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Name of Project:

5.1. CORE POLICIES

5.1.1. Quality of Life

Quality of Life Policy 1- Air Quality. It is State policy to maintain that degree of purity of air resources which will protect the health, general welfare, and property of the people of the State. MDE (C9) Md. Code Ann., Envir. §§ 2-102 to -103.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with Air Quality policy.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:

Quality of Life Policy 2 – Noise. The environment shall be free from noise which may jeopardize health, general welfare, or property, or which degrades the quality of life. MDE (C9) COMAR 26.02.03.02.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with Noise policy.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:



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Quality of Life Policy 3– Protection of State Wild Lands. The unique ecological, geological, scenic, and contemplative aspects of State wild lands shall not be affected in a manner that would jeopardize the future use and enjoyment of those lands as wild. DNR (C7) Md. Code Ann., Nat. Res. §§ 5-1201, -1203.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with State Wild Lands Protection policy.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:

Quality of Life Policy 4 – Protection of State Lands & Cultural Resources. The safety, order, and natural beauty of State parks and forests, State reserves, scenic preserves, parkways, historical monuments and recreational areas shall be preserved. DNR (B1) Md. Code. Ann., Nat. Res. § 5-209.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with Protection of State Lands & Cultural Resources policy.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:

Quality of Life Policy 5 – Natural Character & Scenic Value of Rivers & Waterways. The natural character and scenic value of a river or waterway must be given full consideration before the development of any water or related land resources including construction of improvements, diversions, roadways, crossings, or channelization. MDE/DNR (C7) Md. Code Ann., Nat. Res. § 8-405; COMAR 26.17.04.11.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with policy protecting Natural Character & Scenic Value of Rivers & Waterways.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:



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Quality of Life Policy 6 –Natural Flow of Scenic & Wild Rivers. A dam or other structure that impedes the natural flow of a scenic or wild river may not be constructed, operated, or maintained, and channelization may not be undertaken, until the applicant considers alternatives less harmful to the scenic and wild resource. Construction of an impoundment upon a scenic or wild river is contrary to the public interest, if that project floods an area of unusual beauty, blocks the access to the public of a view previously enjoyed, or alters the stream's wild qualities. MDE/DNR (C7) Md. Code Ann., Nat. Res. § 8-406; COMAR 26.17.04.11.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with policy protecting Natural Flow of Scenic & Wild Rivers.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:

Quality of Life Policy 7 – Atlantic Coast Development. Any land clearing, construction activity, or the construction or placement of permanent structures is prohibited within the Beach Erosion Control District except the construction and installation of a qualified submerged renewable energy line, if the project does not result in any significant permanent environmental damage to the Beach Erosion Control District and is not constructed or installed within the Assateague State Park, and any project or activity specifically for storm control, beach erosion and sediment control, or maintenance projects designed to benefit the Beach Erosion Control District. MDE/DNR (B1) Md. Code Ann., Nat. Res. § 8-1102.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with policy ensuring Environmentally Beneficial Atlantic Shoreline Development.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:



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Quality of Life Policy 8 – Integrity & Natural Character of Assateague Island. Activities which will adversely affect the integrity and natural character of Assateague Island will be inconsistent with the State's Coastal Management Program, and will be prohibited. MDE/DNR (B1) Md. Code. Ann., Nat. Res. §§ 5-209, 8-1102.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with policy protecting the Integrity & Natural Character of Assateague Island.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:

Quality of Life Policy 9 – Public Outreach. An opportunity for a public hearing shall be provided for projects in non-tidal waters that dredge, fill, bulkhead, or change the shoreline; construct or reconstruct a dam; or create a waterway, except in emergency situations. MDE (A3) COMAR 26.17.04.13A.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with Public Outreach policy for relevant projects.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:

Quality of Life Policy 10 – Erosion & Sediment Control. Soil erosion shall be prevented to preserve natural resources and wildlife; control floods; prevent impairment of dams and reservoirs; maintain the navigability of rivers and harbors; protect the tax base, the public lands, and the health, safety and general welfare of the people of the State, and to enhance their living environment. MDA (C4) Md. Code Ann., Agric. § 8-102(d).

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with Erosion & Sediment Control policy.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:



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Quality of Life Policy 11 – Safeguards for Outer Continental Shelf Development. Operations on the Outer Continental Shelf must be conducted in a safe manner by well-trained personnel using technology, precautions, and techniques sufficient to prevent or minimize the likelihood of blowouts, loss of well control, fires, spillages, physical obstruction to other users of the waters or subsoil and seabed, or other occurrences which may cause damage to the environment or property, or which may endanger life or health. (B2) Md. Code Ann., Envir. §§ 17-101 to -403; COMAR 26.24.01.01; COMAR 26.24.02.01, .03; COMAR 26.24.05.01.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with policy ensuring Safeguards for Outer Continental Shelf Development.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:



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5.1.2. Waste & Debris Management

Waste & Debris Management Policy 1 – Hazardous Waste Management. Controlled hazardous substances may not be stored, treated, dumped, discharged, abandoned, or otherwise disposed anywhere other than a permitted controlled hazardous substance facility or a facility that provides an equivalent level of environmental protection. MDE (D4) Md. Code Ann., Envir. § 7-265(a).

