



## Maryland DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

February 17, 2021

Dear County Executives and Commissioners,

Knowing that some of your jurisdictions may be awaiting Census data for redistricting purposes associated with requirements contained in your local law, I want to share what we know at this point.

As you may have heard, the timeline with regard to the release of Census data by the U.S. Census Bureau (USCB) has changed multiple times over the last few months. On February 12th, the USCB released an announcement that the data used for redistricting will be distributed to the states "by September 30th." Late last month, the USCB stated during a webinar that the date for the release of apportionment data for total state population counts was "April 30th." However, they also indicated at that time that the detailed demographic data used for redistricting would not be available anytime prior to July 30th. **With the most recent USCB announcement, we now have the expected timeframe as the end of September.** Based on the delay of previously scheduled release dates, this is, of course, subject to change.

Due to this unprecedented situation, there is currently no set timeline for when the redistricting process can begin. Please note that once the data is received from USCB, it must be adjusted in compliance with Maryland law to have incarcerated individuals reallocated to their last known address. This is required at the local and municipal level as well as the congressional and state level. We are prepared to have that process begin as soon as we receive the data and estimate that it may take at least an additional 30 days to accomplish completion of this task before final data is available.

Prior to the change in release date, Governor Hogan established the independent Maryland Citizens Redistricting Commission. More information about the Commission and redistricting can be found at redistricting.maryland.gov. Planning's role in this process will be to provide support and assist the Commission, as requested. The Commission will update their website with important information, dates and timelines, and I encourage you to utilize their site for redistricting information moving forward.

I realize this data delivery delay may have a significant impact on some of your local requirements with regard to your ability to complete redistricting according to local law and timeframes. Please know that we will make every effort to ensure that adjusted 2020 Census data is released as quickly as possible once it is received and processed. I will most certainly update you should we hear anything further as to the timeline.

Sincerely,

Robert S. McCord, Esq.  
Secretary



Larry Hogan | Governor  
Boyd Rutherford | Lt. Governor  
Kelly M. Schulz | Secretary of Commerce

January 22, 2021

The Honorable Christopher Corchiarino  
President  
Board of County Commissioners  
of Queen Anne's County  
107 North Liberty Street  
Centreville, Maryland 21617

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SUBJECT: Private Activity Bonds 2021 Initial Allocation for Maryland

Dear Commissioner Corchiarino:

Enclosed is the 2021 Private Activity Bonds Initial Allocation of the Maryland State Ceiling. This year's total allocation of \$665,024,800 is calculated from a population of 6,045,680 multiplied by \$110 per capita as stated in the Financial Institutions Article Section 13-801 through 13-807 of Maryland Code guidelines, in addition to the United States Tax Reform Act of 1986. Allocation is not a source of funding, but is the limit established for "Private Activity" tax-exempt bond issuances.

Pursuant to the law, counties may use their housing allocations for non-housing bonds. The term used in the Tax Reform Act of 1986, "Private Activity" bonds is broad and may include general obligation bonds, leases, and other forms of tax-exempt financing. Bond counsel should be contacted to further explain the ramifications of the Tax Reform Act of 1986. Section 13-804 and other sections of the law require reporting the issuance of these bonds.

Before transferring unused allocation to another issuer, jurisdictions are encouraged to consult with Andy Fish, Senior Director, at 410-767-6376, email [andy.fish@maryland.gov](mailto:andy.fish@maryland.gov), or Rahel Kidane, Portfolio Accounting Specialist at 410-767-6357, email [rahel.kidane@maryland.gov](mailto:rahel.kidane@maryland.gov). Notice of any intended transfer of allocation by counties to another issuer shall be reported to the Secretary of the Department of Commerce by August 31, 2021.

Sincerely,

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*Andy Fish*  
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Andy Fish  
Senior Director, Office of Finance Programs

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Heather Tinelli, Economic Development Coordinator,  
Queen Anne's County Department of Economic Development

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDS  
2021 INITIAL ALLOCATION****\$665,024,800****RECITALS**

Pursuant to Section 146 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), the General Assembly of the State of Maryland passed Senate Bill 673 which is part of the Maryland Code, Financial Institutions Article, Sections 13-801 through 13-807. Capitalized terms not defined in this initial allocation have the meanings given them in the law.

Section 13-807 (A) (1) allows the Secretary of the Department of Commerce to make any and all allocations required or permitted by the law.

Section 13-802 of the law establishes formulas for allocation of the Maryland State Ceiling among Counties, Municipal Corporations, Community Development Administration and Secretary's Reserve, for the period from January 1st through September 30th of each year.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kelly M. Schulz, Secretary of the Department of Commerce, do hereby allocate the amounts of the Maryland State Ceiling, a total of \$665,024,800 for the calendar year 2021 as follows:

1. Allocations to Counties. \$332,512,400 of the Maryland State Ceiling among all counties of the State of Maryland and the City of Baltimore (collectively, the "Counties" and individually a "County") in the following respective amounts.

