

# Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council

Hampstead \* Manchester \* Mt. Airy \* New Windsor  
Carroll County Health Department



\* Sykesville \* Taneytown \* Union Bridge \* Westminster  
Carroll County Government

## WRCC Meeting Summary March 27, 2024

### **Attendees:**

#### Municipalities:

- Kevin Hann, Chair, Hampstead
- Jim Wieprecht, Vice Chair, Taneytown
- Gary Dye, New Windsor
- Delbert Green, Manchester
- Mayor Perry Jones, Union Bridge
- Rodney Kuhns, Manchester
- Alex Perricone, Manchester
- Mike Rawlings, Westminster
- Kevin Rubenstein, Sykesville
- Kevin Smeak, Taneytown
- Steve Strawsburg, Westminster
- Dick Swanson, Mount Airy

#### CC PLM:

- Daphne Daly
- Brenda Dinne
- Glenn Edwards
- Andrew Gray
- Chris Heyn, Director
- Claire Hirt
- Byron Madigan
- Kelly Martin
- Mitch Masser
- Denise Mathias
- Zach Neal
- Janet O'Meara
- Pat Varga

#### Health Department:

- Richard Brace

#### CCG Others:

- Andy Watcher, CC DPW
- Bryan Bokey, CC DPW
- Lydia Rogers, CC M&B

#### Guest Speakers:

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### **1. Opening Statement**

#### **Chair – Kevin Hann**

Mr. Hann opened the meeting at 2:30 PM.

He expressed appreciation for Zach Neal's monthly water level/drought updates.

Mr. Hann inquired about replacing/updating the Drinking Water Protection Area signs that were installed approximately 25 years ago. Ms. O'Meara will look into it. He suggested that a contest for a new logo for a new sign design could be an idea for the Environmental Symposium.

Hampstead experienced incidents of dumping behind the Robert's Field Shopping Center.

#### **Vice Chair – Jim Wieprecht**

Nothing additional.

### **2. Approval of Meeting Summary – February 28, 2024**

Approval of the February meeting summary was discussed. No changes were made.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Mayor Perry Jones and seconded by Jim Wieprecht to approve the February 28, 2024, meeting summary. Motion carried.

### **3. National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) & Community Rating System (CRS) – Pat Varga**

- Mr. Varga gave a history of significant flooding events and legislation in the country that have shaped the current regulations and policies that are in place.

- He discussed how flood insurance became a federal program rather than remain under private insurance companies.
- Mr. Varga described the Community Rating System (CRS) and various factors that contribute to the system of accruing points to attain higher levels and additional insurance discounts.
- Information is available on the County's [Flood Management Program Overview](#) website.

*Reference/Attachment:*

- *PowerPoint: FEMA, The National Flood Insurance Program, and The Community Rating System*

#### **4. Water Resources Element (WRE 2024) Update – Brenda Dinne**

- Task 1.2: Automation of Portions of Buildable Land Inventory Model: Task completed.
- Task 2: Groundwater Allocability: Task completed.
- Task 3: Emerging Contaminants: Task completed.
- Task 4: MDE TIPP Spreadsheet Comparison: Hazen corrected the TIPP spreadsheets, and Hanover Land is repopulating them.
- Task 5: Climate Change Impacts: Task completed.
- Task 6: Update 2010 WRE Supporting Documents: Hazen is working on revisions based on staff comments on the draft documents. Ms. Dinne will send each municipality and the Bureau of Utilities the revised Wastewater Limitations report to check the numbers and text for their own systems to ensure there are no concerns.
- Process: The WRE plan document will move forward with the adoption process ahead of the rest of the Master Plan update process. The information in the WRE will not change and will be helpful with informing the Master Plan and municipal comprehensive plan update processes. The intention is for all nine jurisdictions to adopt the same document and go through the adoption process together.

*Reference/Attachment:*

- *N/A*

#### **5. Municipal Stormwater Projects Update – Janet O’Meara**

- Ms. O’Meara provided an update on the municipal stormwater restoration projects.

*Reference/Attachment:*

- *Municipal Project Status, March 2024*

#### **6. PFAS Discussion**

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*Reference/Attachment:*

- *N/A*

#### **7. Other**

- Legislative Update: Ms. Dinne reviewed proposed bills related to water resources or environment in which the municipalities may be interested. She provided a table listing the bills, a link to the bill on the Maryland General Assembly website, and current status. Many of the bills are no longer moving forward at this point.
- April WRCC Meeting: The next meeting will be held on April 24, 2024. The guest speaker will be Dylan Orr from Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR). He will present on DNR’s various tree programs. If any members have questions ahead of time, Ms. Dinne will share them with Mr. Orr beforehand.
- Water Conservation Public Outreach Piece: The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is working on a public outreach piece for water conservation. The municipalities are providing Ms. Dinne with information related to any voluntary and/or mandatory water restrictions they

implement related to drought. She provided a draft copy for them to review and provide any corrections or additions.

- **NPDES MS4 Requirements:**

- *Good Housekeeping and Salt Management Plans:* Mr. Edwards and Mr. Masser are in the process of meeting with each municipality to review good housekeeping plan and salt management requirements including salt management plan development needed per our NPDES permit. Garrett Tucker, Resource Management's new Water Resource Technician, may also be attending some of these meetings to review sanitary sewer improvements that may be credited toward restoration.
- *IDDE Screenings:* These screenings are about 93 percent complete. Visual Surveys are 75%. IDDE Illicit Discharge reported incidents are up from the previous year.
- *Public Education for Businesses:* Mr. Edwards and Mr. Masser have brochures available for public outreach to businesses – general, auto-related, and food industry. Copies can be provided for events or if municipal staff want to reach out to individual businesses, as Hampstead has done recently.

