

December 30, 2022

MDE's intent to seek a Priority Funding Area (PFA) funding exception for
8648 Stephen Decatur Hwy in Worcester 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 February 5, 2023. Send e-mail comments to jerry.warner@maryland.gov.

Project: Sewer connection to the existing system in Worcester County for 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, MD 21811 (Account 10018307, Address, Tax Map 33, Parcel 257). The sewer will ultimately be conveyed to and treated at the Mystic Harbour wastewater treatment plant.

Water Quality & Public Health Issues: The County Environmental Programs Department determination is summarized below: The property is occupied by a church and is located at 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway. The church is hoping to connect to public sewer, which is available for the property with capacity recently allocated for the connection. The existing septic system has failed and is located in Worcester County GPR management area A. It is doubtful the existing property would support a GPR-compliant conventional repair and an alternative system replacement, if it could be accomplished, would not be a cost-effective solution and would be more expensive than connection to adjacent public sewer. The proposed connection is consistent with the Worcester County Master Water and Sewer Plan and the property has a planning designation of S-1. Worcester County has worked with have properties connect to public water and sewer whenever they are able to do so.

BRF Funding Eligibility: Up to \$25,000 per existing property; 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 for the existing church on the property.

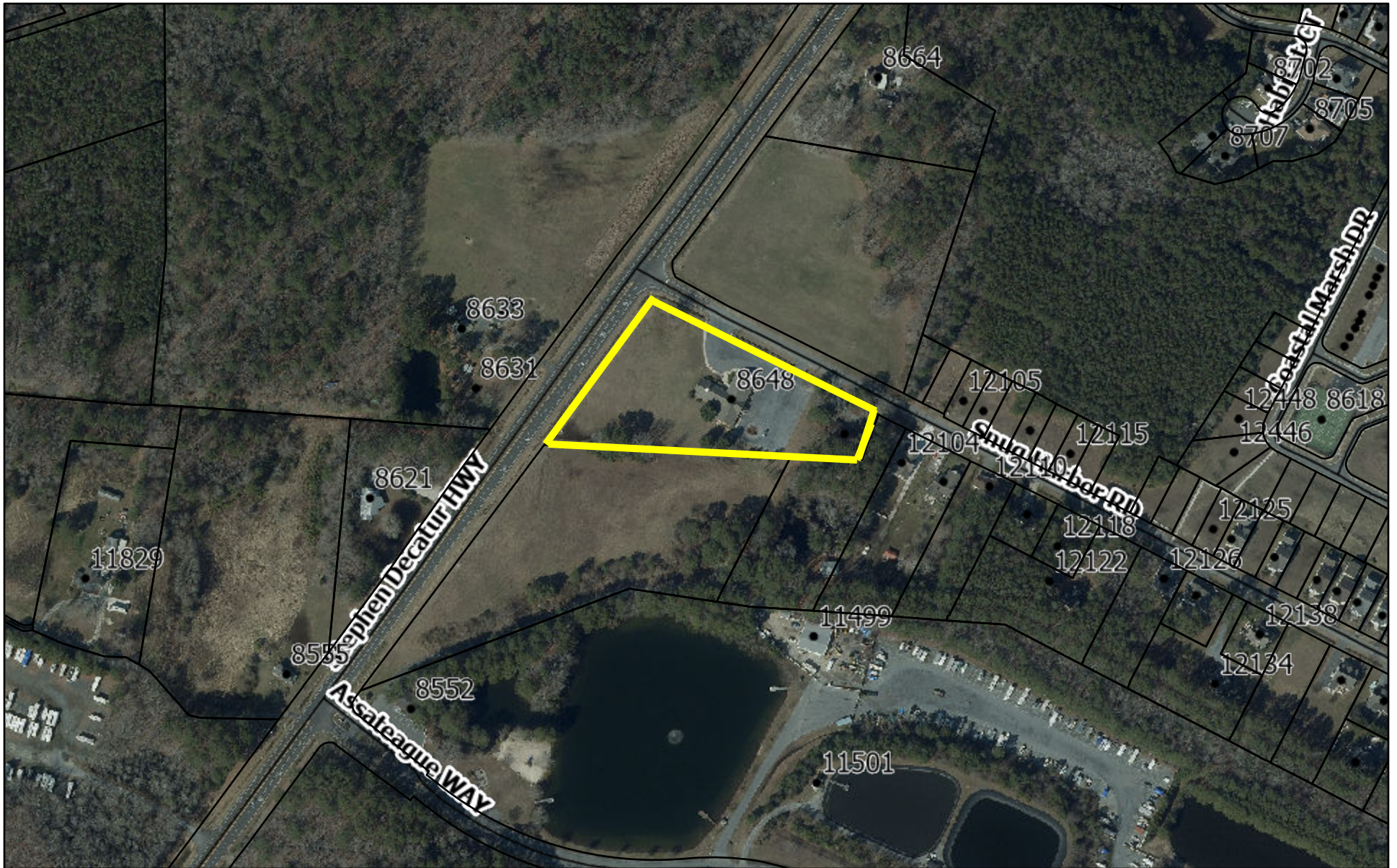
Measures Taken to Mitigate New Growth: No new growth, one connection to existing sewer system for the exiting church on the property.

Potential Nitrogen Reduction:

	<u>Approx. Total Nitrogen (TN) Discharged (lb/yr)</u>	<u>Total TN Reduced (lb/yr)</u>
No Action	23	000
BAT Upgrade	11.5	11.5
ENR Connection	2.3	20.7

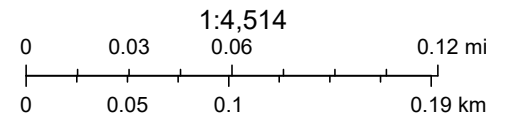
Attachment: Location Map

Church at 8648 Stephen Decatur Hwy



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- Override 1
 - Worcester Centerlines
 - Worcester Addresses
 - Corporate Limits
 - Red: Band_1
 - Green: Band_2
 - Blue: Band_3
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 Web AppBuilder for ArcGIS
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