minimize further wetland impacts.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



Alex Sabo
Environmental Review and
Advisory Specialist

From: [Harris, Kylie \(MRC\)](#)
To: [MRC - jpa Permits](#)
Subject: Fw: VMRC #2026-0060 (Massey) - Documents
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 3:30:30 PM

26-0060 protest

Best,

Kylie Harris

Environmental Engineer – Habitat Management Division
Virginia Marine Resources Commission
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757-247-8032

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If you have questions regarding the shift to RRS please contact Barry Spence at barry.l.spence@usace.army.mil

Regulator of the Day (ROD) contact information: (757) 201-7834 or CENAO.REG_ROD@usace.army.mil

From: Willard Smith <vtddad312@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2026 1:04 PM
To: Harris, Kylie (MRC) <Kylie.Harris@mrc.virginia.gov>
Subject: Re: VMRC #2026-0060 (Massey) - Documents

Dear Ms. Harris:

After Reviewing the application submitted by Deanna Massey to construct a 175 linear foot living shoreline adjacent to 38 Point Cove Lane, I strongly oppose this application. I feel as though extending the waterfront by dropping rocks and beach sand into an extreme muddy shoreline will create more damage to the environment than has already been done by removing trees, brush and other vegetation from the shoreline and land approaching the shoreland. I feel as though the sand will eventually end up further into the creek. I feel as though trees and brush should be planted to eventually counter the damage already done by the Masseys.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I appreciate your help in this matter,

Thanks

On Wed, Mar 11, 2026 at 4:00 PM Harris, Kylie (MRC) <Kylie.Harris@mrc.virginia.gov> wrote:

Hi Mr. and Mrs. Smith,

Thank you for your phone call this afternoon regarding the above-referenced project. I've attached three documents for you - "pdf1" is the original application, and the following two are consequent revisions submitted by the marine contracting agent.

As we discussed on our phone call, you hadn't received the adjacent property owner notification until today upon your return from your trip. Based on that factor, we are comfortable extending the deadline for comments for you until close of business 5pm on Tuesday, March 17th, 2026.

Once you have a chance to look at the plans, please let me know if you object to the proposal, support the proposal, or have "no position".

Give me a call if you have any questions!

Best,

Kylie Harris

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From: [Harris, Kylie \(MRC\)](#)
To: [MRC - jpa Permits](#)
Subject: Fw: VMRC 2026-0060 Massey
Date: Monday, May 11, 2026 10:25:27 AM
Attachments: [Proton.pdf](#)

Please add this as a public comment in opposition to 26-0060. Thanks!

Best,

Kylie Harris

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From: Marc Longest <m.longest@co.middlesex.va.us>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2026 9:58 AM
To: MAD Krew Kennel & Farm <bigbrewington@gmail.com>; Michael Indorf <michael.indorf@gmail.com>; aviatrix7777@proton.me <aviatrix7777@proton.me>; Scottie Schafer <schafermotor@gmail.com>
Cc: Harris, Kylie (MRC) <kylie.harris@mrc.virginia.gov>; COE Regulator of the Day (cenao.reg_rod@usace.army.mil) <cenao.reg_rod@usace.army.mil>
Subject: VMRC 2026-0060 Massey

All,

Please see attached. Received by adjoining property owner this morning.

Thank you.

Marc K. Longest

Environmental and Codes Compliance Officer



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J. Willard Smith
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Hardyville, Virginia 23070

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BY: 

Marc Longest
Environmental & Codes Compliance Officer
Middlesex County Wetlands Board

Dear Mr. Longest

This letter is in response to the Joint Permit Application #2026-0060 from Deana Massey.

My wife and I are adjacent property owners and have issues with her proposal. Our concern is that the proposal will negatively impact the water depth on our property.

We feel as though extending the waterfront by dropping rocks and beach sand into an extremely muddy shoreline will create increased damage to the environment that has already been done by removing trees bushes and other vegetation from the shoreline and land approaching the shoreline. I feel as though the sand will eventually work its way further into the creek, which will negatively impact the water level of the property owners on the creek. I also have concerns regarding how the rocks and beach sand will be transported to the shoreline. The pier on their property is clearly mostly over my land. At low tide there is no water at the end of the pier. At high tide there are only inches of water depth at the end of the pier. It would be impossible to transport the material by water with any type of watercraft. Getting the rocks and sand from the bank would cause further damage.

I feel as though trees and vegetation should be planted to eventually counter the damage. I also feel as though the tarp that has been placed on the bank is designed to prevent vegetation from growing and continues to allow flow to the creek further adding to the damage already done by the Masseys.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely


J. Willard Smith