

June 6, 2023

MDE's intent to seek a Priority Funding Area (PFA) funding exception for
26825 Point Lookout Road, Leonardtown - St. Mary's 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 July 6, 2023. Send e-mail comments to jerry.warner@maryland.gov.

Project: Sewer connection in St. Mary's County for Location (3038564, 26825 Point Lookout Road, Tax Map 32, Grid 2, Parcel 352). The sewer will ultimately be conveyed to and treated at the Leonardtown Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Water Quality & Public Health Issues: The County Health Department determination is summarized below:

This property consists of soils that do not support a conventional onsite septic system. The property is currently served by an onsite septic system that must be pumped on a regular basis to prevent sewage from breaking to the ground surface. Connection to the public sewer system will reduce the risk significantly of sewage being discharged onto the ground surface causing public and environmental health issues.

BRF Funding Eligibility: Up to \$37,500 (small business certification required, property tax bill shows 3-BRF funds paid each year. 2-EDUs will be required for this project)

Potential New Growth: None, Restricted sewer service line as per interjurisdictional agreement

Measures Taken to Mitigate New Growth: There will be no infill related to this project.

Potential Nitrogen Reduction: Sewage from property is currently being transported to an ENR wastewater treatment plan. Connection would significantly reduce the probability of sewage being discharged to the ground surface and correct an ongoing public health issue.

	<u>Approx. Total Nitrogen (TN) Discharged (lb/yr)</u>	<u>Total TN Reduced (lb/yr)</u>
No Action	46	000
BAT Upgrade	23	23
ENR Connection	6	40

*Includes nutrient loading from infill development

Attachment: Location Map

