

February 3, 2025

MDE's intent to seek a Priority Funding Area (PFA) funding exception for
17820 Tree Lawn Drive, Ashton in Montgomery 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 March 3, 2025. Send e-mail comments to mde.pfaexception@maryland.gov.

Project: Sewer connection to the existing system in Montgomery County for Location Account ID 16-0800718817, 17820 Tree Lawn Drive, Ashton, Map JT562, Parcel 0000, Lot 14, Block D). The sewer will ultimately be conveyed to and treated at the Blue Plains wastewater treatment plant.

Water Quality & Public Health Issues: The County Health Department determination is summarized below:

The Department of Permitting Services (DPS), Well and Septic Section, has advised this office of a public health problem, a septic system failure, at the subject property (see the attached memorandum). DPS recommended relief of this problem by connecting the site to public sewer service, due to a confirmed septic system failure. The property is categorized as S-1 and public sewer service is accessible. A WSSC sewer main abuts the property on Tree Lawn Drive.

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> |
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| No Action | 23 | 000 |
| BAT Upgrade | 11.5 | 11.5 |
| ENR Connection | 2.3 | 20.7 |

Attachment: Location Map

