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## NEW PLANS FROM FOUR SEASONS APPLAUDED

Revised plans were just submitted by K. Hovnanian to the County Commissioners that addressed many of the issues that led to the Wetlands Permit being rejected back in 2007. Originally the Wetlands application was for 37,000 square feet of disturbance overall and the new plans reduce that disturbance to 822 square feet. Changes are to include removing a bridge previously planned to cross over Cox Creek along with moving discharge points further back and to include more plantings.

The new plans have garnered support from the Assistant Director/Restoration Manager at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center, Vicki Paulas. In a letter of support that she wrote to K. Hovnanian that she had forwarded to the County's Economic Development Commission, Ms. Paulas praised the revisions stating that she was "impressed with K. Hovnanian's willingness to seek recommendations made by various environmental group and incorporate those suggestions into a plan that creates a more "eco-friendly" development in comparison to the 2006 proposal."

Her letter goes on to express her excitement about the fact that K. Hovnanian will be reducing house density and provide 131 acres of prime real estate to the County which can be used to create an "eco-park" for everyone to enjoy. She also stated she was "pleased to see that the houses themselves will be constructed of the sustainable materials and utilize "green energy" such as solar and geothermal." She also stated that the most important impact to any environmentalist in the Chesapeake Bay is how storm water runoff and shoreline erosion will be managed. Ms. Paulas applauded the new plan addressing these issues "through the use of rain barrels, native landscaping, living shorelines and 20 bioretention ponds creating wildlife habitats."

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Of course, BQA was thrilled to read that Ms. Paulas also acknowledge the fact that this development also brings balance to the County as it relates to economic growth stating that "The Four Seasons development is projected to contribute \$30+ million into Queen Anne's County for county infrastructure improvements as well as create new job opportunities and add a much needed boost to the tax base. The new residents of this 55+ older community will enhance the county's economy by patronizing local businesses, non-profits and contributing to the overall health of the local economy." We couldn't have said it better ourselves!!

K. Hovnanian is slated to go before the State Board of Public Works on May 29th. Hopefully at that time they will be granted their wetlands permit and this project will move forward.

## CONOWINGO UPDATE

Click the link to watch an interesting piece about the Conowingo Bay called "[Dishing the Dam Dirt](#)"

And to read more about it check out this online piece by Jessica Wilde.  
<http://somid.com/news/headlines/2013/16819.shtml>

## BQA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

NOTICE TO BQA MEMBERS!!

Your membership dues renewal information will go out in June!! Also, we are presently looking for a Membership Chair to help round up new members. If you are interested, please email us at [administrator@businessqueenannes.com](mailto:administrator@businessqueenannes.com)

Thank you for your continued support!!

## MEMBER HIGHLIGHT!

If you'd like your business highlighted in the newsletter, please contact Administrator Sandra Early at [administrator@businessqueenannes.com](mailto:administrator@businessqueenannes.com)



Champion Improvements is owned by Tim Champion who has over 35 years of experience in the renovation industry. The business was established in 1989 by the owner and continues to operate out of an office and showroom located in Stevensville.

The following are a few highlights regarding Mr. Champion:

- He has CGR and CGB accreditations from HAHB
- Tim is currently working on CMB (Certified Master Builder) designation
- He is a member of MHIC HBR of Maryland with over 140 hours of continuing education
- Mr. Champion is also a veteran of the US Air Force
- He is a Board Member of BUSINESS Queen Anne's and a member of the QAC Chamber of Commerce

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Current Members...

You should have received your yearly Membership Dues Invoice by now...if not please contact the BQA Administrator, Sandra Early!

### ***BQA Membership New Investment Rate!***

Business Queen Anne's is now offering a special rate for new members!

***Only \$99  
per year for three years!***

Click the link below to download an application!

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**



Champion Improvement Highlights include:

- Listed as a preferred builder with Coldwell Banker Waterman Realty
- Belongs to the National Association of Home Builders
- Also belongs to the Home Builder's Association of Maryland
- Is a certified member of the Maryland Home Improvement Contractor's Association
- Is the only approved FHA 203K contractor in the area! \*
- And is one of the few local EPA certified contractors!
- Carries out business in Queen Anne, Anne Arundel, Caroline, Dorchester and Worcester counties, Maryland



### **Mark Your Calendar...**

**County Commissioner's Meeting  
Second and Fourth  
Tuesday of the month!  
[Click here for published  
agendas!](#)**

**107 N. Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617**

**Planning Commission Meetings  
[Click here for published  
agendas!](#)**

**160 Coursevall Drive  
Centreville, MD 21617**

What sets Champion Improvements apart from their competitors is the large variety of services they can provide, the central business location, flexible hours and the tremendous interaction with their customers. The business builds relationships of trust and satisfaction by providing their clients with all their needs under one roof and providing above the norm customer service.

You can also find information about Champion Improvements by visiting their website at [www.championimprovements.com](http://www.championimprovements.com)

*\* FHA 203K approval for building contractors provides the contractor with a special niche where approved builders can work with FHA lenders to provide construction services to home buyers where loans have been preapproved by the lenders for up to 110% of the purchase price plus new construction estimated costs. Being one of the few FHA 203 K approved companies; Champion Improvements has a relationship with many of the larger regional lenders that use FHA products in its lending package. Generally these lenders will refer customers to Champion Improvements when appropriate.*

## **BUSINESS Queen Anne's**

A Coalition for Economic Development and Responsible Government

The mission of BUSINESS Queen Anne's is to actively advocate sound economic growth; review all proposed state and local legislation and regulations; provide an objective assessment of proposed development in Queen Anne's County and its incorporated towns; endorse and support countywide growth that is well managed and consistent with adopted state and local planning and regulatory guidelines, comprehensive plans, and state and local initiatives; create positive and "business friendly" attitudes on the part of Queen Anne's County elected and appointed officials; and support business activity that promotes and encourages a vibrant economy, development of an adequate labor pool, a fiscally responsible and accountable county government, and a continued unique quality of life in Queen Anne's County.

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