- **MDE Proposed Stormwater Regulations:** As part of MDE's A-StoRM effort, MDE is updating the State stormwater regulations. MDE's Stakeholder Consulting Group will be meeting on April 10 to discuss the draft regulations that were sent to them. Following that meeting, Mr. Heyn will draft a comment letter. The draft comments will be shared with the municipalities for feedback prior to sending. Comments are due to MDE by May 7, 2024.

- **Carroll County Master Plan Update:** No details are available yet regarding the Master Plan update process. Ms. Daly anticipates the process will begin this summer and will include coordination with each municipality.

- **Comprehensive Planning Representative:** Ms. Daly introduced Andrew Gray, who replaces Hannah Weber as the Comprehensive Planning representative attending the WRCC meetings.

- **Water & Sewer Master Plan Spring Amendments:** Mr. Gray shared information on the areas where amendments to the Water & Sewer Master Plan will be processed this spring. They included areas in Hampstead, Westminster, Mount Airy, and Freedom. Each Planning Commission will need to certify that the amendments are consistent with the Master Plan/comprehensive plan for that jurisdiction.

- **Lead & Copper Rule:** MDE updated the spreadsheet again. If it was started in a previous version, it will need to be moved into the new version. Inventories are due in October 2024.

- **Storm Drain Maps:** Mr. Masser encouraged the municipalities to return the marked-up maps so the data can be updated.

- **Spring Outreach Events:** Mr. Masser indicated that Resource Management staff will participate in the Earth Day event on April 20 at Bear Branch. He will share flyers on the upcoming rain barrel and compost bin sale and the household hazardous waste event.

**Reference/Attachment:**

- *WRCC Legislative Update: 2024 General Assembly Proposed Water/Environmental Resource Legislation, March 27, 2024*

## **8. Adjournment**


The meeting adjourned at 4:11 PM.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Jim Wieprecht and seconded by Mayor Perry Jones to adjourn the March 27, 2024, meeting. Motion carried.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- ☐ *Regular Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, April 24, 2024*

# FEMA, The National Flood Insurance Program, and The Community Rating System



Patrick Varga, CFM – Environmental Review Supervisor and Floodplain Management/GIS Specialist

### Congressional Act of 1803

The first legislative act of federal disaster relief in U.S. history followed a devastating fire in Portsmouth, New Hampshire in December 1802. The destruction of large areas of the city's seaport threatened commerce in the newly founded nation. In 1803, U.S. Congress provided relief to affected Portsmouth merchants by suspending bond payments for several months.

### Creation of FEMA

President Carter signed Executive Order 12127, effective April 1, 1979, establishing FEMA. Shortly after, in signing Executive Order 12148 on July 20, 1979, President Carter gave the agency the dual mission of emergency management and civil defense.



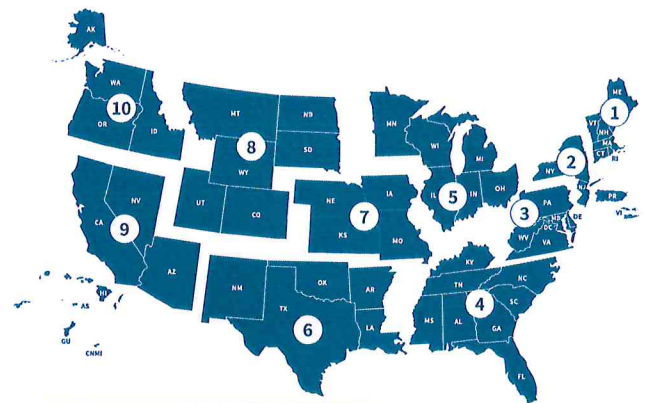
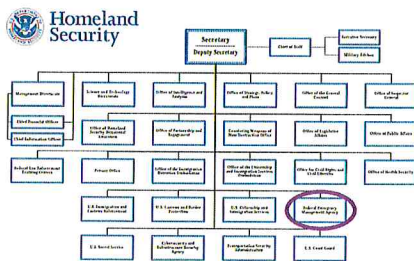
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### The Stafford Act

The agency's authorities were further defined and expanded by the Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Amendments of 1988, which amended the Disaster Relief Act of 1974 and renamed it the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act). The Stafford Act provided clear direction for emergency management and established the current statutory framework for disaster response and recovery through presidential disaster declarations.

### Department of Homeland Security

The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 changed the face of homeland security and emergency management and drove major statute and policy changes to reorganize the federal government. In 2002, President W. Bush signed the Homeland Security Act, leading to the creation of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The department was created on March 1, 2003 and united FEMA and 21 other organizations.



## Early American Floodplain Policy

- 1849 - The Swamp Land Acts of 1849 and 1850 transfer swamp and overflow land from federal control to most state governments along the lower Mississippi River on the condition that the states use revenue from the land sales to build levees and drainage channels. The Acts require no federal funds.
- 1861 - In a Report upon the Physics and Hydraulics of the Mississippi River, Captain Andrew A. Humphreys, Corps of Topographical Engineers, and Lieutenant Henry L. Abbott support the completion of the existing levee system and exclude alternative flood controls, partly for economic reasons. The emphasis on levees represents the primary focus of U.S. policy on flood control well into the 20th century.
- 1866 - Captain Humphreys becomes Chief of Engineers of the U.S. Army and labors to quash opposition to the "levees-only" policy he advocates.



F.H. Schell

## Early American Floodplain Policy

- 1927 - The Great Mississippi River Flood shows the limits of Humphreys' "levees only" policy. The death toll is 246 but may have reached 500, more than 700,000 people are homeless, 150 Red Cross camps care for more than 325,000 refugees, and property damage exceeds \$236 million. Nearly 27,000 square miles / 13 million acres of land are flooded.
- 1929 - The private insurance industry abandons the coverage of flood losses.



