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the Environment

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May 1, 2026

Mr. Jason Dubow, Manager of State Clearinghouse
Maryland State Clearinghouse and Intergovernmental Assistance
Maryland Department of State Planning
301 West Preston Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Re: Project: Greenridge Water System Water Treatment Plant Upgrades - PFAS Removal
Location: 334 South Fountain Green Road, Bel Air, MD 21015 & 519 South Fountain
Green Road, Bel Air, MD 21015
Funds: SRF Loan: \$2,242,000 Local: \$680,000

Dear Mr. Dubow:

Please initiate State Clearinghouse review of the Greenridge Water System Water Treatment Plant Upgrades - PFAS Removal. The Maryland Department of the Environment intends to secure Board of Public Works approval for this project in the near future. Enclosed for your review is a package containing a project description, budget, location map, and tentative project schedule. Additionally, the package includes a copy of the Categorical Exclusion (CE) consistent with COMAR 26.03.11, as the project is to be financed by a Federal Grant.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, I can be reached at Sunita.Boyle@maryland.gov. Your continued cooperation and assistance in the above matter are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Sunita Boyle, P.E., Chief
Region II Project Management Division
Engineering & Capital Projects Program
Water and Science Administration

Enclosures

cc: Mehdi Majedi – ECPP

CLEARINGHOUSE NOTIFICATION

Maryland Water Services has applied for funds through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) program from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) for the project described below. The purpose of this notification is to provide Clearinghouse review agencies with advance notification of MDE's intent to provide financial assistance for the project.

PROJECT TITLE: Greenridge Water System WTP Upgrades – PFAS Removal

PROJECT #: DWBL/PF 1150-13L

APPLICANT: Maryland Water Services

LOCATION: 334 South Fountain Green Road, Bel Air, MD 21015 & 519 South Fountain Green Road, Bel Air, MD 21015
39.54260, -76.31034; 39.53860, -76.30379

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project involves the planning, design and construction of treatment systems to address PFOS and PFOA levels at the two Greenridge Water Treatment Plants (WTP 2 and WTP 3) in Bel Air, Maryland. The groundwater wells supplying these systems exceed the EPA Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 4 parts per trillion (ppt). The scope of work includes installing new Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) units prior to existing disinfection, additional structures to house the new GAC units, along with other necessary appurtenances for operation. These upgrades will ensure Greenridge WTPs comply with EPA standards and provide safe drinking water for the community.

BUDGET:

Total Project Cost	<u>\$2,922,000</u>
SRF Loan	\$2,242,000
Local	\$680,000

SCHEDULE:

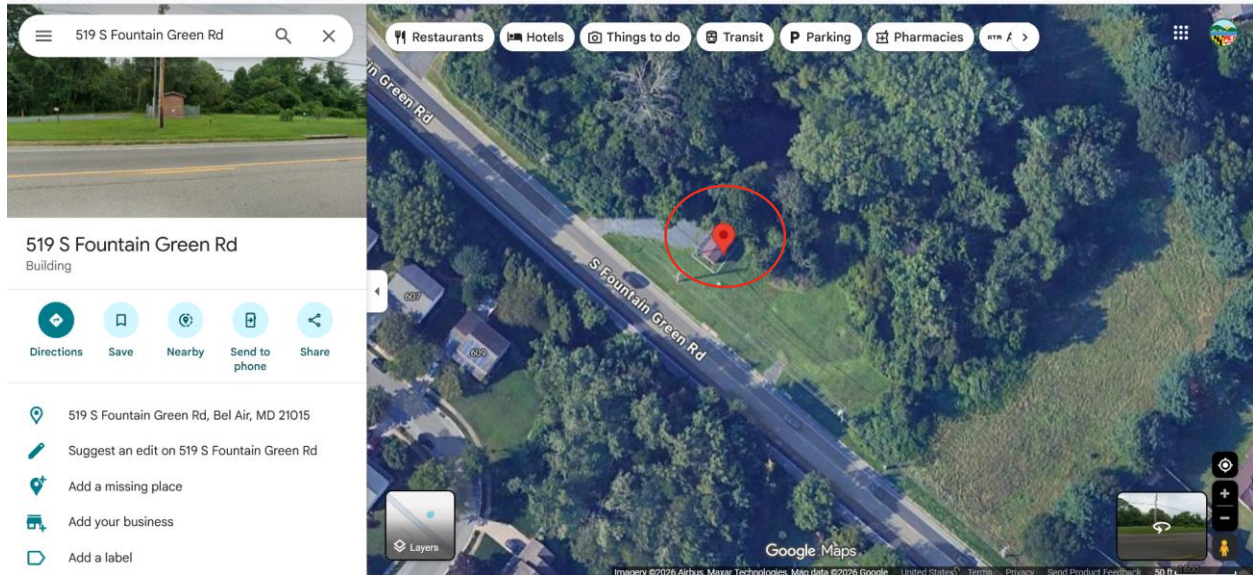
Initiation of Construction	November 2026
Completion of Construction	November 2027

