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County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County
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Christopher M. Corchiarino, Commissioner
107 N. Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617

RE: Town of Centreville – Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for allowing the Town of Centreville time on your November 14 and November 28 meeting agendas to discuss the application for an amendment to the County's Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan (CWSP). As a result of questions asked during the public hearing and concerns raised either in person or written, the Town would like to provide feedback for further clarification.

The Town of Centreville is currently working through the process with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to upgrade the current wastewater treatment plant from .542 million gallons per day (MGD) to 1 MGD and to allow for year-round surface water discharge into the Corsica River. Requesting an amendment to the County's CWSP is the initial step in a very long process. Valid comments and concerns were presented during the November 28th public hearing, requesting information on the exact placement of the outfall; what impact may be introduced to the marine and wildlife as well as the ability to swim; and how this will affect the immediate and long-term health of the Corsica River. Until the amendment has been approved, neither the Town, the County, nor MDE will be able to address these questions and concerns. Based on MDE's process, they will not be able to initiate the evaluation process until these amendments are included in the County's CWSP. To make the Commissioner's aware, for every option for disposal of effluent, all of those options would have to be included in the CWSP for MDE to begin considering the process of testing, evaluating data, determining viable options (including outfall point) and permitting. As Mr. Quimby indicated during the November 28th public hearing, 'this is the first step in a very long process'.

As the Commissioners can imagine, the Town would be in a deadlock, with the only option being to upgrade to enhanced nutrient removal (ENR) at the current .542 MGD. This option will not enable the Town to serve any new development inside or outside of town limits. Including this request in the CWSP does not guarantee approval from MDE, it does grant MDE the

authority to begin the testing, evaluating, and permitting process to determine feasibility of the proposed options.

Following the November 28 public hearing, Town staff had the opportunity to speak with a resident of Quail Run to further explain the process. At this time, the Town is planning to hold a Q&A session in January 2024 with residents of Quail Run once an available date has been determined by both parties.

The Town appreciates the Commissioners' support throughout this process. We are hopeful you will be able to make a decision you are comfortable with, and the Town is happy to provide any additional information you may need to help with that decision.

Sincerely,

Carolyn M. Brinkley
Acting Town Manager