

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2024-14**

**BILL NO. 2024-16**

**Title of Bill:** Supplemental Appropriation – Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025 – Fiscal Year 2029 Capital Improvement Program – Extend Water Service to Wilson Road.

**Synopsis:** A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, to add the Extend Water Service to Wilson Road project, to the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget and to record private funding from Southern States LLC for the design and construction of the project in the amount of \$4,300,000. This project will extend public water service to Wilson Road to serve homes in the vicinity of the former Southern States facility having high levels of nitrates in the water wells. Southern States has agreed to fund design and construction costs, meaning that there will be no impact on the County’s fund Balance.

**Introduced by:** Council President at the request of the County Executive

**Introduced and ordered posted on:** August 6, 2024

**Public hearing scheduled on:** September 3, 2024 at 7:00 pm

**Consideration scheduled on:** September 17, 2024

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Manager

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Bill having been posted by August 6, 2024 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton and having been published according to the Charter on August 21, 2024 and August 28, 2024, a public hearing was held on September 3, 2024 and concluded on September 17, 2024.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Manager

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Supplemental Appropriation – Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025 -  
Capital Improvement Program – Extend Water Service to Wilson Road

1           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 505 of the Cecil County Charter, on April 1, 2024, the County  
2 Executive submitted a proposed budget to the County Council for Fiscal Year 2025; and

3           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 506 of the Cecil County Charter, the County Council held public  
4 hearings on the proposed budget submitted by the County Executive for Fiscal Year 2025; and

5           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 507(b) of the Cecil County Charter, on June 04, 2024, the  
6 Budget for Cecil County was adopted for Fiscal Year 2025; and

7           **WHEREAS**, Section 514 of the Charter of Cecil County allows the County Council to amend the Annual  
8 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance to provide funds for a Capital Project not previously appearing in the  
9 Capital Budget for the fiscal year; and

10           **WHEREAS**, the County Executive is requesting to add the Extend Water Service to Wilson Road  
11 project, to the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget and record private funding from Southern States LLC in the  
12 amount of \$4,300,000 to fund the project.

13           **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**  
14 **MARYLAND**, that the Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for Fiscal  
15 Year 2025 is hereby amended for the supplemental appropriation; and by amending the Capital Budget to  
16 add the Extend Water Service to Wilson Road project, to record \$4,300,000 in private funding for the Extend  
17 Water Service to Wilson Road capital project budget and add Attachment 1 into the Capital Budget for FY25.

18           **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND**, that this  
19 Bill shall take effect 60 calendar days from the date that it becomes law.

**CERTIFICATION**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Bill was posted for the public on the public bulletin board with the date,  
time, and location of the public hearing meeting, copies were made available for the public, a copy was  
distributed to the press, and a copy was made available on the Cecil County website.

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BY: Council Manager



# CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND

## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

### FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

#### SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

**SPONSOR:** Council President at the request of the County Executive

**BILL NO. 2024-16 – Supplemental Appropriation – Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Improvement Program – Extend Water Service to Wilson Road.**

**SYNOPSIS:** A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, to add the Extend Water Service to Wilson Road project, to the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget and to record private funding from Southern States LLC for the design and construction of the project in the amount of \$4,300,000. This project will extend public water service to Wilson Road to serve homes in the vicinity of the former Southern States facility having high levels of nitrates in the water wells. Southern States has agreed to fund design and construction costs, meaning that there will be no impact on the County's fund Balance.

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**FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:** The approval of this bill will have no impact on the fund balance.

