TITLE: Spring 2017 Cycle of Water and Sewerage Plan Amendments

REQUEST: Finding of Consistency

PROJECT INFORMATION:

WS 17-01 Bartgis/Lasick/Ralls, Christopher’s Crossing, LLC
WS 17-02 Herbert Shapiro
WS 17-03 Division of Planning & Permitting (Carter/Baxter)
WS 17-04 Town of New Market (Delaplaine)
WS 17-05 Woodsboro Pike, LLC (Bell)

STAFF: Tim Goodfellow, Principal Planner II

RECOMMENDATION: Refer to Staff Reports

ATTACHMENTS:
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Frederick County Division of Planning and Permitting
Staff Report

Frederick County
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Planning Commission Review

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ISSUE

The Planning Commission is requested to review the amendments for a finding of consistency with the County Comprehensive Plan or a municipal comprehensive plan.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the Planning Commission’s review is to determine whether each amendment request is consistent with the County Comprehensive Plan or the appropriate municipal comprehensive plan. The Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland defines consistency with the comprehensive plan as addressing the location, character, and extent of the request. A finding with regard to consistency may reference the comprehensive plan map and the text document, specifically the goals and policies. For properties located within a municipality the municipal comprehensive plan and municipal land use plan designation is referenced.

A finding of consistency does not reference whether a case meets the specific criteria, described in the Water and Sewerage Plan, for the requested classification. That determination is made by the County Council in their review.

If the Planning Commission finds a request to be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan then the request is not forwarded to the County Council.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommendations are noted in the individual case descriptions.
IV. COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE PLAN 
CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

A. General

A classification system has been established for properties that will be served by publicly owned community water and sewer systems. The classification system reflects a progression toward the attainment of public water and sewer service so as to implement the County Water and Sewerage Plan, as well as County or municipal Comprehensive Plans.

The classification system is designed to show need and intent of the County, its municipalities and the private developer for establishing or extending publicly-owned community water and sewer systems.

Classifications which indicate anticipated improvements within the next six (6) years should be part of an action plan to be implemented within the constraints of funding and various required agreements and approvals. The classification system is not intended to prevent development of publicly-owned community water and/or sewerage systems or facilities prior to or later than the time periods indicated; rather it is the best estimate at the time of adoption as to when such development may be expected to occur. Every effort should be made by the County, municipalities, and developers to progress with water and sewer projects to the point that construction may occur in accordance with the Plan. However, after having achieved one level, there is no guarantee that the next level classification will be granted.

B. Water and Sewerage Plan Classifications:

Tracts of land where publicly-owned community water and/or sewer facilities are proposed to be extended by developers or where the County or municipalities anticipate that development may occur within 20 years may be assigned a classification with the suffix "Development" or "Dev." A “Dev.” designation means that the extension or construction of publicly-owned community systems or facilities is dependent upon developer or land owner action and funding.

The year of adoption of a piecemeal Water and Sewerage Plan amendment is noted within the water and sewer classification designations for properties in 4 and 3 categories, (e.g. 90-S-3 means the sewer priority classification of S-3 was approved by the County in 1990).

**NPS – No Planned Service:**
A classification assigned during the Comprehensive Planning Process to land, which is not planned or projected to be served by publicly-owned community water or sewer systems within the timeframe of the current County Comprehensive Plan.

**PS – Planned Service:**
A classification assigned during the Comprehensive Planning Process to an area shown on the Comprehensive Plan for growth utilizing publicly-owned community water and/or sewer systems, or within the Community Growth boundary of a community to be served by public water and sewer in the adopted County Comprehensive Plan, within the 11-20 year time period. Properties within this classification have designations other than Agricultural/Rural or Natural Resource on the County Comprehensive Plan.
**S-5/W-5 – Mid-Range Plan Phase:**
A classification assigned through the Comprehensive Planning Process where improvements to, or construction of, publicly-owned community sewerage or water systems are planned within the 7-10 year time period. Properties classified S-5/W-5 are not required to, but may, connect to the community system. Properties requesting this classification shall meet the following criteria:

a. Have a land use plan designation other than Agricultural/Rural or Natural Resource on the County Comprehensive Plan.

b. Have zoning other than Agricultural or Resource Conservation.

c. If located within a municipality where the municipality provides community water and sewer, the property shall be designated in the municipal plan to be provided services in the 7-10 year time frame.

d. Be located within a Planned Service Area as shown on the Frederick County Water and Sewerage Plan map.

e. Demonstrate that there is sufficient capacity planned in the systems serving the property within the 7-10 year period.

