COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND 2013 Legislative Session

Resolution No.	CR-46 -2013	
Proposed by	The Chair (by request – County Executive)	
Introduced by	Council Members Harrison, Davis, Franklin, Lehman, Patterson and Toles	
Co-Sponsors		
Date of Introduc	June 4, 2013	

RESOLUTION

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Suitland-Naylor Road Development District

For the purpose of designating a contiguous area within Prince George's County, Maryland (the "County") as a "development district" as that term is used in Sections 12-201 through 12-213, inclusive, of the Economic Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended (the "Tax Increment Financing Act"), such development district to be located in a contiguous unincorporated area of the County surrounding the Suitland, Maryland Metro Station Area which is connected to the area surrounding the Naylor Road Metro Station Area by the open space area along Suitland parkway, to be known as the "Suitland-Naylor Road Development District"; providing for, and determining, various matters in connection with the establishment of a development district, creating a tax increment fund with respect to the development district, and allocating certain property taxes with respect to the development district to be paid over to the tax increment fund as provided in the Tax Increment Financing Act; making certain findings and determinations with respect to the tax increment fund and the uses of such fund; providing that special obligation bonds may be issued from time to time pursuant to an ordinance or ordinances enacted in accordance with the Tax Increment Financing Act and secured by the tax increment fund; and generally relating to the Suitland –Naylor Road Development District.

WHEREAS, the Tax Increment Financing Act constitutes those provisions of Maryland law authorizing the County to establish a "development district" (as that term is used in the Tax Increment Financing Act) and a tax increment fund into which the taxes representing the levy on the Tax Increment (hereinafter defined) for the Development District (hereinafter defined) are

 deposited; and

WHEREAS, the development of the real property in the proposed Suitland-Naylor Road Development District plan will include commercial office space; a parking garage; retail, commercial and park facilities; and residential units; and

WHEREAS, the County will work with the U.S. DOT, HUD and EPA Sustainable communities' partnership to target federal funding toward the development district including land transfer for Federally owned open space, working with the EPA to design developments that preserve watershed, wetlands while producing upscale developments generating tax increment to pay the costs of public projects, to increase community revitalization, the efficiency of public works investments and safeguard rural landscapes.

WHEREAS, such development will further economic development within the County and thus meet the public purposes contemplated by the Tax Increment Financing Act; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Increment Financing Act authorizes the County to issue special obligation bonds from time to time for the purpose of providing funds to be used to fulfill one or more of the purposes of said Act; and

WHEREAS, the County expects to issue special obligation bonds in one or more series to finance a Suitland performing arts center with a theatre, acquire and clear properties to create development site assembly near Naylor Road Metro Station, improvements to Silver Hill Road including repaving, sidewalks, streetscape, pedestrian sidewalks, crosswalks, landscaping, planting strips and signage, acquire and clear various properties near Silver Hill Road and Suitland Parkway, construction of parking facilities, roads, streets, water and sewer utilities and related infrastructure improvements for a town center, and other retail developments, construction of parking facilities, roads, streets, water and sewer utilities and related infrastructure improvements for presently undeveloped sites concurrent with change in zoning to multifamily high density from for open space, one-family and multi-family low or medium density housing; and

WHEREAS, if the County issues its special obligation bonds upon enactment of an ordinance or ordinances such ordinance or ordinances will provide that the special obligation bonds shall be secured by a pledge of the taxes representing the levy on the Tax Increment (the "County Taxes") and any other revenues pledged by the County as more specifically provided for therein.

- SECTION 1. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that for the purposes of this Resolution, the terms defined in the recitals shall have the meanings therein set forth and, in addition, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:
- (1) "Adjusted Assessable Base" means the fair market value of real property that qualifies for a farm or agricultural use under Section 8-209 of the Tax-Property Article, without regard to the agricultural use assessment of the property as of January 1 of that year preceding the effective date of the resolution creating the Development District under Section 12-203 of the Tax Increment Financing Act.
- (2) "Assessable Base" means the total assessable base, as determined by the Supervisor of Assessments, of all real property subject to taxation in the Development District.
- (3) "Assessment Ratio" means a real property tax assessment ratio, however designated or calculated, that is used or applied under applicable general law to determine the Assessable Base including the assessment percentage as provided under § 8-103(c) of the Tax-Property Article.
- (4) "Bonds" includes any revenue bonds or bond, notes or note, or other similar instruments or instrument issued by the County pursuant to and in accordance with this Resolution and the Tax Increment Financing Act.
- (5) "Development District" means the contiguous area in the County designated in Section 3 of this Resolution as a development district under the Tax Increment Financing Act.
- (6) "Original Assessable Base" means the Assessable Base as of January 1 of the year preceding the effective date of this Resolution, which is January 1, 2011.
- (7) "Original Full Cash Value" means the dollar amount that is determined by dividing the Original Assessable Base by the Assessment Ratio used to determine the Original Assessable Base.
 - (8) "Original Taxable Value" means, for any Tax Year, the dollar amount that is:
 - (a) The Adjusted Assessable Base, if an Adjusted Assessable Base applies; or
 - (b) In all other cases, the lesser of:
- (i) The product of multiplying the Original Full Cash Value by the Assessment Ratio applicable to that Tax Year; and
 - (ii) The Original Assessable Base.

