



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 3/26/2019

Effective Date:

Reference No.: CR-013-2019

Chapter Number:

Draft No.: 2

Public Hearing Date:

Proposer(s): Glaros

Sponsor(s): Glaros, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Franklin, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter, Taveras and Turner

Item Title: A RESOLUTION CONCERNING CLEAN WATER ACT PROPOSED ROLL BACK OF FEDERAL PROTECTIONS UNDER THE “WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES” RULE for the purpose of expressing strong opposition to the federally proposed roll back of federal protections under the Clean Water Act and to forward this Resolution to Federal, State and local leaders for consideration in their deliberations regarding this important issue.

Drafter: Kathleen H. Canning, Legislative Officer

Resource Personnel: Aimee Olivo, Chief of Staff and Anna Martin, Public Policy Intern

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
02/19/2019	County Council	introduced and referred	TIEE
	Action Text: This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Glaros, Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Franklin, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras and referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee		
03/14/2019	TIEE	Favorably recommended with amendments	County Council
	Action Text: A motion was made by Member Glaros, seconded by Member Dernoga, that this Resolution be Favorably recommended with amendments to the County Council. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 5 Taveras, Anderson-Walker, Dernoga, Glaros and Turner		
03/26/2019	County Council	new draft substituted	
	Action Text: A motion was made by Council Member Anderson-Walker, seconded by Council Member Glaros, to substitute Draft 2 in lieu of Draft 1 of this Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:		

Aye: 11 Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison,
Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras

03/26/2019 County Council adopted

Action Text:

A motion was made by Vice Chair Streeter, seconded by Council Member Glaros, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 11 Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison,
Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

The protections of the Clean Water Act are being threatened under a proposal by the Trump Administration to roll back key clean water protections mandated by the “Waters of the United States” rule. The Environmental Protection Agency has released a new definition of the Waters of the United States that would give a narrower interpretation of what is a federally protected body of water, leaving some watersheds, streams and wetlands without environmental regulations and potentially pushing back important progress made in water quality in Prince George’s County. This Resolution expresses the County Council's strong opposition to the federally proposed roll back of these federal protections under the Clean Water Act.

Document(s): R2019013, CR-13-2019 AIS, CR-13-2019 Report, Agenda Item Summary