

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 9-101(j)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources
Section 9-302.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

9-101.

(j) (1) "Public notice" means the notice that the Department publishes in a newspaper serving the local subdivision affected and in the Maryland Register concerning an application to dredge or fill State or private wetlands. The notice shall include a description of the proposed dredging or filling and its location and shall advise the public of the opportunity to submit written comments or to request a hearing on the application.

(2) "PUBLIC NOTICE" DOES NOT MEAN NOTICE AS PROVIDED FOR IN § 9-302.1 OF THIS TITLE.

9-302.1.

(A) THE SECRETARY MAY MODIFY, CORRECT, OR UPDATE THE BOUNDARY MAPS ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-301 OF THIS SUBTITLE OR AMEND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER § 9-302 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) THE SECRETARY SHALL NOTIFY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO WETLANDS MAPS OR REGULATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

(1) A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CHANGES SHALL BE HELD IN EACH COUNTY IN WHICH AFFECTED WETLANDS ARE LOCATED; AND

(2) NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES AND OF THE PUBLIC HEARING SHALL BE:

(I) PUBLISHED IN THE MARYLAND REGISTER;