# Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary

**Meeting Date:** 7/23/2014 **Reference No.:** CR-022-2014

**Draft No.:** 1 **Proposer(s):** Olson

**Sponsor(s):** Olson, Lehman

**Item Title:** A Resolution concerning Safe Drinking Water in Prince George's County –

Drilling in George Washington National Forest for the purpose of expressing the concern of the Prince George's County Council to the United States Department of the Agriculture and United States Forest Service regarding horizontal drilling in the Potomac River watershed

area and its potential to impact Prince George's County's drinking water.

**Drafter:** Todd M. Turner, Legislative Officer **Resource Personnel:** Danielle M. Glaros, Legislative Aide

Thomas Mayah, Citizen Services

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** 

Date Presented: Executive Action:

Committee Referral: 4/29/2014 - THE Effective Date:

**Committee Action:** 7/17/2014 - FAV

**Date Introduced:** 4/29/2014

**Public Hearing:** 

**Council Action (1)** 7/23/2014 - ADOPTED

Council Votes: WC:-, DLD:A, MRF:A, AH:A, ML:A, EO:A, OP:A, IT:A, KT:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks:

## **AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

## Transportation, Housing and Environment Committee

Date 7/17/2014

July 17, 2014

Committee Vote: Favorable 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. CR-22-2014 is a resolution concerning drilling in George Washington National Forest for the purpose of expressing the concern of the Prince George's County Council to the United States Department of The Agriculture and the United States Forest service regarding horizontal drilling in the Potomac River Watershed area and its potential to impact Prince Georges County's drinking water.

Council Member Olson, resolution sponsor, provided rationale for the resolution & supporting documents. Mr. Jerry

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Johnson, General Manager of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC), provided some additional information to the Committee.

The Office of Law determined that CR-22-2014 was in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its adoption.

The Office of Audits and Investigation indicated there will be no adverse fiscal impact on the County as a result of adopting CR-22-2014.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

A resolution expressing the concern of the Prince George's County Council to the United States Department of the Agriculture and United States Forest Service regarding horizontal drilling in the George Washington National Forest which contains the Potomac River watershed area.

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