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March 1, 2022

Mr. Stewart Comstock, P.E.
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Subject: Anne Arundel County NPDES MS4 Permit # MD0068306 (20-DP-3316)
Pooled Monitoring Program Participation

Dear Mr. Comstock:

Pursuant to the requirements found in the above referenced permit, Part IV.G Assessment of Controls, Anne Arundel County is notifying you of our intentions regarding the Pooled Monitoring Program options.

Regarding the BMP Effectiveness Monitoring (Part IV.G.1), the County will continue full participation in the Pooled Monitoring Program administered by the Chesapeake Bay Trust (CBT) for determining monitoring needs and selecting appropriate monitoring studies. The completed BMP Effectiveness Pooled Monitoring MOU between CBT and the County was previously provided to MDE with the FY2021 NPDES MS4 Annual Report. The term of this MOU is from 1/1/2021 (FY2022) through 6/30/2026 (FY2026) and is renewable in five (5) year increments. The associated annual financial contribution (\$100,000) will be provided to CBT following the beginning of each fiscal year.

Regarding the Watershed Assessment Monitoring (Part IV.G.2), the County will continue full participation in the Bacteria and Chloride monitoring options of the Pooled Monitoring Program as administered by CBT. The County will NOT participate in the Biological and Habitat Assessment option of the Pooled Monitoring Program. The County and CBT will amend the existing Watershed Assessment Pooled Monitoring MOU accordingly and provide the completed amended document to MDE. The annual

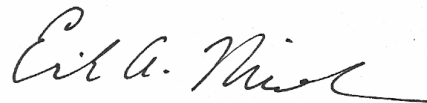
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financial contribution associated with the amended MOU, beginning in County and State Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022) will be \$46,968.

The County's comprehensive plan for non-tidal stream biological and habitat assessment, as required in Part IV.G.2.b, will be provided to your department prior to March 2023, as required by the Permit.

Should you have any questions or require clarification regarding this information, please contact Janis Markusic (pwmark02@aacounty.org; 410.222.0551).

Sincerely,



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