

**COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
TALBOT COUNTY**

2022 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No.: March 8, 2022

Resolution No.: 316

Introduced by: Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner, Mr. Pack, Ms. Price

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING OR MODIFYING THE TALBOT COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2024 TO ADD A NEW CAPITAL PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$800,000 FOR FORCE MAIN PRESSURE SENSORS AND VACUUM SENSORS FOR THE REGION I – UNIONVILLE, TUNIS MILLS, AND COPPERVILLE, REGION II – ROYAL OAK, NEWCOMB, AND BELLEVUE AND REGION II - MARTINGHAM SEWER SERVICE AREAS

By the Council: March 8, 2022

Introduced, read the first time, and ordered posted, with Public Hearing scheduled on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

By order: 
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

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WHEREAS, the Talbot County Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan (“CWSP”) contains capital projects for water and sewer service in Talbot County, Maryland (the “County”); and

WHEREAS, the County Council of Talbot County, (the “County Council”) desires to amend the CWSP for the purpose of including the capital projects identified by the Talbot County Engineer for FISCAL YEARS 2023 and 2024 into Table 20 of the CWSP, entitled “Martingham Sewerage System, and into Table 23 of the CWSP, entitled “Talbot County Region I Sanitary District (Unionville, Tunis Mills, Copperville)”, and into Table 25 of the CWSP, entitled “Talbot County Region II Sanitary District (Royal Oak, Newcomb, Bellevue) Capital Improvement Projects;” 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 to the Talbot County Public Works Advisory Board, for review for consistency with planning programs for the area; and

WHEREAS, on _____, 2022, 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. 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: Sanitary sewer overflows have resulted from failures in the force main and pressure valves installed in the mains from the Unionville Pump Station to the Royal Oak Pump Station #1 that pumps to a sanitary sewer manhole on Madison Avenue in St. Michaels, Maryland. This capital improvement project will add pressure sensors at valve vaults and air release vaults to detect low pressures resulting from a leak. These force mains were part of the sewer extension project completed in these two areas in 1993.

SECTION THREE: Sanitary sewer overflows and vacuum leaks have occurred in the vacuum collection system serving the Community of Martingham. The County assumed ownership of the Martingham Wastewater System in 2008, with the vacuum collection system

being installed in the early 1970s. The original vacuum collection system has three sections, and it can take days to locate a vacuum leak when one occurs. By adding vacuum sensors to the vacuum vaults, service can be restored in hours, not days, thus avoiding sanitary sewer overflows.

SECTION FOUR: Approximately 1,000 sensors will be installed in the pressurized force mains and the vacuum system described above.

SECTION FIVE: On January 31, 2022, the County submitted an application to the Maryland Department of the Environment (“MDE”) seeking grant and loan funds for this capital project.

SECTION SIX: Table 20 of the CWSP, entitled “Martingham Sewerage System Capital Improvement Projects,” shall be amended as follows:

TABLE 20. MARTINGHAM SEWERAGE SYSTEM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR	COMMENTS
Force Main and Vacuum Sensors - \$800,000.00	2023 2024	This project will install sensors in the force mains from the Unionville Pump Station to the Royal Oak Pump Station #1 to a sanitary sewer manhole on Madison Avenue in St. Michaels. This project will also install sensors in the Martingham Vacuum Collection System.

SECTION SEVEN: Table 23 of the CWSP, entitled “Talbot County Region I Sanitary District (Unionville, Tunis Mills, Copperville) Capital Improvement Projects,” shall be amended as follows:

TABLE 23. TALBOT COUNTY REGION I SANITARY DISTRICT (UNIONVILLE, TUNIS MILLS, COPPERVILLE) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR	COMMENTS
Force Main and Vacuum Sensors - \$800,000.00	2023 2024	This project will install sensors in the force mains from the Unionville Pump Station to the Royal Oak Pump Station #1 to a sanitary sewer manhole on Madison Avenue in St. Michaels. This project will also install sensors in the Martingham Vacuum Collection System.

SECTION EIGHT: Table 25 of the CWSP, entitled “Talbot County Region II Sanitary District (Royal Oak, Newcomb, Bellevue) Capital Improvement Projects,” shall be amended as follows:

**TABLE 25. TALBOT COUNTY REGION II
SANITARY DISTRICT (ROYAL OAK, NEWCOMB, BELLEVUE)
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR	COMMENTS
Force Main and Vacuum Sensors - \$800,000.00	2023 2024	This project will install sensors in the force mains from the Unionville Pump Station to the Royal Oak Pump Station #1 to a sanitary sewer manhole on Madison Avenue in St. Michaels. This project will also install sensors in the Martingham Vacuum Collection System.

SECTION NINE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon the date of its passage.

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and Notice, Time and Place of Hearing, and Title of Resolution No. _____ having been published, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, _____, 2022, at 6:30 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: _____

By Order: _____
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

Callahan -

Divilio -

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Price -

Pack -

Effective: _____