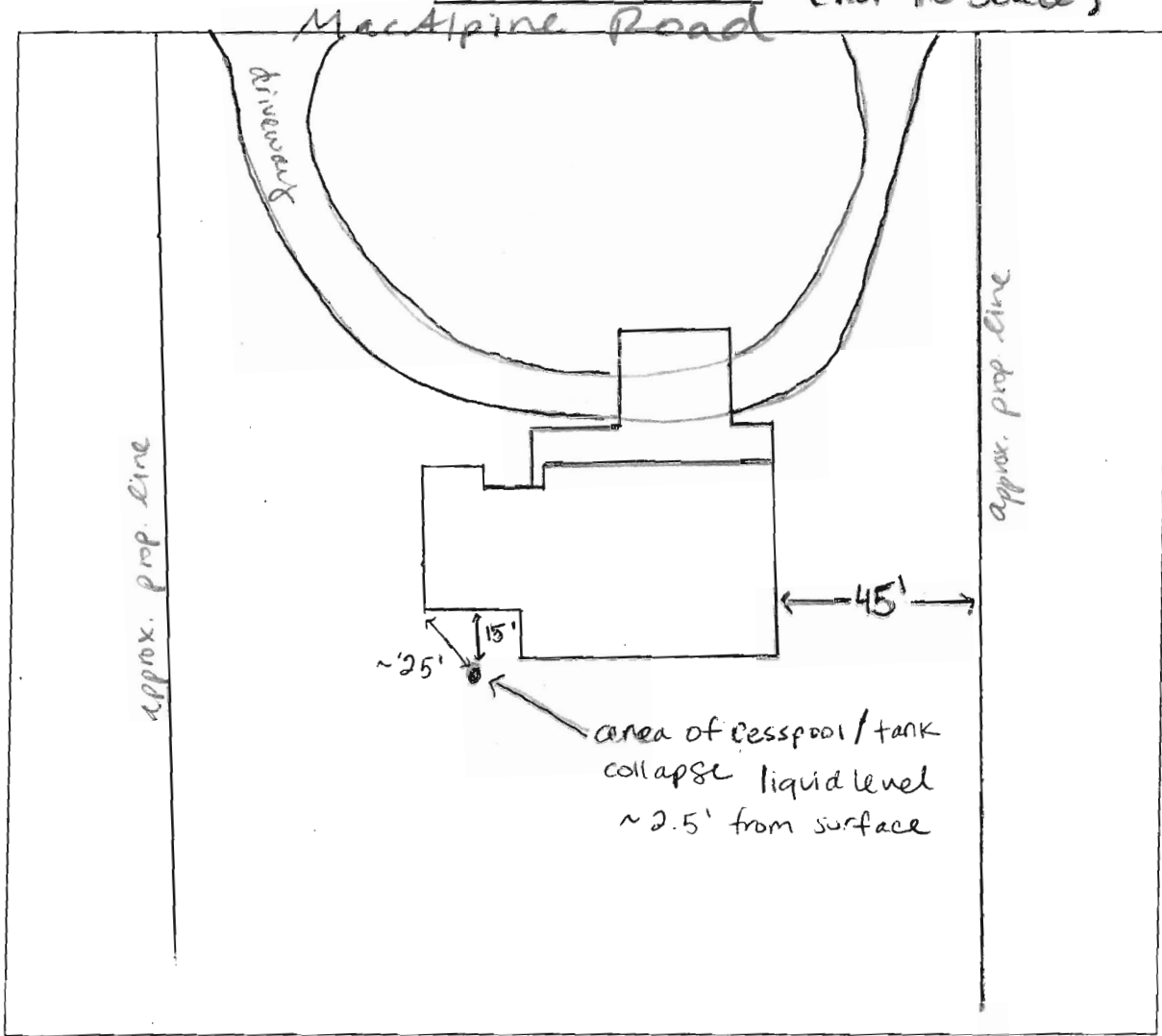


SITE INSPECTION SHEET

OWNER: Laura Sullivan PHONE #: 410-941-0452  
ADDRESS: 3621 MacAlpine Road CONTRACTOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ellicott City, MD 21043 WELL TAG #: N/A public H<sub>2</sub>O  
SUBDIVISION: \_\_\_\_\_ LOT: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY #: \_\_\_\_\_  
~~PROPOSAL:~~ received call regarding collapsed septic tank at residence. Public sewer available.

LOCATION DIAGRAM (not to scale)



COMMENTS: Observed a collapsed septic tank/seepage pit(?) in the rear of the house. Observed an approx. 8' x 4' hole in the ground exposing raw sewage, odor present. It appears the home is connected to a onsite sewage disposal system of an unknown age. (no health dept. records)

DATE: 11-7-11 INSPECTOR: Heidi Scott, R.S.

➔ Health Dept. recommends connection to public utilities.

