

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2024 Legislative Session

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Committee: GOFP

Date: Sept 26, 2024

Action: FAV

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable 4-0 (Council Members Watson, Hawkins, Dernoga, and Oriadha) Absent: CM Harrison

The Prince George's County Council's Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee convened on September 26, 2024, to consider **CR-071-2024** a resolution concerning **Contract Approvals** for the purpose of approving a multiyear contract in accordance with the Prince George's County Charter and Subtitle 10 of the Prince George's County Code. Specifically, this is a contract for services that support activities to reduce litter and trash loads in the Anacostia River Watershed for continued implementation of the 2015 Implementation Plan for the Anacostia River Watershed Trash Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) in Prince George's County.

Council staff provided an overview of the legislation and the contract that will support the Department of Environment's (DOE) work. If adopted, a consultant from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MCOG) would assist County staff with monitoring stream and land-based trash levels, identifying major trash hotspots, data management, mapping, and maintaining the County's trash traps, as well as anti-litter public outreach and education. CR-071-2024 would approve a multiyear contract of up to \$755,954 for this work. In FY 2025, the amount of the 5-year agreement is \$147,153.

Ms. Sakinda Skinner, representing the Office of the County Executive, requested a favorable recommendation.

CM Oriadha inquired about how the service works, the service provider, and the contract and expressed concern about the work done in District 7. Director Croomes noted that since 2018, the Anacostia Watershed Society and Joe's Emporium have done the work. This contract is specifically for communities impacted by the Anacostia Watershed, which begins in the Bladensburg area and moves north.

DOE is responsible for the cleanliness of waterways and private property, and the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) is responsible for roadways, drains, and other infrastructure.

After discussion, the Prince George's County Council's Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee reported CR-71-2024 favorably, 4-0