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MetCom Secures Infrastructure Bonds to Fund Critical Water and Wastewater Upgrades

Following a February 2026 public hearing and April approval from the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, MetCom has moved forward with the issuance of up to \$38.4 million in infrastructure bonds through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development ("DHCD") to address long-term system reliability, urgent water and wastewater needs and compliance.

MetCom Executive Director George Erichsen states, "The DHCD staff involved in the loan were exceptional and the process was both expeditious and professionally managed. All the work associated with this funding effort is mission critical and has either been recently bid and awarded or will be ready to bid this Fall." In particular, the funding includes:

- ✓ \$18.41M for major rehabilitation of the Piney Point wastewater pump station, replacement of 3.5 miles of identified high maintenance areas along the force main and upgrades to a 1940's water station;
- ✓ \$11.44M to upgrade and expand the Forest Run wastewater pumping station which serves the County's primary Development District;
- ✓ \$4.45M for the first phase of a joint community revitalization project with St. Mary's County Government in the Southampton community and extension of public water service for improved fire flow protection;
- ✓ \$1.68M for the systematic replacement / upgrade of residential grinder pumps to reduce inflow and infiltration from entering the public sewer system and to help prevent sanitary sewer overflows; and
- ✓ \$1.24M to address the past three (3) years of programmed water and sewer vehicle replacement needs which include a sewer vacuum truck, two utility maintenance trucks and a construction dump truck.

"Without the ability to timely borrow at affordable interest rates, we would not be able to invest the monies necessary to address the on-going demands of maintaining the water and sewer infrastructure in our County" Erichsen stated.

With strict adherence to its debt management and with St. Mary's County Government providing their full faith and credit, MetCom is able to secure favorable financing terms through state loan programs.

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Created by State law in 1957, METCOM has served parts of St. Mary's County since 1964. METCOM is not part of St. Mary's County government and is entirely self-supporting. METCOM drinking water has always met or exceeded federal standards.