

**RESOLUTION NO. RS-2019-23**

**ADOPTION OF MAP AMENDMENT TO  
WATER AND SEWERAGE PLAN  
FOR  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND  
(WS-19-002)**

**RECITALS**

The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland (the “Board”), adopted the 2009 Water and Sewerage Plan for Washington County, Maryland (the “Plan”), on November 9, 2010, as required by Md. Code, Environment Article, Sections 9-501 through 9-521 (all references herein are to the Environment Article).

Pursuant to Section 9-503, the Board may consider revisions or amendments to the Plan when the Board deems it necessary.

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Smithsburg has requested amendment of the Plan for the purpose of revising the classification of twelve (12) parcels of land located in the east quadrant of the intersection of Maryland Routes 64 and 77. The request for amendment is to include the twelve (12) parcels (three of which have recently been annexed into the Town of Smithsburg [P. 29, 120, 262]) within the service area of the Smithsburg Wastewater Treatment Plant, and to assign a service priority designation of S-1 (Sewerage Service Existing or Under Construction) to these twelve (12) parcels.

The Washington County Planning Commission (the “Planning Commission”) held a public information meeting on August 5, 2019, to consider the request for amendments to the Plan. The Planning Commission voted at its regular meeting on September 9, 2019, to recommend to the Board that the requested amendments are appropriate and consistent with the goals and policies of the Plan, as well as Washington County’s Comprehensive Plan.

Notice was given to the principal elected official of each municipal corporation affected by this amendment at least fourteen (14) days prior to the public hearing, pursuant to Section 9-503(d)(1)(ii). Thereafter, the Board held a public hearing on October 15, 2019, for the purpose of taking comment on the proposed amendments to the Plan.

It is the opinion of the Planning Commission and the Board that it is appropriate and desirable for all twelve (12) parcels to be included within the service area boundary of the Smithsburg Wastewater Treatment Plant because all are included within Smithsburg's and Washington County's designated growth areas. The request is consistent with the goals and policies of the adopted Comprehensive Plan and the adopted Water and Sewerage Plan of Washington County. However, as the infrastructure is not existing, the Board, the Planning Commission, and staff believe that the appropriate service priority designations for the parcels are either S-3 or S-5.

The Board has considered the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the Planning staff reports, and any comments received as part of the public proceedings before the Planning Commission and the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the service area boundary be expanded to include the twelve (12) parcels noted in the application, with assignment of the S-3 service priority designation to the three (3) Cloverly parcels (29, 120, and 262) and the S-5 service priority designation to the remaining nine (9) parcels (350, 83, 351, 214, 124, 305, 121, 224, and part of 195).

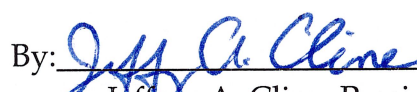
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the official Water and Sewerage Plan for Washington County, Maryland, be, and hereby is, amended accordingly. The Director of Planning and Zoning shall cause the Water and Sewerage Plan Map to be amended pursuant to this Resolution and amend the GIS data accordingly.

Adopted and effective this fifteenth day of October, 2019.

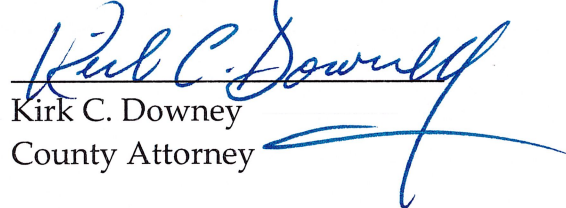
ATTEST:

  
Krista L. Hart, Clerk

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