

September 8, 2025

MDE's intent to seek a Priority Funding Area (PFA) funding exception for  
3690 3rd Street, North Beach, MD 20714 in Calvert 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 October 9, 2025. Send e-mail comments to mde.pfaexception@maryland.gov.

**Project:** Sewer connection to the existing system in Calvert County for Account ID: 03-045048, 3690 3rd Street, North Beach, MD 20714 Map 200, North Chesapeake Beach, Lot 1, Blk 60. The sewer will ultimately be conveyed to and treated at the Chesapeake Beach wastewater treatment plant.

**Water Quality & Public Health Issues:** The County Health Department determination is summarized below: The existing septic system currently consists of a 1,000-gallon, mid-seam septic tank that is leaking as well as drainfields that are completely saturated. This is a public health and safety issue, and State funds are needed to remedy the situation. A percolation test was conducted on 3/18/2025. An onsite sewage system is a viable replacement with a BAT and drainfields. However, according to COMAR 26.03.01.05, an individual sewerage system may NOT be permitted or installed where an adequate community sewerage facility is available. Currently, there is an adequate community sewerage facility available, therefore, a replacement onsite system would not be allowed pursuant to COMAR and the County Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan.

**BRF Funding Eligibility:** Up to \$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	000
BAT Upgrade	11.5	11.5
ENR Connection	1.9	21

**Attachment:** Location Map