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#### **FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

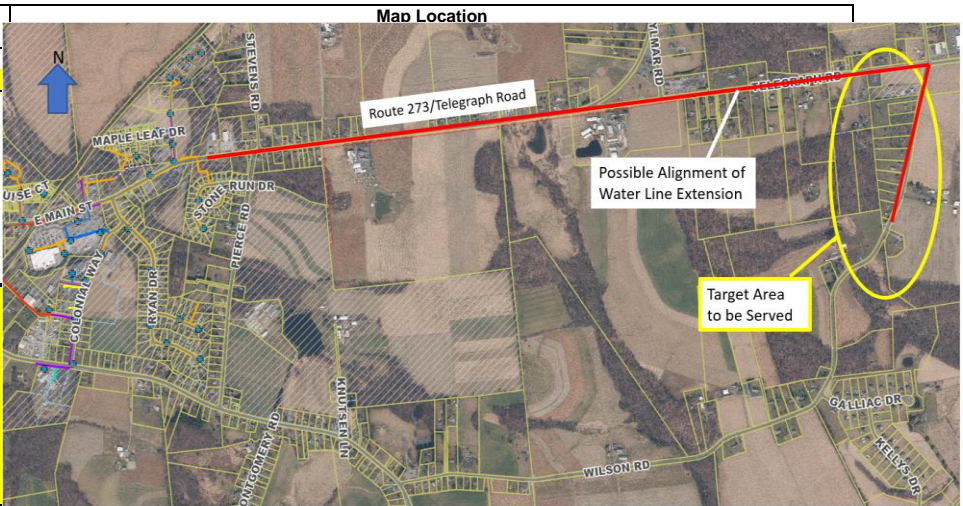
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Project Form Cecil County Capital Improvements Program 2025

Agency/Department: <b>DPW- Water</b>	Project Number: <b>NEW</b>
Project Title: Extend Water Service to Wilson Road	Project Location: <b>Rising Sun, MD</b>
Initial Year Submitted <b>2025</b>	
Was it in Last Year's Submittal <b>No</b>	
Year Started <b>TBD</b>	
% Complete <b>0%</b>	
Contact Person <b>Philip Muzik</b>	

(\$ in thousand's)

**Project Description/Status:**  
 Testing of drinking water wells in the vicinity of the former Southern States facility at 881 Wilson Road revealed high levels of nitrates. While Southern States has denied responsibility, it has purchased multiple homes in that area and is currently providing bottled water to other homes which remain occupied. This project will extend public water service to the area. The water main to be installed will be sized to only serve the impacted homes on Wilson Road. The size, alignment, and other details will be determined during design. A possible alignment is along Route 273/Telegraph Road and then south on Wilson Road as shown on the accompanying graphic, but other potential alignments will be considered during design. Southern States has agreed in principle to pay all costs of the project. The County will work with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and Southern States to develop a written agreement to that effect. Bulk water will be provided by the Town of Rising Sun as directed by MDE. The County will explore the possibility of entering into a Public - Private Partnership (P3) agreement with Southern States to have Southern States undertake the design and construction of the line, as well as options for its ownership, operation, and maintenance when complete.



**EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE**

Cost Elements	Total Cost	Prior Funding	5 Year Capital Program					5 Year Total	Project Total thru FY29	Balance to Complete	Total Project Cost
			FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029				
Design/Engineering	250		250					250	250		250
Land Acquisition	50		50					50	50		50
Site Work	0							0	0		0
Construction	4,000		4,000					4,000	4,000		4,000
Equipment/Furnishings	0							0	0		0
Other 1	0							0	0		0
Other 2	0							0	0		0
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,300</b>

**FUNDING SCHEDULE**

Paygo (County, WW, SW)	0							0	0		0
Bonds (County, WW, SW)	0							0	0		0
County ARPA	0							0	0		0
Other (Southern States)	4,300		4,300					4,300	4,300		4,300
<b>County Total</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,300</b>
Federal	0							0	0		0
State	0							0	0		0
Other Government	0							0	0		0
<b>Government Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,300</b>

**OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT:**

Estimated Annual Debt Service Cost:	0
Annual Operating/Maintenance Cost:	0
New Positions (FTE's):	0.0

Financial Activity as of  
 Expended  
 Encumbered  
 Total

<b>10/1/2023</b>
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