

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2018 Legislative Session

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Committee: TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Date: MARCH 8, 2018

Action: FAV(A)

REPORT:

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CR-3-2018, the August 2017 Cycle of Amendments to the 2008 Water and Sewer Plan contains one (1) application requesting a water and sewer category change and one (1) application requesting approval to utilize underground water supplies for irrigation of the property's common areas. These amendment requests are located within Council Districts 9 and 1.

Legislative Officer provided overview of applications and referral comments, including the March 1, 2018 letter from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), in support of County Executive's recommendations. The Public Hearing was held on February 27, 2018 with one (1) speaker testifying in support of the Victoria Falls Community Association application.

Shirley Anthony Branch with the Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) and Tiffany Jennings-Williams, of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, (M-NCPPC), provided additional information and responses to Committee questions.

The Council Member for the Victoria Falls Community Association application expressed concerns with the underground water withdrawal appropriation and well usage for this community. It was stated that the Health Department is concerned that approval of the proposed water supply conversion may set a precedent which would prompt an increase in requests for irrigation wells in Category 3 areas which may increase the difficulty of preserving the aquifer for appropriate down-gradient use. The DPIE representative indicated that the MDE, Water Management Administration (WMA) is the permitting authority for granting withdrawals from the State's aquifer. Prior to consideration from MDE, the application must be considered through the Plan Amendment Process to allow for MDE evaluation and further action including public comments from the County.

The Committee voted to advance the Water & Sewer Request to Category 3 for the AccoPark, Inc. application.

The Victoria Falls Community Association application request for well usage and water appropriation was denied.

The Office of Law found that CR-03-2018 is in proper legislative form and see no legal impediments to its adoptions.

The Office of Audits & Investigations found that enactment of CR-03-2018 will not have a negative or adverse fiscal impact on the County.