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THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Office of Audits and Investigations

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert J. Williams, Jr.

Council Administrator

William M. Hunt

Deputy Council Administrator

THRU: David H. Van Dyke

County Auditor

FROM: Inez N. Claggett

Senior Legislative Auditor

RE: Fiscal Impact Statement

CR-064-2016 Watershed Protection and Restoration Financial Assurance Plan

Pursuant to your request, we have reviewed CR-064-2016 to estimate its fiscal impact on Prince George's County, Maryland.

CR-064-2016 provides approval for the County's Financial Assurance Plan to the Maryland Department of the Environment demonstrating funding capacity necessary to fulfill the watershed protection and restoration requirements in accordance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Stormwater Permit.

The Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland requires Maryland jurisdictions subject to a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase I MS4 permit to submit a Financial Assurance Plan (the "Plan") to the Maryland Department of Environment by July 1, 2016. The Plan projects how stormwater runoff will be treated and paid for over the next five (5) years and provides the financial roadmap for complying with the Environmental Protection Agency's total maximum daily load requirements. The Plan must also demonstrate that the County has revenue funds to meet 75% of the projected costs of compliance with the impervious surface restoration requirements under the permit for the two (2) years directly following the filing date of the Plan.

State Law requires a public hearing to be held and local governing body approval of the Financial Assurance Plan. CR-064-2016 provides the requisite approval.

CR-064-2016 should not have an adverse fiscal impact on the County.

If you require additional information, or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please call me.