

Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council

Hampstead * Manchester * Mt. Airy * New Windsor
Carroll County Health Department



* Sykesville * Taneytown * Union Bridge * Westminster
Carroll County Government

WRCC Meeting Summary

April 23, 2025

Attendees:

Municipalities:

- ☒ Kevin Hann, Chair, Hampstead
- ☐ Jim Wieprecht, Vice Chair, Taneytown
- ☐ Zac Amoss, Westminster
- ☐ Gary Dye, New Windsor
- ☐ Delbert Green, Manchester
- ☐ Greg Howell, Westminster
- ☒ Mayor Perry Jones, Union Bridge
- ☐ Rodney Kuhns, Manchester
- ☐ Matt Leister, Manchester
- ☐ Jim Roark, Hampstead
- ☐ Kevin Rubenstein, Sykesville
- ☒ Kevin Smeak, Taneytown
- ☐ Vance Summerhill, Westminster
- ☒ Dick Swanson, Mount Airy

CC PLM:

- ☒ Brenda Dinne
- ☒ Glenn Edwards
- ☒ Andrew Gray
- ☒ Chris Heyn, PLM Director
- ☒ Claire Hirt
- ☒ Byron Madigan
- ☒ Mitch Masser
- ☒ Denise Mathias
- ☒ Zach Neal
- ☐ Janet O'Meara

Health Department:

- ☒ Richard Brace
- ☐ Nicole Bowman

CCG Others:

- ☐ Andy Watcher, CC DPW
- ☒ Bryan Bokey, CC DPW
- ☐ Lexi Biondo, CC M&B
- ☐ Ashlee Treece, CC DPW

Guest Speakers:

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1. Opening Statement

Chair

Mr. Hann opened the meeting at 2:30 pm.

Vice Chair

N/A

2. Approval of Meeting Summary – March 26, 2025

Approval of the March meeting summary was discussed. No changes were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Dick Swanson and seconded by Chris Heyn to approve the March 26, 2024, meeting summary. Motion carried.

3. Municipal Stormwater Projects Update – Janet O'Meara

- Ms. Hirt reported that staff is still waiting to hear back on some grant applications.
- Staff is also waiting on comments from MDE Dam Safety Program on two projects. There has been no word yet on MDE's implementation of this year's SB 250. Mr. Heyn summarized the fee requirements, which include annual fees for dam registration as well as fees for a percentage of project costs for new projects and improvements to existing dams.
- Mr. Swanson requested an update at a future meeting on the progress towards meeting the permit requirements.

Reference/Attachment:

- *Municipal Project Status, April 2025*

4. Legislative Update – Brenda Dinne

- Ms. Dinne provided a summary of the water- and/or environment-related bills that passed the Maryland General Assembly this year that may impact the municipalities or the NPDES MS4 permit work. Sine Die was April 7.

Reference/Attachment:

- *WRCC Legislative Update, April 23, 2025*

5. PFAS Discussion

- The Town of Hampstead will be going to the Maryland Board of Public Works in May for approval on a portion of the Town's PFAS projects.

Reference/Attachment:

- *n/a*

6. Other

- May Meeting: In place of the regular May meeting, the WRCC members will tour the Hampstead water treatment system to learn more about the upcoming PFAS projects. A tour of the Hampstead wastewater treatment plant will be given in the afternoon.
- June Meeting: The next regular meeting will be held in June 2025. The June meeting will be rescheduled to a different date due to June 25 conflicting with the MML Summer Conference.
- Drought: The State currently indicates that Carroll County is at a Drought Warning status. Should conditions worsen, the next level is for the Governor to declare a state of Emergency. Given this situation, Mr. Heyn would like to collaborate with the municipalities to provide a consistent public outreach effort regarding water conservation measures to take. Mr. Heyn will soon be starting a discussion with the Board of County Commissioners to identify direction and measures if an Emergency is declared. The municipalities present shared restrictions currently in place, whether voluntary or mandatory, and those they may anticipate if a Drought Emergency is declared.
- Water & Sewer Master Plan, Spring 2025 Amendments: The *Water & Sewer Master Plan* fall 2024 amendments were approved by MDE. The spring amendments are currently moving through the relevant municipal planning commissions to certify consistency with the comprehensive plans. This will be followed by approval from the Board of County Commissioners before forwarding on to MDE for final approval. The Triennial Update will occur in 2026.
- Water Levels: Mr. Neal will send out water level updates next week.
- NPDES Annual Report: Comments have been received from MDE on the 2024 Annual Report. They are positive overall. They will be sent to the municipalities.
- Mount Airy NPDES Phase II Permit: MDE may be open to eliminating the Phase II permit on the Frederick County side of the Town and incorporating that area into the existing joint Phase