PROJECT MAP(s): Attached

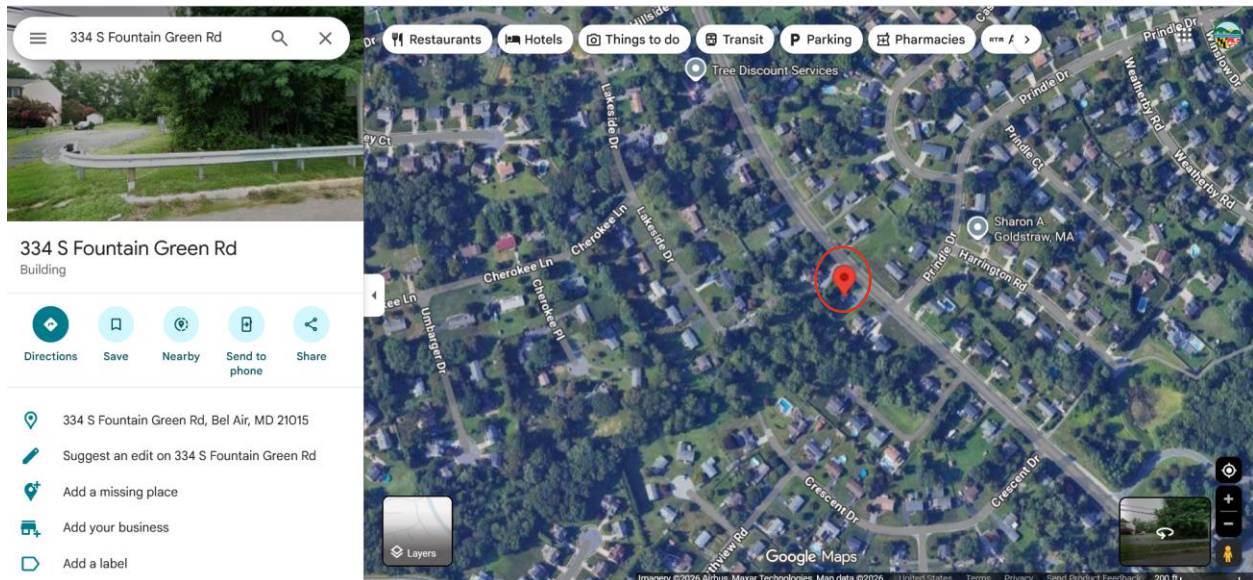
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Greenridge Water System Water Treatment Plant Upgrades - PFAS Removal

WTP 2



WTP 3



May 1, 2026
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION
PRELIMINARY DECISION TO GRANT CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CE # 681)

Project Name/Number: Greenridge Water System Water Treatment Plant Upgrades -
PFAS Removal, DWBL/PF 1150-13L
Project Applicant: Maryland Water Services, Inc.
Project Location/County: 334 & 519 S Fountain Green Rd, Bel Air, MD 21015
/ Harford County
Total Project Cost/Loan/Local: \$2,922,000 / \$2,242,000/ \$680,000

Project Description: The project involves the planning, design and construction of treatment systems to address PFOS and PFOA levels at the two Greenridge Water Treatment Plants (WTP 2 and WTP 3) in Bel Air, Maryland. The groundwater wells supplying these systems exceed the EPA Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 4 parts per trillion (ppt). The scope of work includes installing new Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) units prior to existing disinfection, additional structures to house the new GAC units, along with other necessary appurtenances for operation. These upgrades will ensure Greenridge WTPs comply with EPA standards and provide safe drinking water for the community.

Maryland Water Services Inc. has applied for financial assistance from the Maryland Department of the Environment's State Revolving Fund program for this project as described above. In accordance with requirements for complying with State Environmental Review Procedures (SERP) under COMAR 26.03.11 for such assistance, the Department has reviewed the applicant's request for a Categorical Exclusion from a comprehensive environmental review under SERP. The Department has determined that the proposed project qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion pursuant to COMAR 26.03.11.04 because the project consists of new ancillary facilities that do not increase the capacity of the existing facility.

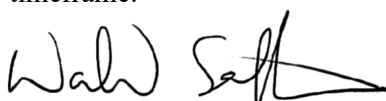
This determination was based on careful review of supporting documentation provided by the applicant and other resources available to the Department. In concert with this preliminary determination, MDE has also found the project to be consistent with the Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy in accordance with Executive Order 01.01.1992.27, and Maryland's Smart Growth and Neighborhood Conservation Policy, in accordance with Executive Order 01.01.1998.04.

As a result of the above determination, the applicant will not need to prepare and/or finalize an Environmental Information Document, and the Department is prepared to approve the applicant's request for financial assistance without further environmental review.

Comments supporting or disagreeing with this preliminary decision may be submitted for consideration by writing to:

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Water and Science Administration
Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington Boulevard
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After evaluating any comments received, the Department will make a final decision no sooner than 20 calendar days from the date of this notice. No administrative action will be taken with respect to this proposal during this timeframe.



Walid Saffouri, P.E., Program Administrator
Engineering and Capital Projects Program
Water and Science Administration