

XI. PUBLIC UTILITIES

Sewer:

The majority of South County does not contain, nor is planned for, public sewer or water. A small Bay front community in the southern part of the planning area, Rose Haven, has existing water and sewer. The Rose Haven/Holland Point Sewer Service Area serves this area.

Rose Haven/Holland Point Sewer Service Areas:

This service area is located in South County on the southeastern tip of the Chesapeake Bay at the Calvert County boundary line. Encompassing approximately 370 acres, Rose Haven and Holland Point were previously within the Rural Service Area. County takeover of the Rose Haven private system and provision of service to Holland Point was requested and approved as a result of petitions by the citizens of the two communities. The service area consists of a total of approximately 524 dwelling units and commercial developments including a marina, commercial strip center, restaurant and motel.

Construction of a capital project commenced in July 1998 to construct low-pressure sewers, and gravity and pumping facilities to serve both Rose Haven and Holland Point and is anticipated to be complete in 2001. A special \$6 million Federal grant from the Environmental Protection Agency as well as local citizens' front foot assessment over the next 30 years will provide the funding for the design and construction of the infrastructure. The project's scope includes the expansion of the Chesapeake Beach Wastewater Treatment Plant located in Calvert County and the necessary collection and pumping infrastructure to transport the wastewater from the two communities to the Calvert County facility. Through an inter-jurisdictional agreement, executed between Anne Arundel County and the owners of the Chesapeake Beach Wastewater Treatment Plant, permission was obtained for transport and treatment up to 0.1375 million gallons per day (MGD) at the Calvert County facility.

Water:

The Rose Haven water pressure zone is situated in South County on the southeastern tip of the Chesapeake Bay at the Calvert County boundary line. Rose Haven was previously within the Rural Service Area. County upgrade and takeover of the Rose Haven private system was requested and approved as a result of petitions by the citizens of the communities of Rose Haven and Holland Point. The service area consists of approximately 245 residential lots and various other commercial developments. It is anticipated that the construction of the proposed system be completed in early 2000.