Jurisdictions	Housing Alloc	Min. Non-House	Bonus Non-House	Total
Allegany	2,732,536	936,870	234,217	3,903,623
Anne Arundel	22,177,193	7,603,609	1,900,902	31,681,704
Baltimore City	23,196,056	7,952,934	1,988,234	33,137,224
Baltimore Co.	31,894,593	10,935,289	2,733,822	45,563,704
Calvert	3,542,115	1,214,440	303,610	5,060,165
Caroline	1,282,204	439,613	109,903	1,831,720
Carroll	6,484,517	2,223,263	555,816	9,263,596
Cecil	3,958,801	1,357,303	339,326	5,655,430
Charles	6,217,866	2,131,840	532,960	8,882,666
Dorchester	1,231,923	422,374	105,593	1,759,890
Frederick	9,842,448	3,374,554	843,638	14,060,640
Garrett	1,122,776	384,952	96,238	1,603,966
Harford	9,777,306	3,352,220	838,055	13,967,581
Howard	12,443,046	4,266,188	1,066,547	17,775,781
Kent	746,246	255,856	63,964	1,066,066
Montgomery	40,637,867	13,932,983	3,483,246	58,054,096
Prince George's	35,008,358	12,002,866	3,000,716	50,011,940
Queen Anne's	1,934,664	663,313	165,828	2,763,805
Somerset	988,488	338,910	84,728	1,412,126
St. Mary's	4,337,564	1,487,165	371,791	6,196,520
Talbot	1,423,268	487,974	121,994	2,033,236
Washington	5,810,651	1,992,223	498,056	8,300,930
Wicomico	3,973,008	1,362,174	340,544	5,675,726
Worcester	1,995,186	684,063	171,016	2,850,265
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 232,758,680</b>	<b>\$ 79,802,976</b>	<b>\$ 19,950,744</b>	<b>\$ 332,512,400</b>

2. Allocation to Community Development Administration is \$166,256,200 of the Maryland State Ceiling.
3. Allocation to Municipal Corporations is \$16,625,620 of the Maryland State Ceiling.
4. Allocation to the Secretary's Reserve is \$149,630,580.
5. The Effective Date. The initial allocation shall take effect immediately.

I FURTHER CERTIFY under penalty of perjury that this Initial Allocation was not made in consideration of any bribe, gift, gratuity, or direct or indirect contribution to any political campaign.

WITNESS my official signature and seal as of this of 22nd January, 2021

DocuSigned by:

*Kelly M Schulz*

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Kelly M. Schulz  
Secretary of Commerce

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DocuSigned by:

*Andy Fish*

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Andy Fish  
Senior Director, Office of Finance Programs

**MDOT**  
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT  
OF TRANSPORTATION  
STATE HIGHWAY  
ADMINISTRATION

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Larry Hogan  
Governor  
Boyd K. Rutherford  
Lt. Governor  
Gregory Slater  
Secretary  
Tim Smith, P.E.  
Administrator

February 8, 2021

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County Commissioners Of Queen Anne's County  
107 North Liberty Street  
Centreville MD 21617

Dear County Commissioners Of Queen Anne's County:

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) is currently conducting field survey activities relative to studies on the following project:

**FMIS ID No.: AZ074A3J**

**Project: MD 835 at MD-835 Service Road from MD-8**

Activities in the project vicinity may include: field research, survey activities, environmental analysis, engineering study, wetland delineation and archaeological study. Representatives under our employ, either MDOT SHA personnel or consultant personnel under MDOT SHA direction, may be required to enter temporarily onto your property. The privilege of entering onto your property is provided for by the Annotated Code of Maryland, § 12-111 of the Real Property Article. The purpose of this letter is to advise you of our need to access your property to gather data and to request your cooperation. If we do not hear from you within 30 days of the date of this letter, we will assume we have your cooperation and consent. All MDOT SHA employees carry identification cards and are required to display them upon request. Consultant employees are also required to display identification upon request.

Our personnel have been instructed to take every possible precaution to assure that your property is not damaged in any way while conducting these studies. If damage does occur, the MDOT SHA will make proper restitution. To assist us further, it would be helpful if you would point out to our field personnel any conditions on your property (freshly planted crops or other features) that might not be readily apparent.

Since the purpose of the studies is to gather data, our field personnel gathering information are not usually aware of the project details. Consequently, they may not be able to answer some of your questions concerning the proposed improvement. They are not being evasive, but they may not be able to answer your questions because the final design often cannot be determined until after all the data has been collected and analyzed.

Personnel of the office listed below and or those from other MDOT SHA offices may contact you again about reentry upon your property in order to obtain additional engineering data. It is MDOT SHA policy to re-contact property owners for the purpose of re-entry if one year has elapsed since the previous contact.

