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Department of the Environment

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May 12, 2020

President of The Commission
Queen Anne's Commission
107 N. Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
MAY 15 '20 AM 10:17

RE: Application for Church Hill WWTP
State Discharge Permit Application 18DP0869, NPDES Permit MD0050016
Queen Anne's County

Dear President:

We are aware of your interest in the Church Hill WWTP and would like you to know that the Department has made a tentative determination on the discharge permit application. A copy of the notice is enclosed for your convenience. A written request must be received in order to acquire future notifications about this permit application.

If you have any questions or require additional information on this permit, please contact me at (410) 537-3363.

Sincerely,

Yen-Der Cheng/cw

Yen-Der Cheng, Chief
Municipal Permits Division
Wastewater Permits Program
Water and Science Administration

Enclosure

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION**

NOTICE OF APPLICATION RECEIVED AND TENTATIVE DETERMINATION

Queen Anne's County

Application for State Discharge Permit 18DP0869, NPDES Permit MD0050016:

Town of Church Hill, Town Office, 406 Main Street, Church Hill, Queen Anne's County, Maryland 21623 applied for renewal permit to discharge an annual average of 80,000 gallons per day (gpd) of treated domestic wastewater from the Church Hill Wastewater Treatment Plant, located on Route 213, 324 Water Way Drive, in Church Hill, Queen Anne's County, Maryland 21623, to Southeast Creek, which is designated as Use II waters, protected for support of estuarine and marine aquatic life, and shellfish harvesting.

Tentative Determination: Issue the permit for the facility with the following effluent limitations:

BOD5, 30 mg/l maximum monthly average and 45 mg/l maximum weekly average year round; total suspended solids, 90 mg/l maximum monthly average year round; total phosphorus, 6.0 mg/l maximum monthly average from May 1 through October 31, and 6.0 mg/l maximum yearly average; fecal coliform, 14 MPN/100 ml maximum monthly median value; dissolved oxygen, 5.0 mg/l minimum at any time, 5.5 mg/l minimum monthly average from January through December, and 6.0 mg/l minimum weekly average from February 1 through May 31; pH maintained between 6.5 and 8.5; and if chlorine is used for disinfection, total residual chlorine of 0.10 mg/l maximum at any time.

The Chester River is on the 303(d) list as the impaired waters for fecal coliform, total suspended solids, total phosphorus, and total nitrogen. When the TMDLs for these parameters are completed, limits may be imposed, after the public participation process, to incorporate any TMDL requirements.

This permit is in conformance with the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Nitrogen, Phosphorus, and Sediment established on December 29, 2010.

If a written request is received by **June 4, 2020**, an informational meeting on the application and/or a public hearing on the tentative determination can be scheduled. The request should be sent to the **Maryland Department of the Environment, Water and Science Administration, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1708, Attn.: Mr. Yen-Der Cheng, Chief, Municipal Permits Division** and must include the name, address and telephone number (home and work) of the person making the request, the name of any other party whom the person making the request may represent, and the name of the facility and permit number. Failure to request a meeting or hearing by **June 4, 2020** will constitute a waiver of the right to an informational meeting or public hearing on the tentative determination of this permit.

Written comments concerning this tentative determination will be considered in the preparation of a final determination if submitted to the Department, to the attention of Mr. Cheng at the above address, on or before **June 15, 2020**. Any hearing-impaired person who requests an informational meeting or public hearing may request an interpreter by contacting Mr. Cheng at (410) 537-3363 or 1-800-633-6101, or by written request to the above address at least ten working days prior to the scheduled meeting or hearing date.

Information supporting the tentative determination, including the application, fact sheet, and draft permit, may be reviewed by contacting Mr. Cheng by telephone to make an appointment or by written request to the above address. Copies of documents may be obtained at a cost of \$0.36 per page.

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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION
1800 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21230

Notice of Application for State Wetland Licenses, Private Wetland Permits, Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Permits and/or Water Quality Certification and the Opportunity to Provide Written Comment or Request an Informational Hearing
May 15, 2020

The Water and Science Administration has received the applications listed below. A preliminary review has indicated that the listed projects may be subject to the opportunity for a public hearing once the application is substantially complete. Projects may be significantly altered during the review process. The applications and related information are available for inspection and copying. You may also request written notice of any hearing opportunity by having your name placed on the interested persons list for each project in which you are interested. To inspect the file or to have your name placed on the interested persons list, contact the assigned division at the telephone number indicated below no later than June 15, 2020, unless otherwise noted in the Public Notice.

