

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**2000 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-49-2000

Proposed by Council Members Bailey and Shapiro

Introduced by Council Members Bailey, Shapiro, Scott, Wilson and Estepp

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction September 12, 2000

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 A General Plan Amendment for that part of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in  
3 Prince George's County, Maryland.

4 For the purpose of initiating an amendment to the General Plan in order to develop a  
5 comprehensive approach to the future development of Prince George's County.

6 WHEREAS, Section 27-641 of the Zoning Ordinance establishes procedures whereby the  
7 Prince George's County Planning Board may initiate a General Plan Amendment with the  
8 approval of the District Council; and

9 WHEREAS, the Approved FY 2001 Planning Department Work Program required the  
10 preparation of a General Plan Amendment to establish a comprehensive Countywide guide for  
11 the future development of Prince George's County; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1998, the County Council with the assistance of Planning Department staff  
13 prepared a policy paper, *Managing Growth in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: A Smart Growth Initiative for*  
14 *Prince George's County*, which recognizes that the 1982 General Plan is no longer adequate to  
15 guide growth and development from a Countywide perspective; and

16 WHEREAS, the County Council established Commission 2000, a 53-member task force, to  
17 work with Planning Department staff to prepare a Biennial Growth Policy Plan which is to serve  
18 as the basis for a General Plan amendment as well as provide for short-range policies to guide  
19 growth and development; and

20 WHEREAS, Commission 2000 held forty meetings between November 1998 and July 2000  
21 and transmitted the *Commission 2000 Final Report: Biennial Growth Policy Plan* to the Council

1 on July 25, 2000; and

2 WHEREAS, the Biennial Growth Policy Plan includes a Preferred Growth Alternative map  
3 which designates specific centers and corridors, and delineates Developed, Developing and Rural  
4 tiers to guide future development decisions; and

5 WHEREAS, the Biennial Growth Policy Plan recommends targeting future growth to  
6 centers and corridors; promoting infill, revitalization and redevelopment in the Developed Tier;  
7 avoiding sprawl in the Developing Tier and limiting development while protecting rural  
8 character in the Rural Tier; and

9 WHEREAS, the Plan makes other recommendations concerning land use, environmental  
10 and transportation policies that should be considered in a new General Plan; and

11 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council desires to further develop the concepts  
12 and recommendations contained in the Biennial Growth Policy Plan as a long-range policy for  
13 the future development of Prince George's County through amendment of the General Plan; and

14 WHEREAS, on September 12, 2000, the Prince George's County Council presented  
15 CB-80-2000 which adopts the first Biennial Growth Policy Plan.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
17 County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that part of the Maryland-Washington  
18 Regional District in Prince George's County, Maryland, that the Maryland-National Capital Park  
19 and Planning Commission is hereby directed to prepare a General Plan Amendment for Prince  
20 George's County, in accordance with Part 13 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Adopted this 21st day of November, 2000.

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dorothy F. Bailey  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Joyce T. Sweeney  
Clerk of the Council