

Subject:

Resolution Approving a Routine

Amendment to the Howard County Master Plan for Water and Sewerage

To:

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Raymond Wacks, Budget Administrator

Office of Budget

From:

James Irvin, Director

Department of Public Works

Date:

January 29, 2009

The Department of Public Works has been designated coordinator for preparation of testimony to be presented at the County Council hearing relative to the subject Resolution.

The Department of Public Works will be represented at the public hearing to present testimony and respond to any questions regarding the Resolution.

As specified in Chapter 1 of the Master Plan for Water and Sewerage, the Department of Public Works is committed to prepare Routine Amendments on a semi-annual basis. This Routine Amendment includes four tables and two sets of maps which account for subdivision activity and wastewater treatment project through October 2008. This amendment, which is of limited scope, addresses three specific types of revisions to the Master Plan for Water and Sewerage:

- 1. <u>Changes in Capital Project Schedules</u> As capital projects progress from planning to construction, the priority designations assigned in the Master Plan for Water and Sewerage to the properties served by these projects must be revised. Detailed criteria for determining the appropriate priority designations are given in Chapter 1 of the Master Plan for Water and Sewerage.
- 2. <u>Changes in the Status of Private Development</u> As proposed private development progresses through the plan review and approval process administered by the Department of Planning and Zoning, the Master Plan for Water and Sewerage priority designation for affected properties must be revised in accordance with the Chapter 1 criteria. These revisions are of particular importance since the

- Maryland Department of the Environment will only approve water or sewer construction permits for proposed development which is assigned a priority specifying service within a maximum of five years.
- 3. Entries into the Metropolitan District Properties which have been incorporated into the Metropolitan District necessitate revisions to the Master Plan for Water and Sewerage and the water and sewer facilities maps since the Metropolitan District boundary is shown on these maps. Likewise, properties removed from the Metropolitan District result in revisions to the boundary.

## The contents of the amendment are described below:

- 1. <u>Table 8 Immediate, 5 Year, 10 Year, and Comprehensive Priorities for Water System Development</u> Revisions to this table incorporate changes in priority designations and project descriptions for water system capital projects. Projects which have been completed were deleted from the table.
- 2. <u>Table 13 Immediate, 5 Year, 10 Year, and Comprehensive Priorities For Sewer System Development</u> Revisions to this table incorporate changes in priority designations and project descriptions for sewer system capital projects. Projects which have been completed were deleted from this table.
- 3. <u>Sewer Map Immediate, 5 Year, 10 Year, and Comprehensive Priorities For Sewer System Development</u> Revisions to this map incorporate changes in project locations and geographic descriptions for sewer system capital projects.
- 4. <u>Water Facilities Map</u> This map included at the end of the Master Plan for Water and Sewerage includes service priority and other revisions relating to the water system.
- 5. <u>Sewer Facilities Map</u> This map included at the end of the Master Plan for Water and Sewerage includes service priority and other revisions relating to the sewer system.
- 6. Water Facilities Map Revision Table This table identifies each revision to the Water Facilities Map. Included are the subdivision or property owner name; tax map number; parcel or lot number; a description of the revision; and the reason for the revision. The table is inserted in the composite water map pocket (EXHIBIT B).
- 7. <u>Sewer Facilities Map Revision Table</u> This table identifies each revision to the Sewer Facilities Map. Included are the subdivision or property owner name; tax map number; parcel or lot number; a description of the revision; and the reason for the revision. The table is inserted in the composite sewer map pocket (EXHIBIT C).

Each of the above items replaces its counterpart in the July 2008 Master Plan Amendment.

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January 2009 Routine Amendment to

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