

A PETITION TO THE CALVERT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

No Sewage Near Homes! A 500-Foot Community Protection Zone Instead

Under current Calvert County law a sewage holding pond or a sewage drip-irrigation field can be built just 50 feet away from a residential property line. The two existing drip-irrigation fields in Calvert County have repeatedly failed resulting in partially treated sewage rising to the land surface where it flowed onto adjoining areas, then into nearby waterways. This poses an unacceptable threat to community health, property value, the environment, and quality of life. With both sewage holding ponds and drip-irrigation fields, disease-causing organisms may be spread by mosquitos and other insect vectors, in a mist created by high winds blowing over sewage-saturated fields or the sewage pond surface, or by sewage flowing into nearby yards or waters. Various scientific studies show that the likelihood of disease and other negative effects is reduced if sewage ponds and sewage-saturated soils are kept a minimum of 500 feet from homes. We, the undersigned, call upon the Calvert County Commissioners to amend County law by requiring a minimum 500-foot Community Protection Zone between the nearest home and any future sewage holding pond or sewage drip-irrigation field. (*Visit ceds.org/ag for further detail.*)

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