

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2020 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-56-2020

Proposed by Council Member Anderson-Walker

Introduced by Council Members Anderson-Walker, Ivey, Streeter, Franklin, Hawkins,  
and Dernoga

Date of Introduction June 23, 2020

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 An Army Corps of Engineer Assessment and Study

3 For the purpose of declaring the intent of the Prince George's County Council (the "County  
4 Council") to commence a stormwater assessment, performed by the Army Corps of Engineers, to  
5 assist in future planning considering the impact of bioretention and sprawl.

6 WHEREAS, Prince George's County has suffered severe erosion due to more frequent  
7 storms and continues to remain at risk of continued erosion and flooding;

8 WHEREAS, preventing the loss of businesses, tourism, recreational activities, and natural  
9 resources is paramount to the economic survival of Prince George's County;

10 WHEREAS, there is broad support in the local community for addressing catastrophic  
11 flooding issues caused by the loss of established vegetation through over-development resulting  
12 in an increase in impervious surfaces due to unrestricted sprawl growth;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in order to evaluate the Washington Suburban  
14 Sanitary Commission's (WSSC) transfer capacity rights from parcels to development sites and  
15 the potential impact over the next twenty (20) years, a stormwater assessment and mapping study  
16 will be sought from the United States Army Corps of Engineers by the County Council of Prince  
17 George's County, Maryland.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County will request a study from the Army Corps  
19 of Engineers that does the following:

20 A. Identifies the Best Management Practices for mitigation, and a plan of action relating to  
21 stormwater management;

22 B. Identifies the causes of continued flooding in pre-selected areas that are determined by the

1 County Council.

2 C. Maps select stormwater management systems.

3 D. Focuses on primary focal areas in the watershed that includes areas that are five linear  
4 miles inland ranging from the northern area beginning in Oxon Hill/Eastover, MD in the East  
5 into Prince George’s County from the high tide mark on the deep-water Potomac River,  
6 including Broadcreek and Swan Creek inlets, but to include other impact areas from the water  
7 line area within the County extending to just beyond the WSSC Water Filtration plant in  
8 Accokeek, MD.

9 E. Identifies a plan of action, best practices, as well as mitigation and remedies relating to the  
10 issues identified by the study.

11 F. Focuses on the impact of development in the floodplain and the likely displacement of that  
12 floodplain to other parts of the County.

13 G. Compiles a comprehensive report of its findings, conclusions, and recommendations that  
14 outlines how to treat existing problems and prevent them in future and which will also include an  
15 update on the suggested floodplain areas as designated by the Federal Emergency Management  
16 Agency (FEMA) that will inform and guide future development planning, as well as, if necessary  
17 to provide a recommendation to momentarily halt development for the duration of the study in  
18 high risk areas due to flooding threats that have resulted in homes being rendered uninsurable  
19 due to flooding.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent by the Clerk of the  
21 Council to the County Executive, and to the following entities, which will comprise the  
22 participants in the study, including but not limited to: the County Department of the  
23 Environment, the Federal Emergency Management Administration, the Maryland-National  
24 Capital Park and Planning Commission, and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.  
25 Additional participants in the study shall be appointed by the Chair of County Council.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Todd M. Turner  
Council Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council