

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2023 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-002-2023  
Proposed by Council Members Oriadha and Burroughs  
Introduced by Council Members Oriadha and Burroughs  
Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Introduction December 12, 2022

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Health Impact Assessment as a Requirement in Land Use Matters

3 For the purpose of establishing a Health Impact Assessment requirement in land use matters.

4 WHEREAS, Health Impact Assessments are data driven evaluations that assist policy-  
5 maker's decisions about the health consequences, positive or negative, of a proposed legislation,  
6 project, or plan; and

7 WHEREAS, Health Impact Assessments can be a valuable tool for use in a Health in All  
8 Policies approach to decision-making; and

9 WHEREAS, According to the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Health  
10 Impact Assessment Clearinghouse Learning and Information Center, the overall methodology of  
11 health impact assessment includes the following: Phase 1) Screening – Determination by  
12 stakeholders and experts whether a Health Impact Assessment for a given policy or project  
13 proposal is warranted and feasible; Phase 2) Scoping – Identification of which issues should be  
14 considered and which populations are impacted; Phase 3) Assessment – Collecting evidence and  
15 data on the effects of the policy or program on health determinants and health outcomes; Phase  
16 4) Reporting/Evaluation – Providing a usable synthesis of the findings of an Health Impact  
17 Assessment and conducting follow-up evaluations to provide lessons for future Health Impact  
18 Assessments; and

19 WHEREAS, Currently, the County does not comply with this best practice methodology for  
20 health impact assessment. Instead of beginning with screening and scoping, the County simply  
21 requires Health Impact Assessments to be conducted for all major development applications and  
22 for every comprehensive master plan. There are procedural and logistical difficulties associated

1 with today’s practices; and

2 WHEREAS, in 2014, the Prince George’s County Council adopted the Plan Prince  
3 George’s 2035 Approved General Plan (Plan 2035), a new General Plan guiding the growth and  
4 development of the County through 2035; and

5 WHEREAS, Plan 2035 identifies two factors as key predictors of the aforementioned  
6 public health conditions impacting residents of Prince George’s County as access to healthy food  
7 and levels of daily physical activity; and

8 WHEREAS, Plan 2035 sets forth four key policy recommendations for addressing these  
9 concerns: 1) Integrate community health into the master plan and development review processes.  
10 2) Improve residents’ access to fresh foods, in particular for households living in low-income  
11 areas with limited transportation options and promote sources of fresh foods countywide. 3)  
12 Educate and build awareness of health and wellness initiatives that prevent and control chronic  
13 disease. 4) Improve access to health services and programs.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
15 County, Maryland, that the County in its zoning requirements include Health Impact  
16 Assessments in accordance with national best practices which will include Screening –  
17 Determination by stakeholders and experts whether a Health Impact Assessment for a given  
18 policy or project proposal is warranted and feasible; Scoping – Identification of which issues  
19 should be considered and which populations are impacted; Assessment – Collecting evidence  
20 and data on the effects of the policy or program on health determinants and health outcomes; and  
21 Reporting/Evaluation – Providing a usable synthesis of the findings of an Health Impact  
22 Assessment and conducting follow-up evaluations to provide lessons for future Health Impact  
23 Assessments.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council encourages the collaboration  
25 between the Prince George’s County Health Department and other health-based organizations to  
26 discuss specific recommendations that can incorporate health objectives into zoning, agriculture,  
27 and transportation policies/planning practices.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas E. Dernoga  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council