

**COUNTY COUNCIL**

**OF**

**TALBOT COUNTY**

2024 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No.: June 11, 2024

Resolution No.: 360

Introduced by: Mr. Callahan, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, Mr. Stepp

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN FOR THE PURPOSES OF APPROVING AN ALTERNATE LOCATION FOR THE PUMP STATION AND EXPANDING THE POTENTIAL ROUTE FOR THE FORCE MAIN TO PROVIDE SANITARY SEWER SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL CENTER SHORE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, TO BE LOCATED AT 10000 LONGWOODS ROAD, EASTON, MARYLAND, AND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER, LOCATED AT 10028 OCEAN GATEWAY, EASTON, MARYLAND, AS INITIALLY SET FORTH IN RESOLUTION NO. 184, ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2011**

By the Council: June 11, 2024

Introduced, read the first time, and ordered posted, with Public Hearing scheduled on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

By order: \_\_\_\_\_

*Susan W. Moran*

Susan W. Moran, Secretary

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**WHEREAS**, Md. Code Ann., Environment § 9-501, *et seq.* requires each County to develop and maintain a comprehensive plan for adequately providing throughout the County, including all towns and municipal corporations in the County, water supply systems, sewerage systems, solid waste disposal systems, solid waste acceptance facilities, and systematic collection and disposal of solid waste and litter; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 22, 2002, the County Council of Talbot County (the “County Council”) adopted Resolution No. 100, which updated the Talbot County Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan (the “CWSP”) through the 2002 Report of the Review; and

**WHEREAS**, the Maryland Department of the Environment (“MDE”) subsequently approved Resolution No. 100 on February 20, 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 13, 2011, the County Council adopted Resolution No. 184 (“R184”) for the purpose of incorporating into the CWSP proposed infrastructure extensions and improvements to the Easton Utilities water and sewer system within the Town of Easton (the “Town”), as follows: 1) to extend Easton Utilities’ water system to certain real property located at 10000 Longwoods Road, Easton, Maryland (the “Hospital Property”) for the proposed relocation of the University of Maryland Medical System (“UMMS”) Shore Regional Medical Center (the “Hospital”) from its current location in the Town, including extension to the Talbot County Community Center, located at 10028 Ocean Gateway, Easton, Maryland (the “TCCC Property”); 2) to extend Easton Utilities’ sewer system to the Property and the TCCC; and 3) to add a cross-town water connector; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to R184, the Hospital Property was to include an elevated water storage tank and a new force main pump station; and

**WHEREAS**, R184 resulted from the collaborative efforts of the Town, the County, Easton Utilities, and UMMS representatives to develop plans for extension of municipal water and sewer service from Easton Utilities to the Hospital Property and to the TCCC Property (collectively, the “Properties”); and

**WHEREAS**, Exhibit B-1 to R184 depicted the proposed pump station located at the northern end of the Hospital Property by Hiners Lane and the force main extending south along Longwoods Road between Routes 662 and 322, crossing at Route 322, and continuing through the Town using existing easements to tie in to the collector force main at Chapel Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has submitted an Application to amend the CWSP for the purposes of adding an alternate location for the wastewater pump station at the southern end of the Hospital Property and expanding the potential force main route to serve the Properties, which would allow maximum flexibility to determine the most appropriate route from economic, engineering, and rights-of-way acquisition perspectives; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Engineer has evaluated and confirmed the feasibility of adding an alternate location for the wastewater pump station and expanding the potential force main route as aforesaid, and has requested that the Talbot County Office of Law prepare this amendment to the CWSP to facilitate the same; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the requirements of Md. Code Ann., Envir. § 9-506(a)(1)(i), the proposed CWSP amendment set forth herein has been submitted to the Talbot County Planning Commission (the “Planning Commission”), as well as the Talbot County Public Works Advisory Board, for review for consistency with planning programs for the area; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 3, 2024, the Planning Commission certified that the proposed CWSP amendment set forth herein is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan as required by Md. Code Ann., Envir. § 9-506(a)(1)(ii).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND**, that the Talbot County Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

**SECTION ONE:** The above recitals are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

**SECTION TWO:** The CWSP is hereby amended as shown in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth to add an alternate location for the wastewater pump station and to expand the potential force main route to serve the Properties.

**SECTION THREE:** The flow rates of the wastewater pump station and the size of the force main shall be adequately designed to serve the Properties.