I permit. This would simplify many things for the Town and for reporting. It would not impact Frederick County's permit.

- NPDES Good Housekeeping Plans (GHPs): Site visits to determine which properties need to have GHPs are complete. There are approximately 30 properties countywide. Staff will refine the text of the plans in the next couple weeks. The relevant plans will be sent to the municipalities for review.

Reference/Attachment:

- *n/a*

7. Water Resources Element (WRE 2024) Update – Brenda Dinne

- Ms. Dinne reviewed with the draft presentation to be used with all the planning commissions to explain the WRE and some key action items. Feedback was provided. Information to provide tie-in with the comprehensive plans will be included in a separate summary document. The summary document could be provided ahead of the presentation to help set the stage for the planning commissions to understand their role and how the WRE information might impact land use and comprehensive plan decisions. Ms. Dinne will coordinate with each municipality to determine the content for the slides specific to their individual systems.
- Ms. Dinne also gave an overview of the revisions that were made to the initial draft based on the feedback received.

Reference/Attachment:

- *n/a*

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:46 PM.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Dick Swanson and seconded by Mayor Perry Jones to adjourn the April 23, 2025, meeting. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings:

- ☐ *Regular Monthly Meeting – June - TBD*

MUNICIPAL STORMWATER PROJECT STATUS

April 23, 2025

FUTURE PROJECTS:

Michael's Property (Hampstead) – Project is on hold until Town has obtained approval from property owners to move forward.

Hampstead Valley 2/3 (Hampstead) – Hampstead Valley facilities 2 and 3 will be retrofit as a stream restoration project to decommission Sycamore Drive as a roadway embankment. The design will include a stream restoration beginning immediately downstream of the proposed Hampstead Valley 1 facility and continue to Sycamore Drive. CLSI is currently working on a design proposal.

CONCEPT DESIGN:

Hampstead Valley 1 (Hampstead) – Retrofit of existing detention basin to a surface sand filter. Site is located just south of Lower Beckleysville Road near a production well. Concept approval was issued January 22, 2025.

Meadow Ridge Basin 2 (Westminster) – Retrofit of existing facility to provide water quality through a surface sand filter. This site is adjacent to the pump station at the edge of the City limits. Century is currently working on a conceptual design. A concept submittal was received on March 18th, the plans were reviewed with minor comments returned to the engineer.

New Windsor Wetland (New Windsor) - A new wetland facility is proposed adjacent to the Maryland Midland Railroad tracks and Dickenson Run. The proposed improvements include removing the existing inlet adjacent to the intersection of Water St and Church St, replacing it with a diversion structure that will route the 1-year storm discharges to the proposed wetland facility. An onsite meeting was held with the Town and their engineer on March 12th to discuss improvements to their public works facility and the proposed stormwater facility.

PRELIMINARY DESIGN:

Manchester East (Manchester) – CLSI is working on the design of a new stormwater facility north of Manchester Valley High School, adjacent to the WWTP. The concept plan was approved. We continue to work on property acquisition for the land needed to construct the facility.

Public Safety Training Center (Westminster Well)- A retrofit for the Public Safety Training Center pond is in progress for the facility design and PFAS remediation. The retrofit plan received concept approval.

