




Howard County
Internal Memorandum

To: Lonnie Robbins
Chief Administrative Officer

From: James M. Irvin, Director 
Department of Public Works

Subject: County Council Resolution Approving the 2015 Amendment of the
Howard County Master Plan for Water & Sewerage- Testimony

Date: February 9, 2016

Presented below is our testimony for the County Council resolution to approve the 2015 Amendment of the Master Plan for Water & Sewerage.

In accordance with State Law, each County in the State of Maryland must develop and maintain a Master Plan which provides for the orderly expansion of the local public water and sewerage systems. The last major Master Plan Amendment was the 2011 Master Plan adopted by the County Council in 2012. The 2015 Amendment will replace the 2011 Master Plan in its entirety.

State regulations require that the Master Plan be prepared as a tool for implementation of County development policy. Therefore, the Plan must be consistent with the County's General Development Plan and with the growth and development projections prepared by the Department of Planning & Zoning.

A few of the key updates of the 2015 Amendment are listed below:

- Preparation of the 2015 Amendment was coordinated with staff within the Department of Planning & Zoning and utilized the Round 8A population and commercial development projections by Planning & Zoning to determine future water and sewer system flow projections and infrastructure needs.
- The Plan was updated and revised to describe the changes to the Planned Service Area (PSA) that have been implemented since the adoption of the 2011 Master Plan. These changes were implemented by amendments to General Plan 2000 and the adoption of PlanHoward 2030 by the County Council. (Ref: Chapter 1, Section 1.3)
- The water and sewer service priorities for parcels within the Planned Service Area were updated and revised where appropriate to reflect the progress of existing and new development since the last Plan update. (Ref: Exhibits 1 and 2)
- The Plan was updated to reflect the progress of future water supply and sewerage collection and treatment projects within the County and outside the County including improvements to the Baltimore City water supply and expansion of the Patapsco Wastewater Treatment Plant, which are

coordinated with Baltimore City and Baltimore County (Ref: Chapter 3-The Water Plan, and Chapter 4-The Sewerage Plan).

- The 2015 Amendment provides an accurate assessment of the capital projects required to provide for adequate future water and sewerage service to the citizens of Howard County (Ref: Table 8 of Chapter 3, and Table 13 of Chapter 4).

As part of the Master Plan preparation process, the 2015 Amendment of the Master Plan was reviewed by the Department of Planning and Zoning, the County Health Department, the Bureaus within the Department of Public Works, and the Maryland Department of the Environment. The review comments from each of these agencies have been addressed within the plan.

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Howard County
Internal Memorandum

To: Holly Sun, Budget Administrator
Budget Office

From: James M. Irvin, Director *JMI*
Department of Public Works

Subject: Fiscal Impact Statement for the 2015 Amendment of the
Howard County Master Plan for Water & Sewerage

Date: February 9, 2016

The Council Resolution is for adoption of the Howard County Master Plan for Water and Sewerage. The Master Plan is a planning document only, and has no direct fiscal impact on the County.

Attachment

cc: Donald Campbell