

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2023 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-064-2023

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Committee: TIEE

Date: 6/22/2023

Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 5-0 (In Favor: Council Members Olson, Dernoga, Hawkins, Ivey, and Watson).

The Committee convened on June 22, 2023, to discuss this legislation, which authorizes the borrowing, administration, and repayment of an amount not to exceed \$45,000,000 from the Maryland Water Infrastructure Financing Administration for the purpose of funding the County's obligations under its National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Discharge Permit ("MS4 Permit") to store or treat stormwater runoff in order to mitigate flooding, reduce pollutions loads, and achieve impervious surface credits.

Loan proceeds will be used for the retrofitting of approximately 425 impervious acres on multiple sites within the County. Multiple projects will be planned, designed, and constructed within the area subject to the MS4 Permit and will utilize a wide array of treatment options approved by the Maryland Department of the Environment including (but not limited to) small rain gardens, large urban retrofit solutions involving suburban drain inlet modifications, pond retrofits, stream and shoreline restorations, green streets, high-flow media treatment devices, bio-swales, and other green infrastructure. These activities were approved as part of the County's Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program. The loans are repaid primarily by Clean Water Act fees collected by the County.

Staff from the Department of the Environment (DOE) were available to provide background on the financing authorized by CB-64, which consists of up to \$45 million of subsidized long-term loans from MWIFA as follows:

SRF 4: FFY 2020/SFY 2022 Water Infrastructure State Revolving Fund (WISRF) Intended Use Plan (IUP) Project Name: Urban Stormwater Retrofit Public-Private Partnership, PH 4 WQSRF Loan Amount: \$30,000,000

SRF 5: FFY 2021/SFY 2023 Water Infrastructure State Revolving Fund (WISRF) Intended Use Plan (IUP) Project Name: Urban Stormwater Retrofit Program Public-Private Partnership, PH 5 WQSRF Loan Amount: \$15,000,000

After discussion, the Committee voted favorably on CB-64-2023 by a vote of 5-0.