

July 17, 2025

MDE's intent to seek a Priority Funding Area (PFA) funding exception for  
606 West Ring Factory, Bel Air 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 Sustainable Growth Coordinating Committee chaired by the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP).

**Public Comment Period:** Through August 17, 2025. Send e-mail comments to mde.pfaexception@maryland.gov.

**Project:** Sewer connection in Harford County for 606 West Ring Factory, Bel Air (Tax I.D.#03-033090, Tax Map 0056, Parcel 0348) 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:

The inspection report indicated that the existing septic system consists of a "homemade" cinder-block septic tank with a PVC pipe exiting the tank and leading to a single drainfield of unknown dimensions. A review of the Health Department's files shows that the dwelling was constructed in 1915 and has no records for the septic system for this property.

Since the current septic system for this property is documented as failing and public sewer is available, it 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 \$25,00 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

