

**Bay Restoration Fund (BRF)
Onsite Sewage Disposal System (OSDS) Billing
Status Report (8/30/05)**

Allegany: No system is in place to bill OSDS users. They are not yet sure as to how they are going to do this. They inquired as to how other counties are compiling this data. MDE has contacted the County to offer assistance.

Anne Arundel: They are still in the process of collecting property information. They intend to bill OSDS users with their July 2006 tax bills. Properties served by a public utility have already been billed.

Baltimore City: The City has billed water only customers with OSDS. Sites that have a discharge permit may have not been billed yet. They are waiting verification on those sites.

Baltimore County: They are ready to bill OSDS users with next years tax bills.

Calvert County: The BRF fee was not included with the July 2005 tax bill, due to a requirement for a separate voucher. They plan to bill OSDS users in November due to the need for a separate voucher. The County is looking to collect from approximately 22,000 properties.

Caroline County: The BRF fee was included with July 2005 tax bills.

Carroll County: They are sending out a separate bill to OSDS users on October 1 2005. Next year, they will bill with the real estate tax bill.

Cecil County: They are going to attempt to bill OSDS users on their second tax bill in December. If the computer system cannot handle this, they will bill July 1, 2006. All properties being served by public utilities have been billed.

Charles County: Included the fee with the July 2005 real property tax bill. OSDS users received a bill for \$22.50. Next years bill will be for the full amount.

Dorchester County: The County billed OSDS users with the July 2005 property tax bill. They billed approx. 7,000 properties.

Frederick County: All OSDS users have been billed. When an appeal is filed, the Health Department is to go out and verify there is plumbing on the property.

Garrett County: They are still in the process of retrieving property information. They state they are planning on being able to identify the properties before Oct. 1, 2005. They have been using the SDAT website as well as contacting the municipalities to avoid

double billing. They seem to be concerned with how to bill trailer parks and have asked for assistance from the owners as to how many users are being served by a septic system.

Harford County: They are still in the sorting process to avoid double billing. They are estimating around 25,000 properties are to be billed. They expect to be prepared to bill by October 1, 2005.

Howard County: They billed OSDS users \$22.50 with the July 2005 tax bill. Payment is due by Dec. 1 2005. They used SDAT data to figure a site with at least \$50,000 in improvements was improved enough to bill. They estimate collections will be around \$291,000 for the year.

Kent County: Billed OSDS users with the July 2005 tax bill for the amount of \$22.50.

Montgomery County: They will bill OSDS users with the July 2006 tax bill. They are in the process of sorting the properties with WSSC. This process is proving to be difficult.

Prince George's County: Properties served by OSDS were billed with the July 2005 tax bills. They compiled their list with assistance from WSSC.

Queen Anne's County: They are sending a separate bill to OSDS users in October 2005 for \$22.50. Next year they will bill OSDS users with the July tax bill.

St. Mary's County: Properties served by OSDS were billed with their July 2005 tax bills.

Somerset County: They are prepared to bill OSDS users on October 1, 2005. They anticipate billing around 5,350 properties.

Talbot County: They will bill OSDS users with the second billing of the property taxes (in December) for \$22.50.

Washington County: As of this time, they are not prepared to bill on October 1. They will bill OSDS users separately from the property taxes.

Wicomico County: The County expects to be ready to bill on October 1, 2005.

Worcester County: The County is still gathering information on specific properties. They intend to use a separate voucher, but would like it to go with the tax bill. The consensus is that, as of now, they have compiled 65% of the information needed and that they will be able to bill on October 1, 2005.