MDE's intent to seek a Priority Funding Area (PFA) funding exception for 67 Algonquin Road, North East in Cecil 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 <u>November 19, 2023</u>. Send e-mail comments to Jeffrey.Fretwell@maryland.gov.

Project: Sewer connection to the existing system in Cecil County for 67 Algonquin Road, North East (Map 031E, Grid 0022, Parcel 0387). The sewer will ultimately be conveyed to and treated at the North East River Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant (NERAWWTP).

Water Quality & Public Health Issues: The Cecil County Division of Water & Sewer Planning determination is summarized below:

A public health concern is created because of the sewage failure and potential discharge of the existing septic systems' effluent into the groundwater. This parcel is in the S-1 (served) Sanitary Sewer service area on the County's Master Water & Sewer Map. It would be difficult to replace the existing system due to the small lot size and high ground water. The property is also in the critical area.

BRF Funding Eligibility: Up to \$25,000 per existing home; maximum of \$25,000 or actual prorated sewer collection system cost, whichever is lower.

Potential New Growth: No new growth, one connection to existing sewer system.

Measures Taken to Mitigate New Growth: No new growth, one connection to existing sewer system.

Potential Nitrogen Reduction:

	Approx. Total Nitrogen (TN) Discharged (lb/yr)	Total TN Reduced
		<u>(lb/yr)</u>
No Action	20	0
BAT Upgrade	10	10
ENR Connection	2.3*	17.7

Attachment: Location Map

Property Location: 67 Algonquin Road, North East, MD 21901- Map: 0042, Grid: 031E, Parcel: 0387, Tax ID# 05-045185 Property Owner: Robert P. Funderwhite & Wanda G. Mize



