

COUNTY COUNCIL

OF

TALBOT COUNTY

2023 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No.: September 12, 2023

Resolution No.: 345

Introduced by: Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, Mr. Stepp

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING OR MODIFYING THE TALBOT COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024 AND 2025 TO ADD A NEW CAPITAL PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12.0 MILLION FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPLACING AND/OR REHABILITATING THE TOWN OF EASTON SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM TO MITIGATE INFLOW AND INFILTRATION

By the Council: September 12, 2023

Introduced, read the first time, and ordered posted, with Public Hearing scheduled on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

By order: _____

Susan W. Moran

Susan W. Moran, Secretary

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WHEREAS, the Talbot County Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan (the “CWSP”) contains capital projects for water and sewer service in Talbot County, Maryland, (the “County”); and

WHEREAS, Easton Utilities serves approximately 7,000 customers via 120 miles of sewer lines and force mains and twenty (20) pump stations that convey wastewater to the Easton Wastewater Treatment Plant upgraded with Enhanced Nutrient Removal technologies; and

WHEREAS, the County Council of Talbot County (the “County Council”) desires to amend the CWSP for the purpose of including the capital project identified by Easton Utilities for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025 into Table 16 of the CWSP, entitled “Easton Sewerage System Capital Improvement Projects;” and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of Md. Code Ann., Envir. § 9-506(a)(1)(i), the proposed CWSP amendment set forth herein has been submitted to the Talbot County Planning Commission (the “Planning Commission”), as well as the Talbot County Public Works Advisory Board, for review for consistency with planning programs for the area; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2023, the Planning Commission certified that the proposed CWSP amendment set forth herein is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan as required by Md. Code Ann., Envir. 506(a)(1)(ii).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Talbot County Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION ONE: The above recitals are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION TWO: This project will add sewer replacement and rehabilitation projects noted over a ten (10) year period starting in 2024 and ending in 2034 in locations throughout the Town of Easton.

SECTION THREE: Easton Utilities shall seek funding through the Maryland Department of the Environment through grants and loan funding that could fund one or more proposed sewer replacement and/or rehabilitation projects in the same fiscal year.

SECTION FOUR: The proposed sewer replacement and/or rehabilitation projects are needed to mitigate inflow and infiltration.

SECTION FIVE: The engineering estimate to complete all the work as presented in the project description is \$12.0 million.

SECTION SIX: Table 16 of the CWSP, entitled “Easton Sewerage System Capital Improvement Projects,” shall be amended as follows:

TABLE 16. EASTON SEWERAGE SYSTEM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR	COMMENTS
Town of Easton Sewer Replacement and/or Rehabilitation Projects for Mitigating Inflow and Infiltration	FYs 2024 and 2025	The estimated cost is \$12.0 million.

SECTION SEVEN: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon the date of its adoption.

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and Notice, Time and Place of Hearing, and Title of Resolution No. 345 having been published, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland.

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the second time:

Adopted: **October 10, 2023**

By Order: *Susan W. Moran*
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

Callahan - Aye

Stepp - Aye

Leshner - Aye

Mielke - Aye

Haythe - Aye

Effective: **October 10, 2023**