## Gilbert White – Father of modern floodplain management

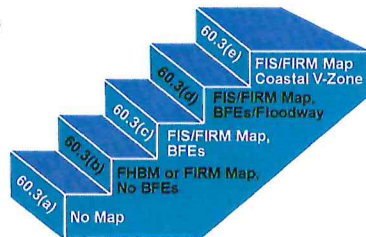
- After another Mississippi flood of 1937, Dr. Gilbert White writes (1942), “Human Adjustments to Floods”
- “[Development should be]...an integration of engineering, geographic, economic, and related techniques.”
- “Floods are an act of God, but flood losses are largely an act of man”
- “The solutions [should include]... a combination of **all eight types of adjustments**, judiciously selected with a view to the most effective use of floodplains.”

## “Human Adjustments to Floods”

- The following eight adjustment factors in White’s
- 1. Elevation of land
- 2. Flood Abatement (**Watershed management approaches**)
- 3. Flood Protection (**Structural flood control**)
- 4. Emergency Measures
- 5. Structural Adjustments (**building and infrastructure**)
- 6. Land Use
- 7. Public Relief
- 8. Insurance

The National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 launches the NFIP with two primary goals:

- Reducing future flood damage
- Protecting property owners.



## Goals of NFIP

- Emphasize less costly, non-structural flood control methods
- Shift costly burden to landowners in Floodplain rather than all taxpayers
- Provide landowners affordable flood insurance coverage not available in the private market
- Encourage community participation



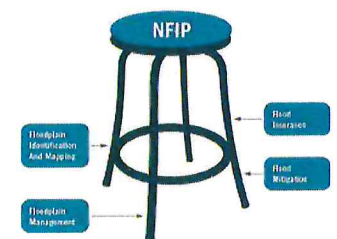
## Hot to achieve goals

- Reduce likelihood of building damage
- Prevent new developments from increasing flood risk
- Maintain and restore natural and beneficial functions of floodplains



## Keys to success

- Effective enforcement of floodplain regulations
- Federally-backed flood insurance
- Accurate floodplain mapping



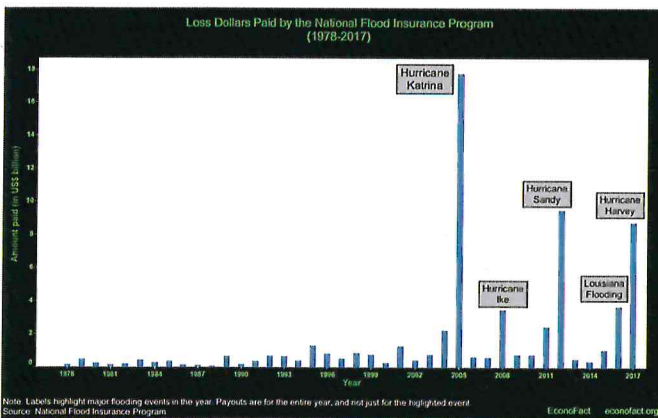
## Milestones

- 1973 – Flood Disaster Protection Act
  - Prohibits Federal Agencies from aiding in construction projects for non-NFIP communities
  - Established the mandatory purchase requirement
  - Dramatic increase in participation
    - 1973 – 2,200 Communities
    - 1977 – 15,000 Communities
    - 2023 – 22,594 Communities
- 1979 – NFIP becomes part of FEMA
- 1994 National Flood Insurance Reform Act
  - Decrease financial burden by increasing participation
    - Increased Maximum amount
    - Fines for lenders that do not require flood insurance
    - Established grant program for mitigation
  - Created **Community Rating System**



## Milestones

- 2004 – Flood Insurance Reform Act
  - Eliminates incentives to rebuild on properties that repeatedly flood
  - Establishes flood insurance training for insurance professionals
- 2012 – Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act
  - Introduces rate change to “increase the NFIP’s fiscal soundness”
  - Authorizes national mapping program
- 2014 – Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act
  - Restores grandfathering and places limits on rate increase
- 2018 – Disaster Recovery Reform Act
  - Focused efforts to build a culture of preparedness
- 2021 – 2023 – Risk Rating 2.0
  - Insurance premiums based on proximity to flooding source, rather than just in or out.



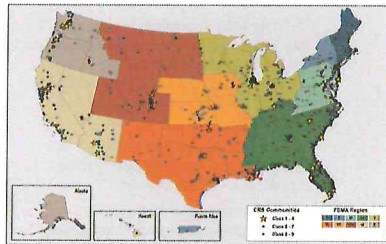
## Community Rating System

- The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) was implemented as a voluntary program for recognizing and encouraging community floodplain management activities that exceed minimum NFIP standards. Any community fully compliant with NFIP floodplain management requirements may apply to join the CRS.



## Community Rating System

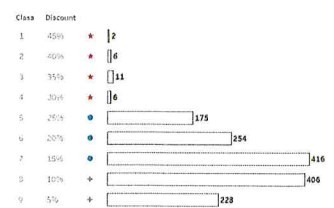
- The CRS has 1,520 communities throughout the United States that participate in the program by implementing local mitigation, floodplain management, and outreach activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. These CRS communities have over 3.6 million policyholders, accounting for more than 70% of all NFIP flood insurance policies.
- Under the CRS, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reward community actions that meet the three goals of the CRS: (1) reduce flood damage to insurable property; (2) strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the NFIP; and (3) encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management.