The Maryland Department of the Environment is following the directives of the Governor of Maryland in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and issued Executive Orders. Please be advised that public notice and public hearing procedures and meetings may be impacted, including possible re-scheduling of hearings.

Tidal Wetlands Division - (410) 537-3571

Queen Anne's County

201960687/19-WL-0460 (R1): QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, 1945 4-H Park Road, Centreville, Maryland 21617, has applied to mechanical or hydraulic maintenance dredge a 5,243-foot long by 50 to 106-foot wide channel to a depth of 5.0 feet at mean low water; a 155-foot long by 178-foot wide area of new dredging to a depth of 5.0 feet at MLW; and a 222-foot long by 72-foot wide area of new dredging to a depth of 5.0 feet at MLW and to deposit approximately 23,990 cubic yards of dredged material at an approved upland disposal site located at 421 Watson Rd, Centreville, MD; and to provide for periodic maintenance dredging for six years. Additionally, the applicant proposes to collect four (4) sediment cores at a depth of 6.0 feet at mean low water. The purpose of this project is to improve navigation. Mitigation may be required for new impacts to shallow water habitat. The proposed project is located within the tidal waters on Corsica River at Front Street, Centreville, Queen Anne's County, MD 21617. For more information, please contact Megan Spindler at megan.spindler@maryland.gov 410-537-3622.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: County Commissioners
Todd Mohn, County Administrator

Information Item

CC: Planning Commission
Economic Development Commission

FROM: E. Michael Wisnosky, AICP, Director

DATE: April 28, 2020

SUBJECT: Monthly Department Report – March 2020

The following information is compiled by the staff of the Department of Planning and Zoning. The information provided is current as of March 31, 2020

Planning:

- **Long-Range Planning/Community Planning/Text Amendments/ Environmental/Critical Area Planning:**
 - Amendments
 - Urban Commercial (UC) Use/Tenant Space Exceptions (TA/CO 19-17 – introduced on 26 November; public hearing held on 14 January; adopted on 28 January; and became effective on 14 March 2020).
 - Planning staff has identified a need to add provisions for distilleries in the Agricultural and Countryside Districts in which agricultural uses are permitted. TA/CO #20-08 proposes to address a hole in the County’s agritourism provisions as they relate to alcohol production and promotional events. This proposal was scheduled to be reviewed by the Planning Commission at its 9 April meeting; however, that meeting has been postponed due to Governor Larry Hogan’s Order Number 20-03-30-01.
 - The Commissioners identified a need to amend provisions as they relate to the payment of impact fees. TA/CO #20-03 proposes to alter the timing of development impact fee collection and assign an administrative fee for the processing of promissory notes. This fee will incentivize the upfront payment of impact fees upon application for a building permit or zoning certificate. The review of this proposal has been postponed as noted above.
 - The following citizen sponsored text amendments have been submitted to the Commissioners and conveyed to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation (which has been postponed as noted above):
 - #20-04 – William H. Reed: § 14:1-39(2). Development standards in resource conservation (reserved). Addition of Accessory Dwelling Unit provisions in the Resource Conservation

Area. This proposed amendment would incorporate provisions to permit an accessory dwelling unit within the resource conservation area per the minimum standards established by Maryland Natural Resources Annotated Code Section 8-1808.1. These provisions were enacted into the state standards and were not enacted in Chapter 14:1; therefore, there is no provision in the local program to permit accessory dwelling units in RCA. As a result, the County program is more prohibitive than the minimum state standard.

