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To: Maryland Department of Planning, Plan Review

Date: November 12, 2025

Re: Draft Carroll County & Municipalities' *Water Resources Element* (WRE) Submission for State Agency Review

Carroll County and its municipalities worked collaboratively to develop one unified WRE document that can be adopted by all of Carroll County's jurisdictions to satisfy the requirements of House Bill (HB) 1141, both for the original 2010 plan element as well as the 2024 updated plan element per 2022 MDP guidance.



The County Planning & Zoning Commission and all eight municipal Planning Commissions jointly request Maryland Department of Planning to coordinate review and comment by the relevant State agencies. The draft plan element for the 60-day review process can be accessed at the following link:

<https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/directory/planning-land-management/comprehensive-planning/land-use-functional-plans/functional-plans-and-reports/water-resources-element/>.

The Planning & Land Management Department (PLM) will be accepting public comment on behalf of all nine Planning Commissions concurrent to the State review period. PLM staff will collect State and public comments, host a public information meeting, and facilitate a joint public hearing of all nine Planning Commissions. The relevant dates are as follows:

- November 15, 2025 – begin open review period
- January 14, 2026 (tentative) – public information meeting (see [webpage](#) for details)
- January 15, 2026 – 60-day review period closes
- February 4, 2026 (tentative) – Planning Commissions public hearing (see [webpage](#) for details)

Written comments from the public may be mailed or emailed to Brenda Dinne any time during the open review period up to the close of the public hearing. Both written and verbal comments from the public will be received by the Planning Commissions during the public hearing.

This element is a draft and is subject to change based on the comments received and deliberations of the Planning Commissions. Hardcopies are available upon request at the PLM office.

Please email all comments to Brenda Dinne, PLM Special Projects Coordinator, at bdinne@carrollcountymd.gov. Contact Brenda Dinne at this email or at 410-386-2140 with any questions or for more information.

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