- (9) "Tax Increment" means for any Tax Year, the amount by which the Assessable Base as of January 1 preceding that Tax Year exceeds the Original Taxable Value divided by the Assessment Ratio used to determine the Original Taxable Value.
- (10) "Tax Increment Fund" means the tax increment fund established in Section 5 of this Resolution.
- (11) "Tax Year" means the period from July 1 of a calendar year through June 30th of the next calendar year.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that acting pursuant to the Tax Increment Financing Act, it is hereby found and determined that the establishment of the Development District, the creation of the Tax Increment Fund and the issuance of Bonds from time to time pursuant to the Tax Increment Financing Act, all for the purpose of providing funds to finance the costs of parking facilities, roads, streets, water and sewer utilities and related infrastructure improvements accomplishes the public purposes of the Tax Increment Financing Act, and generally promotes the health, welfare and safety of the residents of the State of Maryland and of the County.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a contiguous area of the County consisting of the property set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto is hereby designated as a "Development District" (to be known as the "Suitland- Naylor Road Development District") pursuant to Section 12-203 of the Tax Increment Financing Act. The Development District shall consist of the property described in Exhibit A of this Resolution and all adjoining roads, highways, alleys, rights of way and other similar property in order to form a contiguous area as shown on the plat attached hereto as Exhibit B and submitted to the County Council together with this Resolution. The boundaries of the Development District may be further specified or modified prior to and after the issuance of the Bonds as provided in Section 4 of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that prior to the issuance of the Bonds, the County Executive may, by executive order, reduce or enlarge the boundaries of the Development District by not more than two acres or further specify the description of such boundaries. After the issuance of the Bonds, the County Executive, by executive order, may enlarge the boundaries of the Development District but may not reduce the size of such District so long as there are any Bonds outstanding pursuant to the Tax Increment Financing Act and this Resolution, unless the ordinance with respect to such Bonds permits the County to reduce the area constituting the

Development District or the holders of the Bonds or a representative on their behalf consents to any such reduction.

SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there is hereby established a special fund to be designated the "Suitland-Naylor Road Development District Tax Increment Fund" (the "Tax Increment Fund") with respect to the Suitland-Naylor Road Development District and the County Executive, the Chief Administrative Officer and the Financial Officer of the County are hereby directed and authorized to deposit in such Tax Increment Fund all taxes received by the County for any Tax Year commencing after the effective date of this Resolution equal to that portion of the taxes payable to the County (but not including any taxes payable to the State of Maryland or to any other party) representing the levy on the Tax Increment that would normally be paid to the County. The County Executive, the Chief Administrative Officer and the Financial Officer and other officers and employees of the County, to the extent applicable, are hereby authorized to take all necessary steps in order to establish a separate fund to be held by the County. Prior to the issuance of the Bonds, the Tax Increment Fund may be used by the County for any of the purposes set forth in Section 12-209 of the Tax Increment Financing Act, including payments to the County for any legal purpose.

SECTION 6. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bonds may be issued from time to time pursuant to an ordinance or ordinances enacted in accordance with the Tax Increment Financing Act for the purpose of providing funds for the financing of certain parking facilities and infrastructure improvements. Such ordinance or ordinances shall specify, in general detail, the improvements to be financed through the issuance of the Bonds and the nature and extent of any pledge of County revenues for the payment of debt service on the Bonds, and shall otherwise conform to the applicable requirements of the Tax Increment Financing Act and this Resolution.

SECTION 7. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County hereby covenants and pledges that if any Bonds issued under the Tax Increment Financing Act with respect to the Development District are outstanding, the property taxes on real property within the Development District shall be divided so that (i) that portion of the taxes which would be produced by the rate at which taxes levied each year by the County upon the Original Taxable Value shall be allocated to and when collected paid into the funds of the County in the same manner as taxes by or for the County on all other property are paid and (ii) that portion of the taxes representing the levy on the Tax Increment that would normally be paid to the County (but

not including any taxes payable to the State of Maryland or to any other party) shall be paid into the Tax Increment Fund established hereunder to be applied in accordance with the provisions of Section 12-209 of the Tax Increment Financing Act. The County acknowledges that neither the rate at which taxes are levied on real property within the Development District nor the manner of assessment of the value of real property within the Development District is to vary from the rate or manner of assessment that otherwise would have applied if the Development District were not designated and the Tax Increment Fund not created, except to the extent that a specific valuation adjustment is mandated by the Tax Increment Financing Act for real property that qualifies for farm or agricultural use.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the provisions of this Resolution are severable, and if any provision, sentence, clause, section or part hereof is held or determined to be illegal, invalid or unconstitutional or inapplicable to any person or circumstances, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Resolution or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this Resolution would have been passed if such illegal, invalid, unconstitutional or inapplicable provision, sentence, clause, section or part had not been included herein, and as if the person or circumstances to which this Resolution or any part hereof are inapplicable had been specifically exempted herefrom.

SECTION 9. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is administrative in nature and shall take effect upon approval by the County Executive

Adopted this 5 th day of	November	, 2013.
		COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
	BY:	Andrea C. Harrison
		Chair
ATTEST:		
Redis C. Floyd Clerk of the Council		
		APPROVED:
DATE:	BY:	
		Rushern L. Baker, III County Executive
		County Executive

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF THE PARCEL

Tax Parcel ID Nos.:

Available as an Inclusion File in LIS

EXHIBIT B

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[See Attached]