A written response to this letter is not necessary. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Ms. Jordan Smith, Project Manager at 410-545-2812 or via email at [jsmith38@mdot.maryland.gov](mailto:jsmith38@mdot.maryland.gov). Ms. Smith will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,



Barry C. Smith, Chief  
Plats and Surveys Division

Attachment A:

List of Affected Properties

Attachment B:

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Attachment A: List of Affected Properties

Tax Account ID No: 1804101502  
Property Address: Romancoke Road  
Stevensville MD 21666

Tax Account ID No: 1804123123  
Property Address: Lily Avenue  
Stevensville MD 21666

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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS  
FOR  
ACCESS TO PROPERTY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS AND ENGINEERING  
ACTIVITIES**

**1. Is there any law or regulation that requires or grants permission to enter onto my property?**

**Answer:** Yes, the ability to enter onto private property is provided for by the Annotated Code of Maryland, § 12-111 of the Real Property Article.

**2. Do I need to be home when someone needs to enter onto my property?**

**Answer:** No, however, if you have any special concerns or items you want to coordinate with us (i.e. dogs/pets, known underground utilities, etc.), please contact the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration Project Representative at the telephone number indicated in the contact letter.

**3. Will anyone need to enter my home or other structure on my property?**

**Answer:** No, not normally except under extraordinary circumstances. If activities require additional information, someone may contact you to make specific arrangements to obtain the information.

**4. How will I be able to identify the persons completing field assessments?**

**Answer:** Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration personnel are required to carry official identification cards and are required to display them upon request. Often, consultants are used by the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration to carry out the activities. Consultant employees are also required to display identification upon request. If there is ever any concern about the identification of a representative, please call the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration Project Representative at the telephone number indicated in the contact letter.

**5. Does the letter mean that someone will be entering my property?**

**Answer:** No, letters were sent to everyone in the immediate area of the proposed alternates. It is possible that no one will need to enter onto your property.

**6. Why is this environmental analysis or engineering activity being conducted?**

**Answer:** This project may be a project planning study or a design project in the final engineering phase. Project Planning Studies require collection of field data and assessments to properly identify the environmental features on properties within the project study area and there is no selected alternate at this time. A design project in the final engineering phase may require the collection of additional field information that will be used to complete project design details.

**7. What will be done on my property during the environmental assessment?**

**Answer:** The evaluation of historical structures and potential hazardous materials map simply require photographs and visual inspection. Some studies, such as wetland identification and soil borings may require digging a test pit and removal of soil sampled for analysis. Wetland identification is usually accomplished in two separate visits. The first visit may be conducted by Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration or their representatives, who may place vinyl ribbon or wire flags to mark the boundaries of the wetland/waterway. Subsequent visits may include a small group (5-10 people) representing Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration and various environmental regulatory agencies. Each visit may require the use of a handheld auger to excavate a hole approximately 4 inches in diameter and up to 5 feet deep. All areas disturbed will be returned as close to the previous state as possible.

**8. What will be done to my property during a subsurface investigation?**

**Answer:** The primary method used to perform these geological investigations is to create a boring, or a hole drilled into the ground. As the boring is drilled, the subsurface soil or rock layers and the groundwater are evaluated. To reach the depths required for the investigation and to penetrate hard soil or rock, borings are usually created using motorized equipment with very low ground pressure to minimize disturbance to the ground surface. For very sensitive areas, ground protective mats can be used to prevent even minor indentations in the ground surface. Archaeological investigations may require the hand excavation or holes eighteen inches (18") in diameter up to three feet (3') deep. These holes will be refilled, and the area restored as close to the previous state as possible. All activities related to these operations will be coordinated with the property owner prior to any actual disturbance.

**9. During what time frame will the field assessment be done?**

**Answer:** Representatives may appear for up to one year for the date indicated in the letter. Prior to beginning the assessment, the representatives will knock on the door of any occupied structure on a property. Air and noise analyses take approximately 24 hours and require only the temporary placement of a noise meter on the property. The evaluation of potential historic structures may be accomplished in one day.

**10. Who owns the archaeological or historical artifacts that may be found?**

**Answer:** The property owner owns all artifacts that may be found and may donate such artifacts to the State Curatorial Facility by signing a deed of gift.

**11. I don't live anywhere near the proposed alignments. Why am I getting this letter?**

**Answer:** Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration is required to identify properties that may be appropriate for environmental enhancement projects, to be used as compensation for impacts to environmental resources resulting from the project. State and federal agencies who regulate these resources allow Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration to compensate for these impacts in the watershed in which the impact occurs. Depending on the watershed, the search for suitable sites may be quite a distance from the actual project area. If you are a distance from the proposed alignments, then a preliminary analysis has indicated that a portion of your property may be suitable for use as an enhancement project.

