



CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

SPONSOR: Council President at the request of the County Executive

**BILL NO. 2018-05– BUDGET AMENDMENT – WASTEWATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM –
CONSTRUCT CECO UTILITIES CONNECTION TO CHERRY HILL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

SYNOPSIS: A bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. This bill adds grant appropriation authority from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to the Wastewater Capital Improvement Program of \$2,850,000 for the construction of a force main and pump station to connect the failing septic system in Manchester Park (CECO Utilities, Inc.) to the Cherry Hill WWTP.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY: The approval of this bill will have no net financial effect on the Capital Improvement Program of Cecil County. The bill adds both grant revenue and expenditure authority of \$2,850,000 to allow the County to construct a pump station, force main, and sewer line to the Cherry Hill WWTP that will serve the Manchester Park subdivision, and to retire CECO's failing WWTP and lagoons.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The current wastewater treatment facility owned by CECO Utilities, Inc. has been failing for a number of years and is out of compliance with the Maryland Department of the Environment. The County has been in negotiations with the State in order to construct a pump station, force main, and sewer line from Manchester Park to the Cherry Hill WWTP, and to thereafter take ownership of and retire CECO's wastewater infrastructure and real property. The owners of CECO Utilities, Inc. do not have the means to build a wastewater treatment plant in order to comply with current regulations. The County has agreed to take ownership of the system only under the condition that the State provides the funding to build the necessary infrastructure to pump the effluent to a County owned WWTP. After the completion of the project, the County will take ownership of CECO Utilities, Inc. assets and users. It is estimated that there are 220 current users of the system that will become County sewer customers once the project is complete.