**SECTION FOUR:** No properties, lots, or parcels other than the Properties to be served hereunder shall be entitled to sewer service unless: 1) any such properties, lots, or parcels are already eligible for sewer service from the Town under the CWSP; or 2) the CWSP is amended to permit such service.

**SECTION FIVE:** This Resolution shall not modify, excuse, or supersede any other requirements for ongoing compliance with all applicable federal, State, and local statutes, ordinances, rules, or regulations, including without limitation all conditions and requirements of all permits and approvals necessary for connection to the force main.

**SECTION SIX:** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon the date of its adoption.

**EXHIBIT A**

**AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER TWO OF THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE  
WATER AND SEWER PLAN**

<b>KEY</b>	
<b>Boldface</b> .....	Heading or defined term
<u>Underlining</u> .....	Added to CWSP by Resolution
<del>Strikethrough</del> .....	Deleted from CWSP by Resolution
* * * .....	Existing CWSP unaffected

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**EASTON WASTEWATER SYSTEM**

**Sewer System Expansion**

The following updates to the Easton Wastewater System’s Capital Improvement Project ~~lists to~~ include wastewater system improvements necessary to extend sewer to the UMMS/SHS property and ~~Hog Neck~~ the Talbot County Community Center, which were ~~recently~~ annexed by the Town of Easton and designated W1/S1 in the County Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan pursuant to Resolution No. 184. The system extensions, which will be owned and operated by Easton Utilities, are planned for construction during ~~FY2013~~ FY2026 and will consist of a gravity sewer collection system within the UMMS/SHS medical campus, with a new pump station and a force main. The force main shall be located within the area shown in Exhibit B-1, with the exact route to be determined based upon the most appropriate location from engineering, economic, and rights-of-way acquisition perspectives.

This amendment is intended to supplement Table 16. Easton Sewerage System Capital Improvement Projects contained on page 29 of Chapter Two, and the project description is outlined below:

The Easton sewerage service expansion will consist of 8- ~~thru~~ through 12-inch diameter gravity sewer mains, a 225,000 gpd wastewater pumping station, and ~~a 12” diameter~~ an appropriately sized force main as indicated on the attached SHS Sewer Extension Map exhibit or, alternatively, as shown in Exhibit S-1. The 12” diameter force main will either: 1) follow along Longwoods Road, cross U.S. Route 50 at Black Dog Alley, continue south along the Black Dog Alley corridor, and tie in to the collector force main at Dover Neck Road and Barkers Landing Road; 2) follow the proposed realigned Longwoods Road south to an existing Town utility easement extending between ~~Rts.~~ Routes 662 and 322, then cross ~~Rt.~~ Route 322, and run through another Town utility easement located south of the Suburban Propane facility. ~~From this easement, the force main will~~

and then run along the boundary of the athletic fields near the Rails to Trails easement to the connection point with the existing system at Chapel Road; or 3) follow along a route within the shaded area designated as “Alternate Sewer Force Main Route Area (Restricted Access) on Exhibit B-1 and determined the most appropriate from economic, engineering, and rights-of-way acquisition perspectives and as approved by Easton Utilities. Regardless of the route chosen, the force main shall not serve any properties, lots, or parcels other than the UMMS/SHS campus and the Talbot County Community Center and any such properties, lots, or parcels already eligible for sewer service from the Town under the CWSP. No other properties, lots, or parcels shall be entitled to sewer service via the force main absent an amendment to the CWSP. ~~The design flows required for the planned medical campus’s and Community Center’s initial and proposed sewer demands are 81,750 and 225,000 gpd, respectively.~~

