Resolution No.:	20-876
Introduced:	April 8, 2025
Adopted:	July 15, 2025

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Amendments to the Comprehensive Water Supply and Sewerage Systems Plan

Background

1. Section 9-501 et seq. of the Environmental Article of the Maryland Code requires the governing body of each County to adopt and submit to the State Department of the Environment a comprehensive County Plan, and from time to time amend or revise that Plan for the provision of adequate water supply systems and sewerage systems throughout the County.

2. Section 9-507 of the Environmental Article of the Maryland Code provides that the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has 60 days to review a county governing body's action to amend the County's Water and Sewer Plan. Upon notice to the County, MDE may extend that review period for another 45 days, if necessary. At the conclusion of this review, MDE must either approve or reject the Council's action on each of these amendments, or the action is confirmed by default. Any action approved or taken by this resolution is not final until that action is approved by MDE or the period for final MDE action has expired.

3. In accordance with the State law on December 30, 1969, by Resolution No. 6-2563, the County Council adopted a Comprehensive Ten-Year Water Supply and Sewerage Systems Plan which was approved by the State Department of the Environment.

4. The County Council has from time to time amended the Plan.

5. On March 19, 2025, the County Council received recommendations from the County Executive on two Water and Sewer Plan amendments.

6. Recommendations on these amendments were solicited from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Staff, and affected municipalities.

7. A public hearing was held on May 7, 2025. The County Council notified affected State and local agencies of the public hearing on April 2, 2025. The County Council published a public notice for the hearing in The Daily Record on April 11, 2025.

8. The County Council's Transportation and Environment Committee held a worksession on June 23, 2025.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following actions on amendments to the Ten-Year Comprehensive Water Supply and Sewerage Systems Plan as shown in the attachments to this resolution.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Sara R. Tenenbaum
Clerk of the Council

Montgomery County Comprehensive Water Supply and Sewerage Systems Plan
County Executive's Spring 2025 Amendment Transmittal: Water/Sewer Category Map Amendments
FY 2024 (Quarters 3&4) & FY 2025 (Quarters 1&2) Category Change Requests

Montgomery County uses water and sewer service area categories, in part, to identify those properties that should use public water and/or sewer service versus those that should use onsite systems, usually wells and/or septic systems. Categories W-1 and S-1 identify properties approved for public service and that have access to public system mains. Categories W-3 and S-3 identify properties approved for public service but need new main extensions in order to receive public service. Categories W-4and S-4, and W-4 and S-5 identify properties that currently should use onsite systems but are proposed for public service in the future. Categories W-6 and S-6 identify properties that should use on-site systems, where public service is not planned for at least the next ten years. (See page 5 for additional information.)

