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Ms. Julie Hummer  
Chair, Anne Arundel County Council

Via Email: Kaley Schultze, ccschu24@aacounty.org

Dear Ms. Hummer:

As requested and as committed during the March 10, 2026 worksession on the Baltimore City Sewer Service Area Moratorium, I write to provide you with an update on staff activities taken to date to mitigate the moratorium.

- The Law Office determined that the Anne Arundel County agreements from 1976 and 1981 with Baltimore County can be amended via negotiation.
- County staff continue to meet with staff from Baltimore City and Baltimore County to discuss solutions including amending the agreement and borrowing additional capacity. No agreements have been reached yet.
- The County Executive met with the Baltimore County Executive, the Baltimore City Mayor, and their public works directors to emphasize the impact this has on the region and discuss how we can lift the moratorium. The County Executive also met with the Secretary of the Maryland Department of the Environment to discuss how they can assist and facilitate regional solutions to help us lift the moratorium, and has continued to update the Governor's Office on the situation. The County Executive also met with representatives from MBIA and NAIOP to answer their questions and understand their concerns.
- Staff also had a promising meeting with representatives from BWI Airport to discuss temporarily borrowing some of their unused capacity from Baltimore County. Discussions are ongoing.
- The County website was updated with a new [webpage](#) to provide updated information, FAQs, and allow interested stakeholders to sign up for updates.
- The Linthicum Shipley sewage pumping station upgrade is on target for 2028 completion.
- Four workgroups are focusing efforts in the following priority areas. The workgroups include staff and external members as appropriate.
  - Review of Allocation Relinquishment and Lapsed Projects
  - Review of Economic Development and Attraction Deals
  - Rubric and Process for New Allocations
  - Review of the Legal Framework
- Staff continue to prepare for the worst case scenario, which would be a refusal of our neighbors to allow us the capacity that we believe we are entitled to, and to expedite the construction of a diversion to our facilities to the south.
  - The diversion strategy project has begun preliminary design for diversion to Patuxent to avoid delays before the full study is complete, and the reclaimed water study is on target for completion by June 30th.

- Staff reviewed currently allocated projects for interest in formally relinquishing unneeded capacity to make room for new projects. Unfortunately, discussions with developers of currently allocated but not yet connected projects have resulted in NO relinquished capacity.
- Staff spoke about how to appropriately advise business owners who are looking to relocate into existing facilities on whether sufficient capacity exists earlier in the process. DPW already allows the EDU worksheet to be submitted prior to application for review, and staff will work to make this process more clear.
- A desktop study on Infiltration and Inflow in this sewer service area will be finalized in the coming days and the field study is currently underway.

While we do not have a resolution to the issue that led to the moratorium as yet, County staff continue to work several angles to reduce the impact and duration of the moratorium. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,



Christine Anderson  
Chief Administrative Officer

cc: Karen Henry, Director, Public Works  
Jenny Proebstle, Chief of Staff  
Ethan Hunt, Director, Government Relations