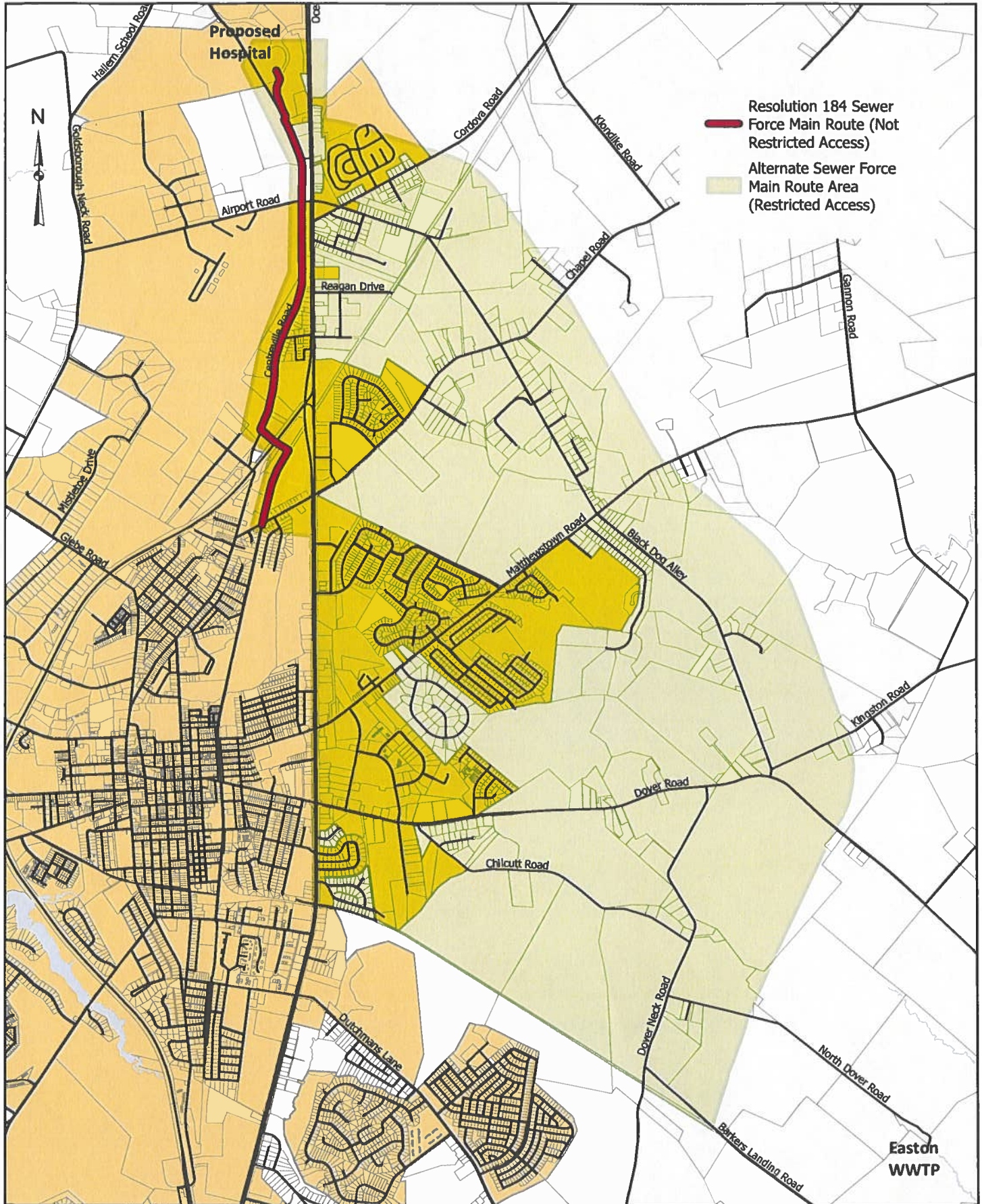
**TABLE 6. EASTON WASTEWATER SYSTEM  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

Project Description	Proposed Fiscal Year	Comments
<del>8, 10 and 12 in. diameter sewer</del> <u>Medical Center Sanitary Sewer</u>	<del>FY2013</del> <u>FY2026</u>	Throughout the Campus
<del>225,000 gpd</del> <u>Sanitary Sewer Pump Station</u>	<del>FY2013</del> <u>FY2026</u>	
<del>12 in. diameter</del> <u>Sanitary Sewer Force Main</u>	<del>FY2013</del> <u>FY2026</u>	



**Talbot County Comprehensive Water & Sewer Plan  
Proposed Restricted Access Sewer Force Main by Easton Utilities**

**Exhibit B-1**



**PUBLIC HEARING**

Having been posted and Notice, Time and Place of Hearing, and Title of Resolution No. 360 having been published, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland.

**BY THE COUNCIL**

Read the second time:

Adopted: **July 9, 2024**

By Order: *Susan W. Moran*  
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

- Callahan - Aye
- Stepp - Aye
- Leshner - Aye
- Mielke - Aye
- Haythe - Absent

Effective: **July 9, 2024**