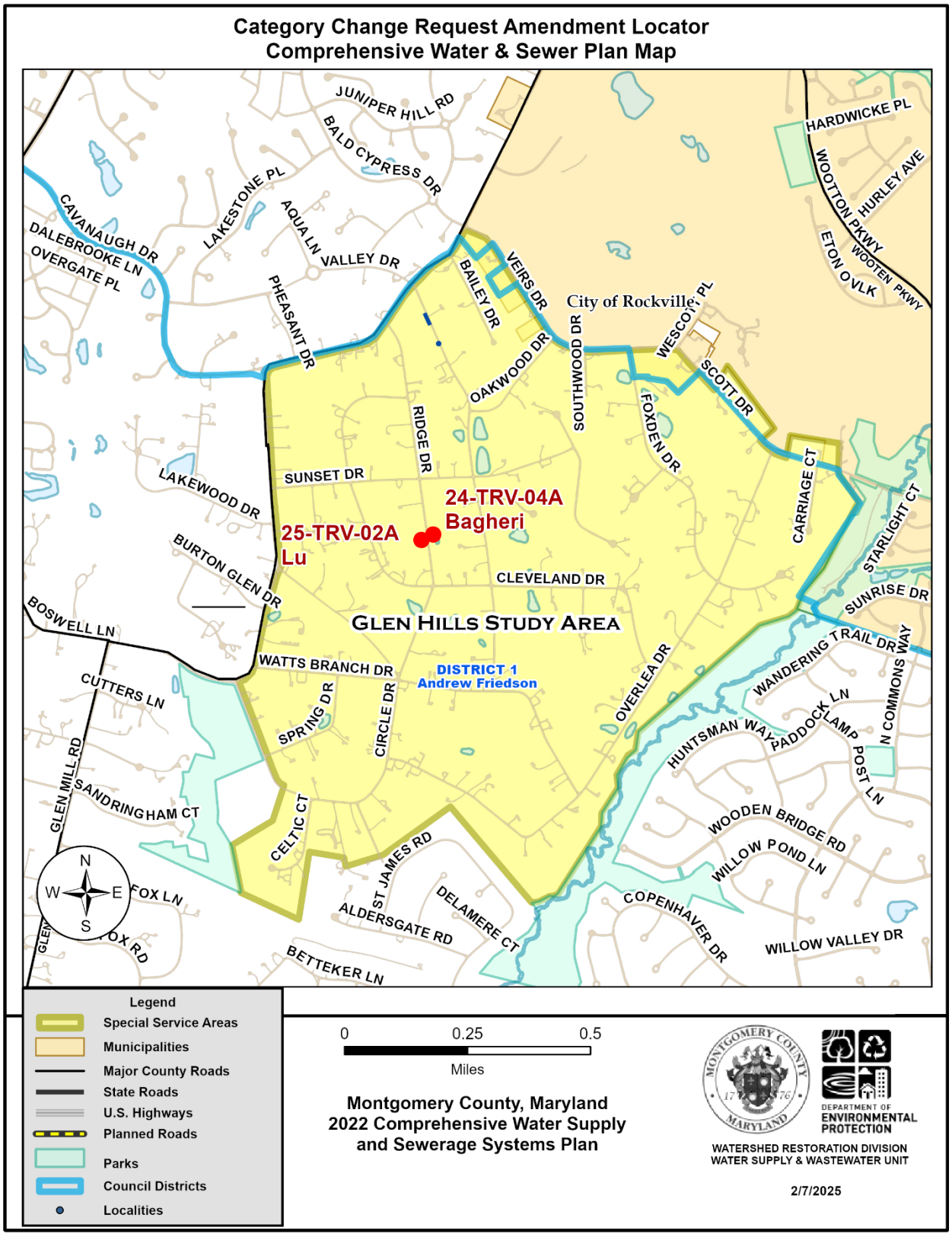
Property owners file category change map amendment requests seeking to change the service areas for their property from one category to another, often based on anticipated development plans. The following charts present the County Council's actions on a water/sewer category map amendment request filed with DEP and transmitted by the County Executive to the Council for consideration on December 29, 2022.

Water & Sewer Service Area Categories Summary

Category Definition and General Description	Category Definition and General Description
W-1 and **S-1** **Properties approved for and generally with existing access to community (public) service.** This may include properties which have not yet connected to existing community service.	**W-5** and **S-5** **Properties planned for future public service, but which may use private, on-site systems (wells and septic systems) on a permanent basis.** ▪ Areas where improvements to or construction of new community systems are planned for the seven- through ten-year period.
W-3 and **S-3** **Properties planned and approved for community (public) service, but without existing access to public service.** ▪ Public service will generally be provided within two years as development and requests for community service are planned and scheduled.	**W-6** and **S-6** **Properties that will use private, on-site systems (wells and septic systems), where community (public) service is not planned.** ▪ Category 6 includes areas that are planned or staged for community service beyond the scope of the plan's ten-year planning period, and areas that are not ever expected for community service on the basis of adopted plans.
W-4 and **S-4** **Properties planned for future public service, but which need to use private, on-site systems (wells and septic systems) in the interim.** ▪ Areas where improvements to or construction of new community systems will be programmed for the three- through six-year period. B	Note: Although the majority of properties in the county have the same water category as sewer category (i.e. W-3 and S-3, or W-5 and S-5), this is not always the case. The County does not always assign water and sewer categories in tandem, due to differences in service policies or to actual service availability. For example, a particular property could have service area categories W-1 and S-6. Therefore, it is important to know both the water *and* sewer service area categories for a property. Montgomery County does not use categories W-2 and S-2 in its Plan.

