

RESOLUTION NO. 23 - 14

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND
SEWERAGE PLAN FOR WORCESTER COUNTY
OCEAN PINES SANITARY AREA – ST. MARTINS BY THE BAY
COMMUNITY**

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 received a request from Robert Mitchell on behalf of the Department of Public Works to amend the *Worcester County Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan*. This amendment seeks to change the designation of the water system for the St. Martins by the Bay Community from a private community system to a public one with service from the Ocean Pines Water System and addition of the community to the Ocean Pines water planning area. While the community system in *The Plan* is designated as W-1 (immediate to two years), this amendment seeks to change that designation to be within the Ocean Pines water planning area with a designation of W-1 (immediate to two years) and include a revised Ocean Pines water planning area map that will reflect the entire community as a planned W-1 designation. The Ocean Pines Water Treatment Plant will not have to be expanded to accommodate this addition to the water planning area.

WHEREAS, the Worcester County Planning Commission, at their May 4, 2023 meeting, reviewed the amendment application to the Worcester County Water and Sewerage Plan and found the proposal consistent with the *Worcester County Comprehensive Development Plan*; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners held a public hearing June 20, 2023 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* to add the Royal Farms New Church (VA) store to the Pocomoke Sewer Planning Area, 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 Robert Mitchell on behalf of the Department of Public Works, to add public water service to the St. Martins by the Bay Community from the Ocean Pines Sanitary Area. This amendment will

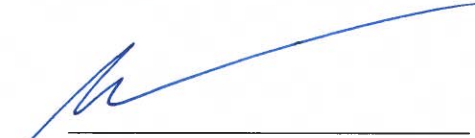
change the designation of the water system for the St. Martins by the Bay Community from a private community system to a public one with service from the Ocean Pines Water System.

2. Currently the community system, as described in *The Plan* with a designation of W-1 (immediate to two years) as a private community system, will have that designation changed to be within the Ocean Pines water planning area with a designation of W-1. The revised water planning area map will reflect the entire community as a planned W-1 designation within the Ocean Pines water planning area.
3. The Ocean Pines Water Treatment Plant will not have to be expanded to accommodate this addition to the water planning area.

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.

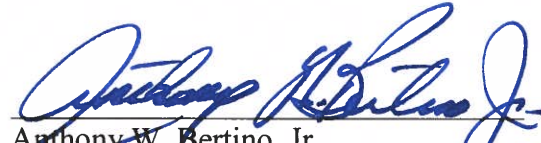
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of June, 2023.

Attest:




Weston S. Young
Chief Administrative Officer


Worcester County Commissioners



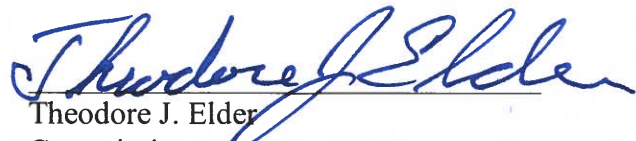
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