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### **Sewer Capacity Moratorium - Baltimore City Sewer Service Area**

Anne Arundel County has recently reached critical peak flow capacity limitations within the Baltimore City Sewer Service Area (SSA). Specifically, these limitations affect areas that connect to the Baltimore County Patapsco Interceptor and Sewage Pumping Station (SPS). (See map below of affected area.) While the County remains within its Average Daily Flow (ADF) limits, the shared systems' aging infrastructure and increased Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) during wet weather have caused peak volumes to exceed current multijurisdictional agreements. Due to ongoing consent decrees, Baltimore City and Baltimore County are currently unable to allocate additional capacity to Anne Arundel County, creating an immediate bottleneck for new development. Immediate action is therefore necessary.

To address this emergency, the Department of Public Works (DPW) is declaring a moratorium on capacity allocation approvals for any new development in the SSA. Additionally, the County will immediately suspend the approval of any new allocations for building/tenant fit-out permits for projects flowing into the affected infrastructure.

All currently allocated EDUs will be honored; however, no additional allocations will be granted at this time. Exceptions will be made for infill lots with failing septic systems, which the County will prioritize.

Tenant fit-out permits requiring one or more EDUs will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Any development projects or permits that did not receive a formal allocation prior to the date of this notice are now on hold. These projects cannot receive allocation or final approval



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Director

until additional capacity is secured or this moratorium is modified or lifted.

**This moratorium is effective immediately.**

The County is conducting a Wastewater Strategic Plan to evaluate diverting flows to the Patuxent and/or Cox Creek facilities, a process expected to take at least five years.

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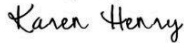
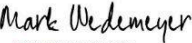

**Declaration of Moratorium  
Baltimore City Sewer Service Area**

We, the Members of the Allotment Committee, after careful review of data, facts and lengthy discussion, do hereby declare a moratorium on the approval of capacity for any new subdivisions, subdivisions in process, any new minor subdivisions, minor subdivisions in process, and any new building permits and new tenant fit-out permits connecting to the Baltimore County Patapsco Interceptor and Sewage Pumping Station.

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