## Community Rating System

- The CRS uses a Class rating system that is similar to fire insurance rating to determine flood insurance premium reductions for residents. CRS Classes are rated from 10 to 1. As a community engages in additional mitigation activities, its residents become eligible for increased NFIP policy premium discounts. Each CRS Class improvement produces a 5% greater discount on flood insurance premiums for properties in the SFHA.

### COMMUNITIES BY CLASS



## CRS Classes

- CRS Class changes occur on April 1 and October 1 of each year.
- Carroll Joined as a Class 8 in 2007, upgraded to Class 7 in 2018, Class 6 in 2023, Class 5 in 2024
- A community accrues points to improve its CRS Class rating and receive increasingly higher discounts. Points are awarded for engaging in any of 19 creditable activities, organized under four categories: **(1) Public Information, (2) Mapping and Regulations, (3) Flood Damage Reduction, and (4) Warning and Response.**

## Public Information

- **Activity 310 (Elevation Certificates)** Maintaining construction certificates and making them available to the public
- **Activity 320 (Map Information Service)** Providing Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMS) and other map information, and publicizing that service.

Date	Type	Priority	Location/Address	Parcel	Zone	Inversion, Purchase, Barometric, Floodplain	FEMA, Floodplain	Depth of Flooding at Structure, (ft)	Historic Flooding?	Removal of Floodplain Functions/Utilities	Comments
10/21/2022	T		50 Hunn Man Street	24013C0110D	AE	Y	Y	-6	Y	restoration upstream	Temporary tent to be placed on property
10/14/2022	T		0702916569 - Man Street	24013C0050D	HA	H	H	HA	H	Vehicle repair shop proposed	Citizen concern regarding proposed SWM outfall
11/05/2022	T		2097 Mury Maskaie Road	24013C0225D	AE	H	Y	-3	H	Cabin placed on grade within floodplain	Cabin must be removed - relocated out of floodplain 5/2/2023

## Public Information

- **Activity 330 (Outreach Projects)** Providing information to the public
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l7lxNzURekA>
- **Activity 340 (Hazard Disclosure)** Real estate agents' advising potential purchasers of floodprone property about the flood hazard, and local regulations requiring disclosure of the hazard



## Public Information

- **Activity 350 (Flood Protection Information)** Maintaining a community public library and/or website that contains flood-related information
- **Activity 360 (Flood Protection Assistance)** Advising property owners and renters about how to protect buildings from flooding and publicizing that service



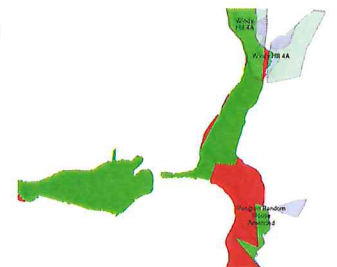
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## Public Information

- **Activity 360 (Flood Protection Assistance)** Advising property owners and renters about how to protect buildings from flooding and publicizing that service
- **Activity 370 (Flood Insurance Promotion)** Assessing flood insurance coverage in the community and implementing a plan to promote flood insurance

## Mapping and Regulations

- **Activity 410 (Floodplain Mapping)** — Developing regulatory maps for areas not mapped by FEMA or flood mapping based on future conditions, detailed topography, or other standards
- **Activity 420 (Open Space Preservation)** Keeping floodprone land free of development
- **Activity 430 (Higher Regulatory Standards)** Regulations that exceed the NFIP's minimum criteria for floodplain management



## Mapping and Regulations

- **Activity 440 (Flood Data Maintenance)** Gathering and/or maintaining more accessible, useful, and/or accurate floodplain data for regulation, insurance rating, hazard disclosure, and property appraisals
- **Activity 450 (Stormwater Management)** Watershed planning and regulations that prevent future development from increasing flood hazards or diminishing water quality

## Flood Damage Reduction

- **Activity 510 (Floodplain Management Planning)** Adoption of flood hazard mitigation and/or natural functions plans using the CRS planning process, and/or conducting repetitive loss area analyses
- **Activity 520 (Acquisition and Relocation)** Acquiring insurable buildings and relocating them out of the floodplain, and leaving the property as open space



## Flood Damage Reduction

- **Activity 530 (Flood Protection)** Protecting buildings from flood damage by floodproofing, elevation, or minor structural projects
- **Activity 540 (Drainage System Maintenance)** Annual inspections of channels and retention basins, and maintenance of the drainage system's flood-carrying and storage capacity

## Flood Warning and Response

- **Activity 610 (Flood Warning and Response)** Timely warning of flood threats and coordinating flood response activities.
- **Activity 620 (Levees)** Annual levee inspection programs and plans to respond to floods caused by levee failure
- **Activity 630 (Dams)** State dam safety programs and plans to respond to flooding caused by dam failure.



Previous Score	Modified Score	Current Credit	Activity Total
c310 38	c310	c310 38	38
c320 90	c320	c320 90	90
c330 136	c330	c330 136	136
c340 18	c340	c340 18	18
c350 74	c350	c350 74	74
c360	c360	c360	
c370	c370	c370	
c410 16	c410	c410 16	17
c420 571	c420	c420 571	605
c430 1174	c430	c430 1174	1244
c440 136	c440	c440 136	144
c450 50	c450	c450 50	53
c510	c510 117	c510 117	117
c520 12	c520	c520 12	12
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c610	c610	c610	
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c630 45	c630	c630 45	45
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## CRS Benefits

Lower-cost flood insurance rates are only one of the rewards a community receives from participating in the CRS. Here are some other benefits:

- Citizens and property owners in CRS communities have increased opportunities to learn about risk, evaluate their individual vulnerabilities, and take action to protect themselves, as well as their homes and businesses.
- CRS floodplain management activities provide enhanced public safety, reduced damage to property and public infrastructure, and avoidance of economic disruption and loss.
- Communities can evaluate their flood programs against a nationally recognized benchmark.
- Technical assistance in carrying out some activities is available to community officials at no charge.
- CRS communities have incentives to maintain and improve their flood programs over time.