**Davis, Michael J**

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**From:** Jag Khuman [jkhuman@mde.state.md.us]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 14, 2011 3:53 PM  
**To:** Davis, Michael J  
**Subject:** Re: HB 57 question

It disqualifies the project for connecting using any brf funds. Jag

-----Original Message-----

**From:** "Davis, Michael J" <mjdavis@howardcountymd.gov>  
**To:** Jag Khuman <jkhuman@mde.state.md.us>

**Sent:** 11/14/2011 3:41:34 PM  
**Subject:** HB 57 question

Jag,

I'm putting together a procedure for future BRF funded public sewer connections. I'd like to include a details about the "cost effectiveness" of the connection. If the lowest bid and county connection fee exceeds the cap, will BRF pay up to the cap with the homeowner paying the difference? Or does this disqualify the property?

Mike

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## Williams, Jeffrey

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**From:** Williams, Jeffrey  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 25, 2012 9:32 AM  
**To:** 'mjsullivan@pepcoholdings.com'  
**Cc:** Davis, Michael J; 'Kristin Mielcarek'  
**Subject:** RE: Chesapeake Bay Foundation ---Financial Assistance ( Part 1 of message)

Hello Mr. Sullivan. Mike Davis asked me to fill you in on the status of your application. He has all the necessary paperwork to make the request to MDE for approval. He will be sending that over to them shortly. The other side of the process is completion of your application for the funding. I checked with Kristin Mielcarek with Canaan Valley Institute, who handles the administration of Bay Restoration Funds for Howard County. She had started the process with Mrs. Sullivan earlier this year, but she said she does not have record of the application being complete.

Below is Kristin's contact info. You can coordinate with her on what you need to do to complete the application. I believe it is mainly getting some tax records and income verification. Once you complete the application with her, we will wait for approval from MDE and she can release the funds. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Kristin's email is: [Kristin.mielcarek@canaanvi.org](mailto:Kristin.mielcarek@canaanvi.org)  
Phone: 304-940-3443

Jeff Williams  
Program Supervisor, Well & Septic Program  
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**From:** Davis, Michael J  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 25, 2012 8:59 AM  
**To:** Williams, Jeffrey  
**Subject:** FW: Chesapeake Bay Foundation ---Financial Assistance ( Part 1 of message)

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**From:** [mjsullivan@pepcoholdings.com](mailto:mjsullivan@pepcoholdings.com) [<mailto:mjsullivan@pepcoholdings.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 24, 2012 4:06 PM  
**To:** [mjsullivan@pepcoholdings.com](mailto:mjsullivan@pepcoholdings.com)  
**Cc:** Davis, Michael J  
**Subject:** Re: Chesapeake Bay Foundation ---Financial Assistance ( Part 1 of message)

Hello Mike

Can you confirm that you received both parts of the email I sent last week.

## Williams, Jeffrey

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**From:** Kristin Mielcarek [kristin.mielcarek@canaanvi.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 20, 2012 12:39 PM  
**To:** Williams, Jeffrey  
**Subject:** RE: BRF applicant

Hi Jeff,

Yes, I remember talking with her and I sent her an application and asked her to send me her tax info, and invoices but I don't have any record of having received them. Did you get copies of any of those? Since it's a retro-active sewer connection we'll probably have to get approval from MDE for this one.

If you have her number I can give her a call.

Thanks!  
Kristin

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**From:** Williams, Jeffrey [mailto:jewilliams@howardcountymd.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2012 2:06 PM  
**To:** Kristin Mielcarek  
**Subject:** BRF applicant

Hi Kristin.

We just recently got a call from a homeowner asking about a BRF application. It was the Sullivan property at 3621 MacAlpine Road. I forwarded their info to you back in January 2012. They connected to public sewer after a failing septic and were retroactively applying for funding. I think they had a problem at the time getting three bids under \$12600.

Do you know what happened with their application and at what stage it stalled out? Thanks

Jeff Williams  
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## Scott, Heidi

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**From:** Scott, Heidi  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2012 1:36 PM  
**To:** Scott, Heidi  
**Subject:** FW: sullivan

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**From:** Laura Sullivan [<mailto:photographybyll@mac.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 12, 2011 10:51 AM  
**To:** Scott, Heidi  
**Subject:** Re: sullivan

No it does not! Goodness, maybe he & I should talk? Would love to talk to him about it? Thanks, Laura

Laura Sullivan  
410-961-0452

On Dec 12, 2011, at 9:51 AM, "Scott, Heidi" <[hscott@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:hscott@howardcountymd.gov)> wrote:

Hi Laura –

Hope things are moving along with utilities. After looking at the last quote you sent me I wanted to confirm if the \$11,950 includes the county connection fee? If it does not then the connection would exceed the allowable amount of \$12,637 and therefore it still wouldn't qualify for the grant. Sorry about any confusion but I just wanted to clarify before I send it to my boss. Thanks!