FINAL DESIGN:

Hampstead Valley 4 (Hampstead) – A new surface sand filter and stream restoration project is proposed between Century Street and Downhill Trail. We anticipate submitting information to Dam Safety by late April. The county has emailed Army Corps of Engineers a response to all of their comments. *This project was submitted to DNR Grants Gateway for construction funding, we anticipate hearing if it was selected in June.*

Roberts Field Wet Facility (Hampstead) (DNR Grant Award- \$1,000,000)– Retrofit of wet pond to new hybrid wet pond/submerged gravel wetland. Wallace Montgomery & Associates (WMA) is working on the final plans. A response to comments received by MDE Dam Safety were emailed early April, we anticipate their review of the information by the end of the month. The Army Corps of Engineers has issued their permit for this project. We are awaiting permits from MDE Wetlands and Waterways.

CONSTRUCTION:

TREE PLANTING PROJECTS:

All the municipal plantings have completed their maintenance period and are now the responsibility of the municipalities. Please make sure that these areas are being mowed at least three (3) times per season.







WRCC Legislative Update








2025 General Assembly Proposed Water/Environmental Resource Legislation




Status: As of April 23, 2025




Bill + Description	Status + Position
<p>HB 24 BAY RESTORATION FUND - AUTHORIZED USES - CONNECTION TO EXISTING MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER FACILITY</p> <p>Altering the authorized uses of a certain account of the Bay Restoration Fund to include the cost of connecting certain property using an on-site sewage disposal system to an existing municipal wastewater facility under certain circumstances.</p> <p>Bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">HB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb0024F.pdf	<p>➤ Status: DID NOT PASS</p> <p>➤ Would add OSDS hookup in low-income area to be eligible for BRF \$</p> 
<p>HB 38 SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND HOUSING - SCHOOL ZONES AND ADEQUATE PUBLIC FACILITIES ORDINANCES</p> <p>Requiring each county board of education to submit a certain report to the Department of Planning and the Interagency Commission on School Construction each year; repealing the authorization of the Interagency Commission on School Construction to make an enrollment deduction under certain circumstances; prohibiting a county's adequate public facilities ordinance from restricting housing developments after a certain period of time; and generally relating to school zones, school construction, and adequate public facilities ordinances</p> <p>Bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">HB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb0038F.pdf	<p>➤ Status: DID NOT PASS</p> <p>➤ Could potentially impact ability to apply APFO school standards to certain development projects</p> 



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<p>SB 149/HB 128 RESPONDING TO EMERGENCY NEEDS FROM EXTREME WEATHER (RENEW) ACT OF 2025 Establishing the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Payment Program in the Department of the Environment to secure payments from certain businesses that extract fossil fuels or refine petroleum products in order to provide a source of revenue for State efforts to adapt to or mitigate the effects of climate change and to address the health impacts of climate change on vulnerable populations; establishing the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; authorizing the Legislative Auditor to conduct certain audits of the Fund and of the appropriations and expenditures made for the purposes of the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Payment Program; and generally relating to the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Payment Program</p> <p>Bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0149T.pdf • HB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb0128E.pdf 	<p>➤ Status: PASSED</p> <p>➤ Creates additional funding source for climate change mitigation or adaptation projects</p> 
<p>SB 245 (Ch 60)/HB 279 (Ch 59) MUNICIPALITIES - ANNEXATION RESOLUTIONS - SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING Adding the Department of Planning to the list of entities to which a municipality must send a copy of an annexation resolution with the new municipal boundaries; and generally relating to municipal annexation resolutions</p> <p>Bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/chapters_noln/Ch_60_sb0245T.pdf • HB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/chapters_noln/Ch_59_hb0279T.pdf 	<p>➤ Status: PASSED, Approved by Governor</p> <p>➤ Requires municipalities to send signed annexation resolutions to MDP in addition to Department of Legislative Services</p> 


