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Comment Response Document Regarding the Total Maximum Daily Load of Sediment in the Non-Tidal Piscataway Creek Watershed, Prince George's County, Maryland

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has conducted a public comment period of the proposed Sediment TMDL for the Non-Tidal Piscataway Creek Watershed. The comment period was from July 8, 2019 to August 9, 2019. MDE received one set of written comments.

Below is a list of the commenters, their affiliations, the date comments were submitted, and the number referenced to the comments. In the pages that follow, comments are summarized along with MDE's responses.

List of Commenters

Author	Affiliation	Date	Comment Number
Ms. Jillian Adair	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 3	July 29, 2019	1-7

Comments and Responses

1. The commenter references page 28, 3rd paragraph: MDE explains that the baseline load consists of loads generated outside of the assessment unit (i.e. an upstream baseline load), but there is no upstream load calculated for this TMDL. Please remove or clarify.

Response: The text has been corrected.

2. The commenter references page 25, last paragraph: MDE references unregulated urban land, but this is not relevant to this TMDL as there is no unregulated urban land present within the watershed. Please remove or clarify.

Response: The text has been corrected.

3. The commentor references page 27, 2nd paragraph: MDE references unregulated urban land, but this is not relevant to this TMDL as there is no unregulated urban land present within the watershed. Please remove or clarify.

Response: The text has been corrected.

4. The commentor references page 26, 4th paragraph: MDE states that there are no wastewater point sources with TSS limits in the watershed, but one facility was identified elsewhere in the report. Please correct.

Response: The text has been corrected.

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5. Referencing Appendix B, page B6, the commentor states MDE states that there are no wastewater point sources with TSS limits in the watershed, but the report identifies one. Please correct and identify the maximum daily load calculation approach for this source.

Response: The text has been corrected.

6. The commentor states please note whether the TMDL watershed is located within the eastern or western coastal plains, as the associated reference watersheds differ between the two.

Response: The text has been corrected.

7. The commentor references the Table 1 in the Nonpoint Source Technical Memorandum stating the percent reduction of the nursery land use adds to 18 percent, not 17. Please correct.

Response: The text has been corrected.