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South County: Meeting on Crandell Cove set

The Maryland Department of the Environment will hold a public meeting on the Crandell Cove senior housing plan at Tracey's Elementary School tomorrow at 6:30 p.m.

The developers of the proposed facility in Franklin Manor have applied for a permit to disturb wetlands and the buffer along Deep Cove Creek.

The 32 apartments for up to 64 residents and several ancillary buildings would be built on about 4.5 acres of the 25-acre parcel.

The nonprofit company Crandell Cove Inc., formed to build the project, includes members of Christ Episcopal Church in West River and St. James' Episcopal Church in Lothian and the John Crandell family, which donated the property.

The details of the meeting have caused some confusion. At first it was scheduled for St. James' Church, but plan opponents said the meeting should take place at a neutral location.

To keep the process moving and avoid having to re-advertise the meeting, the Maryland Department of the Environment said it would not change the time and date, said Del. Bob Costa, R-Deale.

"They said they will have someone at the church redirecting people to the school," he said.

However, the MDE Web site yesterday still indicated the meeting would be held at the church.