

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2002 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-73-2002

Proposed by Council Chairman Shapiro

Introduced by Council Members Shapiro, Hendershot, Bailey, Dernoga and Wilson

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction November 18, 2002

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Environmental Justice Task Force (Solid Waste Management)

3 For the purpose of establishing the Environmental Justice Task Force to advise the County on
4 methods and criteria to mitigate the negative impacts of solid waste facilities on low income and
5 minority communities.

6 WHEREAS, the County Executive proposed the adoption of the County's Ten Year Solid
7 Waste Management Plan and such plan was approved by the County Council in 2002, with the
8 adoption of CR-44-2002; and

9 WHEREAS, the County's Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plan provides criteria for the
10 location of proposed public and private facilities for the collection, processing, transfer,
11 recycling, transformation, and disposal of solid waste; and

12 WHEREAS, the County has closed its Sandy Hill Landfill in 2001 and must plan for the
13 closure of its Brown Station Road Landfill in less than ten years; and

14 WHEREAS, the location and construction of private solid waste acceptance facilities are
15 regulated as heavy industrial land uses pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance; and

16 WHEREAS, traditional land use criteria do not adequately address adverse impacts upon
17 existing residential and commercial communities and proposed residential and commercial
18 revitalization efforts in the developed tier of the County; and

19 WHEREAS, the transportation routes associated with solid waste acceptance facilities
20 impact existing residential and commercial communities in ways not measured by traditional
21 traffic studies that measure and predict the capacities of roads; and

22 WHEREAS, objective criteria to measure and mitigate the impacts of locating solid waste

1 acceptance facilities in the developed tier need to be developed and applied to existing
2 procedures and criteria in the Solid Waste Plan and the Special Exception process; and

3 WHEREAS, Section 506 of the Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland, provides that
4 the Council may appoint, for designated periods, temporary advisory boards of citizens of the
5 County who shall assist in the consideration of County policies and programs.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
7 County, Maryland, that the Environmental Justice Task Force is hereby created to evaluate and
8 recommend to the County Council appropriate amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance, the
9 Zoning Ordinance, and the 2001-2011 Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plan to ensure that
10 negative impacts upon existing low income and minority residential and commercial
11 communities are considered and mitigated during the review of all proposed solid waste facilities
12 in the County.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Environmental Justice Task Force shall be
14 composed of 15 members:

15 1. The Chairman of the County Council or the Chairman's representative, who shall serve
16 as the presiding officer,

17 2. The Director of the Department of Environmental Resources or the Director's
18 representative,

19 3. A representative selected by the Prince George's Chapter of the National Association
20 for the Advancement of Colored People,

21 4. A representative of the Maryland Black Mayors Association,

22 5. A representative of ACTION – Langley Park,

23 6. The Planning Director or the Director's representative,

24 7. A representative of the Maryland Department of the Environment,

25 8. A representative selected by the Patuxent Chapter of the Sierra Club,

26 9. A representative selected by the Anacostia Watershed Society,

27 10. A representative selected by the Central County Coalition, and

28 11. Five citizens of the County selected by the Chairman of the County Council.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Environmental Justice Task Force shall present its
30 evaluation and recommendations to the County Council by June 18, 2003.

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council Administrator shall assign appropriate
2 technical and administrative support personnel to assist the Task Force in its work.

Adopted this 18th day of November, 2002.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Peter A. Shapiro
Chair

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council