MDE's intent to seek a Priority Funding Area (PFA) funding exception for Connection of 2 Existing Homes to Sanitary District 4 Sewer of Dorchester County

**Background:** The Bay Restoration (Septic) Fund (BRF) requires MDE to provide an opportunity for Public Comment and/or Public Hearing in cases where there are On-site Sewage Disposal Systems (OSDS)/septic systems are located outside the State Priority Funding Area (PFA) and where BRF grant funding is being proposed for the public sewer connections. After addressing the public comments, if any, MDE intends to seek a PFA funding exception from the Smart Growth Coordinating Committee chaired by the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP).

**Public Comment Period:** Through **May 19, 2019.** Send e-mail comments to jerry.warner@maryland.gov.

**Project:** The connection of 2 existing homes to the Sanitary District 4 sewer system of Dorchester County. The sewage will be conveyed to the City of Cambridge ENR wastewater treatment plant. The existing homes are located at:
- 5306 Suburban Drive, Cambridge, MD (in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area)
- 5303 River Drive, Cambridge, MD (outside of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area)

**Water Quality & Public Health Issues:** The onsite sewage disposal systems serving these homes are failing. Both homes were built before 1961. Both properties are designated S-1 in the Dorchester County Water & Sewer Plan which requires connection to the sewer.

**BRF Funding Eligibility:** Up to $20,000 per existing home; or actual sewer connection cost, whichever is lower.

**Potential New Growth:** There are no vacant lots in the immediate vicinity.

**Measures Taken to Mitigate New Growth:** All of the lots in the immediate vicinity are already improved with homes. There is no potential for future infill homes. The area is designated for growth in the Dorchester County Comprehensive Plan.

**Potential Nitrogen Reduction:**

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**Attachment:** Location Map

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