

December 14, 2023

MDE's intent to seek a Priority Funding Area (PFA) funding exception for 20140 Piney Point Road, Callaway - St. Mary's County septic to sewer connection

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 January 15, 2024. Send e-mail comments to jeffrey.fretwell@maryland.gov.

Project: Sewer connection in St. Mary's County for Location (2004259, 20140 Piney Point Road, Tax Map 57, Grid 5, Parcel 175). The sewer will ultimately be conveyed to and treated at the Marley-Taylor Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

Connection to the public system will drastically reduce the potential for sewage to enter into nearby streams. An onsite sewage disposal system for this site would be significantly undersized and could potentially fail prematurely increasing the chances for public and environmental hazards to occur.

BRF Funding Eligibility: Up to \$12,500 (one residence)

Potential New Growth: None, Restricted sewer service line

Measures Taken to Mitigate New Growth: There will be no infill

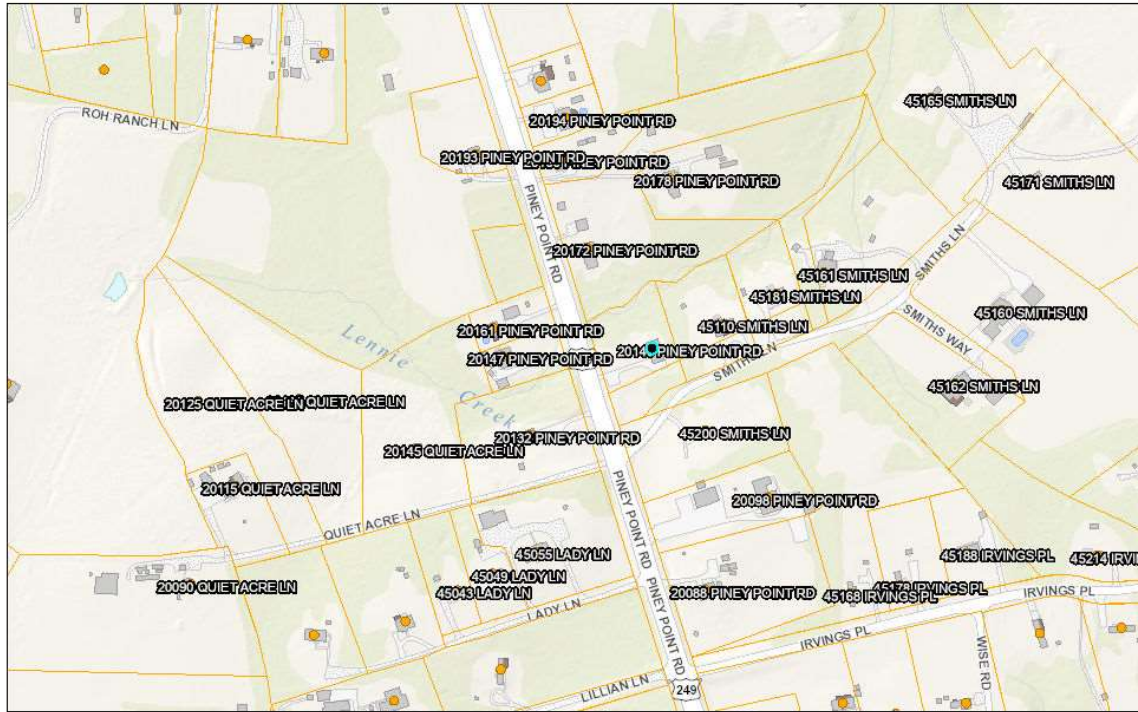
Potential Nitrogen Reduction: Sewage from the property is currently being discharged into an onsite septic system that the County has no records for. The existing system is more than likely non-conforming and may be discharging into the groundwater. Connection would significantly reduce the nitrogen load entering the waters of the State and would eliminate the current public and environmental health hazard.

	<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	3	20

*Includes nutrient loading from infill development

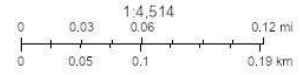
Attachment: Location Map

20140 Piney Point Rd



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Address Points  Property Boundaries
 Existing



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