

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Water Appropriation and Use Permit Application No. CE2006G024/01

The Town of Elkton has submitted a Water Appropriation and Use Permit application to the Maryland Department of the Environment, Water Management Administration, Water Supply Program (MDE), for the purpose of developing Well No. 4 as a municipal well, located on the Gray's Hill Development Company property off Frenchtown Road (west).

The Town's permit application seeks to appropriate and use an annual average of 700,000 gallons per day and an average of 1,200,000 gallons per day during the month of maximum use, drawing groundwater from the Lower Potomac Aquifer.

A notice to contiguous property owners via certified mail was initiated on Friday, December 11, 2009, along with notice to the Cecil County Board of Commissioners and the Cecil County Health Department, as appropriate local officials, in accordance with law.

In conjunction with and in support of the Town's permit application, a hydrogeologic report, entitled *Groundwater Supply Exploration and Development, Municipal Well No. 4, Town of Elkton, Cecil County, Maryland*, dated October 23, 2009, was submitted to the MDE on November 9, 2009, along with a copy to the Maryland Geological Survey. This report was prepared by Advanced Land and Water, Inc., Sykesville, Maryland, for KCI Technologies, Inc., the Town's engineer and project manager. This report is available for viewing at the Town of Elkton's administration office, 100 Railroad Avenue, Elkton, during business hours [ Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. ] and provides detailed information about the initial development of Test Well No. 4 for use as a municipal well, along with a 12-year time-distance-drawdown projection.

MDE has been provided a list of contiguous property owners that have been notified by the Town, from which it will create a list of *interested persons* who will be contacted by MDE regarding the permit application. If a public informational hearing is requested, MDE will provide notice of the date/time/location of the hearing in the Cecil Whig.

The continuing growth and development of the Elkton community, as well as the development of redundancy in our water system to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens, depends on the development of sustainable water resources. The integration of Well No. 4 into our water system will fulfill our water resources development objective for the present and future residential, commercial, governmental, and institutional water demand on the south side of Pulaski Highway (Route 40), but not to the detriment of those who also rely on this precious resource. We encourage *citizen involvement* in the permit application review and consideration process and look forward to resolving any issues that may come to light.

Lewis George,

Town Administrator

Monday, December 14, 2009