This classification may be assigned through the piecemeal application process to property:

1) Annexed into a municipal corporation; or
2) Granted a Planned Unit Development (PUD) or Mixed Use Development (MXD) floating zone classification; or
3) Zoned Agricultural, if all the criteria set forth above and in Section II (E)(8) are satisfied; or if applicable, Section II (E)(7) are satisfied; or
4) To provide public water and/or sewer service to Public Service Facilities, if applicable criteria in Section II(E)(8) are satisfied.

**S-4/W-4 – Concept Evaluation Phase:**
A classification assigned through the piecemeal application process to properties having an S-5/W-5 classification, and designated residential, commercial, or industrial, or in general, a category other than Agricultural/Rural or Natural Resource on the most recently adopted County Comprehensive Plan, and where improvements to, or construction of, publicly-owned community sewerage or water systems are planned within the 4-6 year time period. Properties classified S-4/W-4 shall connect to the public system when service lines abut the property. Properties requesting this classification shall meet the following criteria:

a. The criteria required for the S-5/W-5 classification have been met.

b. The application shall include documents that show conceptually how the
applicant plans extensions of water and sewer lines to serve the property, including topographic information from appropriate sources and an estimate of construction costs. Water concept submissions shall consider the County's water pressure zones to develop the concept, e.g., water booster pumping stations or pressure reducing valves. Sewerage concepts shall consider gravity service as the preferred method (see II (E) (5)(E)). All concept plans shall distinguish between County planned and developer provided facilities.

c. Adequate capacity shall exist or be programmed within the County or a municipal CIP for the system, which will serve the site. If adequate capacity does not exist, the property owner will either wait for public improvements to be programmed or propose how such service can be provided by the developer/applicant.

d. After a S-4/W-4 classification has been granted, an application may be submitted to the Maryland Department of the Environment for Water and/or Sewerage construction permits, as applicable.

S-3/W-3 – Preliminary Design Phase:
A classification assigned through the piecemeal application process to properties where improvements to, or construction of, publicly-owned community sewer or water systems are planned to be completed and operational within 3 years. If applicant has not obtained approved water and sewer improvement plans for onsite work within three years or the Preliminary Plan/Site Plan/Phase II Plan expires, they may lose their “3” classification and revert to the “4” classification at the next amendment cycle. Properties classified S-3/W-3 shall connect to the public system when service lines abut the property. Properties requesting this classification shall meet the following criteria:

a. Criteria required for the S-4/W-4 classification have been complied with.

b. Applicant shall provide a study of the components of the existing water and wastewater system and identify inadequacies that may result from the development of the property. This study may be performed in conjunction with the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO) studies.

c. A preliminary subdivision plan, site plan, or Phase II Plan (in the case of PUDs and MXDs) has been approved by the Planning Commission.

d. A discharge permit, where appropriate, has been approved by all appropriate State agencies.

e. A hydrogeologic study, where appropriate, supports the establishment of a community water system, which will not be detrimental to adjoining wells or surface waters. The hydrogeologic study is typically required to appropriate both ground (well) or surface waters. A Water Appropriation and Use Permit, where appropriate, has been approved by all appropriate State agencies.

f. If County funded CIP project(s) are needed to provide service, then construction funds for each project must be contained in the first or second
year of the County's approved CIP.

g. If service is to be provided by developer initiated and funded projects, the developer must have approved and signed water/sewer improvement plans and an approved cost proposal for all improvements required to bring adequate water and sewer service to the site. This “service to the site” requirement is considered “met” if adequate water and sewer lines abut the site and are located within a public right-of-way or a public water/sewer easement which abut the site.

h. Satisfaction of Items f. and g. will create a rebuttable presumption in favor of the applicant that service will be available within 3 years.

