

# ***Staff Report***

## **Department of Planning**

### **2023 Triennial Update**

### ***Carroll County Water and Sewer Master Plan***

#### **Re: Hampstead/Freedom Area Sewer Chapters, and Sewer Service Areas**

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This request updates the *Carroll County Water and Sewer Master Plan*. The request detailed below, pertain to changes to the Projected Sewer Supply Demands and Projected Capacity table (32), Freedom Sewer Service Area map (21), Freedom Sewer Service area chapter, Hampstead Sewer Service Area map (22), and the Hampstead Sewer Service Area chapter.

#### **Request**

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1. Update the Freedom Area and Town of Hampstead sewer chapters and Table 32 as part of the 2023 Triennial Update to the Carroll County Water and Sewer Master Plan.

#### **Background Information**

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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.

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## **Agency Comments**

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

## **Staff Analysis**

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

## **Staff Recommendation**

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County staff recommends approval of the chapters, tables and map amendments. 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.

