

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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**Meeting Date:** 4/15/2003

**Reference No.:** CR-14-2003

**Proposer:** County Executive

**Draft No.:** 2

**Sponsors:** Dean, Knotts, Peters

**Item Title:** A Resolution endorsing the proposed expansion  
of the Prince George's County Enterprise Zone

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**Drafter:** Karen T. Zvakos  
Office of Law

**Resource** William F. Gardiner  
**Personnel:** EDC

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**Date Presented:** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**Executive Action:** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**Committee Referral:** 4/1/2003 C.O.W.

**Effective Date:** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**Committee Action: 1** 4/1/2003 HELD

**Committee Action: 2** 4/8/2003 FAV(A)

**Date Introduced:** 4/1/2003

**Public Hearing:** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ \_\_\_:\_\_\_

**Council Action:** 4/15/2003 ADOPTED

**Council Votes:** PS:A, MB:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, DCH:A; TH:N, TK:A, DP:A

**Pass/Fail:** P

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT:**

Date: 4/8/03

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 8-0, (In favor: Council Members Shapiro, Bland, Dean, Dernoga, Exum, Harrington, Hendershot and Knotts.)

This resolution will provide support for the Prince George's County's application to the State of Maryland for expansion of the County Enterprise Zone. The State's Enterprise Zone Program is used to promote economic development through the expansion of existing businesses, attracting new businesses, creating new jobs and increasing the tax base in economically distressed areas of the State.

The proposed expansion of the County's Enterprise Zone includes the towns or cities of Brentwood, Colmar Manor, Cottage City, District Heights, Edmonston, Forest Heights, Glenarden, Hyattsville, Landover Hills, Mount Ranier, New Carrollton, North Brentwood, and Riverdale Park.

A new map showing the proposed additions was presented to the Committee.

Ms. Braveboy stated that Martin Luther King Highway (south side), in Glenarden, was not included on the map.

The Director of the Economic Development Corporation stated that he would send copies of the quarterly report prepared for the County Executive to Council Members.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT:**

Date: 4/1/03

HELD in Committee.

During the worksession Council members expressed concerns about certain contiguous areas that were not included in the proposed expansion of the County's Enterprise Zone.

Ms. Iris Boswell stated that they welcomed the input and concerns of the Council members in the economic development of the County.

Ms. Aisha Braveboy stated that she would provide an updated map showing those areas that have been added.

The Committee deferred action on the legislation until the proposed additions were included in the map.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

**(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)**

This resolution will approve the proposed expansion of the Prince George's County Enterprise Zone. An enterprise zone is designated by the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development for the purpose of focusing State and local resources to encourage economic growth and employment of the chronically unemployed in economically distressed areas of the State.

**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**