



March 5, 2024

Delegate Marc Korman, Chair
House Environment and Transportation Committee
251 Taylor House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: House Bill 1264

Dear Delegate Korman:

I am writing on behalf of the partners at Daft-McCune-Walker, Inc. to voice our support for the legislative changes being proposed in House Bill 1264. A significant amount of the civil engineering work that we perform takes place within the Gwynns Falls, Jones Falls, and Herring Run Watersheds. The leadership and staff of our local reviewing agencies, namely Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability (DEPS) and the Baltimore County Soil Conservation District (BCSCD), are certainly well-qualified, experienced, and able to handle the responsibilities of reviewing and permitting small ponds in these watersheds, just as they presently do in the other watersheds in our county. We are convinced that having all small pond reviews and permitting conducted locally will provide substantial benefits and efficiencies to our industry and we appreciate your support for the proposed changes.

Sincerely,

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Senior Vice President | Director of Engineering

cc: Delegate Nick Allen