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<p>SB 250</p> <p>DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT - FEES, PENALTIES, FUNDING, AND REGULATION</p> <p>...; authorizing MDE to charge a fee for processing and issuing on-site sewage disposal permits and individual well construction permits under certain circumstances and requiring MDE to establish the fees by regulation; authorizing MDE to establish a certain fee for the Responsible Personnel Training Program Certification; requiring MDE to deposit certain fees into the Maryland Clean Water Fund; into the State provide certain information to MDE as a condition precedent to the issuance or renewal of the license; altering certain application fees under the wetlands and waterways program and requiring MDE to issue a public notice of certain adjusted fees in a certain manner; establishing the Private Dam Repair Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide financial assistance for the repair, upgrade, or removal of private dams; authorizing MDE to provide loans from the Private Dam Repair Fund to certain dam owners for certain purposes; requiring the Maryland Water Infrastructure Financing Administration to administer loans from the Private Dam Repair Fund in a certain manner; requiring interest earnings of the Private Dam Repair Fund to be credited to the Fund; requiring certain dam owners to register with MDE; requiring MDE to establish and collect certain registration and permit fees and deposit the fees into the Private Dam Repair Fund; altering certain penalties and requiring penalties for certain dam safety violations to be deposited into the Private Dam Repair Fund; altering certain dam safety requirements; ...; altering certain surface mining license and permit fees; and generally relating to fees and penalties assessed, funding provided, and regulation by MDE</p> <p>Bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0250T.pdf 	<p>➤ Status: PASSED</p> <p>➤ Imposes annual registration fees on all dams on MD Dam Inventory. Small ponds reviewed by SCD are exempt. Also imposes fee on % of project costs. Fees go into Private Dam Repair Fund.</p> 
<p>SB 265/HB 25</p> <p>ENVIRONMENT – RESERVOIR AUGMENTATION PERMIT – ESTABLISHMENT</p> <p>Establishing the Reservoir Augmentation Program in the Department of the Environment; requiring a person to obtain a permit from the Department to perform reservoir augmentation; providing for the issuance, modification, renewal, denial, or revocation of a reservoir augmentation permit under the Program; requiring certain revenues to be used for the operation and oversight of the Program; and generally relating to the establishment of the Reservoir Augmentation Program</p> <p>Bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0265T.pdf • HB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb0025T.pdf 	<p>➤ Status: PASSED</p> <p>➤ Requires reclaimed water to be placed into a surface water reservoir used as a source for a drinking water treatment facility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Applies to Westminster ♦ Establish an official pilot program that would need to be extended in 2029 

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<p>SB 266/HB 286 LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND STATE ECONOMIC GROWTH, RESOURCE PROTECTION, AND PLANNING POLICY - PLANNING PRINCIPLES Altering the planning visions for local comprehensive planning to consist of certain planning principles; altering the State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy to consist of certain planning principles; requiring the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, to correct cross-references and terminology in the Code that are rendered incorrect by this Act; and generally relating to local comprehensive planning and the State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy.</p> <p>Bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/chapters_noln/Ch_64_sb0266E.pdf • HB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb0286T.pdf 	<p>➤ Status: PASSED, Approved by Governor</p> <p>➤ Amends the State's current 12 Planning Visions and the State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy to incorporate a new set of 8 Planning Principles. Comprehensive plans will need to incorporate these principles.</p> 
<p>SB 290/HB 362 NATURAL RESOURCES - ROADSIDE TREE REMOVAL PERMIT NOTIFICATION ACT Requiring an applicant for a roadside tree removal permit to provide certain notice to certain persons in a certain manner; and generally relating to roadside tree removal permits.</p> <p>Bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0290F.pdf • HB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb0362F.pdf 	<p>➤ Status: DID NOT PASS (Both withdrawn by sponsor)</p> <p>➤ Would require additional public notification to abutting & adjoining property owners by applicant to permit to cut tree in public ROW. Could create additional costs if done frequently.</p> 
<p>HB 340 CLIMATE CHANGE - ATTORNEY GENERAL ACTIONS, CLIMATE CHANGE RESTITUTION FUND, AND CLIMATE CHANGE RESTITUTION FUND ADVISORY COUNCIL Authorizing the Attorney General to investigate, commence, and prosecute or defend any suit or action that holds certain entities accountable for tortious or otherwise unlawful conduct that has contributed to climate change; establishing the Climate Change Restitution Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; establishing the Climate Change Restitution Fund Advisory Council to provide information to the Governor, the Attorney General, and the General Assembly on climate change and the distribution of the Fund; etc.</p> <p>Bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb0340F.pdf 	<p>➤ Status: DID NOT PASS</p> <p>➤ Would create a fund (from penalties for noncompliance by publicly traded coal, oil, or gas entities) to pay for programs that prevent, mitigate, or repair harms caused by climate change. Also, would establish advisory council, which would be required to prepare a report identifying climate change impacts/consequences and how to mitigate them. 1 member from MML. No big red flags.</p> 