- *See Attachment B for mapping of approved, conditionally approved, and deferred category change amendments.*

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Description: A map showing the locations of three water and/or sewer category change requests within the county, The map also shows related County Council districts.

Request [1] WSCCR 24-TRV-04A: 13211 Ridge Dr., Rockville

Property Information and Location Property Development	Applicant's Request: County Council Action
• Lot 13, Block 9, North Glen Hills Sec 2 (acct. no. 00077628) • Map tile: WSSC 217NW10; MD FR341 • East side of Ridge Dr. between Cleveland Dr. and Sunset Dr. • RE1 Zone; 0.97 acres / 42,253.2 sq. ft. • Travilah Planning Area Potomac Subregion Master Plan (2002) • Watts Branch Watershed (MDE Use IP) • Existing use: Vacant • Proposed use: Single Family Residential	Existing – **Requested** – Service Area Categories W-3 **No change** S-6 **S-3** Outside the planned public sewer service envelope. **T&E Committee Recommendation** **Maintain S-6, with advancement to S-3 conditioned on WSSC Water approval of a hydraulic planning analysis for a sewer main extension along Ridge Dr. from the intersection of Watts Branch Dr. and Circle Dr. along Ridge Dr. to the subject property. This conditional approval is granted under the Potomac peripheral sewer service policy. If WSSC Water cannot approve the proposed sewer extension along Ridge Dr., this request will be returned to the Council for consideration of the applicant's proposed, alternative non-abutting sewer connection to Valley Dr. Pending such consideration, a non-abutting sewer connection to Valley Dr. is not allowed.** **Consistent with all conditional approvals, this action will remain in effect for five (5) years from the date of this resolution. The applicant (property owner) may request a five-year extension of this period.** *Note: The cost for the proposed main extension may be too great for an individual property owner to finance independently and may require the participation of several participants along the proposed main alignment.* *For mapping, See Attachment B, pages 1-2.*

