

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2014 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-74-2014
Proposed by The Chairman (by request – County Executive)
Introduced by Council Members Franklin, Lehman, Turner, Davis
Co-Sponsors _____
Date of Introduction July 23, 2014

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 The 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan Update

3 For the purpose of adopting the 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan Update as submitted by the
4 Patuxent River Commission and the Maryland Department of Planning.

5 WHEREAS, the Patuxent River Watershed is an attractive area for new development, with
6 population growth increasing almost threefold since 1970 to almost three-quarters of a million
7 inhabitants; and

8 WHEREAS, the Patuxent River (the “River”) offers a diversity of natural, scientific,
9 economic, cultural and educational resources which contribute immeasurably to the well-being
10 of Maryland’s residents; and

11 WHEREAS, the Patuxent River ecosystem remains in poor health, with impaired
12 conditions in the River and in its tributaries and headwaters for fish, shellfish, birds and other
13 wildlife; and

14 WHEREAS, some portions of the Patuxent River ecosystem remain in good health; and

15 WHEREAS, careful planning and restoration efforts are necessary to maintain and increase
16 the Patuxent River’s valued resources; and

17 WHEREAS, Prince George’s County has invested significantly in the preservation and
18 restoration of Patuxent River resources; and

19 WHEREAS, the 1980 Patuxent River Watershed Act (the “Act”) requires the Maryland
20 Department of Planning, in coordination with the Patuxent River Commission (the
21 “Commission”), to prepare a Patuxent River Policy Plan (the “Plan”) to be used as a policy guide
22 for local governments and units of State Government in carrying out preservation and restoration

1 action and programs within the Patuxent River Watershed, and to periodically update the Plan by
2 amendment; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1984 Prince George’s County and the other six counties within the Patuxent
4 watershed, and the City of Laurel, first adopted the Plan, and in 2000 adopted an addendum to
5 the Plan; and

6 WHEREAS, in May 2014 the Commission, in accordance with §5-805 of the State Finance
7 and Procurement Article, adopted the 2015 Patuxent Policy Plan for purpose of updating the
8 Plan; and

9 WHEREAS, the 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan Update will, as contemplated by the Act
10 and upon adoption, replace the existing Plan and serve as the Patuxent River Watershed policy
11 guide for Prince George’s County, the other six counties and the City of Laurel in preserving and
12 restoring the River, raising awareness of the River through advocacy, and creating excitement
13 about the multiple opportunities for interaction with the River; and

14 WHEREAS, consistent with the 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan Update, Prince George’s
15 County will continue to work collaboratively with the Commission to ensure productive,
16 responsible and thorough implementation of the Plan.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
18 County, Maryland, that the 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan Update, attached hereto as
19 “Attachment A”, be and the same is hereby adopted.

Adopted this 23rd day of July, 2014.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Mel Franklin
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council