June 14, 2022

MDE's intent to seek a Priority Funding Area (PFA) funding exception for
908 Loch Raven Road, Salisbury in Wicomico County

Background: The Bay Restoration (Septic) Fund (BRF) requires MDE to provide an opportunity for Public Comment and/or Public Hearing in cases where there are On-site Sewage Disposal Systems (OSDS)/septic systems are located outside the State Priority Funding Area (PFA) and where BRF grant funding is being proposed for the public sewer connections. After addressing the public comments, if any, MDE intends to seek a PFA funding exception from the Smart Growth Coordinating Committee chaired by the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP).

Public Comment Period: Through July 14, 2022. Send e-mail comments to jerry.warner@maryland.gov.

Project: Sewer collection system for 908 Loch Raven Road in Wicomico County consisting of a total of one existing home. The sewer will ultimately be conveyed to and treated at the Salisbury wastewater treatment plant.

Water Quality & Public Health Issues: The County Health Department determination is summarized below: The existing on-site sewage disposal system serving this residence is currently failing with untreated sewage seeping on to the ground surface. After an evaluation of the property, it has been determined that there is limited area available for a sewage disposal system replacement, a connection to the Salisbury sewer system is the best available option, in the interest of Public Health.

BRF Funding Eligibility: Up to $20,000 per existing home; or actual prorated sewer collection system cost, whichever is lower.

Potential New Growth: There are no existing vacant lots available in this subdivision.

Measures Taken to Mitigate New Growth: The service area has been narrowly defined with the potential for zero future infill homes.

Potential Nitrogen Reduction:

	Approx. Total Nitrogen (TN) Discharged (lb/yr)	Total TN Reduced (lb/yr)
No Action	23	0
BAT Upgrade	N/A	N/A
ENR Connection	3*	20*

*Includes nutrient loading from infill development

Attachment: Map