## CRS Training

- CRS Specialists are available to assist community officials in applying to the program and in designing, implementing, and documenting the activities that earn even greater premium discounts. A week-long CRS course for local officials is offered free at FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) on the National Emergency Training Center campus in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and can be field deployed in interested states. A series of webinars is offered throughout the year.



## CRS Verification

- Each year, the community must verify that it is continuing to perform the activities that are being credited by the CRS by submitting an annual recertification. In addition, a community can continue to improve its CRS Class rating by undertaking new mitigation and floodplain management activities that earn even more points.
- A community's activities and performance are reviewed during a verification visit. FEMA establishes the credit to be granted and notifies the community, the State, insurance companies, and other appropriate parties.
- Verifications are every five years, or three years for communities with larger premium totals or larger discounts.

## FEMA, The National Flood Insurance Program, and The Community Rating System



# MUNICIPAL STORMWATER PROJECT STATUS

March 27, 2024

## FUTURE PROJECTS:

**Michael's Property (Hampstead)** – Project is on hold until Town has obtained approval from property owners to move forward.

**Hampstead Valley 2/3 (Hampstead)** – Hampstead Valley facilities 2 and 3 will be retrofit as a stream restoration project to decommission Sycamore Drive as a roadway embankment. The design will include a stream restoration beginning immediately downstream of the proposed Hampstead Valley 1 facility and continue to Sycamore Drive.

## CONCEPT DESIGN:

**Hampstead Valley 1 (Hampstead)** – Retrofit of existing detention basin to a surface sand filter. Site is located just south of Lower Beckleysville Road near a production well. Comments were returned to CLSI, the County is currently looking into how this project would impact a project at Hampstead Valley 2/3.

**Manchester East (Manchester)** – CLSI is working on the concept design of a new stormwater facility north of Manchester Valley High School, adjacent to the pump station. CLSI submitted a concept plan February 16<sup>th</sup>, this project should be reviewed soon.

**Meadow Ridge Basin 2 (Westminster)** – Retrofit of existing facility to provide water quality through a surface sand filter. This site is adjacent to the pump station at the edge of the City limits. The RFP was emailed out to the five County Engineering term contractors, two proposals were received. Century was the lowest responsive bidder.

**New Windsor Wetland (New Windsor)** - A new wetland facility is proposed adjacent to the Maryland Midland Railroad tracks and Dickenson Run. The proposed improvements include removing the existing inlet adjacent to the intersection of Water St and Church St, replacing it with a diversion structure that will route the 1-year storm discharges to the proposed wetland facility. A concept plan was submitted on February 16<sup>th</sup>, it is currently being reviewed by staff.

**Public Safety Training Center (Westminster Well)**- A retrofit for the Public Safety Training Center pond is in progress for the facility design and PFAS remediation. WRA is finalizing the concept

plan for the surface sand filter. We are continuing to work with Building Construction to coordinate design efforts for erosion and sediment control a meeting is scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss how construction plans will be developed to move this design forward.

### **PRELIMINARY DESIGN:**

**Hampstead Valley 4 (Hampstead)** – A new surface sand filter and stream restoration project is proposed between Century Street and Downhill Trail. Culverts at Downhill Trail require realignment into the HOA parcel for dam breach approval. Soil borings were completed by KCI, the report was submitted to be reviewed by Stormwater Management. CLSI is moving forward with final plan design.

**Roberts Field Wet Facility (Hampstead)** – Retrofit of wet pond to new hybrid wet pond/submerged gravel wetland. The recent concept submittal was approved with comments from the Town and Stormwater Management. Wallace Montgomery & Associates (WMA) is working on the preliminary plans. A revised grading plan was provided this month to be submitted with the grant application to DNR Grants Gateway. Soil borings were completed by Kleinfelder, we are currently waiting for the report. A plan was submitted for review on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **FINAL DESIGN:**

### **CONSTRUCTION:**

### **PLANNING PROJECTS:**

**Little Pipe Creek Restoration Opportunities** –CWP has developed a spreadsheet to prioritize projects and has identified five potential projects. The County plans to submit an application to NFWF for technical assistance to complete a design on one of the projects identified within the City of Westminster.

### **TREE PLANTING PROJECTS:**

**All the municipal plantings have completed their maintenance period and are now the responsibility of the municipalities. Please make sure that these areas are being mowed at least three (3) times per season.**