**12. How soon will construction of the project begin?**

**Answer:** The environmental analysis and engineering activities occur during the planning or design phase of a proposed project. Funding may or may not be allocated for the right-of-way or construction phases of the project. The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration project representative identified in the contact letter would be able to provide more specific information concerning the status of construction funding for this project.



**Maryland**  
Department of  
the Environment

Larry Hogan, Governor  
Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor  
Ben Grumbles, Secretary  
Horacio Tablada, Deputy Secretary

**SENT VIA E-MAIL CORRESPONDENCE**

The Honorable Christopher M. Corchiarino  
Board of County Commissioners President  
Queen Anne's County Commissioner  
107 North Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617

Dear Commissioners President Corchiarino:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Department has received an air quality Permit to Construct application from a company located in your jurisdiction. The Department has required the applicant to publish the enclosed notice at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in the legal section of a daily or weekly newspaper of general circulation in the geographical area in which the proposed installation will be located. The notice provides the following information about the permit application.

Applicant: Perdue AgriBusiness, LLC – Roberts Grain

Proposal: Installation of one (1) grain receiving leg with a capacity of 15,000 bushels/hr

Location: 133 Brierleys Mill Road  
Church Hill, MD 21623

The Department must receive written requests for an informational meeting no later than 10 working days after the date the second notice appears in the newspaper. Requests for an informational meeting should be submitted via email to Ms. Shannon Heafey at [shannon.heafey@maryland.gov](mailto:shannon.heafey@maryland.gov). Further information may be obtained by contacting Ms. Heafey by email at [shannon.heafey@maryland.gov](mailto:shannon.heafey@maryland.gov) or by phone at (410) 537-4433. The Department expects the applicant to begin to publish the required notices shortly, but you need not wait for the notice to be published to request a meeting should you so desire. Your participation in this proceeding is welcome.

Sincerely,  
*/S/*  
Angelo Bianca, Deputy Director  
Air and Radiation Administration

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Enclosure



# Maryland

Department of  
the Environment

Larry Hogan, Governor  
Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor

Ben Crumbles, Secretary  
Horacio Tablada, Deputy Secretary

February 2, 2021

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

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RE: Application for Chesapeake College  
State Discharge Permit Application 15DP1064, NPDES Permit MD0024384  
Queen Anne's County

Dear President:

We are aware of your interest in the Chesapeake College 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 15DP1064, NPDES Permit MD0024384:**

Chesapeake College, P.O. Box 8, Wye Mills, Maryland 21679 applied for renewal of the permit to discharge an average of 15,000 gallons per day (gpd) of treated domestic wastewater from the Chesapeake College Wastewater Treatment Plant located on MD Route 213, Wye Mills, Maryland 21679 to the Wye East River which is a Use I waterbody, protected for water contact recreation and non-tidal warm water aquatic life.

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) is proposing to reissue the permit with the following effluent limitations: BOD5, 30 mg/l maximum monthly arithmetic mean, 45 mg/l maximum weekly arithmetic mean; Total Suspended Solids, 30 mg/l maximum monthly arithmetic mean, 45 mg/l maximum weekly arithmetic mean; Total Residual Chlorine, 0.011mg/l maximum; Dissolved Oxygen, 5.0 mg/l minimum at any time; Fecal Coliform, 14 MPN/100 ml maximum monthly median value; and pH maintained between 6.5 and 8.5.

All effluent limitations meet the State water quality standards and in compliance with the local TMDLs for nutrients in the Wye East River. Total suspended solids limitations in the permit are also in conformance with the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Loads for Sediments established on 12/29/2010.

If a written request is received by **February 25, 2021**, 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 **February 25, 2021** 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 **March 8, 2021**. 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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Newspaper: **The Record Observer**



# Maryland

Department of  
the Environment

Larry Hogan, Governor  
Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor

Ben Grumbles, Secretary  
Horacio Tablada, Deputy Secretary

February 10, 2020

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**RE: Water Appropriation and Use Permit No.: QA2020G001(01)  
Publication of Permit Decision**

Dear Property Owner, Public Official, Interested Person or Applicant:

On February 1, 2021 the Water and Science Administration (Administration) issued Water Appropriation and Use Permit No. QA2020G001(01) to Blackdog Farms at Kingsdale LLC to appropriate and use an annual average of 205,600 gallons of water per day (gpd) and an average of 1,222,300 gpd during the month of maximum use for crop irrigation and poultry operations. Water is to be withdrawn from five wells in the Aquia aquifer. The site is located at 210 Kingsdale Farm Lane, approximately 2 miles west of Queen Anne, Queen Anne's County, Maryland.

After examination and consideration of the documents received and evidence in the application file and record, the Administration has determined that the application meets the statutory and regulatory criteria necessary for issuance of a Water Appropriation and Use Permit. The Impact Analysis Summary used in reaching this determination is enclosed with this permit decision. A copy of Water Appropriation and Use Permit No. QA2020G001(01) is available upon request.

