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Mrs. Janice Outen
Maryland Department of the Environment
Water Management Administration
1800 Washington Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21230

Subject: Garrett County Water and Sewerage Master Plan 2014 Revision Adopted

Dear Ms. Outen:

Thank you for providing the Maryland Department of Planning with a copy of the adopted Garrett County Water and Sewerage Master Plan 2014 Revision. We reviewed this plan as required by the Environmental Article Section 9-507 (b) (2) and offer the following comments for your consideration.

We find the Plan consistent with the Garrett County 2008 Comprehensive Plan. During our review of the preliminary draft plan we had certain concerns that were addressed by the adopted plan:

1. We recommended that the Water and Sewerage Master Plan should reference the Garrett County WRE and note if the WRE's analyses of water and sewer needs have since been updated and if the WRE's recommendations are still valid (or have been revised as indicated in any of the municipal or county plans). The adopted plan notes that measures identified in the Water Resources Element including the existing and projected flow numbers, projected needs, system needs and future capacity calculations have been refined in the Water and Sewerage Master Plan based on updated analysis. MDP noted ~~what appeared to be inconsistencies between projected demand in the Comprehensive Plan and the numbers in the draft Water and Sewerage Plan.~~ These numbers, now presented as an update, eliminate our concerns of consistency.
2. We noted that the plan stated on page 1-3 that it uses 262.5 gallons per day per equivalent dwelling unit for planning purposes to determine future water and sewerage capacity and future capital infrastructure needs. In our review of the draft document we observed that it is not clear where this number is used for planning purposes in any of the tables in the draft plan. MDP recommended that calculations of projected demand using this figure

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could be useful in Table 3-3 Water Supply Demand and Capacity and Table 4-1 Projected Sewerage Demand and Planned Capacity. The adopted plan provides projected new total EDUs that will be served by 2013 to 2033.

If you have any questions concerning these comments please call La Verne Gray at 410-767-4574.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Josephson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Josephson, AICP
Director of Planning Services

cc: Jason Dubow, MDP
David Cotton, MDP