# WRCC Legislative Update



## 2024 General Assembly Proposed Water/Environmental Resource Legislation

Status: As of March 28, 2024

Bill + Description	Status + Position
<p><b>SB 96/HB 24</b>  <b>ENVIRONMENT - IMPACT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS AND STATE AGENCY ACTIONS</b>            Requiring the Department of the Environment to conduct a climate and environmental equity evaluation regarding the impact of issuing an approval for certain environmental permits; requiring the Department to provide opportunities for residents of the State to opt in to text, phone, e-mail, or regular mail notifications regarding any facility with a pending or final permit approval in or adjacent to the resident's census tract; altering certain reporting requirements for certain State agencies; etc.</p> <p><b>Bills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>SB:</del> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0096F.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0096F.pdf</a></li> <li>• <b>HB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb0024T.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb0024T.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Status:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>SB:</b> Hearing 3/5</li> <li>◆ <b>HB:</b> Passed House w/ Amendments; Senate hearing TBD</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b>Positions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>MML:</b> Not tracking</li> <li>◆ <b>MACO:</b> No position/Letter of Information</li> <li>◆ <b>LRM Position:</b> No action</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b>Other:</b> Introduced in 2023 Regular Session as: <a href="#">SB0743</a> / <a href="#">HB0840</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>SB 274/HB 17</b>  <b>CHARTER COUNTIES - COMPREHENSIVE PLANS - AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING</b>            Altering requirements for the housing element of a charter county's comprehensive plan to include requirements related to affirmatively furthering fair housing; requiring the housing element of a comprehensive plan that is enacted or amended on or after January 1, 2025, to include an assessment of fair housing to ensure that the county is affirmatively furthering fair housing; etc.</p> <p><i>*Bill imposes a local government mandate, which is a directive in a bill requiring a local government unit to perform a task or assume a responsibility that has a discernible fiscal impact on the local government unit.</i></p> <p><b>Bills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0274T.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0274T.pdf</a></li> <li>• <b>HB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb0017T.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb0017T.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Status:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>SB:</b> Passed Senate; House hearing 3/26</li> <li>◆ <b>HB:</b> Passed House; Senate hearing TBD</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b>Positions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>MML:</b> Not tracking</li> <li>◆ <b>MACO:</b> Not tracking</li> <li>◆ <b>LRM Position:</b> No action</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b>Other:</b> requested by MDP</li> </ul>

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<p><b>SB 356/HB 3</b>  <b>LAND USE - EXPEDITED DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESSES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING - REQUIREMENTS</b>            Requiring local jurisdictions to establish and implement an expedited development review process for certain proposed affordable housing developments; applying the process to a charitable organization seeking to develop affordable housing on its own land and a public housing authority proposing to develop affordable housing on land owned by a charity or a government entity; and establishing a good-faith waiver for local jurisdictions that cannot implement an expedited development review process.  <i>*Bill imposes a local government mandate, which is a directive in a bill requiring a local government unit to perform a task or assume a responsibility that has a discernible fiscal impact on the local government unit.</i></p> <p><b>Bills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0356F.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0356F.pdf</a></li> <li>• <b>HB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb0003F.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb0003F.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<p>➤ <b>Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>SB:</b> Hearing 2/1</li> <li>◆ <b>HB:</b> Hearing 1/30</li> </ul> <p>➤ <b>Positions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>MML:</b> Support w Amendments</li> <li>◆ <b>MACO:</b> Support w Amendments</li> <li>◆ <b>LRM Position:</b> No action</li> </ul> <p>➤ <b>Other:</b> Introduced in 2023 Regular Session as: <a href="#">SB0903</a></p>
<p><b>SB 484/HB 538</b>  <b>LAND USE – AFFORDABLE HOUSING – ZONING DENSITY AND PERMITTING (HOUSING EXPANSION AND AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2024)</b>            Prohibiting a local legislative body from prohibiting the placement of a certain manufactured home in certain residential zoning districts under certain circumstances; prohibiting a local jurisdiction from using an element of an adequate public facilities law to deny certain permits for certain State–funded affordable housing projects or other qualified projects or to restrict or limit the development of the projects in a certain manner; etc.</p> <p><b>Bills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0484F.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0484F.pdf</a></li> <li>• <b>HB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb0538F.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb0538F.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<p>➤ <b>Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>SB:</b> Hearing 3/1</li> <li>◆ <b>HB:</b> Hearing 2/20</li> </ul> <p>➤ <b>Positions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>MML:</b> Support w Amendments</li> <li>◆ <b>MACO:</b> Support w Amendments</li> <li>◆ <b>LRM Position:</b> No action</li> </ul> <p>➤ <b>Other:</b> requested by Administration</p>
<p><b>HB 516</b>  <b>CLIMATE CRISIS AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACT OF 2024</b>  <b>Description:</b> Establishing the Climate Crisis Initiative in the Department of the Environment to provide for the assessment of greenhouse gas pollution fees, the provision of certain benefits to households and employers, and the funding of certain climate–related activities; providing for the collection and use of certain greenhouse gas pollution fees; establishing the Household and Employer Benefit Fund and the Climate Crisis Infrastructure Fund as special, nonlapsing funds; etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bill:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb0516F.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb0516F.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<p>➤ <b>Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>SB:</b> n/a</li> <li>◆ <b>HB:</b> Hearing 2/29 (EM)</li> </ul> <p>➤ <b>Positions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>MML:</b> Not tracking</li> <li>◆ <b>MACO:</b> Not tracking</li> <li>◆ <b>LRM Position:</b> n/a</li> </ul> <p>➤ <b>Other:</b> Introduced in 2023 Regular Session as: <a href="#">HB0171</a></p>