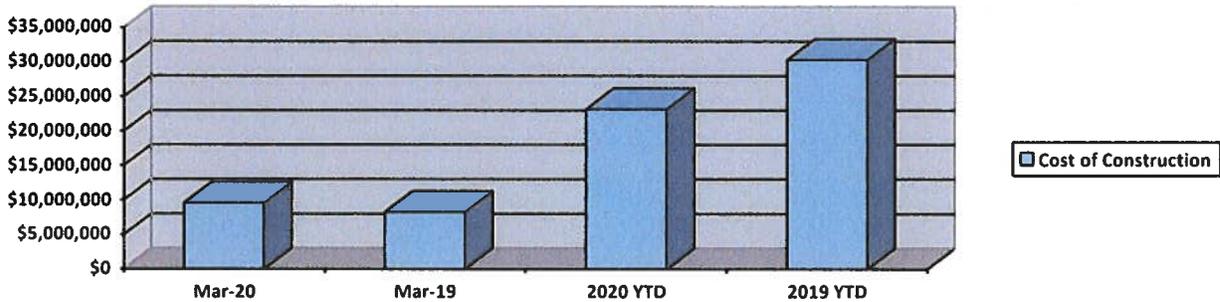
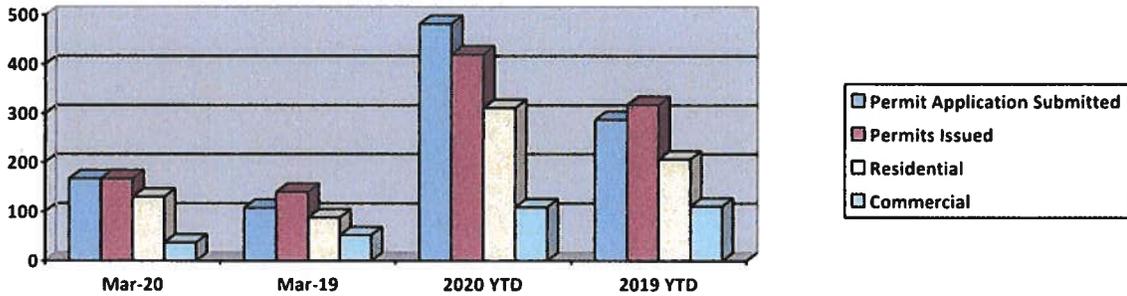
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- #20-07 – Chesapeake Bay Beach Club, LLC c/o William Thomas Davis, Jr.: § 18App-1. Appendix a: Glossary. Definitions. This proposed amendment would add a provision to the definition of “resort hotel” which would permit long-term rentals as long as the rental period exceeds 6 months and the rental units are no less than 1,500 square feet in floor area.
 - **Comprehensive Plan Update:** Staff has met with the consultant whose proposal was rated the second-highest by the Comprehensive Plan selection committee in order to negotiate a revised proposal submittal to take over the Update. Staff hopes to reach an agreement with this consultant and return to the Comp Plan update as soon as possible.
- Critical Area Project Reviews
 - Continuing to work with Critical Area Commission staff on draft Chapter 14 – Critical Area program update
 - Reviewing several site plans, an administrative subdivision, and buffer variance for compliance with Critical Area requirements
- Meetings this month were either canceled or held via phone conference or webinar (MAFSM – Spring Conference Planning, ESCAP – Steering Committee, CRS Users Group, and several project meetings).
- **Development Review/Site Plans/Subdivision Plats/Growth Allocations/Adequate Public Facilities:**
 - **Administrative Subdivision plat**
 - SUB-19-10-0152, Eastern Shore Exodus – relocate lot lines
 - SUB-20-03-0166, White’s Heritage – reconfigure lot lines
 - SUB-19-05-0112, O’Neill, Joseph – relocated lot lines
 - SUB-19-08-0145, Chester Storage – combine 2 lots into 1
 - **Minor Subdivision plat**
 - SUB-20-02-0164, Rosendale, Christopher – subdivide into 2 lots
 - SUB-19-05-0110, Parson Green Farm – amend open space
 - SUB-20-02-0162, Hall, John & Laurie – reconfigure 3 existing lots to relocate existing pan handle access
 - **Concept plan**
 - 13-10-0002-C, Matapeake Business Park – Create a 36,000 sq. ft. industrial flex building
 - **Minor Site plan**
 - SP-19-08-0032, Edwards Enterprises – 9,720 addition to existing repair shop with second floor apartment
 - SP-19-07-0030, Rucinsky, Renee – add 506 sq. ft. to existing building
 - SP-19-10-0046, Prospect Plantation West – demo & construction of new mechanical building

