

June 26, 2024

MDE's intent to seek a Priority Funding Area (PFA) funding exception for
519 Stratford Road, 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 July 26, 2024. Send e-mail comments to Jeffrey.fretwell@maryland.gov.

Project: Sewer connection to the existing system in Harford County for 519 Stratford Road, Fallston (Account ID 03089509, Tax Map 0055, Parcel 0807, Lot 73). 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 May 16, 2023, the HCHD received documentation from a septic contractor that the existing onsite sewage disposal system was failing. A soil percolation test for a future onsite repair was conducted on June 5, 2023, but the percolation results were unsatisfactory. Due to limited available repair area, small overall lot size, and poor historical soil conditions in this subdivision, there were few options for onsite repair. As a result, the property owner installed septic holding tanks as of October 26, 2023. Eliminating septic holding tanks is in the best interest of public health and the protection of the environment as well as the best resolution for the property owner and the Health Department.

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

