

**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**OF**  
**TALBOT COUNTY**

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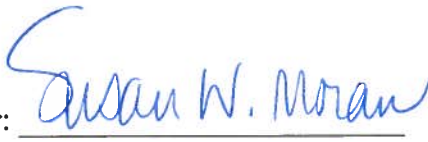
Resolution No.: 198

Introduced by: Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, Ms. Price

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER & SEWERAGE PLAN (THE "PLAN") TO AMEND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TABLE 16 "EASTON SEWERAGE SYSTEM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS", TO ADD A CAPITAL PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT A SPRAY IRRIGATION SYSTEM AS A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AND A SOLAR ARRAY TO OFFSET UTILITY COSTS**

By the Council: September 25, 2012

Introduced, read the first time, and ordered posted, with Public Hearing scheduled on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

By Order:   
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

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1 **WHEREAS**, the Town of Easton (the "Town") upgraded their Wastewater Treatment Plant  
2 (the "Plant") in 2007 with Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) technologies; the Plant has a  
3 hydraulic design capacity of 4,000,000 gallons per day (gpd) and currently serves over  
4 13,000 users; and,  
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6 **WHEREAS**, the Plant's point of discharge is into the Choptank River; and,  
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8 **WHEREAS**, the State of Maryland has adopted Total Maximum Daily Load ("TMDL")  
9 restrictions on watersheds and tributaries to the Chesapeake Bay, and the Town anticipates  
10 that, as new TMDLs are promulgated over time, more restrictive TMDLs are reasonably  
11 foreseeable; and,  
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13 **WHEREAS**, the Town has proposed a demonstration project to construct a spray irrigation  
14 system that will reclaim effluent from the Plant, proposing to use available grant and loan  
15 funding from State and/or federal funding agencies; and,  
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17 **WHEREAS**, the proposed spray irrigation system would be constructed on Tax Map 35,  
18 Parcel 69, located at 30710 N. Dover Road, Easton, Maryland pursuant to an agreement with  
19 the current property owners; and,  
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21 **WHEREAS**, the Town proposes to install a solar array of underdetermined size on the lands  
22 of Easton Utilities to provide electrical power to the Easton Wastewater System to offset  
23 electrical costs, based upon availability of grant and loan funding from State and/or federal  
24 funding agencies.  
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26 **NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the County Council of Talbot County, Maryland as  
27 follows:  
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29 The above recitals are incorporated by reference as a substantive part of this Resolution.  
30 Upon introduction of this Resolution, a public hearing will be scheduled and advertised in a  
31 newspaper of general circulation in Talbot County advising the public of the date, time,

32 place, and purpose of the public hearing, at which time this application will be open for  
33 receipt and consideration of public comment.

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35 In accordance with the requirements of Environment Article § 9-506(a)(1), Md. Ann. Code,  
36 the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the Talbot County Planning Commission and  
37 the Talbot County Public Works Advisory Board for review and comment, within a 30 day  
38 period, for consistency with planning programs for the County. Pursuant to the requirements  
39 set forth in the above State statute, before the County Council may adopt the proposed  
40 amendment, the Talbot County Planning Commission must first certify that the amendment  
41 is consistent with the County Comprehensive Plan prepared under Article 25A, §5 (X), Md.  
42 Ann. Code. Upon conclusion of the public hearing(s), closing of the public record, receipt  
43 and consideration of certifications and recommendations from the Planning Commission and  
44 Public Works Advisory Board, the County Council will consider and act upon the proposed  
45 amendment and approve Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

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47 1. The proposed amendment is as follows:

48 The Talbot County Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan shall be amended to update  
49 Table 16 Capital Improvement Projects provided in Chapter Two, page 29 as follows:

<b>TABLE 16. EASTON SEWERAGE SYSTEM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS</b>		
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Funding Request for constructing a spray irrigation demonstration project	FY2013	Easton Utilities to apply for State and/or federal funding
Funding Request for constructing a solar array to offset the electrical costs at the Easton Wastewater System	FY2013	Easton Utilities to apply for State and/or federal funding

50 2. Easton Utilities will be seeking a grant/loan package through the Maryland Water  
51 Quality Infrastructure Finance Program which is administered by the Maryland  
52 Department of the Environment.

53 3. Adoption of this amendment to the Plan authorizes the Department of Public Works  
54 to update the Talbot County Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan subject to the  
55 terms of this Resolution and compliance with applicable requirements, rules, and  
56 regulations of all local, State, and federal authorities.

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59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its  
60 date of passage.


**PUBLIC HEARING**

Having been posted and Notice, Time and Place of Hearing, and Title of Resolution No. 198 having been published, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland.

**BY THE COUNCIL**

Read the second time:

Enacted: October 23, 2012

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- Pack - Aye
- Hollis - Aye (via absentee ballot)
- Duncan - Aye
- Price - Aye
- Bartlett - Aye