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NOTICE OF TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING – TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021
*ESTABLISHMENT OF A FORESTED NUTRIENT MITIGATION BANK ON 95.025 ACRES OF
THE TOWN’S ABERDEEN PROPERTY*

PURCELLVILLE, Va., May 19, 2021 — On **Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM** in Town Hall Council Chambers, located at 221 S. Nursery Avenue, Purcellville, Virginia, the Purcellville Town Council will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the Town’s establishment of a nutrient mitigation bank to be located on an approximately 95.025-acre portion of the Town’s Aberdeen Property. The Aberdeen Property consists of approximately 190 acres in total, and is identified by Loudoun County land records as parcel identification number (PIN) 552-30-2674. The property is addressed as: 16385 SHORT HILL ROAD.

Land within the nutrient mitigation bank would be converted from a cropland to a forested condition, which would have the effect of reducing the volume of nutrients and sediments in local tributaries, including downstream water resources. The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (“DEQ”) will issue “credits” for the reduction in nutrients and sediments achieved on the Aberdeen property, which credits can then be sold to generate revenue for the Town. In order to participate in this DEQ program, the Town must: (1) place a Declaration of Restriction on the property, which requires that the land within the 95.025-acre nutrient mitigation bank be reserved and maintained as a forest, (2) grant a deed of easement or a license to its mitigation bank partner, Davey Resource Group, Inc., in order to allow Davey to develop and operate the nutrient mitigation bank, and (3) approve a contract governing the nutrient mitigation bank partnership between the Town and Davey Resource Group, Inc., which contract would also allow Davey to pursue other types of environmental credits on the Aberdeen property, such as stream mitigation, stream restoration, wetland mitigation, and carbon sequestration.

Comments concerning this project and these three documents can be offered to the Town Council at this public hearing. A copy of each document is on file in the Clerk’s office.

Citizens may participate in the public hearing in person at Town Hall or virtually via GoTo Meeting as follows:

Town Council Meeting
Tue, May 25, 2021 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (EDT)

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The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

"Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper," is an award-winning town of over 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 13th year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is ranked "Safest City" in Virginia in 2020. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the Town has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, equestrian activities, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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