Heidi Scott  
Environmental Sanitarian  
Howard County Health Dept.  
Well & Septic Program  
410-313-6287

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**From:** Laura Sullivan [<mailto:photographybyll@mac.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 09, 2011 1:49 PM  
**To:** Scott, Heidi  
**Subject:** Fwd: sullivan

Heidi,

This is one of the original quotes for our sewage. In fact it is the one we are using because we have that other company digging a ditch outside our house now. Thanks! I contacted Cal Brooks

and he put me in touch with Steve Roll! So hopefully Steve will call me back today! Thanks for your help! Laura Sullivan

Laura Sullivan  
410-961-0452

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** [mjsullivan@pepcoholdings.com](mailto:mjsullivan@pepcoholdings.com)  
**Date:** December 8, 2011 8:49:49 PM EST  
**To:** Laura L Sullivan <[photographybyll@mac.com](mailto:photographybyll@mac.com)>  
**Subject: Fw: sullivan**

This is the one for 11K

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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**From:** "robert hofsetter" [[crouseph@verizon.net](mailto:crouseph@verizon.net)]  
**Sent:** 12/01/2011 04:04 PM EST  
**To:** Michael Sullivan  
**Subject:** sullivan

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## Scott, Heidi

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**From:** Scott, Heidi  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2012 1:35 PM  
**To:** Scott, Heidi  
**Subject:** FW: Septic collapse-3621 Mac Alpine Rd.

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**From:** Scott, Heidi  
**Sent:** Friday, December 02, 2011 4:10 PM  
**To:** 'Laura Sullivan'  
**Subject:** RE: Septic collapse-3621 Mac Alpine Rd.

Hi Laura –

Unfortunately these bids do not qualify for funding from the Bay Restoration Fund (under MDE). The legislation excludes funding for connection fees that exceed \$12,637. The lowest bid from Hatfield's including the county connection fee (assuming it is \$5,100) would be \$13,496.

If you still want to try and qualify for assistance you can try to find some lower bids. Otherwise you would proceed with the connection through the Ho. Co. Bureau of Utilities as usual. Once the connection is made we will just need an invoice or statement from the contractor showing that the old septic system was abandoned.

Heidi Scott  
Howard County Health Dept.  
Well & Septic Program  
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**From:** Laura Sullivan [<mailto:photographybyll@mac.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 01, 2011 10:48 PM  
**To:** Scott, Heidi  
**Cc:** Michael Sullivan  
**Subject:** Re: Septic collapse-3621 Mac Alpine Rd.

Heidi,

Are you any closer to completing the order to connect letter? Our caved in septic system, has been caved in for almost a month this Saturday. We have 4 bids, I can forward two tonight and I guess I will get two more scanned & sent to you tomorrow.

So I need to contact Utilities? Can you help me with that number and contact?

We also need to know this information. We want to start this job, by mid week, next week so we would like help from you all to accomplish that goal. The hole is larger then when you were here & it really needs to be

handled in a little more efficient manner. We are using back-up heat because our geothermal insulation was put on hold because of the collapse. Thanks for your help!

These are my husband questions that he needs answered as well!

We were told that the cost to hook up to county sewer system is approximately \$5K. We have two choices on how we can hook up. One is to have the trenching terminate in an existing manhole in the street. The second choice is to connect to a "future tap" that is shown on County drawings. This "future tap" is about forty feet away from the manhole and on our property ( not in the street ). Is the cost \$5K either way? That is ---- is it the same cost whether we use an existing connection or not? Please advise -- it may determine which trenching route we take.

Thanks for helping us move this along! Laura & Michael Sullivan

On Nov 14, 2011, at 9:07 AM, Scott, Heidi wrote:

Laura – You're welcome. If you are interested in receiving any funding through Maryland Department of the Environment you can forward me a minimum of 3 written bids. My boss will then send MDE a proposal to determine how much funding you will be eligible for. So far your property meets all of the other criteria. You will just need to find out from utilities what your connection fee will be which should range somewhere between \$4,800 and \$5,100.

Heidi Scott  
Howard County Health Dept.  
410-313-6287

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**From:** Laura Sullivan [<mailto:photographybyll@mac.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 13, 2011 3:59 PM  
**To:** Scott, Heidi  
**Cc:** Michael Sullivan  
**Subject:** Re: Septic collapse

Heidi,  
Thanks for this.

We need to get the information about assistance from the county on installing Metric Sewage on our property.  
Thanks! Laura Sullivan

On Nov 8, 2011, at 3:09 PM, Scott, Heidi wrote:

Hi Laura –  
Attached is a copy of our standard site inspection form describing what I observed yesterday. I am still compiling some information before we issue an order to connect letter. If it's ok with you I'd like to come by at some point tomorrow and take some pictures of the septic system for our records, unfortunately I didn't have our camera with me yesterday. If you need anything else from please let me know. Thanks.