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<p>SB 430/HB 503 LAND USE - REGIONAL HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE GAP (HOUSING FOR JOBS ACT) Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Department of Planning to calculate certain regional housing infrastructure gaps; providing for the apportionment of regional housing infrastructure gaps to counties and incorporated municipalities; authorizing local jurisdictions to reduce local housing infrastructure gaps in a certain manner; establishing that certain local jurisdictions have an affirmative obligation to expeditiously approve housing development project applications; etc.</p> <p>Bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0430F.pdf • HB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb0503F.pdf 	<p>➤ Status: DID NOT PASS</p> <p>➤ Would apportion gap in housing units to counties.</p> <p>◆ Requested by Governor</p> 
<p>SB 461 ENVIRONMENT - MARYLAND WATER QUALITY REVOLVING LOAN FUND - RENAMING AND ALTERATIONS Renaming the Maryland Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund to be the Maryland Water Quality Improvement Revolving Loan Fund; altering the conditions under which the Maryland Water Quality Improvement Revolving Loan Fund may be used to include supporting certain projects; and requiring the Maryland Water Infrastructure Financing Administration to prioritize certain communities and to use a certain scoring system when creating a certain intended use plan.</p> <p>Bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0461F.pdf 	<p>➤ Status: DID NOT PASS</p> <p>➤ Would change name of Fund. Adds types of projects supported. Adds subject to scoring system.</p> 
<p>SB 546/HB 768 MUNICIPAL INCORPORATION - COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR COUNTY COUNCIL - REQUIRED APPROVAL OF REFERENDUM REQUEST Requiring a certain organizing committee to make certain determinations and provide a certain report to the county commissioners or county council of a certain county regarding a proposed municipal incorporation; requiring the county commissioners or county council to approve a certain referendum request in a certain manner if a valid petition to incorporate an area as a municipality is presented by at least 40% of the registered voters who are residents of the area proposed to be incorporated; etc.</p> <p>Bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0546F.pdf • HB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb0768F.pdf 	<p>➤ Status: DID NOT PASS</p> <p>➤ Would add requirements for new municipal incorporation.</p> 

