

September 29, 2022

MDE's intent to seek a Priority Funding Area (PFA) funding exception for 29927 Mt. Vernon Road Princess Anne, MD 21853 in Somerset 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 September 30, 2022. Send e-mail comments to [jerry.warner@maryland.gov](mailto:jerry.warner@maryland.gov).

**Project:** Sewer connection to the existing system in Somerset County for 29927 Mt. Vernon Road Princess Anne, MD 21853 (Account 1010514, Tax Map 15, Parcel 62). The sewer will ultimately be conveyed to and treated at the Princess Anne wastewater treatment plant.

**Water Quality & Public Health Issues:** The County Health Department determination is summarized below: The property has a failing onsite sewage disposal system. The property is located in the Somerset County GPR management area B1. The existing 2 acre lot cannot meet the minimum groundwater separation for a replacement OSDS. Somerset County has worked to have properties connect to public water and sewer whenever they are able to.

**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. (There are three surrounding lots with existing homes that may connect when the OSDS fails on these lots.)

**Measures Taken to Mitigate New Growth:** No new growth, one connection to existing sewer system. (There are three surrounding lots with existing homes that may connect when the OSDS fails on these lots.)

**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