**S-2/W-2 – Engineering Phase:**
This classification is not mapped. Properties are assigned this category by County staff and shall meet the following criteria:

a. All criteria required for the S-3/W-3 classification have been complied with.

b. Improvement plans for water and sewer lines and preliminary design of treatment plants and other infrastructure, as appropriate, have been approved.

c. Location of facilities, i.e. tanks, pumping stations, treatment plants have been located on the Water and Sewerage Map by prior amendment.

d. Properties classified S-2/W-2 shall connect to the publicly owned system when service lines abut the property.

During the S-2/W-2 phase, final construction design drawings and documents are prepared, rights-of-way are determined and the necessary acquisitions are pursued, various construction related permits are applied for and obtained, a public works agreement, allocation of taps including multi-year tap agreements and improvement guarantees are approved. Final plats may then be recorded, where appropriate.

**S-1/W-1 – Existing Service:**
A classification assigned to properties where publicly-owned community sewer or water systems are existing and are connected to and serving a structure on the property. Properties are assigned this classification by County staff to reflect projects recently completed or structures connected to the public water or sewer system. The County Water and Sewerage Plan map will be revised to reflect this status at regular updates.

**Multi-Use Water System:**
A classification assigned during the piecemeal application process to a single parcel or lot utilizing a water supply system having the capacity to supply more than 5,000 gallons of

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1 See Sec. 1-16-106 of the County Code for additional requirements.
water per day and serves a number of individuals.

**Multi-Use Sewerage System:**
A classification assigned during the piecemeal application process to a single parcel or lot having a maximum discharge or output capacity in excess of 5,000 gallons per day.
STAFF REPORT

Case # WS-17-01

APPLICANT: Bartgis/Lasick/Ralls, Christopher’s Crossing, LLC


LOCATION: North side of Walter Martz Road and Christopher’s Crossing at Poole Jones Road in the City of Frederick (Tax Map 57, Parcels 15 and 212). Property ID#21-422746, 21-407852

Comprehensive Plan — The properties are designated Low Density Residential on the City of Frederick Comprehensive Plan.

Zoning — R-8 Residential (City zoning)

Development Status — The City of Frederick Planning Commission granted conditional preliminary subdivision plan and site plan approval in December 2016 for development of 67 single-family lots and 183 townhome lots in a project known as “The Preserve at Tuscarora.”

Water & Sewerage Plan Status — An existing 16-inch City water line, present in Walter Martz Road, adjacent to the subject property, will be utilized for the future residential project. Ultimate sewage conveyance will be made through the Tuscarora Interceptor, which is part of the County sewer infrastructure that serves the northern portion of Frederick City, as described in the 2014 Central Frederick Sewer Service Area Agreement (CFSSAA) between the City and County.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
The subject property is located within a municipality, a community growth area, and within a water and sewer service area. Staff recommends the Planning Commission make a finding of consistency with the City of Frederick Comprehensive Plan.
STAFF REPORT

Case # WS-17-02

APPLICANT: Herbert Shapiro


LOCATION: East side of Linganore Road, north of Old National Pike.
(Tax Map 78, Parcels 190 and 494. Property ID#09-252320, 09-252339)

Comprehensive Plan — The properties are designated Low Density Residential within the Spring Ridge-Bartonsville Community Growth Area.

Zoning — R-3 Residential

Development Status — Final preliminary plan approval was obtained in 2015 for development of the project known as “Overlook at Long Branch,” consisting of 103 single-family lots. The historic Brangel-Rosenstock house on the property will be retained.

Water & Sewerage Plan Status — An existing 18-inch public sewer line crosses a portion of the subject property, and will be accessed to provide sewer service to the subject property. An 8-inch public water line from the adjacent Spring Ridge Subdivision will be extended to the site through an existing 30-ft. water easement that abuts the property.

