

The Honorable Todd M. Turner
Chairman
Prince George's County Council
County Administration Building
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Chairman Turner:

Enclosed for the County Council's consideration is a proposed Resolution that initiates the (January 2020 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 the criteria established in, and adopted by, the 2018 Water and Sewer Plan or grandfathered standings, current policies affecting water and sewer planning adopted in Plan 2035, and the Sustainable Growth Act of 2012.

The January 2020 Cycle consists of one application that requests advancement to a sewer category that will allow for extension of, and connection to, the public sewer system. The application concerns an existing residential home located within the Broad Creek sewer basin that was programmed for public sewer prior to the 2002 General Plan. The property is grandfathered to terms pre-dating and retained by the 2002 General Plan and is, thus, eligible to seek this category change.

Additionally, the January cycle contains proposed amendment to update water and sewer maps to reflect the fact that several neighboring and community properties have connected to the public water and sewer system. All of the projects are within the Rural Agricultural Tier and designated within the Sustainable Growth Act Tier 3 by Plan 2035. They are also located within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. Although the properties are located outside of the current Sewer Envelope, they too are grandfathered to terms of the 2002 General Plan that preceded redesignations by Plan 2035.

Finally, the resolution includes proposed amendments to the text of Chapter 6, Appendix 6-1, and the Fee Schedule, Appendix 6-2. Those amendments are necessary to implement logistical changes to the timing of legislative amendment cycles and to restore a fee that was erroneously omitted from the 2018 Water and Sewer Plan. The amount of that fee remains unchanged from the 2008 Water and Sewer plan.

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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 that 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 Melinda M. Bolling, Director, Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE), at (301) 636-2020.

Sincerely,

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County Executive

Enclosures

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