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BILL NO.: **SB 495**

TITLE: Bay Restoration Fund – Use of Funds – Municipal Wastewater Facilities

SPONSOR: Senator Eckhardt

COMMITTEE: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: February 11, 2020

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 495 – Bay Restoration Fund – Use of Funds – Municipal Wastewater Facilities. This bill would expand the authorized uses of the Bay Restoration Fund to include funding to connect existing properties on septic systems to a municipal system that is under construction to achieve Enhanced Nutrient Removal treatment.

Enhanced nutrient removal technologies are essential to meeting the State’s commitments under the Chesapeake Bay Agreement. While not all municipal systems have completed implementing the treatment, Baltimore County agrees that the time to begin allocating funding for sewage lines to connect to this innovative technology has come. By implementing the funding now, we can commit more resources to address the pollution our sewage systems have brought to the Chesapeake Bay.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on SB 495. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Chief Legislative Officer, at 443-900-6582.