## PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT



## Office of the County Executive

August 24, 2023

The Honorable Thomas E. Dernoga Chair Prince George's County Council County Administration Building Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Chair Dernoga:

Enclosed for the County Council's consideration is a proposed Resolution to initiate the March 2023 Cycle of Amendments to the 2018 Water and Sewer Plan. I have included my recommendations and the pertinent map for each request, along with a Staff Report that includes comments from the reviewing agencies and a summary of proposals by Council Districts. All applications have been reviewed against (1) the criteria established in, and adopted by, the 2018 Water and Sewer Plan, (2) current policies affecting water and sewer planning adopted in Plan 2035, and (3) the Sustainable Growth Act of 2012.

The March 2023 Cycle contains four (4) applications requesting to advance to the appropriate category designations to continue through the development planning process, and two (2) applications requesting waivers to develop using well and septic systems in a Category designated for future public water and sewer – Category 5. The applications are located inside the Sewer Envelope, within the Growth Boundary and designated within Sustainable Growth Act Tier 2. The category change requests are located in the Blue Plains, Western Branch, Piscataway and Mattawoman sewer basins.

In addition to the applications described above, the March 2023 Cycle includes residential properties that the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement will redesignate to Water and Sewer Category 3 from Water and Sewer Category 5. These existing properties are confirmed to be serviced and connected to the public gravity sewer and public water and are located in Council District 8.

I support projects that promote economic development, while ensuring that environmental safeguards and the requisite transportation, public facilities and services are in place. The water and sewer category change process provide us with the opportunity to ensure that vibrant, safe communities are constructed for our residents, and these communities improve the quality of life, beautification of our County and prosperity of our citizens and businesses well into the future.

The County Council's favorable consideration of this legislation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact my office or Dawit Abraham, Acting Director, Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE), at (301) 636-2020.

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Sincerely,

County Executive

Enclosures

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