This is a final agency determination; there is no further opportunity for administrative review. The applicant or any person with standing who participated in the public participation process through the submission of written or oral comments may petition for judicial review in the Circuit Court in the County where the permitted activity is to occur. The petition for judicial review must be filed within 30 days of the publication of the permit decision. Please see the attached fact sheet for additional information about the judicial review process.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (410) 537-3590.

Sincerely,

Norman Lazarus  
Water Supply Program

Enclosures

Blackdog Farms at Kingsdale, LLC  
(Name of Applicant)

QA2020G001/01  
(Application No.)

Sam Glover  
(Assigned WSA Project Manager)

January 27, 2021  
(Date Form Completed)

### ***IMPACT ANALYSIS SUMMARY***

#### **I. REASONABLENESS OF THE AMOUNT OF WATER REQUESTED IN RELATION TO THE ANTICIPATED LEVEL OF USE DURING THE PERMIT PERIOD.**

The applicant has requested to appropriate and use an annual average of 205,600 gallons of groundwater per day (gpd) and an average of 1,222,300 gpd in the month of maximum use. The water will be withdrawn from five wells in the Aquia aquifer and used for crop irrigation (1 well) and poultry operation (4 wells). The irrigation well will supply water to irrigate about 180 acres of corn. In some years, the fields will be planted in soybean and wheat and the water demand is expected to be lower. The area of the farm where the irrigation will occur is predominantly sandy loam soils. Five low pressure center pivot irrigation systems will be used. The requested amounts are based on an estimated water demand of 12.9 inches with a water loss factor of 15 percent for corn crop with the configurations mentioned above. About 3.5% of the requested appropriation will be used for poultry operation which is already taking place at the farm. The requested appropriation is reasonable for this use.

#### **II. REASONABLENESS OF THE IMPACT OF THE REQUESTED WITHDRAWAL ON THE RESOURCE.**

Permit withdrawal requests from confined aquifers are evaluated based on the available drawdown, which is not to exceed 80% of the distance between the historic prepumping levels and the top of the aquifer in the area of the withdrawal from multiple sources. To predict the impact of the proposed withdrawal, aquifer characteristics are needed. Aquifer data, transmissivity (T) values and storativity (S) values, were obtained from nearby aquifer test and literature data.

Aquifer data for the site was derived from hydrogeologic information available to the Water Supply Program from wells in the area. The transmissivity (T=11,500 gpd/ft) is obtained from test well QA-16-0251. The storativity (S) value was estimated at 0.0002 for the Aquia aquifer. The top of the aquifer is at -422 ft below mean sea level (msl) and the 80% management level is estimated at -330 ft msl (AIS). The current water level is estimated to be -12 ft msl (QA-16-0251), leaving 318 feet of available drawdown above the 80% water management level established by the Administration to protect the resource.

The effect of pumping the well for the requested annual average amount of 205,600 gpd on the regional potentiometric surface in the area from which the water is appropriated, for one and twelve years were modeled. Assuming no recharge to the Aquia aquifer, a drawdown of 11.7 ft after one year and 15.2 ft after twelve years was predicted at a distance of ¼ mile. Drawdown progressively decreased at greater distances from the pumping center.

There is no measurable decline in the regional aquifer in the area in the last 10-15 years although water levels fluctuates as much as 20 feet seasonally based on QA De 27. No unreasonable impacts to the resource are expected from the withdrawal as the projected drawdown on the regional potentiometric surface for the twelve year permit period is about 15 feet which is about 5% of the available drawdown in the region.

### **III. REASONABLENESS OF THE IMPACT OF THE REQUESTED WITHDRAWAL ON OTHER USERS OF THE RESOURCE.**

Additional time-distance-drawdown calculations were performed using T and S values listed above to assess potential impacts to other water users in the area. Using the month of maximum use (1,222,300 gpd) for 60 days of pumping created about 52 feet of drawdown at a distance of 1500 feet from the pumping wells.

The static water level in the Aquia aquifer at the farm wells and other wells in the general area about a mile away from the farm is about 100 feet below ground surface based on search of well logs in MDE well database. It is expected that when the farm wells are pumped at the maximum rate of 1,222,300 gpd for 60 days with no recharge to the aquifer the drawdown could be as much as 31 feet in the aquifer at a distance of a mile away from the pumping wells. This level of drawdown may affect wells with shallow pump column depth and the length of the pipe column may need to be increased.

MDE has advised the applicant that they could be liable for adverse impacts to wells in the area if it is determined that the wells are impacted due to pumping from the farm well.

## **FACT SHEET**

### **JUDICIAL REVIEW PROCESS**

Legislation passed by the 2009 General Assembly changes procedures for certain permits issued by the Department, including water appropriation permits. The judicial review procedures took effect on January 1, 2010 and applies to final permit decisions issued on and after January 1, 2010.