- **STAC meetings**
 SP-19-07-0028, Fisherman’s Village – add an additional 899 sq. ft.
 SUB-20-02-0160, Living Waters Lutheran Church – relocate lot lines and subdivide into 11 lots

- **Planning Commission meeting**
 SUB-14-05-0006, Perry’s Retreat – add 28 lots to proposed 130 lots totaling 158 lots
 SUB-19-09-0148, Baynard Estates – combine 2 lots into 1 and subdivide into 4 lots
 SP-19-10-0042, Well’s Cove II LLC – create 4 condominiums
 05-10-02-0005, Kent Narrow’s Hospitality, Inc – Holiday Inn Express

Zoning:

- **Building Permit Information (Source: Energov & Sungard):**



	March 2020	March 2019	2020 Year to Date	2019 Year to Date
Permit Applications Submitted	167	108	482	287
Permits Issued	167	140	420	318
Residential	130	88	311	207
Commercial	37	52	109	111
Construction Value	\$9,630,972	\$8,286,075	\$23,153,577	\$30,361,325

- **Highlights of Commercial Permits Issued in March:**

- **Use Permits:**
 - “Charlies Chicken and Eats” food trailer
 - “Black Bottom Farm” temporary food trailer, April - October 2020 (1 day per week)

- **New Commercial:**
 - Friel Lumber, construct mini-storage building 85' x 125' overall including 20' x 125' unconditioned units

- **Commercial Renovations:**
 - Plan B, LLC, Construct bay window, steps and 3' x 4' landing at front door
 - Schulz Associates LLP, construct roof to cove outdoor seating area at Crab Deck 72' x 22' and 11'9" x 83' overall. Roof will not be structurally attached to existing building
- **Inspection and Enforcement Activity for March:**
 - Citations Issued: 3 (YTD Issued: 15)
 - Total fines issued: \$1,500.00 (YTD Issued: \$7,250.00; YTD Paid: \$3,250.00)
 - Nuisance Complaints/Code Violation Inspections Conducted: 335 (135 of which in Critical Area) (YTD: 794/337)
 - Zoning Inspections Conducted: 26 (15 of which within Critical Area) (YTD: 74)
 - Liquor Law Compliance Inspections: 11 (YTD: 37)

Zoning Boards:

- **Board of Appeals – NO HEARINGS HELD IN MARCH 2020**
Bridgetown Development Co. LLC – SCHEDULED BUT POSTPONED
- **License Commission (Liquor Board):**
- **Meeting Date – March 10, 2020**
- **Temporary Licenses Issued To:**
Kent Island Estates Community Assoc. – Date of event – March 14 (Cancelled)
Get Pumped for Pets – Date of event – March 29
American Legion #18 (Centreville) – Date of event – May 17
- **Review application for advertising the transfer of a Class “C” beer, wine & liquor license for Lazy Mermaid – Approved**