Heidi Scott  
Howard County Health Dept.  
410-313-6287

## Davis, Michael J

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**From:** mjsullivan@pepcoholdings.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2012 8:28 AM  
**To:** Davis, Michael J  
**Subject:** Chesapeake Bay Foundation ---Financial Assistance ( Part 1 of message)  
**Attachments:** Hatfields0001.pdf; Hatfield 9-180001.pdf; Crouse0001.pdf; Old Time0001.pdf

Hello Mike,

Per our conversation on Friday , I have attached the quotes we got from various contractors to fill in the old septic systems and connect to the county sewer system. As I said, I think the circumstances surrounding our faulted septic system and the remediation steps we took meet the spirit of what the Bay Restoration Fund hopes to achieve. In short, we were unaware that we were on a septic system when we purchased our house over 10 years ago. At that time the seller claimed our home was connected to the county sewer . In late 2011 one of these systems collapsed and we became aware of the existence of the septic system. We contacted both the Health and Utilities departments of Howard County, neither of which had any record of our home being connected to the county sewer system or having a septic system. (My wife had spoken with a Heidi Scott from your department at that time) Nonetheless, after getting quotes from three companies we proceeded with the work to disable the old septic system and connect into the county system. Since our home was built in the 1860s, we were told that we were the last home in Dunloggin to be connected to the county system. You can see from the three quotes that all three companies gave us a complete quote and that one of the companies gave us a quote minus the plumbing ( i.e excavation and back filling only ). This turned out to be the cheapest option so we went with Hatfield for the excavation and backfilling work. I handled the indoor plumbing. We then asked Hatfield to exclude the yard seeding and asphalt work. So the total Hatfield bill was \$8,396 minus \$896 = \$7,500( Hatfield ) The County's charge for hooking into the county sewer was \$5100 making the total cost = \$12,600. I think we got the best deal possible because Hatfield discovered more than 1 septic tank and pumped and backfilled them all for the same price. Since then I filed a pre-application for assistance through the State however that application got lost somehow between the Sate and County departments.

The tank that collapsed was from the 1800s ( it must have had a wooden roof at one time ). Also discovered were two 1950s or 60s vintage tanks and dry well. Further, a number of drainage fields running off these systems were discovered. ( see pictures below) None of these systems had ever been pumped out in the 10 plus years we have lived in this home and because there were no access lids , I am confident they have never been pumped out! I think this kind of septic drainage system is exactly the kind of system that the Bay foundation would like to have been eliminated. Therefore , I am seeking guidance on how to proceed in applying for funds to cover the cost of this work.

Thanks for your assistance

Mike Sullivan

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thanks

Mike

From: Michael J Sullivan/EP/PEP  
To: mjdavis@howardcountymd.gov  
Date: 09/18/2012 08:27 AM  
Subject: Chesapeake Bay Foundation ---Financial Assistance ( Part 1 of message)

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## Williams, Jeffrey

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**From:** Jag Khuman [jkhuman@mde.state.md.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2012 2:12 PM  
**To:** Kristin Mielcarek; Joshua Flatley  
**Cc:** Jennifer Newland; Scott, Heidi; Williams, Jeffrey  
**Subject:** Re: FW: BRF referral

Kristin: If your all believe that BRF funding would have been approved if homeowner had applied, go ahead and proceed. You may need to check income for % grant eligibility and the limit the BAT cost to the state low bid amount.

Jag

>>> "Kristin Mielcarek" <[kristin.mielcarek@canaanvi.org](mailto:kristin.mielcarek@canaanvi.org)> 1/20/2012 1:49

>>> PM >>>

Hello Jag and Josh,

I was in your neck of the woods yesterday meeting with the TMDL folks.  
Sorry I didn't have a chance to meet you both officially. Maybe next time.

I received the inquiry below from Jeff at the Howard County Health Department. Before I contact this homeowner, I wanted to check with you to see if there is the possibility of reimbursing a homeowner for the cost of their sewer connection after the fact. The health department confirmed that the connection was completed on 12/11/11 which was within our current grant period and we have not yet allocated all the funds we have available. Since her system was failing The health department would have approved her for funding had she applied prior to installation. I'm not sure of her reason for not applying.

Thank you for any thoughts you can provide.

Kristin

**From:** Williams, Jeffrey [mailto:[jewilliams@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:jewilliams@howardcountymd.gov)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2012 8:51 AM  
**To:** Kristin Mielcarek  
**Cc:** Scott, Heidi  
**Subject:** BRF referral

Hello Kristin. We have been dealing with a homeowner in our metropolitan district who recently had her septic system fail. She connected to the public sewer line and is now inquiring about using BRF to help retroactively pay for the connection. I told her that I would refer her to you for the administrative details.

Her name is Laura Sullivan, address 3621 MacAlpine, Ellicott City, MD 21042, telephone 410-961-0452, email [photographybyll@mac.com](mailto:photographybyll@mac.com)

We confirmed that they system was failing. She got several bids for the work, but her problem is that the bids all included abandoning the old system and repairing the yard, so they were all above the \$12k mark. We told her that she needed at least 3 bids for just the connection to be under \$12,637. She got the contractor who actually did the work to break down the bid and the connection bid was under, but she doesn't think that the bidders who didn't get the job will want to take the time to break down their losing bids. I told her that is what we need, but I'm sure she will bring this up to you.

Let me know if you need anything else. Thanks.

Jeff Williams

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## Williams, Jeffrey

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**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2012 1:43 PM  
**To:** Scott, Heidi; Williams, Jeffrey  
**Subject:** RE: BRF referral

Great thanks!

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**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2012 1:43 PM  
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Kristin –

According to the permits office the sewer connection was applied for on 12-15-11 and was completed 12-22-11.

Heidi Scott  
Environmental Sanitarian  
Howard County Health Dept.  
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**Cc:** Scott, Heidi  
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Thank you Jeff.