Under pre-existing procedures, permit applicants and third parties with standing under Maryland law could challenge the issuance of a permit or the conditions of a permit through a request for a "contested case" adjudicatory hearing conducted by the Office of Administrative Hearings. Effective January 1, 2010, the "contested case" process no longer applies to final decisions on applications for these permits. Rather, permits can be challenged through a request for direct judicial review in the Circuit Court for the county where the activity authorized by the permit will occur. Applicants, and persons who meet standing requirements under federal law and who participated in a public comment process by submitting written or oral comments (where an opportunity for public comment was provided), may seek judicial review. Judicial review will be based on the administrative record for the permit compiled by the Department and limited to issues raised in the public comment process (unless no public comment process was provided, in which case the review will be limited to issues that are connected to the permit).

#### **Who Has Standing?**

Anyone who meets the threshold standing requirements under federal law and is either the applicant or someone who participated in the public participation process through the submission of written or oral comments, as provided in Environment Article § 5-204, Annotated Code of Maryland. The three traditional criteria for establishing standing under federal law are injury, causation, and redressability, although how each criterion is applied is highly fact-specific and varies from case to case. Further, an association has standing under federal law to bring suit on behalf of its members when its members would otherwise have standing to sue in their own right, the interests at stake are related to the organization's purpose, and neither the claim asserted nor the relief requested requires the participation of individual members in the lawsuit.

#### **What is the Procedure for Seeking Judicial Review?**

Petitions for judicial review of a final determination or permit decision subject to judicial review must be filed in accordance with § 1-605 of the Environment Article no later than 30 days following publication by the Department of a notice of final determination or final permit decision and must be filed in the circuit court of the county where the permit application states that the proposed activity will occur. Petitions for judicial review must conform to the applicable Maryland Rules of Civil Procedure (Title 7, Chapter 200).

*To review the legislation follow the link below:*

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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 February 15, 2021**

**February 15, 2021**

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 or send an email to the assigned reviewer no later than March 15, 2021, 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 hearing procedures and meetings may be impacted, including the possible rescheduling of hearings from in-person hearings to being held virtually.*

**Tidal Wetlands Division - (410) 537-3571**

**Queen Anne's County**

201960094/19-WL-1160: THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, 707 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, has applied to replace State Highway Administration (SHA) Bridge No. 1701401, a 215-foot, 4-inch long by 35-foot, 8-inch wide five-span steel girder bridge, with a 235-foot long by 41-foot, 0.5-inch wide three-span steel girder bridge; to install permanent sheet pile walls with Class III rip rap slope protection backfill near the abutments of the replacement bridge a maximum of 7 feet channelward of the mean high water line; to reconstruct the roadway approaches to the bridge; and to install stormwater management structures. The purpose of the project is to replace the structurally deficient bridge to meet current safety standards. The project may require mitigation for approximately 3,500 square feet of tidal open water impacts. The proposed project is located within the tidal waters on Chester River at the US 301 northbound bridge crossing in Queen Anne's and Kent Counties, Maryland. For more information, please contact Ed Tinney at [ed.tinney@maryland.gov](mailto:ed.tinney@maryland.gov) or at 410-462-9364.



**Queen  
Anne's  
County**

**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING**

110 Vincit St., Suite 104  
Centreville, MD 21617

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Fax Planning: (410) 758-2905  
Telephone Permits: (410) 758-4088  
Fax Permits: (410) 758-3972

**County Commissioners:**

James J. Moran, At Large  
Jack N. Wilson, Jr., District 1  
Stephen Wilson, District 2  
Philip L. Dumenil, District 3  
Christopher M. Corchiarino, District 4

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** County Commissioners  
Todd Mohn, County Administrator

**Information Item**

**CC:** Planning Commission  
Economic Development Commission

**FROM:** Amy G. Moredock, CFM, Director

**DATE:** February 23, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Monthly Department Report – January 2021

The following information is compiled by the staff of the Department of Planning and Zoning. The information provided is current as of January 31, 2021.

