

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2014 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CR-23-2014  
**Draft No.:** 1  
**Committee:** TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT  
**Date:** 7/17/2014  
**Action:** FAV (A)

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### REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable with amendments 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Campos, Davis, Olson, Patterson and Toles)

Staff provided a summary of the resolution and referral comments that were received and reviewed a Proposed Draft 2 of the resolution. CR-23-2014 establishes a County Policy for shade trees along sidewalks within the Prince Georges County rights-of-way. Proposed Draft 2 seeks to expand the intervals on plantings within the rights-of way, add utility infrastructure and reference to *Plan Prince George's 2035 Approved General Plan* designated centers.

Mr. Adam Ortiz, Director, Department of the Environment (DOE) testified in support of CR-23-2014 on behalf of the Administration.

Mr. Daniel Smith, Anacostia Watershed Society, and Marisa Jones, of the Institute of Public Health Innovation, provided additional comments to the Committee in support of CR-23-2014.

Mr. Marcus Jackson, Governmental Affairs Director, Maryland National Capital Building Industry Association (MNCBIA), reviewed their July 15, 2014 letter provided and thought several of the items were addressed by amendments in Proposed Draft 2.

The Office of Law determined that CR-23-2014 was in proper legislative form.

The Office of Audits and Investigation indicated there may be an adverse fiscal impact on the County as a result of adopting CR-23-2014 because of the cost (labor, materials) associated with planting and maintenance of shade trees. However, this may be offset by potential increases in property value.