

Staff Report

Department of Planning

2023 Triennial Update

Carroll County Water and Sewer Master Plan

Re: Freedom Area Water Chapter and Water Service Areas

This request updates the *Carroll County Water and Sewer Master Plan*. The request detailed below, pertain to changes to Freedom Area water chapter, the Projected Water Supply Demands and Projected Capacity table (15), and the Freedom Water Service Area Map (12)

Request

1. Update the Freedom Area water chapter and Table 15 as part of the 2023 Triennial Update to the Carroll County Water and Sewer Master Plan.

Background Information

Title 9, Subtitle 5, Health-Environmental Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, requires Carroll County to review and adopt a Water & Sewer Master Plan every three years. The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Regulation 26.03.01 establishes procedures for implementing the law. The Water & Sewer Master Plan is developed in accordance with those regulations. The plan is adopted by resolution of the Carroll County Commissioners and does not become effective until approved by MDE.

Carroll County has no central regulating authority that provides water and sewer service. Instead, there are a number of municipal systems and several County-owned community water and/or sewer systems. The Water & Sewer Master Plan encompasses all of Carroll County, including the County's eight incorporated towns and cities.

A. Objective of County Plan. The objective of the county plan is to develop the water supply and sewerage systems in a way consistent with county comprehensive planning. The plan shall be used as a tool to implement the county development policy so that:

(1) An ample supply of water may be collected, treated, and delivered to points of use; (2) Waste water may be collected and delivered to points best suited for waste treatment and disposal or for re-use; (3) Waste water can be either treated before any discharge to State waters, in compliance with applicable water quality standards and discharge permit conditions, or disposed of to minimize most effectively adverse effects on legitimate water uses. Consideration shall be given to related aspects of land use, zoning, population estimates, engineering and economic factors, and all governmental, industrial, and other plans for privately owned facilities regarding water and sewerage at any level.

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B. County Government Required to Develop Plans. The county governing body is the coordinating agency required to develop county water and sewerage plans. These plans shall incorporate all or part of subsidiary plans of the towns, municipal corporations, sanitary districts, privately owned facilities, and local, State, and federal agencies having existing, planned, or programmed development within the county. The governing body shall give notice to these officials and entities and they shall be provided an opportunity to be heard.

Agency Comments

The Department of Planning has heard back from two different stakeholders and none of them have had any comment regarding this amendment.

Staff Analysis

This update incorporates all previous amendments, as well as, updates usage data, demands, projects and service area.

Staff Recommendation

County staff recommends approval of this update. County staff is recommending that the Carroll County Planning and Zoning Commission certify this request as consistent with the 2014 Carroll County Master Plan, Amended 2019, and the 2018 Freedom Community Comprehensive Plan.

