MDE's intent to seek a Priority Funding Area (PFA) funding exception for 2209 Queensbury Drive, Fallston, MD 21047 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 <u>February 19, 2022</u>. Send e-mail comments to jerry.warner@maryland.gov.

Project: Sewer collection system for 2209 Queensbury Drive, Fallston, MD 21047 in Harford County consisting of one (1) existing home. 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 April 19, 2021, this property was evaluated for a septic repair, but the percolation results were unsatisfactory. Limited options for an onsite repair are available due to the size of the lot and the presence of drinking water wells. Most recently on October 12, 2021, the property gained access to public sewer by a change in the Master Water and Sewer Plan which would allow for the best potential repair to the currently failing onsite septic system.

BRF Funding Eligibility: Up to \$20,000 per existing home; or actual prorated sewer collection system cost, whichever is lower.

Potential New Growth: This property is within Harford County's Master Water & Sewer Plan as an area to be served. No potential new growth will be facilitated by this connection.

Measures Taken to Mitigate New Growth: This area is within Harford County's Master Water & Sewer Plan already, so the growth potential would be dictated by the Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning.

Potential Nitrogen Reduction:

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

*Includes nutrient loading from infill development

Attachment: Location Map