I am going to forward this question to Jag at MDE because they would have to approve whether or not we can ask for reimbursement after the fact. Do you know when the installation took place? If it was within the grant time period we may have more luck.

Thanks!!  
Kristin

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October 10, 2012

Michael & Laura Sullivan  
3621 MacAlpine Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

RE: FY 2013 Howard County Bay Restoration Fund OSDS Upgrade Program

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan:

Thank you for your application to participate in the Howard County Bay Restoration Fund OSDS Upgrade Program. The Howard County Health Department has verified that your existing septic system was failing and that a connection to the Little Patuxent Sewage Treatment Plant is the most cost effective and environmentally sensitive solution. Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has reviewed the proposal for the cost to extend sewer to your property, and has approved it eligible for a Bay Restoration Fund grant.

Based on your 2011 income tax return form, you are eligible to receive funding to cover **50%** of the cost to connect to public sewer, a reimbursement of \$6300. The approved price includes the required County Connection Fee of \$5100 and the contractor's installation cost of \$7500. Based on the proposal submitted by the Howard County Health Department, the contractor selected for construction is Hatfield Equipment & Dedication P.O. Box 519 Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. Since you have paid this invoice in full, CVI will request payment from MDE and will reimburse you directly for your 50% cost share.

If assistance is needed or if you have any questions, you may contact me at 304-940-3443 or [kristin.mielcarek@canaanvi.org](mailto:kristin.mielcarek@canaanvi.org).

Sincerely,

Kristin Mielcarek, Watershed Circuit Rider

494 RiverStone Road | Davis, WV 26260  
Phone: (304) 259.4739 or (800) 922.3601 | Fax: (304) 259.4759  
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MDE

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

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Lieutenant Governor

October 4, 2012

Ms. Kristin Mielcarek  
Canaan Valley Institute (CVI)  
494 Riverstone Road  
Davis, WV 26260

Re: Bay Restoration (Septic) Fund (BRF) Proposal for Sewer Connection under HB-57  
3621 MacAlpine Road, Howard County

Dear Ms. Mielcarek:

This is a follow-up to the proposal dated October 1, 2012, submitted by Michael Davis with Howard County Bureau of Environmental Health regarding the above referenced sewer connection using BRF septic grant funds.

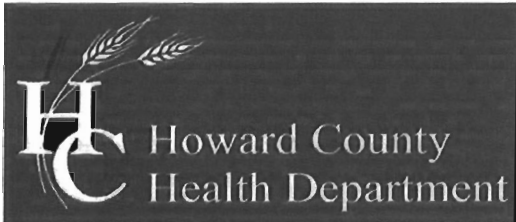
The proposal demonstrated compliance with the five statutory requirements under House Bill 57 (2011 session) to enable the above referenced property to connect to a wastewater treatment plant with ENR, using BRF Septic grant funds. The total BRF grant award for the proposed sewer connection (excluding CVI fee) should be based on the taxable income of the homeowner (per the FY 2013 program guidance) and not to exceed **\$13,496** (lowest bid and county tap fee).

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me by phone at 410-537-3119 or by email at [jkhuman@mde.state.md.us](mailto:jkhuman@mde.state.md.us).

Sincerely,

Jag Khuman, Director  
Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration

cc: Michael Davis, Howard County  
Jay Prager  
Carroll Dixon



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**Bureau of Environmental Health**  
7178 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia, MD 21046-2147  
Main: 410-313-1771 | Fax: 410-313-2648  
TDD 410-313-2323 | Toll Free 1-866-313-6300  
[www.hchealth.org](http://www.hchealth.org)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/hocohealth](https://www.facebook.com/hocohealth)  
Twitter: HowardCoHealthDep

**Peter L. Beilenson, M.D., M.P.H., Health Officer**

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October 1, 2012

MEMORANDUM

To: Jag Khuman  
Director  
Water Quality Financing Administration  
Maryland Department of the Environment

Kristin Mielcarek  
Canaan Valley Institute

From: Michael J. Davis *MJD*  
Assistant Director  
Bureau of Environmental Health

Re: **BRF Proposal for connecting 3621 MacAlpine Road to public sewer**

The Howard County Health Department has identified a property in Howard County that meets the five requirements of HB 57 to receive BRF money for connecting an existing house to an existing public sewer line. The homeowner has been working with the Health Department in good faith to obtain Bay Restoration Funding for the sewer connection that has already been completed.

**1. THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE ONSITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM IS DOCUMENTED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CONFIRMED BY THE DEPARTMENT;**

The existing on-site sewage disposal system serving the single family dwelling on the property has failed. Please see exhibit A that includes our field notes with pictures documenting the system failure.

