

Item 10 - Correspondence

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Subject: Re: Sewer category change for 5 Cleveland Ct (24-TRV-02A)
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Revised comment attached.

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Please see attached comments from WMCCA.

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June 26, 2024

To: Montgomery County Planning Board

From: West Montgomery County Citizens Association

Subject: Sewer Category Change for 5 Cleveland Court (24-TRV-02A), AD 2024-1

Dear Planning Board members:

The West Montgomery County Citizens Association (WMCCA) objects to the granting of an administrative sewer category change from S-6 to S1.

DEP held a hearing today, June 26, with interested parties. We were told that the decision by DPS to recommend this category change was due to DPS' determination that the septic tank was leaking.

However, rather than recommending that the leaky septic tank be replaced – which would be the standard action according to County regulations – DPS instead recommended connection to the sewer system via a low pressure sewer line extension.

Upon questioning, DPS said that this recommendation was based on pure speculation that, even if the septic tank was replaced, the soil type of this lot was not conducive to the best treatment of sewage effluent. We confirmed that no on-site soil testing was done which would confirm this speculation.

We were also told that the current septic system did not meet current standards for proper distance to the property's well, but neither DEP nor DPS could tell us how close the two were. We were also not told if there have ever been any health problems due to this in the past, nor that the well water was tested.

Finally, we were told that the current owners would have the option to simply replace the failing septic tank which would be much less expensive than paying for a sewer line extension. We do not know if the owners were even told that this was an option.

Therefore, we request that the administrative sewer category change from S-6 to S1 be rejected for 5 Cleveland Court (24-TRV-02A), AD 2024-1.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Bawer, Board Member, WMCCA

Susanne Lee, Board Member, WMCCA