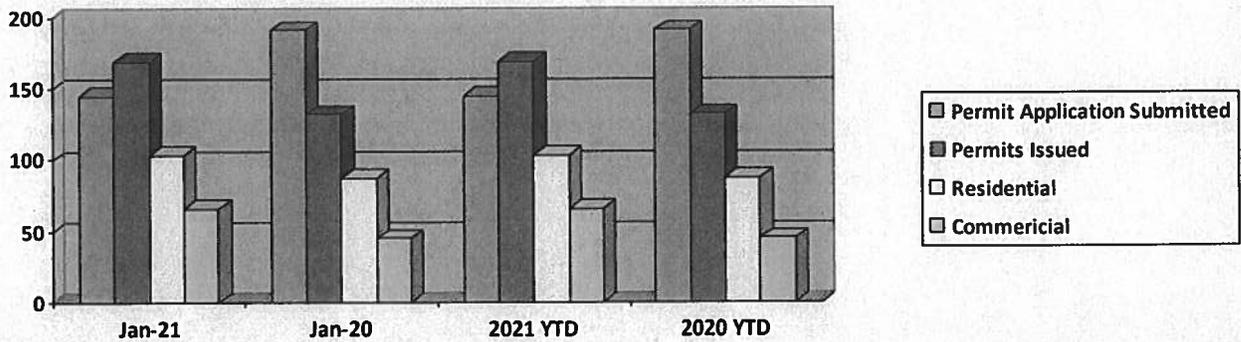
**Planning:**

- **Long-Range Planning/Community Planning/Text Amendments/ Environmental/Critical Area Planning:**
  - Text Amendments
    - TA/CO #20-13 updates §18 App-1 (definitions) and §18:1-36 (Planned Residential Development Standards), by adding a section which will establish standards for cottage home planned residential development in the zoning districts that permit major or minor multifamily uses. The Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on January 26, 2020. Voting will occur in February with possible adoption to follow.
  - Comprehensive Plan
    - Draft Introduction and County Profile chapter have been reviewed by the Planning Commission and made available online for review.
    - 2 - Visioning Sessions: Countywide and North County, Countywide and Chester/Stevensville completed
    - Technical Committee meeting details and documents sent to members for meeting in February
  - Critical Area Project Review
    - Waterfront Marine, SP-20-10-0209 – Concept plan to create a 24,990 sf boat sales and service facility to include a Growth Allocation application
    - Royal Farms, SP-19-12-0047 - Create a 5,897 sq. ft convenience store/gas station/car wash
  - Heritage Review:
    - Reviewing several site plans, subdivisions, and demolition permits for compliance with Historic Structure review provisions.
  - Meeting Attendance – Virtual/Phone Conference: Liquor Board, MaCO, and many project meetings.

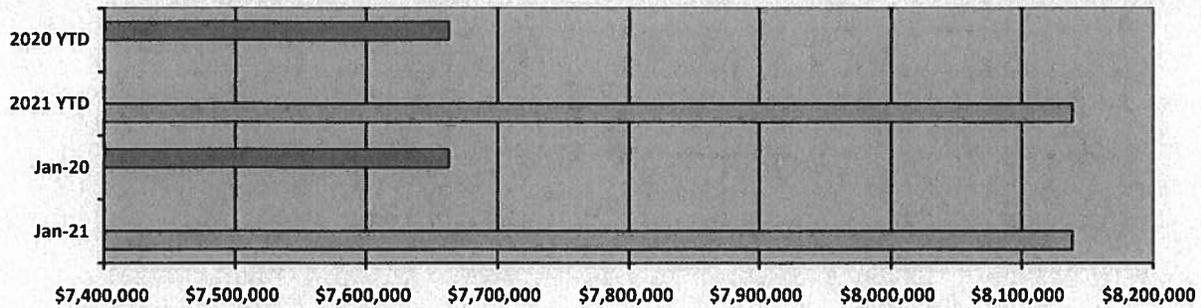
- **Development Review/Site Plans/Subdivision Plats/Growth Allocations/Adequate Public Facilities:**
  - **Administrative Subdivision plat reviews**
    - Postal Road, SUB-21-01-0209 - combine 6 lots into one
    - Aspen Institute, SUB-19-11-0153 - reconfigure property lines and create a private road right-of way
    - Boyle, James & Soyboy, LLC, SUB-21-01-0210 - lot line adjustment
    - Merrick Farms, SUB-20-07-0184 - combine 24 lots into 2
  - **Minor Subdivision plat reviews**
    - Wye Woods/Aspen Institute, SUB-19-03-0100 - create 3 Lots. 40' wide access easement on proposed lot
    - Kent Narrows, Marine LLC, SUB-20-08-0191 - subdivide parcel 429 into 3 lots
    - Aspen Institute, SUB-19-11-0153 - create 5 lots and an administrative subdivision to reconfigure lot lines
  - **Concept plan reviews**
    - Royal Farms, SP-19-12-0047 - create a 5,897 sq. ft convenience store/gas station/car wash
  - **Major Site plan review**
    - Morris Solar, SP-21-01-0071 - solar array
  - **Planning Commission meeting,**
    - **Extension Requests:** No requests in January
    - **Concept Plan:** None in January
    - **Projects:** None in January

**Zoning:**

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



<b>Building Permit Tracking 2021</b>				
	January 2021	January 2020	2021 Year to Date	2020 Year to Date
Permit Applications Submitted	145	191	145	191
Permits Issued	169	132	169	132
Residential	103	87	103	87
Commercial	66	45	66	45
Construction Value	\$8,139,057	\$7,662,405	\$8,139,057	\$7,662,405



- **Highlights of Commercial Permits Issued:**

- **New Commercial:**  
301 Truslow Rd, Chestertown, Construct 50' x 72' warehouse building
- **Commercial Renovations:**  
2136 Didonato Dr, Chester, Convert space from 4 units to 2 units

