

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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**Meeting Date:** 10/7/2002

**Reference No.:** CR-47-2002

**Proposer:** Planning Board

**Draft No.:** 2

**Sponsors:** Shapiro, Bailey

**Item Title:** A Resolution approving with amendments the General Plan for Prince George's County, thereby defining long-range policies for development pattern, environmental protection, transportation, public facilities, economic development, housing, revitalization, urban design and historic preservation for Prince George's County

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**Drafter:** Tom Tyson  
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**Resource Personnel:** Tom Tyson  
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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**Date Presented:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

**Executive Action:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

**Committee Referral:** 9/17/2002 C.O.W.

**Effective Date:** 10/7/2002

**Committee Action:** 9/24/2002 FAV(A)

**Date Introduced:** 7/30/2002

**Public Hearing:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_ :\_\_ \_\_

**Council Action:1** 7/30/2002 ADOPTED

**Council Votes:** PS:A, DB:A, TD:N, JE:A, TH:A, TK:A; RVR:A, AS:N, MW:A

**Pass/Fail:** P

**Council Action:2** 9/17/2002 RECONSIDER & RECOMMIT

**Council Votes:** PS:A, DB:A, TD:A, JE:A, TH:A, TK:A; RVR:A, ASA, MW:A

**Pass/Fail:** P

**Council Action:3** 10/7/2002 READOPTED

**Council Votes:** PS:A, DB:-, TD:A, JE:A, TH:A, TK:A; RVR:A, AS:N, MW:A

**Pass/Fail:** P

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE****DATE: 9/24/2002:**

Committee vote: Favorable with amendments. (7-0-1) In favor: Council Members Shapiro, Bailey, Dernoga, Knotts, Hendershot, Russell and Wilson; Abstained: Council Member Estep; Absent: Council Member Scott.

Council Member Knotts explained his request for reconsideration that was approved by the Council on September 17, 2002. Mr. Knotts indicated that property owners affected by Amendment 1 of CR-47-2002 contacted him regarding their concerns with their property being placed in the Rural Tier instead of remaining in the Developing Tier as originally proposed by the General Plan without their knowledge. The purpose of the request for reconsideration was to allow an opportunity for these individuals as well as those who supported the properties remaining in the Developing Tier to speak to this matter.

The Chairman allowed testimony during the Committee meeting. Ed Gibbs, representing Fred and Rena Walzel and Ronald and Carolyn Tilch, spoke in support of amending the General Plan to remove certain parcels of land owned by his clients from the Rural Tier and placing them in the Developing Tier as originally recommended by the Planning Department staff. Mr. Gibbs indicated that his clients were not aware that their property was the subject of Amendment 1 changing the tier designation nor were they aware of a previous public hearing on the amendment. David Turner and Helen O'Leary of the Broad Creek Historic District Advisory Committee spoke in opposition to the amendment due to their concerns that changing the tier designation would negatively affect the integrity of the Historic District.

Council Member Estep provided background and some history on events that led up to the amendment to clarify this issue for the Council. Mr. Estep indicated that during review of the General Plan, the objective was to include the Broad Creek Historic District in the Rural Tier and explained that he asked his staff to look into the possibility of extending the boundary of the Rural Tier and to seek input from property owners in the area. The staff received a favorable response to extending the boundary, however, this support came from an individual who was related to Mr. Tilch, but was not Mr. Ronald Tilch who opposes the classification of his property in the Rural Tier.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT****(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)**

This Resolution proposes to approve with amendments, the General Plan for Prince George's County, thereby defining long-range policies for development pattern, environmental protection, transportation, public facilities, economic development, housing, revitalization

**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**