



# Calvert County NEWS

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### Calvert County, Md. Board of County Commissioners to Transfer Wastewater Treatment Plant Operation to Town of Chesapeake Beach

**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – January 24, 2011** – The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners announced today an agreement between the county and the Town of Chesapeake Beach to transfer operation of the Chesapeake Beach Wastewater Treatment Plant from the county to the town effective February 1, 2011.

Calvert County Department of Public Works personnel have been running the facility, the largest wastewater treatment plant in the county, since 1990 under an agreement designating the county as the plant operator. County and town representatives began discussions on transferring operations in March, 2010, at the town's request.

The county has sought an interpretation of the Operating Agreement from Circuit Court to ensure that the county's termination of the agreement, at the mayor's request without Town Council approval, was legally sound. The Chesapeake Beach Town Council subsequently voted in December, 2010, to support the termination. The county will move to dismiss the court action once the transfer of operations is complete.

The current operating budget for the plant will remain in effect through June 30, 2011, the end of the current fiscal year. The town has paid all administrative fees.

To learn more about the Calvert County Department of Public Works, visit [www.co.cal.md.us/government/departments/public](http://www.co.cal.md.us/government/departments/public).

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*Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to over 92,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. There are more than 5,000 businesses in the County and a labor force of at least 1.8 million resides within a one-hour drive. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, utilities, light manufacturing and administrative services.*