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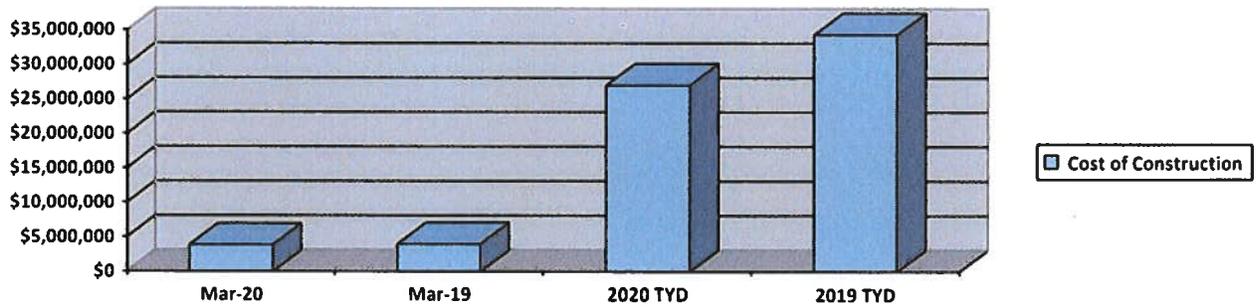
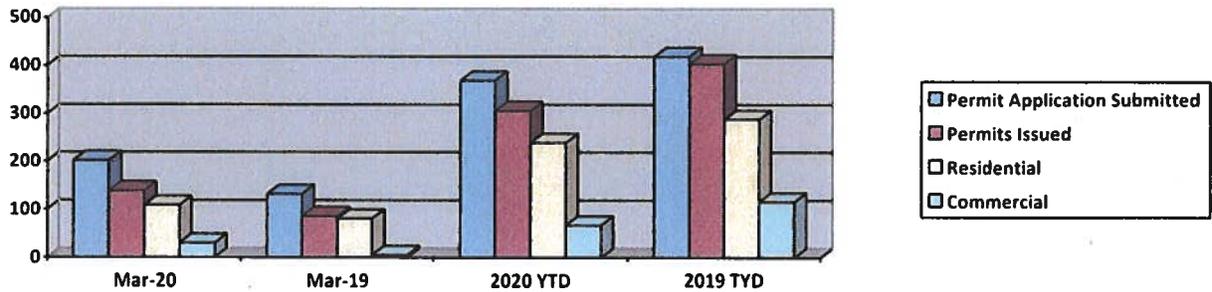
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 - Staff conveyed the full application packets for Ordinances 20-03, 20-04, 20-05, and 20-08 to the Economic Development Commission for their review and input at the end of March and conveyed Ordinance 20-06, 20-07, and supplemental materials for 20-08 to the EDC at the end of April. The EDC invited staff to attend a special meeting to discuss all proposals at the beginning of May.
 - **Comprehensive Plan Update:** Staff completed its review of a revised proposal to take over the Comprehensive Plan Update. At the end of March, staff submitted its recommendation to the County Commissioners to enter into a new contract for services for the Update.
- Critical Area Project Reviews
 - Continuing to work with Critical Area Commission staff on draft Chapter 14 – Critical Area program update
 - Reviewing several site plans, an administrative subdivision, and buffer variance for compliance with Critical Area requirements.
- Annual Reports
 - Composing a Consistency Report for the Bay Bridge Airport runway renovation project.
 - Beginning work on the annual fee in lieu report for the collection of Critical Area forestry funds and on the FY20 Critical Area Grant Closeout.
 - Compiling data for the 2019 Maryland Department of Planning Annual Report.
 - Updating the planning data for the 2020 Educational Facilities Master Plan.
- Resiliency Planning and Financing
 - The draft QAC Plan is being reviewed by staff.
 - Stage 2 (the financing stage of the Plan) was postponed but will begin in late May or early June.
- Meetings this month were either canceled or held via phone conference or webinar [MAFSM – Spring Conference Planning (this conference will be held virtually in June rather than in person), ESCAP – Steering Committee, CRS Users Group, CAC meetings, and several project meetings].
- **Development Review/Site Plans/Subdivision Plats/Growth Allocations/Adequate Public Facilities:**
 - **Administrative Subdivision plat**
 - White’s Heritage, SUB-20-03-0166, reconfigure lot lines between lots 147 & 73 - Recorded
 - White’s Heritage, SUB-20-04-0167, reconfigure lot lines between lots 72 & 71
 - Chester Storage, SUB-19-08-0145, Combine 2 lots into 1- Recorded
 - Patrick, James, SUB-19-09-0150, Combine 2 lots into 1

- **Major Site plan**
Byler Materials, SP-19-10-0041, major extraction
- **Minor Site plan**
Patrick, James, SP-19-09-0038, create a 4,800 sq. ft repair shop.
- **STAC meetings**
Kent Narrows Marine - Boatel, SP-19-06-0026 - Amend the current approved site plan to increase the proposed floor are by 12,804 sq. ft. requesting site plan approval
- **Planning Commission meeting - NO MEETING IN APRIL, 2020**

Zoning:

- **Building Permit Information (Source: Energov & Sungard):**



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Residential	109	81	239	288
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Construction Value	\$3,849,110	\$3,977,705	\$27,002,687	\$34,339,030

- **Highlights of Commercial Permits Issued in April:**

- **Use Permits:**

- Use Permit for "Parks Tire & Auto"

- **New Commercial:**

- 589 Conquest Rd, Centreville - Install 12' x 24' pre-fab shed

- **Commercial Renovations:**

- 116 South Piney Rd, Suite 110, Chester - Interior renovation to expand "Nauti Paws" pet food store. Demolish interior walls between 2 units to create one space, total unit 1781 sq. ft.