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with Hazardous Waste Management policy.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:

Waste & Debris Management Policy 2 – Hazardous Waste Management in Port of Baltimore. A person may not introduce in the Port of Baltimore any hazardous materials, unless the cargo is properly classed, described, packaged, marked, labeled, placarded, and approved for highway, rail, or water transportation. MDOT (D3) COMAR 11.05.02.04A.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with Hazardous Waste Management in Port of Baltimore policy.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:



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5.1.3. Water Resources Protection & Management

Water Resources Protection & Management Policy 1 – Pollution Discharge Permit. No one may add, introduce, leak, spill, or emit any liquid, gaseous, solid, or other substance that will pollute any waters of the State without State authorization. MDE (A5) Md. Code Ann., Envir. §§ 4-402, 9-101, 9-322.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with water policy requiring a Pollution Discharge Permit.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:

Water Resources Protection & Management Policy 2 – Protection of Designated Uses. All waters of the State shall be protected for water contact recreation, fish, and other aquatic life and wildlife. Shellfish harvesting and recreational trout waters and waters worthy of protection because of their unspoiled character shall receive additional protection. MDE (A1) COMAR 26.08.02.02.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with Protection of Designated Uses policy.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:

Water Resources Protection & Management Policy 3 – Prohibition of Harmful Toxic Impacts. The discharge of any pollutant which will accumulate to toxic amounts during the expected life of aquatic organisms or produce deleterious behavioral effects on aquatic organisms is prohibited. MDE (A4) COMAR 26.08.03.01.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with water policy Prohibiting Harmful Toxic Impacts.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:



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Water Resources Protection & Management Policy 4 – Pre-Development Discharge Permit

Requirement. Before constructing, installing, modifying, extending, or altering an outlet or establishment that could cause or increase the discharge of pollutants into the waters of the State, the proponent must hold a discharge permit issued by the Department of the Environment or provide an equivalent level of water quality protection. MDE (D6) Md. Code Ann., Envir. § 9-323(a).

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with water policy requiring a Pre-Development Discharge Permit.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:

Water Resources Protection & Management Policy 5 – Use of Best Available Technology or Treat to Meet Standards

The use of best available technology is required for all permitted discharges into State waters, but if this is insufficient to comply with the established water quality standards, additional treatment shall be required and based on waste load allocation. MDE (D4) COMAR 26.08.03.01C.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with Use of Best Available Technology or Treat to Meet Standards water policy.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:



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Water Resources Protection & Management Policy 6 – Control of Thermal Discharges. Thermal discharges shall be controlled so that the temperature outside the mixing zone (50 feet radially from the point of discharge) meets the applicable water quality criteria or discharges comply with the thermal mixing zone criteria. MDE (D4) COMAR 26.08.03.03C.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with Control of Thermal Discharges water policy.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:

Water Resources Protection & Management Policy 7 – Pesticide Storage. Pesticides shall be stored in an area located at least 50 feet from any water well or stored in secondary containment approved by the Department of the Environment. MDA (C4) COMAR 15.05.01.06.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with Pesticides Storage water policy.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:



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Water Resources Protection & Management Policy 8 – Stormwater Management. Any development or redevelopment of land for residential, commercial, industrial, or institutional purposes shall use small-scale non-structural stormwater management practices and site planning that mimics natural hydrologic conditions, to the maximum extent practicable. Development or redevelopment will be consistent with this policy when channel stability and 100 percent of the average annual predevelopment groundwater recharge are maintained, nonpoint source pollution is minimized, and structural stormwater management practices are used only if determined to be absolutely necessary. MDE (C9) Md. Code Ann., Envir. § 4-203; COMAR 26.17.02.01, .06.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with Stormwater Management policy.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:

Water Resources Protection & Management Policy 9 – Unpermitted Dumping of Used Oil. Unless otherwise permitted, used oil may not be dumped into sewers, drainage systems, or any waters of the State or onto any public or private land. MDE (D4) Md. Code Ann., Envir. § 5-1001(f).

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with Unpermitted Dumping of Used Oil water policy.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:

Water Resources Protection & Management Policy 10 – Toxicity Monitoring. If material being dumped into Maryland waters or waters off Maryland’s coastline has demonstrated actual toxicity or potential for being toxic, the discharger must perform biological or chemical monitoring to test for toxicity in the water. MDE (A5) COMAR 26.08.03.07(D); COMAR 26.08.04.01.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with Toxicity Monitoring water policy.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:



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Water Resources Protection & Management Policy 11 – Public Outreach. Public meetings and citizen education shall be encouraged as a necessary function of water quality regulation. MDE (A2) COMAR 26.08.01.02E(3).

