

August 6, 2024

MDE's intent to seek a Priority Funding Area (PFA) funding exception for
28719 Fairmount Road Westover, MD 21871 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 6, 2024. Send e-mail comments to Jeffrey.fretwell@maryland.gov.

Project: Sewer connection to the existing system in Somerset County for 28719 Fairmount Road Westover, MD 21871 (Account 6095879, Tax Map 39, Parcel 261). 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 B2. The existing 21,780 square foot lot cannot meet the minimum groundwater separation for a replacement OSDS. The soils on the property are considered very poorly drained and are 90% hydric soils which cannot support an onsite sewage disposal system. 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 several 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*

*Includes nutrient loading from infill development

Attachment: Location Map