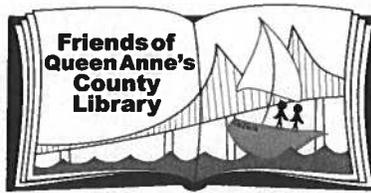
- **Inspection and Enforcement Activity for April:**

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- Total fines issued: \$2,000 (YTD Issued: \$9,250.00; YTD Paid: \$6,250.00)
- Nuisance Complaints/Code Violation Inspections Conducted: 220 (94 of which in Critical Area) (YTD: 1,014/431)
- Zoning Inspections Conducted: 11 (2 of which within Critical Area) (YTD: 85/27)
- Liquor Law Compliance Inspections: 2 (YTD: 39)

Zoning Boards:

- **Board of Appeals – NO HEARINGS IN APRIL, 2020**
- **License Commission (Liquor Board): - NO MEETING IN APRIL, 2020**

EMW: amj



COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
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May 5, 2020

The Honorable James J. Moran
The Honorable Chris Corchiarino
The Honorable Phil Dumenil
The Honorable Jack Wilson
The Honorable Steve Wilson
Board of Queen Anne's County Commissioners
107 North Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617

Dear County Commissioners:

As you work to determine Queen Anne's County's budget for Fiscal Year 2021, we encourage you to include in the Capital Budget \$2.5 million for the construction phase of the Kent Island Library Expansion project to match the \$2.5 million the State of Maryland has committed to this project for FY21.

Board of Directors

Kathie Smarick, President
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Kathy Kwiatkowski
Beth Maier
Connie Zillig

Directors Emeritus
DeAnn Cheyne
Sue Haddox

As you know, the Friends of the Library is a member-based non-profit organization, through which county residents support our Library. Our more than 350 members commit funds and volunteer time each year to help the Library achieve its mission. The Board of Directors of the Friends of the Library supports the position of Queen Anne's County Library Director Janet Salazar and the Library's Board of Trustees that our Library's ability to serve effectively the people of Kent Island and the County more broadly requires an expansion of the existing Kent Island Branch of the library.

The closing of both county library buildings this spring in response to the coronavirus outbreak has provided a clear reminder of the value of these library spaces: While staff has worked hard to continue to support our community during this time by sharing information about the many resources available online for education, research, and entertainment, the void created by the closure of the buildings has been significant. The library buildings are where people in Queen Anne's County get books, periodicals, and DVDs. The buildings are where we attend programs to learn new skills, discuss a book, or have fun making a craft. Students and seniors alike come to the library buildings to use computers and printers. It's where local non-profit groups meet to discuss important work in the community (without having to deal with all the quirks of Zoom!). And the buildings are where so many

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residents get guidance from the wonderful staff of Queen Anne's County Library about topics ranging from employment opportunities in the county to how to foster early childhood literacy to learning about local Maryland history. So much of what the library does is tied to its physical space; county funding this year can ensure that our residents have the library that they need moving forward.

We all look forward to the Kent Island Branch and Centreville Branch re-opening in the near future, and history has demonstrated that library use by community members will increase as we look to recover from the economic hardships created by this pandemic. We hope that an expanded Kent Island Branch can be part of this recovery. Library leadership and county leaders have effectively engaged community members and a range of stakeholders in the development of plans for this renovation and expansion. Because the plans so clearly reflect the needs of of Queen Anne's County residents, we believe there will be sustained community support for this project, even in unsteady economic times, and the Friends will continue to work with the Library's Board of Trustees to foster private contributions to this project to supplement public funding from the State and County.

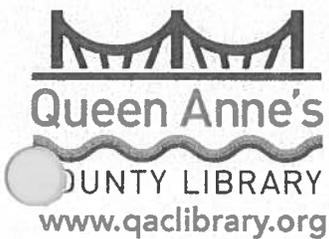
Queen Anne's County is very fortunate to be the recipient of generous support from the State of Maryland for this project, and we appreciate the funds and all the work that the County has already committed to this effort. We strongly encourage you to allow the project to move forward now by including \$2.5 million in the FY2021 County's capital budget for Kent Island Library project.

