

Overview of Enterprise Funds CIP

Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. Carroll County has five enterprise funds: Carroll County Regional Airport, Firearms Facility, Solid Waste, Septage, and Utilities (Water and Sewer). There are no new projects in Firearms.

Airport

The County, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and URS recently completed a new twenty-year master plan for potential development of the Carroll County Regional Airport. Funding sources for airport projects include Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) and County Airport Enterprise Fund revenues. A significant project being evaluated for the Airport is the runway extension. FAA will fund 95% on eligible projects with the Airport and the State funding 2.5% each.

Solid Waste

The Solid Waste Enterprise Fund includes the County's landfill and recycling programs. The Recommended CIP includes a new entrance to the Northern Landfill facility to enhance traffic safety and funding to site a new landfill.

Utilities

The Bureau of Utilities operates the Freedom Sewer, Freedom Water, the Hampstead Sewer, and several other small water and sewer systems. Projects can generally be divided into those intended to improve the existing system, for example, looping projects to improve flows and equalize pressure, and those intended to provide for increases in demand. Area Connection Charges and Maintenance Fees primarily fund these projects. Included in the FY 10-15 CIP is \$10.0 million for the ENR (enhanced nutrient removal) project at the Freedom Wastewater Treatment Plant, \$7.6 million for the Gaither Road Water Main & Sewer Line, \$1.3 million for Freedom District-Relief Sewer #2, and \$700K for the upgrade and repair of Sykesville's Sewer Main.

Septage

The Septage Treatment Facility is located at the City of Westminster Wastewater Treatment Plant. The facility is operated by the City of Westminster and the County pays for capital improvements to the septage facility. Included in the FY 10-15 CIP is \$208,200 for a grit removal system.

For additional information on these or other Enterprise Fund projects please refer to the individual project pages.