

## **BAY RESTORATION FUND**

On May 26, 2004, Governor Ehrlich signed into law Senate Bill 320 that established the Bay Restoration Fund (BRF). This legislation requires owners of wastewater treatment plants (WWTP) to collect \$2.50 monthly fee per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) from their users, effective January 1, 2005. The BRF fees collected are to be deposited with the State Comptroller by the 20<sup>th</sup> day after each calendar quarter, first payment due by April 20, 2005.

Since the City of Taneytown bills quarterly, \$7.50 must be collected and deposited with the State for every residential and non-residential EDU. The water bills will have a line identifying the charge as "Bay Restoration Fee". To bill non-residential sewer customers, the City must calculate the average daily flow based on metered water, using 250 gpd as an EDU. For example, if the average daily flow is 1,000 gallons, the Bay Restoration Fee would be \$30.00 per quarter, based on 4 EDU (1,000/250).

The Bay Restoration Fee will be a separate line item on the water bill and posted into the City's finances as such, therefore, at the end of the quarter, the amount shown in the Bay Restoration Fee account will be transferred to the State of Maryland.