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<p><b>SB 572</b>  <b>ENVIRONMENT – COLLECTION AND REPORTING OF DRINKING WATER AND WASTEWATER DOCUMENTS, DATA, AND INFORMATION – REQUIREMENTS</b>  <b>Description:</b> Requiring a water utility operating in the State to post on its website or provide to the Department of the Environment documents, data, and information required as part of the water utility’s annual water quality consumer confidence report; requiring a certain local government to provide or post on its website certain data and information to a certain water utility; prohibiting the Department from imposing more than a certain amount in fines on certain water utilities for each reporting year; etc.  <b>Bill:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0572F.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0572F.pdf</a></p>	<p>➤ <b>Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>SB:</b> Hearing 2/6</li> <li>◆ <b>HB:</b> n/a</li> </ul> <p>➤ <b>Positions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>MML:</b> Support w Amendments</li> <li>◆ <b>MACO:</b> Support w Amendments</li> <li>◆ <b>LRM Position:</b> n/a</li> </ul>
<p><b>SB 710</b>  <b>WATER UTILITIES SHUTOFF PROTECTIONS</b>  <b>Description:</b> Authorizing a certain water utility to temporarily shut off service for reasons of health or safety or in a State or national emergency, notwithstanding certain provisions of law; prohibiting a water utility from shutting off service for certain reasons; prohibiting a water utility from shutting off service on receipt of certain information; and prohibiting the sale of property solely to enforce a lien imposed for unpaid water, sewer, or sanitary system charges, fees, or assessments except in certain circumstances.  <b>Bill:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0710F.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0710F.pdf</a></p>	<p>➤ <b>Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>SB:</b> Hearing 2/29</li> <li>◆ <b>HB:</b> n/a</li> </ul> <p>➤ <b>Positions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>MML:</b> Watch</li> <li>◆ <b>MACO:</b> Not tracking (as of 2/28)</li> <li>◆ <b>LRM Position:</b> n/a</li> </ul> <p>➤ <b>Other:</b> Introduced in 2023 Regular Session as: <a href="#">SB0883</a></p>
<p><b>SB 726/HB 1478</b>  <b>BAY RESTORATION FUND – AUTHORIZED USES – DECOMMISSION OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT LAGOON</b>  <b>Description:</b> Altering the authorized uses of the Bay Restoration Fund to include, beginning in fiscal year 2026, 100% of certain costs related to the decommissioning of certain wastewater treatment lagoons.  <b>Bills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0726F.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0726F.pdf</a></li> <li>• <b>HB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb1478F.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb1478F.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<p>➤ <b>Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>SB:</b> Hearing 2/20</li> <li>◆ <b>HB:</b> Hearing not yet scheduled (Rules)</li> </ul> <p>➤ <b>Positions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>MML:</b> Support</li> <li>◆ <b>MACO:</b> Support</li> <li>◆ <b>LRM Position:</b> n/a</li> </ul>

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<p><b>SB 835/HB 992</b>  <b>ENVIRONMENT – DELEGATED AUTHORITIES – WELL AND SEPTIC PROGRAM PERMITS</b>  <b>Description:</b> Requiring a local health department or county government with certain delegated authority to submit, on or before a certain date, a schedule of review times for certain well and septic program permits to the Department of the Environment for approval; requiring a local health department or county government to submit well and septic program permit data to the Department for review at a certain frequency under certain circumstances; and generally relating to local health 9 departments or county governments and well and septic program permits.  <b>Bills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0835T.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0835T.pdf</a></li> <li>• <b>HB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb0992T.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb0992T.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<p>➤ <b>Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <b>SB:</b> Passed Senate w/ Amendments; House hearing 3/27</li> <li>♦ <b>HB:</b> Passed House; Senate hearing TBD</li> </ul> <p>➤ <b>Positions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <b>MML:</b> Not tracking</li> <li>♦ <b>MACO:</b> Not tracking</li> <li>♦ <b>LRM Position:</b> n/a</li> </ul>
<p><b>HB 908</b>  <b>ENVIRONMENT – SUPPLIERS OF WATER – NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS</b>  <b>Description:</b> Altering certain notice requirements that a supplier of water must give to the Department of the Environment and certain individuals and entities under certain circumstances; requiring a supplier of water to give notice to the Department of the Environment and the Maryland Department of Emergency Management if there is a positive test for E. coli in the system and immediately begin certain preparations; requiring each community water system to ensure that certain testing is performed on water provided by the system; etc.  <b>Bill:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb0908F.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb0908F.pdf</a></p>	<p>➤ <b>Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <b>SB:</b> n/a</li> <li>♦ <b>HB:</b> <i>withdrawn by sponsor</i></li> </ul> <p>➤ <b>Positions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <b>MML:</b> Not tracking</li> <li>♦ <b>MACO:</b> No position/Letter of Information</li> <li>♦ <b>LRM Position:</b> n/a</li> </ul>
<p><b>SB 956/HB 1153</b>  <b>ENVIRONMENT – WATER POLLUTION CONTROL – PROTECTING STATE WATERS FROM PFAS POLLUTION (PROTECTING STATE WATERS FROM PFAS POLLUTION ACT)</b>  <b>Description:</b> Establishing the discharge limit for PFAS chemicals in any water, including stormwater, discharged from a significant industrial user to be 4 parts per trillion; requiring a significant industrial user to reduce PFAS chemicals from the water it discharges to a publicly owned treatment works in a certain manner; requiring a significant industrial user to store, reuse, and dispose of certain PFAS chemicals in a certain manner; etc.  <b>Bills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0956F.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0956F.pdf</a></li> <li>• <b>HB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb1153T.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb1153T.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<p>➤ <b>Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <b>SB:</b> Hearing 2/20</li> <li>♦ <b>HB:</b> Passed House w/ Amendments; Senate hearing TBD</li> </ul> <p>➤ <b>Positions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <b>MML:</b> Watch</li> <li>♦ <b>MACO:</b> Support w Amendments</li> <li>♦ <b>LRM Position:</b> No action</li> </ul>

