



State of Tennessee
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

William R. Snodgrass - Tennessee Tower
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102

March 20, 2014

Mr. Levan Gardner
Park Manager I
Booker T. Washington State Park
e-copy: Levan.Gardner@tn.gov
5801 Champion Road
Chattanooga, TN 37416

Subject: **Notice of Complete Application and Public Notice Requirements**
Permit Tracking No. SOP-14004
Booker T. Washington State Park
Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Gardner:

The Division of Water Resources (the division) acknowledges the receipt of a permit application in our office on December 23, 2013. Our review of the individual SOP permit application showed that you have submitted all the information required to initiate processing of the application. You are advised that this notice of complete application does not imply that the application will be approved or that a permit will be issued. Also, in accordance with rules of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Water Pollution Control, Chapter 1200-4-5-.05 (2):

"This provision does not preclude the commissioner from later requesting additional material that subsequent to the notice of completeness is determined to be necessary for permit processing."

If this is an application to renew an existing permit and your complete application was mailed to our office 180 days prior to the current permit expiration date, and the permit is not reissued by this date, discharges from the facility will be automatically authorized through administrative extension of the current permit.

If this is an application for a new or expanded discharge, please find attached a template of a public notice you must complete and post for a period of 30 days. This is required in accordance with Chapter 1200-4-5-.06 (1), which states:

"For an individual application for a new or expanded discharge, the applicant shall notify the public of the application by posting a sign near the point of entrance to such facility and within view of a public road. The sign shall contain provisions as specified by the commissioner. The sign shall be of such size that is legible from the public road. Also the sign shall be maintained for at least thirty days following submittal of the application to the division."

If you have questions, please contact the Chattanooga Environmental Field Office at 1-888-891-TDEC; or, at this office, please contact Ms. Maybelle T. Sparks at (615) 532-0651 or by E-mail at Maybelle.Sparks@tn.gov.

Sincerely,


Vojin Janjic
Manager, Water-Based Systems

cc: Permit File
Chattanooga Environmental Field Office
Jesse W Hewlett, Interpretive Ranger, TDEC-TSP, Jesse.Hewlett@tn.gov
Ms. Alice L. Cannella, Director of Waste Resources, City of Chattanooga, cannella_a@chattanooga.gov

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DISCHARGE/ DISPOSE OF WASTEWATER

Applicant Name and Address: **BOOKER T. WASHINGTON STATE PARK
5801 CHAMPION ROAD, CHATTANOOGA**
Permit Tracking Number: **STATE OPERATION PERMIT # SOP-14004**
Date this Notice was Posted: ____/____/____
Wastewater Source, Treatment, and Discharge/Disposal Description:

Collection system serving the visitor and staff facilities in the park and discharging into the City of Chattanooga public sewer system; System will discontinue use of conventional septic systems.

Discharge/Disposal is to/near the following stream: **NA – NO DISCHARGE ALLOWED**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The application described above has been submitted for wastewater facility operation and discharge/disposal permit pursuant to The Tennessee Water Quality Act of 1977, TCA 69-3-108. The purpose of this notice is to advise all concerned of the proposal for which a permit is sought and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the probable impact of the activities upon the respective water resources. The decision whether to issue or deny will in part be based upon that evaluation.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the issuance of a proposed permit are invited to submit comments in writing to the address listed below. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced. Written statements received on or before the date of expiration of the comment period will become part of the record and will be considered in the determination.

Interested persons may also request in writing that the Division hold a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person requesting and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. When there is sufficient public interest, the director shall hold a hearing in accordance with Rule 1200-4-5-.06 (12).

After consideration of comments submitted during the public comment period, the hearing record, if any, and the requirements of federal and State law, the director of the Division will make a determination regarding the final action on the permit. Permit applications, supporting documentation, and related comments are available for review and/or copying.

**Division of Water Resources
William R. Snodgrass - Tennessee Tower
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102**

Instructions for the Public Notice of Application Sign

This sample Public Notice Sign is being provided for you to use. A Public Notice of Application sign must be displayed for a period of 30 days minimum. The purpose of the sign is to notify the public of its opportunity to comment, object, or to request a public hearing on the proposed permit action.

Pursuant to T.C.A. Rules, Chapter 1200-4-5-.06 (1) and (10), effective July 23, 2004, applicants for new or expanded discharges must notify the public by posting a sign near the point of the proposed facility entrance within view of a public road. The size must be of such size as to be legible from the public road.

It is recognized that it is impracticable print all of the required sign wording at a size that it can be read from the carriage way. Thus, to meet the intent of the rule, only the words "PUBLIC NOTICE" and "APPLICATION TO DISCHARGE/ DISPOSE OF WASTEWATER" must be readable from the carriage way. The remainder of the wording must be legible from the shoulder of the roadway.

Applicants should maintain some proof of sign posting and their compliance with the 30-day minimum posting period. Examples of proof could be dated photographs of the posted sign, an affidavit prepared by a witness of the posted sign, or confirmation by Division field staff.

Please be advised that in addition to this public notice of application, the Division will issue a Public Notice at the time a draft permit is proposed. Persons receiving this mailing include, but are not limited to, the applicant, governmental agencies with jurisdictions over the facility, federal and state agencies with jurisdiction over fish and wildlife resources and historic preservation, and interested persons having asked to be included on the public notice list.

