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BILL NO.: **HB 1512**

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

SPONSOR: Delegate Adams

COMMITTEE: Environment and Transportation

POSITION: **SUPPORTS**

DATE: March 12, 2024

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** Bay Restoration Fund – Use of Funds – Municipal Wastewater Facilities – Sunset Repeal. This legislation will remove the sunset provision of the law that allows the Bay Restoration Fund to assist property owners connected to a municipal sewer system through health or petition projects.

Currently, the Bay Restoration Fund provides assistance to property owners with connecting failed septic systems to a municipal sewer system. It additionally aides in the replacement of failing septic systems to Best Available Technology (BAT). As the law currently stands, the Bay Restoration Fund will no longer be able to fund these services starting June 30, 2024. Removing this funding would cause Baltimore County residents to pay more to connect to County sewer systems. Baltimore County prioritizes the expansion and maintenance of the affordability of basic utilities and public services. This function of the Bay Restoration Fund should remain to allow for the continued affordability of these services.

Accordingly, Baltimore County urges a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 1512 from the House Environment and Transportation committee. For more information, please contact Jenn Aiosa, Director of Government Affairs at jaiosa@baltimorecountymd.gov.