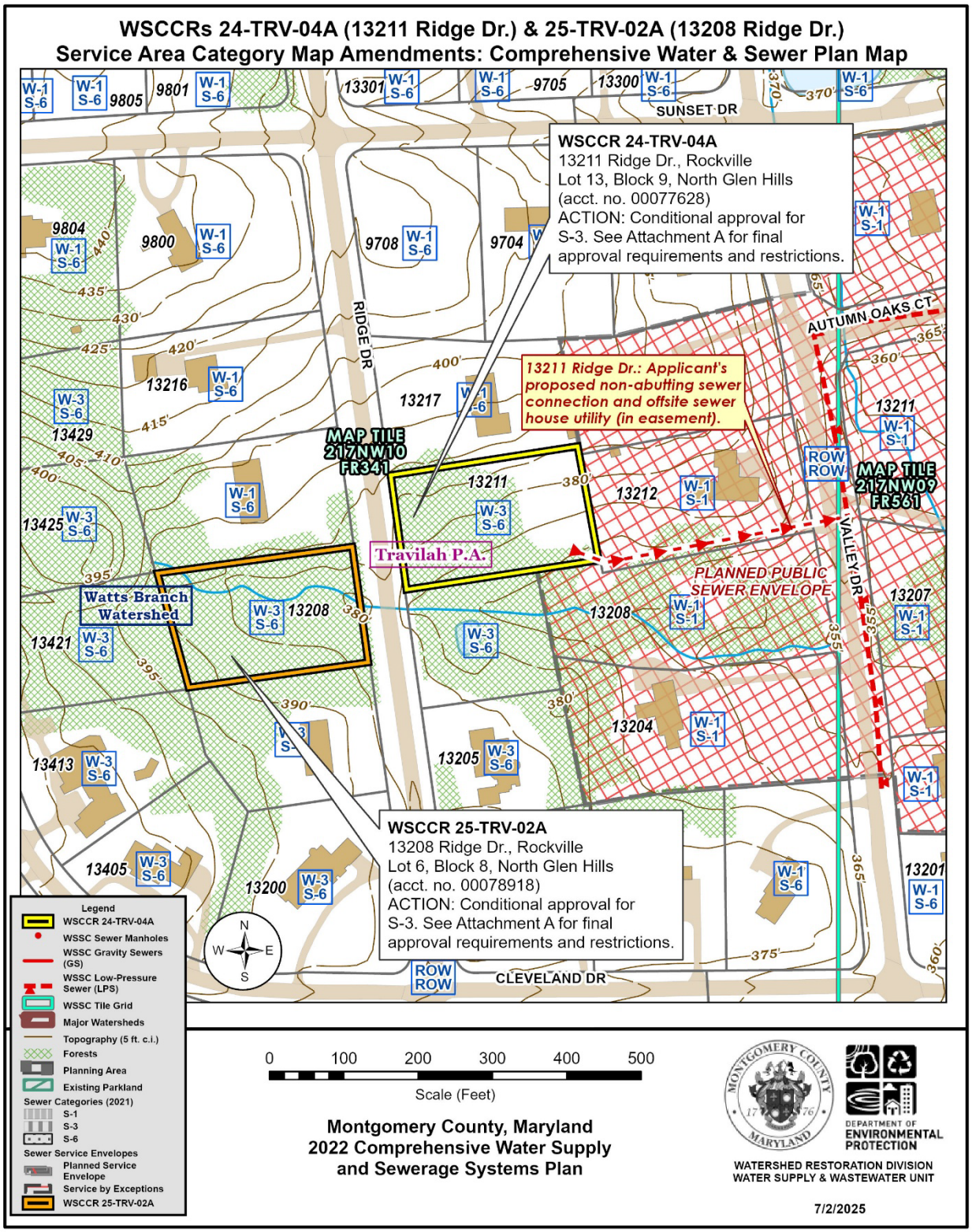
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Request [2] WSCCR 25-TRV-02A: 13208 Ridge Dr., Rockville

Property Information and Location Property Development	Applicant's Request: County Council Action
• Lot 6, Block 8, District 04 (acct. no. 00078918) • Map tile: WSSC 217NW10; MD FR341 • West side of Ridge Dr. between Cleveland Dr. and Sunset Dr. • RE1 Zone; 1 acre; 41,600 sq ft. • Travilah Planning Area Potomac Subregion Master Plan (2002) • Watts Branch Watershed (MDE Use IP) • Existing use: Vacant • Proposed use: Single Family Residential	Existing – **Requested** – Service Area Categories W-3 **No change** S-6 **S-3** Outside the planned public sewer service envelope. **T&E Committee Recommendation** **Maintain S-6, with advancement to S-3 conditioned on WSSC Water approval of a hydraulic planning analysis for a sewer main extension along Ridge Dr. from the intersection of Watts Branch Dr. and Circle Dr. along Ridge Dr. to 13211 Ridge Drive (WSCCR 24-TRV-04A) and which will abut 13208 Ridge Drive (WSCCR 25-TRV-02A, the subject property). This action will be coordinated with a final approval for WSCCR 24-TRV-04A. This conditional approval is granted under the abutting mains service policy and will be restricted to a single sewer service connection only. If WSSC Water cannot approve the proposed sewer extension along Ridge Dr., this request will need to be returned to the Council for consideration of a denial as no other sewer service policies for the Glen Hills area will qualify this lot for sewer service approval.** **Consistent with all conditional approvals, this action will remain in effect for five (5) years from the date of this resolution. The applicant (property owner) may request a five-year extension of this period.** *Note: The cost for the proposed main extension may be too great for an individual property owner to finance independently and may require the participation of several participants along the proposed main alignment.* *For mapping, See Attachment B, pages 1-2.*

