



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY GOVERNMENT RELATIONS OFFICE

Legislative and Fiscal Summary of Administration Legislation

To: Members, Anne Arundel County Council

From: Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Affairs /s/

Date: October 6, 2025

Subject: Bill No. 84 -25 – Planning and Development – Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems

This summary was prepared by the Anne Arundel County Government Relations Office for use by members of the Anne Arundel County Council during consideration of Bill No. 84-25.

Summary

This Bill, introduced by request of the Administration on behalf of the Office of Planning and Zoning and Department of Public Works, proposes text and map amendments to the 2022 Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems (WSMP) in order to provide public water and sewer to the County-owned Joint 911 Public Safety Center, public water for the County-owned Police Special Operations building, and acknowledge the transfer of existing service from the State to the County for the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park area.

State Law (Md Code Ann. Env't. Art. §9-501 *et seq.* requires that amendments to the County's Water and Sewer Master Plan be adopted by the County's governing body, and Anne Arundel County Charter Section 1014 specifies that whenever state or federal law direct an action be taken by the "local governing body", the action is to be initiated by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council. The intended outcome of the legislation is the adoption of text and map amendments required by State Law in order to pursue approval by the Maryland Department of Environment to amend the County's Water and Sewer Master Plan and subsequently have accurate information in the County's Water and Sewer Plan and on the Water and Sewer Maps, as well as serve the Joint 911 Public Safety Center with public water and sewer and the Police Special Operations Building with public water.

An evaluation of sewer management options was conducted by RK&K, a subconsultant for Design Collective which led the consultant team in developing the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park Master Plan, once the County assumed ownership of the Crownsville Memorial Park site. The evaluation reviewed several different alternatives to include: continuing operation

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and upgrades of the existing spray field plant, transition to a traditional treatment style plant, and a sewage pumping station. The recommendation was to transition to a sewage pumping station and associated forcemain, as the existing plant requires extensive upgrades to the existing systems and extensive operational cost.

A public hearing was held on September 10, 2025. The record was held open for written testimony on the Water Sewer Master Plan Amendment between Wednesday, September 10, 2025 and Tuesday, September 16, 2025, and no feedback was received.

Amending the map will have a positive environmental benefit as it relates to the Crownsville Memorial Park area. The sewage pumping station and forcemain are a better environmental solution when compared to the current spray irrigation plant that essentially sprays treated wastewater on large open fields. The new pump station and forcemain is sending flow to the normal County system to be treated more effectively at one of the County's wastewater plants.

Purpose

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Fiscal Impact

Please see the Fiscal Note the Budget Office has prepared for an explanation of the fiscal impact of this Bill.

Additional Information

The Government Relations Office is available to answer any additional questions regarding this Bill. Specific questions should be directed to Cindy Carrier, Office of Planning and Zoning, Chris Murphy, Department of Public Works, or Kelly Kenney, Office of Law. Thank you.

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