November 20, 2020

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE RECOMMENDATION

State Application Identifier: **MD20201019-0915**
Applicant: Maryland Department of the Environment **and** LaVale Sanitary Commission
Project Description: Braddock Run and Willis Creek Water Utility Improvement: Replace an Aging Water Transmission Main along Wills Creek and the Route 40 Corridor in Allegany County. Existing waterline is Experiencing Failures. The Proposed Improvements will Provide Safe and Adequate Drinking Water & Fire Protection
Project Address: Wills Creek and the Route 40 corridor, Cumberland, MD 21502
Project Location: Allegany County
Approving Authority: Maryland Board of Public Works BPW
Funds: State: $2,083,900.00 Local: $341,100.00
Recommendation: **Consistent with Qualifying Comments**

Dear Mr. Chawla:

In accordance with Presidential Executive Order 12372 and Code of Maryland Regulation 34.02.01.04-.06, the State Clearinghouse has coordinated the intergovernmental review of the referenced project. This letter constitutes the State process review and recommendation. This recommendation is valid for a period of three years from the date of this letter.

Review comments were requested from the Maryland Departments of Natural Resources, Transportation, and the Environment; Allegany County; and the Maryland Department of Planning including the Maryland Historical Trust.

The Maryland Departments of Natural Resources, and Environment; Allegany County; and the Maryland Department of Planning including the Maryland Historical Trust found this project to be consistent with their plans, programs, and objectives.

The Maryland Historical Trust has determined that the project will have "no effect" on historic properties and that the federal and/or State historic preservation requirements have been met.

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) found this project to be generally consistent with their plans, programs, and objectives, but included certain qualifying comments summarized below.

MDOT stated that this project is generally consistent with our plans, programs, and objectives, but the attached qualifying comment is submitted for consideration.

Additional Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration/ Regional Intermodal Planning Division (MDOT SHA/RIPD) Comments:

This project, as proposed, includes the replacement of a water utility transmission main along Wills Creek and US 40AL (National Highway) northwest of Cumberland. If work is to be completed within MDOT SHA right-of-way associated with US 40AL, a utilities permit may be needed. Please coordinate with Mr. David Felker, MDOT SHA District 6 Utilities Engineer, at 301-729-8439 or dfelker@mdot.maryland.gov.

Any statement of consideration given to the comments should be submitted to the approving authority, with a copy to the State Clearinghouse.

The State Application Identifier Number must be placed on any correspondence pertaining to this project. The State Clearinghouse must be kept informed if the approving authority cannot accommodate the recommendation.

Please remember, you must comply with all applicable state and local laws and regulations. If you need assistance or have questions, contact the State Clearinghouse staff person noted above at 410-767-4490 or through e-mail at rita.pritchett@maryland.gov. **Also please complete the attached form and return it to the State Clearinghouse as soon as the status of the project is known.** ***Any substitutions of this form must include the State Application Identifier Number.*** **This will ensure that our files are complete.**

Thank you for your cooperation with the MIRC process.

Sincerely,

Myra Barnes, Lead Clearinghouse Coordinator

MB:RP
Enclosure(s)
cc: LaVale Sanitary Commission
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David Cotton - MDPLW
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PROJECT STATUS FORM

Please complete this form and return it to the State Clearinghouse upon receipt of notification that the project has been approved or not approved by the approving authority.

TO: **Maryland State Clearinghouse**
Maryland Department of Planning
301 West Preston Street
Room 1104
Baltimore, MD 21201-2305

DATE: _____
(Please fill in the date form completed)

FROM: _____
(Name of person completing this form.)

PHONE: _____-____-_____
(Area Code & Phone number)

RE: **State Application Identifier:** **MD20201019-0915**
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PROJECT APPROVAL

This project/plan was: ☐ **Approved** ☐ **Approved with Modification** ☐ **Disapproved**

Name of Approving Authority: _____

Date Approved: _____

FUNDING APPROVAL

The funding (if applicable) has been approved for the period of:

_____, 201____ to _____, 201____ as follows:

Federal $:	Local $:	State $:	Other $:
_____	_____	_____	_____

OTHER

☐ *Further comment or explanation is attached*

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