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COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Resolution No. CR-113-

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Proposed by Council Member

Wineland

Introduced by Council Members Wineland, Bell, and

Casula

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction November 10,

1992

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION concerning

Bryan Point Road

FOR the purpose of designating Bryan Point Road in Accokeek, within the limits described herein, as a scenic road pursuant to Subtitle 23 (Roads and Sidewalks) of the County Code.

WHEREAS, Subtitle 23, Section 23-102 (b) (17) (H) provides a definition of Scenic Road and specifies that such a designation may be made by the County Council; and

WHEREAS, a scenic road, as defined therein, is a public or private road which provides scenic views along a substantial

part of its length through natural or manmade features such as forest or extensive woodland, cropland, pasturage, or meadows; distinctive topography, including outcroppings, streambeds, or wetlands; traditional building types; historic sites; or roadway features such as curving, rolling roadway alignment and "leaf tunnels;" and

WHEREAS, in 1984 the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission published a Prince George's County Scenic Roads Study which established criteria for assessing the scenic value of roadways and concluded that some 170 miles of roads in Prince George's County possessed various characteristics which could justify their designation as "scenic;" and

WHEREAS, the study identified more than seventy specific corridors that contain scenic road segments, among them being Bryan Point Road from the National Colonial Farm to just east of Farmington Road West, which is the principal road through the Moyaone Reserve and Piscataway National Park; and

WHEREAS, the Bryan Point Road corridor is characterized as predominantly woodland with some agricultural fields flanked by forests, hedgerows and fencing, and with glimpses of Piscataway Creek and its tributaries; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary Subregion V Master Plan notes that Bryan Point Road is an historic road which led to fisheries and landings on the Potomac River, and at present provides access to Christ Church (Historic Site 83-8), the Accokeek Creek archeological sites owned by the U.S. Department

of the Interior, and to historic resources 83-1 (Bryan Point and the National Colonial Farm) and 83-3 (Longview) identified in the County's Historic Sites and Districts Plan; and

WHEREAS, the woodlands along the Bryan Point Road corridor are important to preserving the integrity of views from Mount Vernon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Bryan Point Road from its northwesterly terminus at the National Colonial Farm to the easterly limit of the Piscataway National Park property, as generally shown on Attachment A hereto, is hereby designated a Scenic Road pursuant to Subtitle 23, Section 23-102 (b) (17) (I) of the County Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the Council's intention in making this designation that the scenic and historic character of this road corridor be preserved to the greatest possible extent consistent with the public health, safety, and welfare, and that roadway safety improvements be limited to those necessary to satisfy prudent standards in keeping with the roads' intended travel speeds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by July 1, 1993, the Director of the Department of Public Works and Transportation shall draft Design and Construction Standards for scenic and historic roads, in cooperation with the historic preservation and transportation planning staff of the Planning Department of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, for

review and appropriate action by the County Council.

Adopted this 24th day of November, 1992.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:

Richard J. Castaldi
Chairman

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Acting Clerk of the Council