**2. IT CAN BE DEMONSTRATED THAT:**

**A. THE REPLACEMENT OF THE ONSITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM WITH SERVICE TO AN EXISTING MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER FACILITY THAT IS ACHIEVING ENHANCED NUTRIENT REMOVAL LEVEL TREATMENT IS MORE COST-EFFECTIVE FOR NITROGEN REMOVAL THAN UPGRADING THE INDIVIDUAL ONSITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM; OR**

**B. THE INDIVIDUAL REPLACEMENT OF THE ONSITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM IS NOT FEASIBLE;**

The Little Patuxent Wastewater Treatment Plant has been upgraded to meet ENR standards. Therefore, the property meets requirement 2 A. The homeowner has received three (3) written quotes (exhibit B) from contractors to make the connection. The lowest quote is \$13,496 which includes the \$5,100 Howard County connection fee to connect to the existing sewer tap. The quote included yard seeding and asphalt, however that work was omitted and reduced the cost to \$12,600. The total of the lowest quote is less than \$20,000, the cost of a complete system with BAT, and therefore more cost effective for nitrogen removal.

**3. THE PROJECT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND WATER AND SEWER MASTER PLAN;**

The property falls within the Metropolitan District (existing public sewer service area). I have confirmed with the Howard County Bureau of Utilities that there is a sewer line tap at the property ready for connection. Exhibit C is a Howard County GIS map illustrating the existing sewer line in red.

**4. THE ONSITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM WAS INSTALLED AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2008, AND THE PROPERTY THE SYSTEM SERVES IS LOCATED IN A PRIORITY FUNDING AREA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 5-7B-02 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE; AND**

The existing home was built before public sewer was available. No Health Department records exist for the on-site sewage disposal system. Exhibit D is supporting documentation from Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation indicating that the home was built in 1868. Exhibit E is copy of the Priority Funding Map from the Maryland Department of Planning website. 3621 MacAlpine Road is within the Priority Funding Area.

**5. THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT HAS ADOPTED A POLICY OR PROCEDURE THAT WILL GUARANTEE THAT ANY FUTURE CONNECTION TO AN EXISTING MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER FACILITY THAT IS FUNDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)(1)E OF THIS SUBSECTION WILL MEET ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH.**

The Howard County public sewer line has already been constructed with county money including a tap in place to connect 3621 MacAlpine Road. The tap is only for 3621 MacAlpine Road, so no other homes will be connected to the sewer line from the existing tap to the house.

The Howard County Health Department does not like to maintain financial data of Howard County citizens, so I have requested that the owner provide their taxable income documentation directly to Canaan Valley Institute. Additionally, documentation of payment shall be provided directly to Canaan Valley Institute. Please feel free to contact me at (410) 313-2651 with any questions.

Exhibit A



11-9-11 3021 MacAlpine Rd.  
Cesspool / tank collapse



Exhibit B

# Hatfield's Equipment and Dedication Services, Inc.

P.O. Box 519 • Annapolis Junction, MD 20701-0519  
Office: 301-490-4289 / 888-490-4289 • Fax: 301-490-5794

*Khatfield@hatfieldsequipment.com*  
*PLUMBER - ED HALL*

Mr. & Mrs. Sullivan  
3621 MacAlpine Road  
Lithicott City, MD 21042

Septic demo, county sewer lateral  
installation  
Proposal # 5095

01/10/11

Apply for outside plumbing permit

Apply for outside plumbing permit

Option #1: tie onto existing 4" pipe outside the house  
Pump, crush and fill the septic tank and drywell  
Install a simplex E-1 grinder pit with control panel and pump  
Provide electrical permit and electrician to tie into the existing electric panel  
Excavate and install a 1 1/2" pressure sewer lateral to the county tap, estimated 200 LF  
Missile if rocky ground allows under the driveway. If not successful with the missile we  
will open cut the driveway and replace asphalt back in trench  
Call for all inspections and pump start up  
Backfill and tamp with the existing soil  
Seed and straw the area disturbed  
Total Cost \$ 15,857.00  
\* If no asphalt is needed subtract \$ 450.00 from total cost

Apply for outside plumbing permit

Option #2: Homeowner to have their plumber bring the sewer line to the front wall in  
one location, at minimum grade  
Tie onto the 4" PVC pipe outside the wall and excavate the trench to county tap  
Install an estimated 136 LF of schedule 40 PVC  
Open cut the driveway in line with the sewer trench, place CR6 stone tamped to base  
grade. Install asphalt back in place (weather permitting), if not return in the spring to  
install asphalt  
Pump, crush and fill the septic tank and drywell  
Call for inspection  
Backfill and tamp the existing soil back in trench  
Seed and straw area disturbed  
Total Cost \$ 8,396.00

*\$ 7,500*  
*896 asphalt*  
*\$ 8,396*

# ESTIMATE

## Crouse Plumbing & Heating

P, O, BOX 1666, Ellicott City, Md 21041  
410 465 1110, 410 465 1902=FAX

To; Mike & Laura Sullivan (410 480 9747, mjsullivan@pepcoholdings.com)  
3621 McAlpine Road  
Ellicott City, Md 21043

Date; 11/28/2011

Re: sewer house connection

Job Description:

Crouse plumbing proposes to do the following; Remove necessary asphalt road around sewer manhole, Core drill manhole, install drop basin in manhole, run connection to property. Backfill ditch and cold patch road. This contract does not include rock time, permanent asphalt replace. Cold patch is temporary patch Homeowner to put up bond for connection. Rough backfill only, Not responsible for lawn, trees, flowers, Shrubbery, driveways, sidewalks, undo settlement, No seeding, sodding, etc. Rough backfill only.

