

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-06**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWERAGE PLAN FOR WORCESTER COUNTY FOR AN EXPANSION OF THE RIDDLE FARM WATER AND SEWER PLANNING AREAS**

**WHEREAS**, the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland adopted a comprehensive water and sewerage plan for the County on August 23, 1994, pursuant to Section 9-503 of the Environment Article of *The Annotated Code of Maryland*; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Commissioners have proposed to amend the *Worcester County Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan (The Plan)*. The applicant, Mr. Hugh Cropper, on behalf of multiple property owners, wishes to expand slightly the water and sewer planning areas in *The Plan*. Those changes would include a revision to the Riddle Farm water and sewer planning area maps to include multiple commercial properties on the south side of Route 50 (Ocean Gateway), west of Herring Creek, specifically Parcels 133, 136, 137, 383, 471, and 256 of Tax Map 26, as shown on the maps attached hereto. These properties are to be designated W-1/S-1 (immediate to within two years); and

**WHEREAS**, the Worcester County Planning Commission, at their February 5, 2026 meeting, reviewed the amendment application to the Worcester County Water and Sewerage Plan and found the proposal consistent with the *Worcester County Comprehensive Plan*; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Commissioners held a public hearing April 7, 2026 to hear public comment on this amendment to the *Worcester County Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan*; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of their investigation and evaluation of the proposal per the provisions of Section 9-503 et. seq. of the Environmental Article of *The Annotated Code of Maryland*, the Commissioners have determined that the proposed amendment to the *Worcester County Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan* for the expansion of the Riddle Farm Water and Sewer Planning Areas, is desirable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland that:

1. *The Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan* for Worcester County is hereby amended as specified in the proposal of Mr. Hugh Cropper, on behalf of multiple property owners to expand the water and sewer planning areas in *The Plan*. These changes would include a revision to the Riddle Farm water and sewer planning area maps to include multiple commercial properties on the south side of Route 50 (Ocean Gateway), west of Herring Creek, specifically Parcels 133, 136, 137, 383, 471, and 256 of Tax Map 26, as shown on the maps attached hereto. These properties are to be designated W-1/S-1 (immediate to within two years) for the Riddle Farm planning area in *The Plan*.
2. The Riddle Farm WWTP does not have the capacity at this time to serve the subject properties. The applicants understand this and want to plan for their eventual connection

to public services when capacity does become available along with a corresponding abandonment of their interim water and sewer systems.


3. The future expansion of water and sewer capability for the Riddle Farm Sanitary Area will involve additional public infrastructure expenses for the water main and sewer collection system extensions, and any additional infrastructure investments to realize said capacity will be constructed and funded by the applicants and turned over to the County. The eventual connection to existing water main and sewer collection systems for the subject properties, when they do occur, are expected to be completed through the east gate of the Glen Riddle community.


**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this proposed amendment to the *Worcester County Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan* shall be forwarded to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) for their review and approval in accordance with the provisions of Section 9-507 of *The Annotated Code of Maryland* and that this amendment shall be officially incorporated into the *Worcester County Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan* upon approval by MDE.


PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of April, 2026.

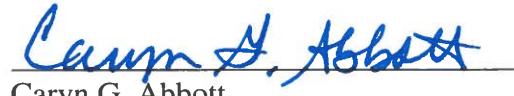
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