- **Inspection and Enforcement Activity:**

- Citations Issued: 6 (YTD Issued: 6)
- Total fines issued: \$2,750.00 (YTD Issued: \$2,750.00; YTD Paid: \$1,250.00)
- Nuisance Complaints/Code Violation Inspections Conducted: 25 (12 of which in Critical Area) (YTD: 25/12)
- Zoning Inspections Conducted: 315 (140 of which within Critical Area) (YTD: 315/140)
- Liquor Law Compliance Inspections: 12 (YTD: 12)

## Zoning Boards:

- **Board of Appeals: Hearing Date - January 14, 2021**  
BOA-20-12-0081 – Robert Nolte – pole barn in front yard – Approved  
BOA-20-09-0072 – Calvert Crossland LLC -Approved w/conditions
- **Board of License Commissioners (Liquor Board): Meeting Date - January 5, 2021**  
New Class “B-D” beer, wine & liquor license for Big Owl – Approved  
Transfer of Class “B” beer, wine & liquor license for Crab Deck – Approved for advertising  
Transfer of Class “B” beer, wine & liquor license for Kent Manor Inn – Approved for advertising  
Transfer of Class “A” beer, wine & liquor license for Rhodes Store – Approved for advertising

AGM:amj



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February 4, 2021

Queen Anne's County Commissioners  
107 N. Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE  
FEB 5 '21 PM 1:58

Dear County Commissioners:

This letter is respectfully submitted to you in support of the Upper Shore State's Attorney Mediation Program (USSAMP) sponsored by Community Mediation Upper Shore, Inc.

USSAMP has worked in conjunction with the Queen Anne's County State's Attorney's Office since January, 2009 to help ease the strain of the SAO and District Court by diverting appropriate cases to the process of mediation. In that time, we have found that the best cases for this program have been ones without witnesses or substantial evidence that a crime was committed. Further, we have found mediation to be especially useful to those in conflict who, through their situations and relationships, will have continued contact with each other. By diverting these cases to mediation, we not only save significant court costs associated with the pending cases but also help prevent future complaints which could escalate into more serious crimes.

With this in mind, I believe that the free mediation services provided by USSAMP have much to offer the citizens of Queen Anne's County. USSAMP also provides an excellent way for the County to save money through review and prosecution of cases that need not be in the criminal justice process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lance G. Richardson".

Lance G. Richardson  
State's Attorney for  
Queen Anne's County

LGR/mtb



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# Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department

*Serving the Citizens of Kent Island Since 1947*

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February 2, 2021

Queen Anne's County Commissioners  
107 N Liberty Street  
Centreville MD 21617

Dear County Commissioners,

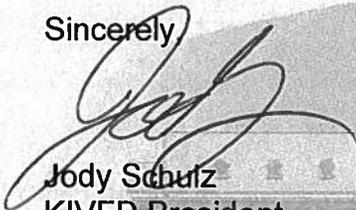
We recently received \$138,000 of Cares Funding from the County and quite simply, thank you.

2020 has certainly been a trying time for residents and businesses alike. The same holds true for the volunteer fire department.

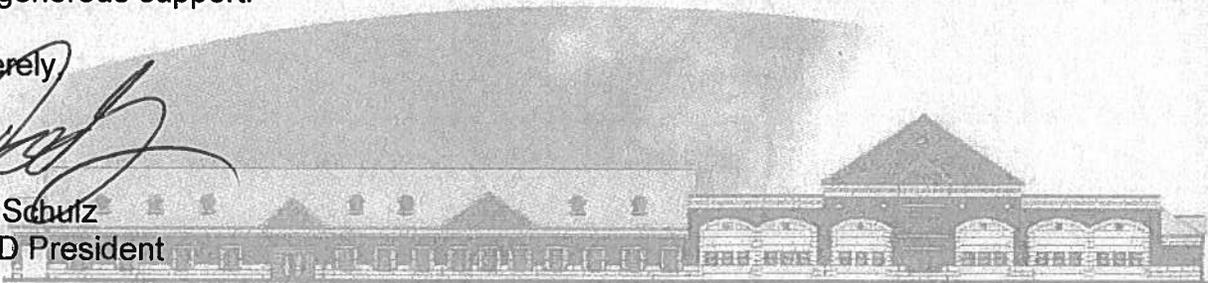
COVID 19 brought our fundraising efforts to a halt as we could not allow large groups of people to congregate. The donation through the County allows us to do business as normal and continue to offer the excellent level of care upon which our community relies.

We are proud of the partnership between our volunteer station and the County. Thank you for your generous support.

Sincerely,



Jody Schulz  
KIVFD President



**The Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department is recognized by IRS as a 501(C)4 not for profit charitable organization.  
No goods or services were provided in connection with this gift.**