Job price=\$11,950.00, deposit, \$3,000.00, \$8,950.00 due at completion

All extras due upon receipt

This estimate is based on visual inspection of layout of house and yard. Estimated time and costs may change due to unforeseen obstacles underground or within walls and structure of house.

Authorized signature= \_\_\_\_\_ Robert Hofstetter. V.P

Note; this proposal may be withdrawn if not accepted within=\_\_\_\_\_ days

Please sign to accept=\_\_\_\_\_, Date=\_\_\_\_\_

# ESTIMATE

## Crouse Plumbing & Heating

P, O, BOX 1666, Ellicott City, Md 21041  
410 465 1110, 410 465 1902=FAX

To: Mike and Laura Sullivan (410 480 9747, mjsullivan@pepcoholdings.com)  
3621 McAlpine Road  
Ellicott City, Md 21043

Date: 11/30/2011

Re: connect house to city water

Job Description:

Crouse plumbing proposes to do the following; Basement work; relocate two 4' stacks to front wall next to porch. Exit house, dig with a backhoe from front, cut asphalt driveway, Install 4" PVC pipe to county connection. Necessary clean outs, fittings. Put gravel in driveway, Pump and Fill in septic tank. Rough backfill only. No raking seeding, sodding. Not responsible for lawn, trees, shrubbery, flowers, driveways Sidewalks, private utilities underground, undo settlement, excessive rock, water, etc. Rock time, asphalt replacement, pump and fill additional drywells are not included in this contract.

Option=cold patch driveway=\$850.00(not permanent)

Job price=\$14,400.00, deposit=\$2,800.00,\$11,660.00 due at completion

All extras due upon receipt

This estimate is based on visual inspection of layout of house and yard. Estimated time and costs may change due to unforeseen obstacles underground or within walls and structure of house.

Authorized signature=----- Robert Hofstetter. V.P

Note; this proposal may be withdrawn if not accepted within=----- days

Please sign to accept=-----, Date=-----



Old Time Contractors, Inc.  
 304 Kingston Circle  
 Sykesville, MD 21784

# Estimate

DATE	ESTIMATE NO.
11/26/2011	1537

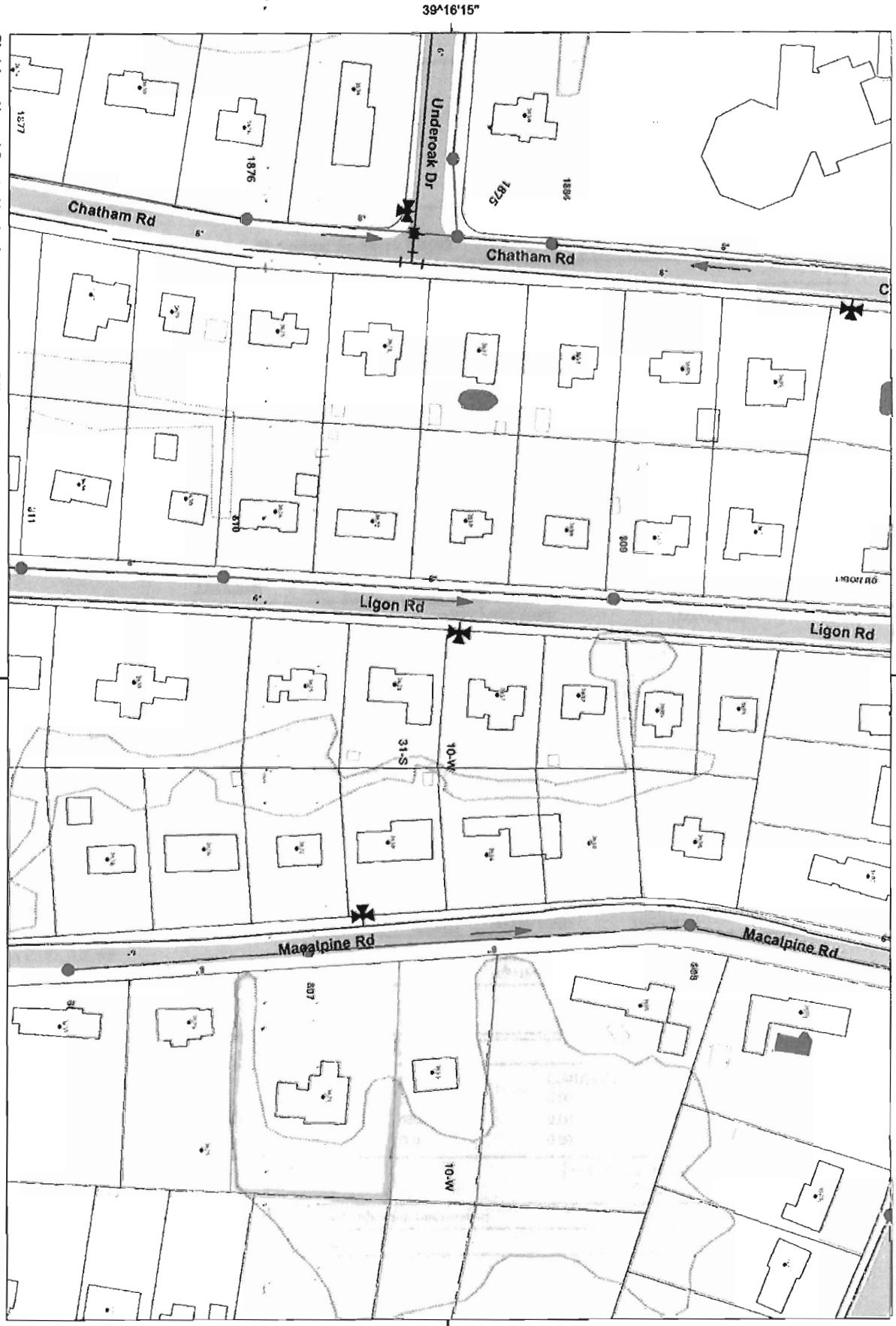
NAME / ADDRESS
Michael Sullivan 3621 MacAlpine Rd Ellicott City MD 21042