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<p><b>SB 969/HB 1165</b>  <b>STREAM AND WATERSHED RESTORATION – STREAM RESTORATION CONTRACTOR LICENSING AND CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS RESTORATION AND FUNDING (WHOLE WATERSHED ACT)</b>  <b>Description:</b> Establishing the Stream Restoration Contractors Licensing Board; requiring a person to be licensed as a stream restoration contractor or be employed by an individual or entity that is licensed as a stream restoration contractor before the person performs or solicits to perform stream restoration contractor services in the State, subject to a certain exception; requiring the Department of the Environment to provide notice of a certain violation to a stream restoration contractor; etc.  <b>Bills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0969T.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0969T.pdf</a></li> <li>• <b>HB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb1165T.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb1165T.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<p>&gt; <b>Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <b>SB:</b> Passed Senate w/ amendments; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Passed House w/ amendments</li> <li>♦ <b>HB:</b> Passed House w/ amendments; Senate hearing TBD</li> </ul> <p>&gt; <b>Positions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <b>MML:</b> Not tracking</li> <li>♦ <b>MACO:</b> Support w Amendments</li> </ul> <p>&gt; <b>LRM Position:</b> Oppose</p> <p>&gt; <b>Note:</b> 2 other stream restoration bills (SB 798; HB 1284) were also introduced, but this one is the one that is likely to pass.</p>
<p><b>HB 1055</b>  <b>ENVIRONMENT – HIGHWAYS – SALT APPLICATION</b>  <b>Description:</b> Requiring each State agency, county, and municipality to maintain certain records of its highway salt application and submit to the Department of the Environment by a certain date each year a report on its highway salt application for the previous winter season; and generally relating to highway salt application.  <b>Bill:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb1055T.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb1055T.pdf</a></p>	<p>&gt; <b>Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <b>SB:</b> n/a</li> <li>♦ <b>HB:</b> Passed House w/ amendments; Senate hearing 3/26</li> </ul> <p>&gt; <b>Positions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <b>MML:</b> Oppose</li> <li>♦ <b>MACO:</b> Support w Amendments</li> </ul> <p>&gt; <b>LRM Position:</b> Oppose</p>
<p><b>SB 1074/HB 991</b>  <b>AGRICULTURE – FOOD PROCESSING RESIDUALS UTILIZATION PERMIT - ESTABLISHMENT</b>  <b>ENVIRONMENT – INDUSTRIAL SLUDGE UTILIZATION PERMIT – ESTABLISHMENT</b>  <b>Description:</b> Establishing an industrial sludge utilization permit; prohibiting a person from utilizing industrial sludge in the State unless the person obtains a permit; requiring the Department of the Environment to provide certain notices and information to certain persons; applying certain provisions of law regarding public notice and participation to industrial sludge utilization permits; authorizing a representative of the Department to enter and inspect any site where industrial sludge is utilized; and generally relating to industrial sludge utilization permits.  <b>Bills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb1074T.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb1074T.pdf</a></li> <li>• <b>HB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb0991T.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb0991T.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<p>&gt; <b>Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <b>SB:</b> Passed Senate w/ Amendments; House hearing 3/27</li> <li>♦ <b>HB:</b> Passed House w/ Amendments; Senate hearing TBD</li> </ul> <p>&gt; <b>Positions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <b>MML:</b> Not tracking</li> <li>♦ <b>MACO:</b> Support w Amendments</li> </ul> <p>&gt; <b>LRM Position:</b> BCC Support; PLM request clarification</p> <p>&gt; <b>Note:</b> Sponsors include Carroll delegation members Ready, West, Bouchat, Rose, &amp; Tomlinson</p>



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<p><b>SB 1173/HB 1512</b>  <b>BAY RESTORATION FUND – USE OF FUNDS – MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER FACILITIES – SUNSET REPEAL</b>  <b>Description:</b> Repealing the termination date for certain provisions of law that expand the authorized uses of the Bay Restoration Fund to include certain costs associated with the connection of a property using an on-site sewage disposal system to a certain existing municipal wastewater facility.  <b>Bills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb1174F.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb1174F.pdf</a></li> <li>• <b>HB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb1512T.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb1512T.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<p>➤ <b>Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>SB:</b> Hearing not yet scheduled (Rules)</li> <li>◆ <b>HB:</b> Passed House w/ Amendments; Senate hearing 4/2</li> </ul> <p>➤ <b>Positions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>MML:</b> Support</li> <li>◆ <b>MACO:</b> Support</li> <li>◆ <b>LRM Position:</b> Support; no action</li> </ul>
<p><b>SB 1174/HB 1509</b>  <b>BALTIMORE REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY GOVERNANCE WORKGROUP – ESTABLISHED</b>  <b>Description:</b> Establishing the Baltimore Regional Water Governance Model Workgroup to study the regional water governance approach in the Baltimore region; and requiring the Workgroup to report, on or before June 30, 2027, its findings to the Mayor of Baltimore City, the County Executive of Baltimore County, the Governor, and the General Assembly.  <b>Bills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb1174F.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb1174F.pdf</a></li> <li>• <b>HB:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb1509F.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb1509F.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<p>➤ <b>Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>SB:</b> Hearing not yet scheduled (Rules)</li> <li>◆ <b>HB:</b> Hearing 3/12</li> </ul> <p>➤ <b>Positions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>MML:</b> Not tracking</li> <li>◆ <b>MACO:</b> Not tracking</li> <li>◆ <b>LRM Position:</b> Oppose</li> </ul>
<p><b>HB 1511</b>  <b>FOREST CONSERVATION ACT – MODIFICATIONS</b>  <b>Description:</b> Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to update a certain model local government ordinance and adopt certain regulations relating to forest conservation on or before July 1, 2025, and July 1, 2026, respectively; delaying the dates on which certain provisions of the Forest Conservation Act will apply to certain solarvoltaic facilities and forest conservation plans; and delaying the effective date of certain provisions of the Forest Conservation Act.  <b>Bill:</b> <a href="https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb1511T.pdf">https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb1511T.pdf</a></p>	<p>➤ <b>Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>SB:</b> n/a</li> <li>◆ <b>HB:</b> Passed House w/ Amendments; Senate hearing 3/26</li> </ul> <p>➤ <b>Positions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>MML:</b> Not tracking</li> <li>◆ <b>MACO:</b> Support</li> <li>◆ <b>LRM Position:</b> Support</li> </ul>