

To:

Lonnie Robbins

Chief Administrative Officer

From:

James Irvin, Director

Department of Public Works

Subject:

County Council Resolution to Approve the 2019 Interim Amendment of the

Howard County Master Plan for Water & Sewerage-Testimony

Date:

October 29, 2019

Presented below is our testimony for the County Council resolution for approval of the 2019 Interim Amendment of the Master Plan for Water & Sewerage. This 2019 Interim Amendment provides more than 75 revisions to the 2015 Amendment of the Master Plan adopted by the County Council in 2016.

Each year, the Howard County Department of Public Works reviews the <u>Master Plan for Water & Sewerage</u> in accordance with the Maryland Code of Regulations (COMAR) 26.03.01.03 and Sections 18.100A and 22.405 of the Howard County Code and, when necessary or appropriate, the Department prepares interim updates to ensure adequate water and sewer planning.

As part of the Master Plan preparation process, the 2019 Interim Amendment was reviewed and approved by the Department of Planning and Zoning for consistency with the General Plan, the County Health Department, the Public Works Board and the Planning Board.

A few of the key updates of the 2019 Interim Amendment are listed below:

- 1. The Plan was revised in two places to incorporate two amendments to the Planned Service Area by the County Council (CB 59-2018 and CR 119-2018).
- 2. <u>Chapter3- The Water Plan</u> was revised to include planning for a new elevated water storage tank in the Clarksville area to alleviate a projected water storage deficit.
- 3. <u>Chapter4- The Sewerage Plan</u> was revised to expand the description of the planned capacity improvements to the Dorsey Run Sewage Pumping Station in response to a request by MDE.
- 4. "<u>Table 10B- Existing and Proposed Shared Septic Sewerage Systems</u>" was updated to add new projects and remove discontinued projects resulting from private development activity as these projects proceed from planning to construction.

- 5. The maps titled <u>EXHIBIT 1-WATER PLAN</u> and <u>EXHIBIT 2 (East) SEWER PLAN</u> were revised to identify the following updates:
 - The Metropolitan District boundaries, which show properties that entered the Metropolitan District following publication of the 2015 Master Plan.
 - The water and sewerage priority designations (e.g. Existing and Under Construction, 0-to-5 Year Priority, 6-to-10 Year Priority, etc.) for individual property parcels in the Planned Service Area.
 - The status of new and existing private development activity based upon annual review of the "Subdivisions in Process" and "Site Development Plans" databases through December 2018.

Each of the above items replace the corresponding materials in the 2015 Master Plan Amendment.

cc: Donald Campbell file



To:

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Budget Office

From:

James Irvin, Director
Department of Public Works

Subject:

Fiscal Impact Statement for the 2019 Interim Amendment of the Howard County

Master Plan for Water & Sewerage

Date:

October 30, 2019

The Council Resolution is for adoption of the 2019 Interim Amendments to the Howard County Master Plan for Water & Sewerage adopted by the County Council in 2016. The Master Plan is a planning document only and has no direct fiscal impact on the County.

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