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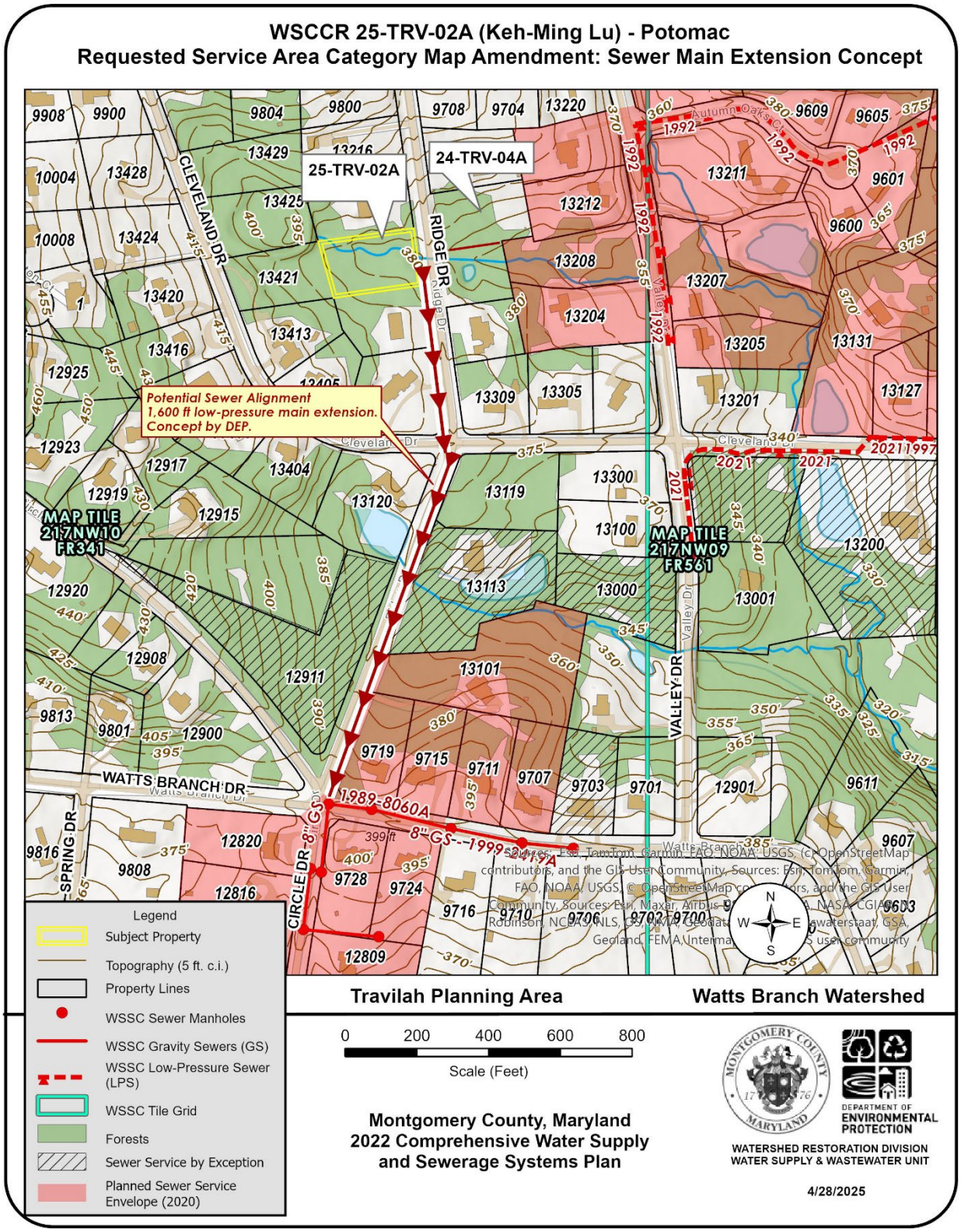
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Description: Water and sewer category map showing the locations of WSCCRs 24-TRV-04A and 25-TRV-02A. respoect to surrounding properties and existing sewer service mains..

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See Attachment A for the specific language of the Council's actions and information on water and sewer service area categories.

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Description: Sewer Category Map showing the location of WSCCRs 24-TRV-04A & 25-TRV-02A and the a conceptual main extension along Ridge Dr.from the intersection with Watts Branch Dr. and Circle Dr.

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