

Montgomery County Council Public Hearing
2022-2031 Ten Year Comprehensive Water Supply and Sewerage Systems Plan

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For over 20 years, the Glen Hills area has been subject to unfair and biased treatment by the County Council as it pertains to the provision of sewer service to replace aging septic systems, which someday soon, will fail in their entirety.

Specifically, I ask that the Council to consider:

1. Removing the requirement for a failed septic system before a neighborhood group can request a sanitary sewer to identify specific needs of their area for sewer service.
2. Resume the North Overlea Sanitary Sewer study and take appropriate action.
3. Implementing the County-mandated requirement for a limited master plan amendment as required in Resolution 18-423.

Time to make these changes is critical.

We are talking about an established and well-developed community. Most houses were built in the 1950-1970 timeframe when public sewer service was not to be found in our area of the County.

But now, sewer service is all around us. Why does the Council persist in their delay to allow extension of sewer service into the entire Glen Hills area? WE all know that existing septic systems will fail. That is a fact. When? Probably within the next 20 years. Then what? What is the Council's "Plan B?" Whomever is the County Executive and those who sit on the council will have a serious problem to solve. And they will all look back to the members who sit on the Council today and ask "what were they thinking in 2022?"

In conclusion, I ask you to "move the ball forward" ... to support the above recommendation so that Glen Hills will be on party with the remainder of the County as it pertain to modern sewer serice.

Thank you.

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