

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

Meeting Date: 6/10/2003 **Reference No.:** CB-20-2003

Proposer: Dernoga **Draft No.:** 1

Sponsors: Dernoga, Shapiro, Peters, Harrington, Knotts, Exum, Dean

Item Title: An Act restricting the construction of certain structures
in proximity of a drinking water reservoir

Drafter: Ralph E. Grutzmacher
Legislative Officer

Resource Andrew D. Eppelmann
Personnel: Legislative Aide

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: 4/1/2003 **Executive Action:** 6/26/2003 S

Committee Referral: 4/1/2003 THE **Effective Date:** 8/11/2003

Committee Action: 5/05/2003 FAV

Date Introduced: 5/13/2003

Public Hearing: 6/10/2003 10:00 A.M.

Council Action: 6/10/2003 ENACTED

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

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: _____

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE DATE: 5/05/03

Committee Vote: Favorable, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Dean, Bland, Dernoga, Peters and Shapiro)

Staff gave an overview of CB-20-2003 and informed the Committee of referral comments that were received. CB-20-2003 amends Subtitle 4. Building. Division 3. Grading, Drainage and Pollution Control of the County Code. CB-20-2003 would place building restrictions in a buffer area near drinking water reservoirs watershed other than for one and two family dwellings. Other structures will be served by public water and sewer systems.

The Department of Environmental Resources (DER) supports CB-20-2003 with a proposed amendment to apply state-of-the-art water resources technology to additional development on wells and septic systems. However, it was recommended that specific legislation be drafted to include DER's proposed amendments, due to the subject matter of the requested amendments.

The Office of Law and the Legislative Officer finds CB-20-2003 to be in proper legislative form. The Office of Audits and Investigations determined that there should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-20-2003.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT
(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)**

The proposed legislation limits the construction of buildings, other than one- and two-family dwellings in a buffer area near drinking water reservoirs, unless the structures will be served by public water and sewer systems. If enacted, the legislation will help protect water quality from large septic systems and the surface water runoff from parking areas associated with more intense uses.

CODE INDEX TOPICS: