



# Maryland

## Department of the Environment

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June 14, 2021  
Mr. Christopher J. Phipps, P.E., Director  
Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works  
2662 Riva Road  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Phipps:

This letter acknowledges the Maryland Department of the Environment's (Department) receipt of Anne Arundel County's 2020 Financial Assurance Plan (FAP), and 2020 Watershed Protection and Restoration Program (WPRP) Annual Report as required by the Annotated Code of Maryland. This FAP submission includes information on the cost of compliance with the impervious surface restoration plan (ISRP) requirements outlined in the County's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase I Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit.

The ISRP, when sufficiently funded, is essential for restoring local water quality and the Chesapeake Bay, and providing climate resiliency in the County's watersheds. The FAPs are sufficient if they demonstrate that the County has the dedicated revenues, funds, or sources of funds to meet, for the 2-year period immediately following the filing date of the FAP, 100% of the projected costs of compliance with the ISRP requirements of the County's MS4 permit.

After reviewing Anne Arundel County's 2020 FAP, the Department has determined that the County has demonstrated that it has sufficient funding in its FAP. The Department has provided more detailed comments in an attachment for the County's information and use. The County's next WPRP Annual Report will be due in coordination with its next MS4 Annual Report, and its FAP will be due in coordination with the 2022 MS4 Annual Report.

The Department recognizes the substantial effort required in developing these FAPs and WPRP Annual Reports, and looks forward to working with Anne Arundel County on this very important environmental program for improving water quality, stormwater management, and climate resiliency. If you have any questions regarding this review, please contact me at 410-537-3567 or Jennifer M. Smith at 410-537-3561, or [jenniferm.smith@maryland.gov](mailto:jenniferm.smith@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,



D. Lee Currey, Director  
Water and Science Administration

cc: Jennifer M. Smith, P.E., Program Manager, Sediment, Stormwater, and Dam Safety Program  
Erik Michelsen, Watershed Protection and Restoration Program

Attachment