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<p>SB 732/HB 909 SEWAGE SLUDGE UTILIZATION PERMITS – PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES – CONCENTRATION LIMITS Increasing from \$1,000 to \$5,000 the maximum amount of a criminal fine or municipal infraction that may be imposed by a municipality to enforce certain ordinances and resolutions enacted by the municipality.</p> <p>Bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0732F.pdf • HB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb0909F.pdf 	<p>➤ Status: DID NOT PASS</p> <p>➤ Would limit the use of biosolids based on certain PFAS thresholds; would drive up costs significantly.</p> 
<p>HB 751 MUNICIPALITIES - ANNEXED LAND - LAND USE AND DENSITY Altering the restrictions on a municipality, for a period following an annexation of land, to authorize the development of certain annexed land for certain land uses or certain densities without obtaining the express approval of the county in which the municipality is located; and altering the authority of a municipality to authorize certain land uses or certain densities for certain annexed land with the express approval of the county in which the municipality is located.</p> <p>Bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb0751F.pdf 	<p>➤ Status: DID NOT PASS</p> <p>➤ Would change basis for BCC waiver of 5-year waiting period to change zoning at certain % difference from zoning to land use designation.</p> 
<p>SB 820/HB 1506 MUNICIPALITIES - ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS Increasing from \$1,000 to \$5,000 the maximum amount of a criminal fine or municipal infraction that may be imposed by a municipality to enforce certain ordinances and resolutions enacted by the municipality.</p> <p>Bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0820T.pdf • HB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb1506F.pdf 	<p>➤ Status: SB PASSED</p> <p>➤ Increases maximum penalty municipal can impose for infraction from \$1,000 to \$5,000.</p> 

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<p>SB 871/HB 1062</p> <p>DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT - COMMUNITY WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEMS - CYBERSECURITY PLANNING AND ASSESSMENTS</p> <p>Requiring the Department of the Environment to coordinate, in coordination with the Department of Information Technology and the Maryland Department of Emergency Management, cybersecurity efforts within community water systems and community sewerage systems; establishing the roles and responsibilities of various State agencies with respect to regulating, assessing, and promoting cybersecurity efforts within the water and wastewater sector; etc.*</p> <p>Bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0871T.pdf • HB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb1062F.pdf 	<p>➤ Status: SB PASSED</p> <p>➤ Adds cybersecurity awareness components for operators and superintendents. System operator to adopt State cybersecurity standards. Must conduct assessment. Reporting requirements. Require plans to address disruptions. Applies to systems serving >3,300 customers or systems using IT/tech in operation.</p> <p>➤ Unfunded mandate</p> 
<p>SB 891 (Ch 196)/HB 1466 (Ch 197)</p> <p>LAND USE AND REAL PROPERTY - ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS - REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITIONS</p> <p>Establishing the policy of the State to promote and encourage the creation of accessory dwelling units on land with a single-family detached dwelling unit as the primary dwelling unit in order to meet the housing needs of the citizens of the State; requiring, on or before October 1, 2026, the legislative body of certain counties or municipal corporations to adopt a local law authorizing the development of accessory dwelling units on land with certain single-family detached dwelling units subject to certain requirements; etc.</p> <p>Bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0891T.pdf • HB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb1466T.pdf 	<p>➤ Status: PASSED, Approved by Governor</p> <p>➤ Locals must adopt provisions to allow ADUs w no unreasonable restrictions or prohibitions. May not prohibit short-term rental of ADU.</p> <p>➤ Unfunded mandate</p> 

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<p>SB 931/HB 1036 PUBLIC UTILITIES - GENERATING STATIONS - GENERATION AND SITING (RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTAINTY ACT) Altering the factors the Public Service Commission must consider before taking final action on a certificate of public convenience and necessity; establishing certain requirements for the construction of a certain solar energy generating station or energy storage device; requiring the Commission to conduct a certain study to establish a process by which the Commission may establish partnerships between electric companies and electricity suppliers for electricity generation projects; etc.</p> <p>Bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0931E.pdf • HB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb1036T.pdf 	<p>➤ Status: PASSED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Establishes Generation Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (DGPCPN) for solar between 2 - 5 MW ➤ Sets siting & design standards that preempt local standards & zoning. ➤ Requires expedited approval for DSEGSs. ➤ Prohibits locals from adopting zoning that prohibits certain solar 
<p>HB 1525 MUNICIPALITIES - ANNEXATION - LIMITATIONS Prohibiting a municipality from annexing land that is located in a different legislative district than a legislative district in which the municipality is located.</p> <p>Bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb1525F.pdf 	<p>➤ Status: DID NOT PASS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Would prohibit annexing land in a different legislative district. 