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with Public Outreach water policy.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:

Water Resources Protection & Management Policy 12 - No Adverse Impact from Water Appropriation. Any water appropriation must be reasonable in relation to the anticipated level of use and may not have an unreasonable adverse impact on water resources or other users of the waters of the State. MDE (C9) COMAR 26.17.06.02.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with policy ensuring No Adverse Impact from Water Appropriations.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:



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5.1.4. Flood Hazards & Community Resilience

Flood Hazards & Community Resilience Policy 1 – No Adverse Impact. Projects in coastal tidal and non-tidal flood plains which would create additional flooding upstream or downstream, or which would have an adverse impact upon water quality or other environmental factors, are contrary to State policy. MDE (C2) Md. Code Ann., Envir. § 5-803; COMAR 26.17.05.04A.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with No Adverse Impact flood hazard policy.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:

Flood Hazards & Community Resilience Policy 2 – Non-Tidal Waters and Non-Tidal Floodplains. The following policies apply to projects in non-tidal waters and non-tidal floodplains, but not non-tidal wetlands. MDE (C2) COMAR 26.17.04.01, .07,.11.

Flood Hazards & Community Resilience Policy 2a – 1-Foot Freeboard Above 100-year Flood.

Proposed floodplain encroachments, except for roadways, culverts, and bridges, shall be designed to provide a minimum of 1 foot of freeboard above the elevation of the 100-year frequency flood event. In addition, the elevation of the lowest floor of all new or substantially improved residential, commercial, or industrial structures shall also be at least 1 foot above the elevation of the 100-year frequency flood event.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with policy requiring a 1-Foot Freeboard Above 100-Year Flood for Construction in flood hazard areas.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:



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Flood Hazards & Community Resilience Policy 2b – Stability of Unlined Earth Channels.

Proposed unlined earth channels may not change the tractive force associated with the 2-year and the 10-year frequency flood events, by more than 10 percent, throughout their length unless it can be demonstrated that the stream channel will remain stable.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with policy ensuring Stability of Unlined Earth Channels.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:

Flood Hazards & Community Resilience Policy 2c – Stability of Lined Channels. Proposed lined channels may not change the tractive force associated with the 2-year and the 10-year frequency flood events, by more than 10 percent, at their downstream terminus unless it can be demonstrated that the stream channel will remain stable.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with policy ensuring Stability of Line Channels.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:

Flood Hazards & Community Resilience Policy 2d – Prohibition of Dam Construction in High Risk Areas. Category II, III, or IV dams may not be built or allowed to impound water in any location where a failure is likely to result in the loss of human life or severe damage to streets, major roads, public utilities, or other high value property.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with policy Prohibiting Dam Construction in High Risk Areas.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:



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Flood Hazards & Community Resilience Policy 2e – Prohibition of Projects That Increase Risk Unless Mitigation Requirements Are Met. Projects that increase the risk of flooding to other property owners are generally prohibited, unless the area subject to additional risk of flooding is purchased, placed in designated flood easement, or protected by other means acceptable to the Maryland Department of the Environment.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with policy Prohibiting Projects That Increase Flood Risk Unless Mitigation Requirements Are Met.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:

Flood Hazards & Community Resilience Policy 2f – Prohibition of Construction or Substantial Improvements in 100-Year Floodplain. The construction or substantial improvement of any residential, commercial, or industrial structures in the 100-year frequency floodplain and below the water surface elevation of the 100-year frequency flood may not be permitted. Minor maintenance and repair may be permitted. The modifications of existing structures for flood-proofing purposes may be permitted. Flood-proofing modifications shall be designed and constructed in accordance with specifications approved by the Maryland Department of the Environment.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with policy Prohibiting Construction or Substantial Improvements in 100-Year Floodplain.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:



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Flood Hazards & Community Resilience Policy 2g – Channelization Is Discouraged.

Channelization shall be the least favored flood control technique.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with policy Discouraging Channelization.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:

Flood Hazards & Community Resilience Policy 2h – Preference of Multi-Purpose Use Projects, Project Accountability, & 50% Reduction in Damages. Multiple purpose use shall be preferred over single purpose use, the proposed project shall achieve the purposes intended, and, at a minimum, project shall provide for a 50 percent reduction of the average annual flood damages.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with policy that ensures a Preference to Multi-Purpose Use Projects, Project Accountability & 50% Reduction in Damages.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:

Flood Hazards & Community Resilience Policy 3 – Development-Related Runoff Restrictions for the Gwynne Falls and Jones Falls Watersheds. Development may not increase the downstream peak discharge for the 100-year frequency storm event in the following watersheds and all their tributaries: Gwynns Falls in Baltimore City and Baltimore County; and Jones Falls in Baltimore City and Baltimore County. MDE (C2) COMAR 26.17.02.07.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with policy that Restricts Development-Related Runoff in the Gwynne Falls & Jones Falls Watersheds.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy: