

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

1996 Legislative Session

Resolution No.	<u>CR-7-1996</u>
Proposed by	<u>Council Member Del Giudice</u>
Introduced by	<u>Council Member Del Giudice</u>
Co-Sponsors	
Date of Introduction	<u>March 12, 1996</u>

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION concerning

Preparation of a Countywide Map Amendment for the Reserved Open Space Zone
 For the purpose of initiating appropriate zoning map revisions, by means of a Countywide
 Map Amendment, for the Reserved Open Space (R-O-S) Zone.

WHEREAS, on October 25, 1994, the District Council enacted CB-73-1994, which
 created the R-O-S Zone; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of the R-O-S Zone are to encourage the preservation of large
 areas of agriculture, trees, and open spaces, to protect scenic and environmentally sensitive
 areas, to ensure the retention of certain areas for nonintensive active or passive recreation
 uses, and to provide for a limited range of public, recreational, and agricultural uses; and

WHEREAS, the use of the R-O-S Zone is intended to facilitate the permanent
 maintenance of certain areas of the County, both publicly and privately owned, in an
 undeveloped state; and

WHEREAS, CB-73-1994 further required that the District Council shall initiate a Map
 Amendment for all of the Regional District in Prince George's County by March 15, 1996,
 solely for consideration of the R-O-S Zone; and

WHEREAS, Section 27-224(a) of the Zoning Ordinance requires that a Map
 Amendment of this type shall be initiated by a resolution of the District Council authorizing
 the Planning Board to prepare a proposed Map Amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's

County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that part of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Prince George's County, that the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission is hereby directed to prepare a Countywide Map Amendment in accordance with the appropriate requirements of the Zoning Ordinance solely for the consideration of the R-O-S Zone.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Board shall use the inventory of public land (Appendix A) transmitted by the Council through this resolution as a basis in the preparation of the proposed Zoning Map, and all land purchased with State Program Open Space funds shall be included in the proposed Zoning Map, unless it can be demonstrated that there is a more appropriate zoning category for the land based on its intended future use, or unless the public agency has a need to maintain certain properties, or portions of properties, in a more intense zoning category.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Board should evaluate property owned by the United States of America and by the State of Maryland to determine which properties conform with the purposes of the R-O-S Zone and should be identified as such on the County's Zoning Map.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Planning Board proposals to classify publicly owned property in the R-O-S Zone should generally be at least 20 acres in size and may be met by combination of adjoining properties under the control of one or more public agencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Board should not recommend classifying property owned by municipalities in the R-O-S Zone unless the municipality has requested or consented, in writing, to the proposed zoning.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the 30-day zoning request filing period, the Planning Board shall notify owners of private property larger than 20 acres in the O-S (Open Space) and R-A (Residential-Agricultural) Zones of this opportunity to request reclassification in the R-O-S Zone.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Board shall not recommend zoning privately owned property to the R-O-S Zone unless the property owner has requested or consented, in writing, to the proposed zoning.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect fourteen (14) days after the date of adoption.

Adopted this 30th day of July, 1996.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S
COUNTY, MARYLAND, SITTING AS THE
DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PART
OF THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON
REGIONAL DISTRICT IN PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:

Stephen J. Del Giudice
Chairman

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Clerk of the Council