Sincerely,



Kathie Smarick
President

cc: Todd R. Mohn, Janet Salazar



Centreville 121 South Commerce St., Centreville, MD, 21617 | 410-758-0980

Kent Island 200 Library Circle, Stevensville, MD, 21666 | 410-643-8161

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
MAY 8 '20 PM 12:05

Dear County Commissioners,

On behalf of the Queen Anne's County Library Board of Trustees, we are writing to ask you to include \$2.5 million in the FY 21 Capital Budget toward the Kent Island Expansion Project. As you are aware, the Library has already received \$1 million in state grants toward the construction and is set to receive \$2.5 million in additional state capital grant funds in FY 2021. To receive those funds, the County has to allocate a matching \$2.5 million toward the project. If the matching funds are not allocated, all of the state grant money (a total of \$3.5 million) would have to be returned, and it is our understanding that it would be many years until we would be able to see those funds again.

The need for and the planning of the Kent Island expansion has been many years in the making, and has been delayed by the County a number of times. The community needs that the expansion would address have only increased in the past few years, as the population of our County has risen. Since the Branch was originally built, two elementary schools, a middle school and a high school have been built on Kent Island, and our branch serves the population of those schools as well as the 4 other elementary schools, with no increase in the building's capacity or improvements to its functionality.

In addition, The Kent Island Branch has long served as a de facto meeting space for the population of the entire Kent Island community. With only one large meeting room available, the Library has struggled to accommodate the nearly 150 community organizations that have asked to use it just in the past year, while simultaneously using much needed space for its own many programs for children, teens, and adults. This has become a critical need for both the Library and the community we serve.

While we are presently in uncertain economic times, we believe that the Kent Island building project will provide potential economic benefit through steady employment for the construction company involved and any sub-contractors awarded the bid. Public libraries have

also found that they are most needed in times of economic uncertainty when many families and individuals look to them for access to a wide variety of resources at little to no cost.

The Queen Anne's County Commissioners have been extremely supportive of the Library in recent years, and have understood the value of an excellent public library system to our community. In conclusion, we ask that you include the Kent Island expansion project in the FY 2021 Capital budget, as originally planned, and allow this project to go forward at this time.

Thank you for all that you do for our community. Together we look forward to insuring a prosperous and healthy future for the citizens of Queen Anne's County. We would be happy to answer any questions that you might have.

Sincerely yours,

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Board of Queen Anne's County Commissioners
107 North Liberty Street
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Dear County Commissioners:

As you continue your important work to finalize the budget for Queen Anne's County for Fiscal Year 2021, I strongly encourage you to include \$2.5 million in the Capital Budget for the construction phase of the Kent Island Library expansion project to match the amount committed by the State of Maryland. This is a unique opportunity for Queen Anne's County that could be very difficult to secure in the future.

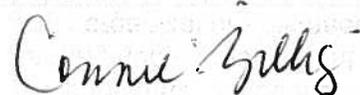
I am the Vice-President of the Friends of Queen Anne's County Library, which currently has about 350 members. This group strongly supports the library and its efforts to continually reach out to our community in a myriad of ways. As you know, the Library is so much more than just a place to check out books. Today's libraries function as early literacy centers, homework and tutoring hubs, employment centers, adult learning centers, as well as a place for civic and non-profit organizations to meet and work. In short, the library is now a community center which helps our county thrive and survive.

During these uncertain times we are currently facing, a library is even more important as it offers a place for community members of all ages to improve their lives. The staff has worked tirelessly to make a variety of resources available on-line and has maintained their help desk to answer questions and direct patrons to an extensive array of resources and opportunities. I've heard from many in our community that they sorely miss our libraries being open. The building itself provides so much for our citizens – a place for all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds to gather and learn, study and research, and have fun.

While we anticipate the reopening of both Queen Anne's County Library branches, we hope that construction can begin soon for the Kent Island Library expansion project. Hopefully this project can be a part of the economic recovery for our county as a whole and for citizens as they get their lives back on track or perhaps on a new track. As a member of the Friends of the Library and citizen, I will be participating in the Capital Campaign to support this significant and vital capital improvement project.

While acknowledging that difficult funding decisions need to be made, I strongly encourage you to include this project in the upcoming fiscal year budget.

Sincerely,



Connie Zillig
Vice-President, Friend of Queen Anne's County Library