

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2014 Legislative Session

Reference No.:	CB-86-2014
Draft No.:	1
Committee:	TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND THE ENVIRONMENT
Date:	10/16/2014
Action:	FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Olson, Davis, Patterson and Toles)

CB-86-2014 seeks to amend the Rain Check Rebate Program, to expand eligibility to homeowner, condominium and civic associations, increase the maximum rebate allowable and amends the types and amount of techniques available for the rebate. This bill also authorizes rebate disbursement prior to construction for certain non-profits organizations.

The Department of the Environment (DoE) detailed that since inception of the Rain Check Rebate Program \$14,749.01 was paid out during FY 2014, and \$23,382.64 has been paid out during FY 2015 to date. The Prince George's County Code provides for an annual appropriation of \$3.0 million dollars to the County's Storm-water Management District Fund which is the source for rebate funding. Total rebates granted per fiscal year may not exceed the \$3.0 million appropriation.

Ms. Angela Angel and Ms. Mary Holden (DOE), provided additional information to and answered questions to the Committee, including the need to update the program regulations with passage of CB-86-2014.

The Office of Law finds the CB-86-2014 is in proper legislative form and saw no legal impediments to its adoption.

The Office of Audits & Investigations found that enactment of CB-86-2014 will have a negative fiscal impact on the County on the County's Storm-water Management Division Fund to the extent of additional rebates being granted. However, these rebates encourage economic development, promote green initiatives, promote growth and assist in helping the County meet its obligations under the Clean Water Act. Therefore, the resulting benefits received by the County may outweigh or offset the negative impact of the rebates.