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## **Well and Septic Final Plan Guideline**

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Subsequent to successful soils testing, a final plan must be submitted for approval. The purpose of the final plan is to formally establish the septic reserve area, and any proposed well sites. Two (2) copies of a scaled engineered plan must be submitted for review. For clarification of any conditions or requirements described in this guideline, please contact the DPS Well and Septic Section at (240) 777-0311.

### **Plan Requirements**

The site plan **must be scaled to an engineer's scale** (1:30-1:50 is preferred) and include the following:

- Property lines and legal dimensions
- Vicinity map
- Professional certification and seal
- Topography at 2 foot intervals. Field run 2-foot topo may require field run topo under specific conditions.
- USDA Soil Classification Lines
- Standard Septic System Design Chart (contact Well & Septic staff member for example)
- Locations and results of all existing water table tests and all percolation or sand mound test locations (passed and failed).
- Proposed septic reserve area
  - minimum 10,000 sq. ft. in size is required (unless approved otherwise)
  - minimum 17,000 sq. ft. in size is required for new lots located in the Patuxent Watershed
- 20' SBRL (Septic Building Restriction Line) or 25' SBRL for sand mounds
- Proposed well site(s) or public water house connection
- Locations of all existing structures, proposed improvements, utilities, right-of-ways, easements, etc.
- Locations of existing well and/or septic systems on the property and within 100 feet of the property lines
- Locations of surface water within 100 feet of the property
- Proposed septic system information:

- Show the initial septic trenches or mound installed in the highest part of the septic area
- septic trenches must be a minimum length of 40 feet and a maximum length of 100 feet
- show proposed trenches on contour w/ 10' separation on trench center
- show proposed trench length(s) for the initial *and* replacement systems **or** the proposed initial and replacement sand mound locations
- Septic area setback requirements:
  - 100 feet from all water wells
  - 100 feet from all water bodies, including intermittent streams
  - 25 feet from rock outcrops, drainage swales and areas w/ >25% slopes
  - 25 feet from stormwater management (*See Well and Septic Minimum Setbacks for ESD Practices*)
  - 20 feet from any part of a building with a foundation (15' for the septic tank only)
  - 10 feet from a tennis court, swimming pool, retaining wall or detached structure with no foundation
  - 10 feet from a utility line
  - 20 feet from public water house connections (or 10' if sleeved)
  - 5 feet from a property lines and deck
  - 5 feet from an easement
  - 5 feet from a driveway (if the septic is a shallow system)
- Note requirements:
  - All wells and septic systems within 100' of the subject property have been shown on the plan
  - Note stating the water and sewer categories for the property and if the property will utilize private and/or public water and sewage systems.
  - Note stating the source of topography
  - A purpose statement
  - Relevant site specific notes (i.e. The existing well shall be properly abandoned and sealed prior to building permit approval)

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