The existing dwelling on the property is required to connect to the public water and sewer system. The private well must be physically disconnected from the interior plumbing for the potable water supply and, per State regulations under COMAR 26.04.04.34, the well must be subsequently abandoned and sealed by or under the supervision of a master well driller licensed by the State or a representative of the Frederick County Health Department. The septic systems must also be abandoned per Health Department guidelines.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
The subject property is located within a community growth area and within a water and sewer service area. Staff recommends the Planning Commission make a finding of consistency with the County Comprehensive Plan.
APPLICANT: Division of Planning and Permitting (Carter/Baxter)
REQUEST: To reclassify 0.31 acres from No Planned Service to W-3/Dev.
LOCATION: South side of Jefferson Pike, west of Horine Road.
(Tax Map 84, Parcel 203. Property ID# 14-327916)

Comprehensive Plan — The property is designated Agricultural/Rural on the Comprehensive Plan, and located within the Jefferson Community Growth Area.

Zoning — Agricultural

Development Status — The 8-acre property is developed with a residence, a barn, and several accessory buildings.

Water & Sewerage Plan Status — The property’s prior owner requested an inspection of the well by the County Health Department which revealed issues with the integrity of the well’s construction. The inspection also uncovered past bacteriological contamination and turbidity issues, as indicated in the attached February 15, 2017 letter from the Health Department.

A 10-inch public water line is present along Jefferson Pike, directly in front of the subject property, and will be accessed to provide a connection to serve just the existing house. Public sewer service is provided to the house.

The private well serving the house must be physically disconnected from the interior plumbing for the potable water supply and, per State regulations under COMAR 26.04.04.34, the well must be subsequently abandoned and sealed by or under the supervision of a master well driller licensed by the State or a representative of the Frederick County Health Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
The subject property is located within a community growth area and within a water and sewer service area. Staff recommends the Planning Commission make a finding of consistency with the County Comprehensive Plan.
STAFF REPORT

Case # WS-17-04

APPLICANT: Town of New Market (Delaplaine)

REQUEST: To reclassify Parcel 217 (134 acres) from No Planned Service (NPS) to Planned Service (PS)

LOCATION: North-west side of Old New Market Road at MD 75, Green Valley Road within the Town of New Market. (Tax Map 79, Parcel 217. Property ID#09-221778)

Comprehensive Plan — The property is designated Economic Development Flex on the Town of New Market Comprehensive Plan.

Zoning — Economic Development Flex (Town Zoning)

Development Status — The property was annexed into the Town on May 25, 2014 through Town Resolution No. 2014-03. There is currently a farm house and other agricultural buildings on the property. The zoning district applied to this property by the Town permits commercial, office, technological research, retail, and other service uses.

Water & Sewerage Plan Status — Details regarding the future provision of public water and sewer service for this property will be examined through additional Water and Sewerage Plan amendments and as development plans are submitted and reviewed by the Town of New Market and the County’s Division of Utilities and Solid Waste Management (DUSWM).

Section IV(B) of Chapter 1 in the County’s Water and Sewerage Plan permits applications for reclassification of properties from NPS to PS in order to implement the Comprehensive Plan, including properties identified in municipal master plans for future growth and development.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
The subject property is located within a municipality, a community growth area and within a water and sewer service area. Staff recommends the Planning Commission make a finding of consistency with the Town of New Market Comprehensive Plan.
STAFF REPORT

Case # WS-17-05

APPLICANT: Woodsboro Pike, LLC (Bell property)


LOCATION: West side of MD 194, Woodsboro Pike, east of Fountain Rock Road. (Tax Map 58, Parcels 246, 60. Property ID#26-487501, 26-501679)

Comprehensive Plan — The property is designated Low Density Residential on the Town of Walkersville Comprehensive Plan.

Zoning — R-2 Residential (Town zoning)

Development Status — The subject property (known as the Bell property) received preliminary plan approval from the Town of Walkersville Planning Commission on February 10, 2017 for development of 103 single-family lots.

Water & Sewerage Plan Status — An existing Town water line is located at the entrance to the project, adjacent to the Walkersville Elementary School. This 8-inch water line will be extended to provide service to the project. Sewer service, provided by Frederick County, will include new 8-inch sewer lines in the subdivision with ultimate connection to an existing line in the adjacent Fountain Rock Park.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
The subject property is located within a municipality, a community growth area and within a water and sewer service area. Staff recommends the Planning Commission make a finding of consistency with the Town of Walkersville Comprehensive Plan.