

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2015 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CB-009-2015  
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**Committee:** TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT  
**Date:** March 26, 2015  
**Action:** FAV

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### REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 3-0 (In favor: Council Members Lehman, Turner and Glaros)

CB-9-2015 amends the Rain Check Rebate Program, to reflect the intent of CB-86-2014 by modifying the rebate amount for cisterns and residential properties. This bill also seeks to clarify language related to rebates for green roofs. CB-86-2014 had expanded eligibility to homeowner, condominium and civic associations, increased the maximum rebate allowable and amended the types and amount of techniques available for the rebate. That bill also authorized rebate disbursement prior to construction for certain non-profits organizations.

Mr. Adam Ortiz, Director of the Prince Georges County's Department of the Environment (DOE), provided additional information to and answered questions to the Committee. Doug Alexander, with Back Yard Composting also provided some additional information and spoke in support of CB-9-2015.

The Office of Law finds the CB-9-2015 is in proper legislative form and saw no legal impediments to its adoption.

The Office of Audits & Investigations found that enactment of CB-9-2015 will have a minimal negative fiscal impact on the County's Storm-water Management District fund to the extent that rebates are granted. However, these rebates encourage economic development, promote green initiatives, promote growth and assist in helping the County meet its obligations under the Clean Water Act. Therefore, the resulting benefits received by the County may outweigh or offset the negative impact of the rebates.