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Trench from the street to the house approximately 120 lf. Install pipe and cleanouts according to code. Backfill/tamp/seed and straw	7,800.00
Cut a 3' wide section out of the driveway	234.00
Patch driveway section with asphalt and tamp	468.00
Install new pipes on the interior of the house to extend the drainage to the exterior of the house	2,600.00
Cut holes/openings in stone foundation.	845.00
Patch holes as necessary after pipes are installed	117.00
Hand dig/excavate under the porch install pipe and backfill	1,170.00
Permits and inspections/Labor to file for permits	1,950.00
pump septic tank	195.00
fill in old tank with dirt and tamp	240.50

		<b>TOTAL</b>	\$15,619.50
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Phone #	Fax #	E-mail	Web Site
410.552.9511	410.552.1668	lori@oldtimecontractors.com	www.oldtimecontractors.com

Exhibit C



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Metro ID 37370

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Map Width: 1,319.99 ft.  
 Print Date: 11/7/2011



Exhibit D

Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation Real Property Data Search (vw5.1A) HOWARD COUNTY	<a href="#">Go Back</a> <a href="#">View Map</a> <a href="#">New Search</a> <a href="#">GroundRent</a> <a href="#">Redemption</a> <a href="#">GroundRent</a> <a href="#">Registration</a>
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**Account Identifier:** District - 02 Account Number - 235692

**Owner Information**

<b>Owner Name:</b>	SULLIVAN MICHAEL J SULLIVAN LAURA L	<b>Use:</b>	RESIDENTIAL
		<b>Principal Residence:</b>	YES
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	3621 MACALPINE RD ELLCOTT CITY MD 21042-5211	<b>Deed Reference:</b>	1) /05274/ 00553 2)

**Location & Structure Information**

<b>Premises Address</b>	<b>Legal Description</b>
3621 MACALPINE RD ELLCOTT CITY 21042-0000	LOT 28 BL B 3621 MACALPINE RD ELLCOTT CITY

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Assessment Area	Plat No: Plat Ref:
0024	0011	1006		0000			28	3	

<b>Special Tax Areas</b>	<b>Town</b>	NONE
	<b>Ad Valorem</b>	104
	<b>Tax Class</b>	

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1868	6,124 SF	38,594 SF	

<b>Stories</b>	<b>Basement</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Exterior</b>
3.000000	YES	STANDARD UNIT FRAME	

**Value Information**

	Base Value	Phase-in Assessments		
		Value	As Of	As Of
<b>Land</b>	267,400	205,700	01/01/2012	07/01/2012
<b>Improvements:</b>	364,700	357,500		
<b>Total:</b>	632,100	563,200	563,200	563,200
<b>Preferential Land:</b>	0			0

**Transfer Information**

<b>Seller:</b>	MILLER FRANK W	<b>Date:</b>	12/01/2000	<b>Price:</b>	\$422,500
<b>Type:</b>	ARMS LENGTH IMPROVED	<b>Deed 1:</b>	/05274/ 00553	<b>Deed 2:</b>	
<b>Seller:</b>	PAPA CARL B & WF	<b>Date:</b>	01/10/1995	<b>Price:</b>	\$425,000
<b>Type:</b>	ARMS LENGTH IMPROVED	<b>Deed 1:</b>	/03419/ 00212	<b>Deed 2:</b>	
<b>Seller:</b>		<b>Date:</b>		<b>Price:</b>	
<b>Type:</b>		<b>Deed 1:</b>		<b>Deed 2:</b>	

**Exemption Information**

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2012	07/01/2013
<b>County</b>	000	0.00	
<b>State</b>	000	0.00	
<b>Municipal</b>	000	0.00	0.00

<b>Tax Exempt:</b>		<b>Special Tax Recapture:</b>	NONE
<b>Exempt Class:</b>			

**Homestead Application Information**

**Homestead Application Status:** No Application

# My Map

Exhibit E



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