

May 22, 2024

MDE's intent to seek a Priority Funding Area (PFA) funding exception for
2215 Queensbury Dr, Fallston in Harford 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 June 22, 2024. Send e-mail comments to Jeffrey.fretwell@maryland.gov.

Project: Sewer connection to the existing system in Harford County for 2215 Queensbury Dr, Fallston (Account ID 03115909, Tax Map 0055, Parcel 0807, Lot 101). The sewer will ultimately be conveyed to and treated at the Sod Run wastewater treatment plant.

Water Quality & Public Health Issues: The County Health Department determination is summarized below:

On January 5, 2024, the HCHD received documentation from the property owner that the existing onsite sewage disposal system is failing. Due to limited available repair area, small overall lot size, and poor historical soil conditions in this subdivision, there are few options for onsite repair. Additionally, the presence of numerous drinking water wells in close proximity to this property further limits the possibility of an onsite septic repair.

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:

| | <u>Approx. Total Nitrogen (TN) Discharged (lb/yr)</u> | <u>Total TN Reduced (lb/yr)</u> |
|----------------|---|---------------------------------|
| No Action | 23.2 | 0 |
| BAT Upgrade | 11.7 | 11.6 |
| ENR Connection | 2.3* | 20.9 |

Attachment: Location Map

