

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

Meeting Date: 3/12/96

Reference No.: CR-10-1996

Proposer: Estepp

Draft No.: 2

Sponsors: Estepp, Gourdine and Maloney

Item Title: A Resolution concerning Chapman's Landing for the purpose of requesting that the environmental assessment of Chapman's Landing include an extended comment period and that the preparation of an environmental impact statement be required

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Legislative Officer

Resource Personnel: Hubert Green
Aide to Council Member
Gourdine

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: 2/27/96

Executive Action: __/__/__ __

Committee Referral:(1) 2/27/96 THE

Effective Date: __/__/__

Committee Action:(1) 3/6/96 FAV(A)

Date Introduced: 2/27/96

Pub. Hearing Date: (1) __/__/__ __:__ __

Council Action: (1) __/__/__ _____

Council Votes: SD:__, DB:__, JE:__, IG:__, AMc:__, WM:__, RVR:__, AS:__, MW:__

Pass/Fail: _

Remarks: _____

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE DATE: 3/6/96

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 4-0 (In favor: Council members Bailey, Estepp, Russell, Scott).

Chapman's Landing is a 2,254 acre mixed-use development located in Charles County just south of the Prince George 's County line. Total build-out of this development will cause significant increases in traffic on Maryland 210 which passes through the property and is the main point of access to the Metropolitan area for all of the citizens in this area. This development will also cause significant environmental impact on: regional groundwater supplies; water quality in the Potomac River and Mattawoman Creek; air quality and wildlife in the region.

The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers has performed an Environmental Assessment of the proposed development to determine if a more detailed Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is necessary prior to issuance of federal permits. Several State agencies including the Maryland Department of the Environment will be required to issue permits for Chapman's Landing. CR-10-1996 requests that an EIS be prepared by the Corps of Engineers or the Maryland Department of the Environment so that the impact of the Chapman's Landing development can be studied from a regional perspective.

The Committee amended the resolution to specifically request that the Maryland Department of Transportation make recommendations regarding accommodation of the additional traffic on Maryland Route 210 as a result of the proposed development. Representatives of South County residents and the Sierra Club spoke in favor of the resolution.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

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

CODE INDEX TOPICS: