PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2017 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-027-2017

Draft No.: 1

Committee: PLANNING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Date: 4/19/2017

Action: FAV

Committee Vote: Favorable, 3-0 (In favor: Council Members Harrison, Franklin, and Toles)

Staff provided an overview of the legislation and informed the Committee of written referral comments that were received. CB-27-2017 amends Subtitle 29, Preservation of Historic Resources, to add language that would allow properties adjacent to land that is located outside the County's Growth Policy Boundary area within the Rural Tier to qualify for the Historic Agricultural Resource Preservation Program (HARPP).

Council Member Franklin, the bill's sponsor, commented on the legislation providing an additional land preservation tool by expanding the eligibility requirements for landowners to participate in the HARPP.

The Office of Law reviewed CB-27-2017 and determined that it is in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment. The Planning Board supports the legislation. The Prince George's Soil Conservation District (SCD) submitted a letter dated April 10, 2017 in support of CB-27-2017. Yates Clagett, representing SCD, was in attendance for the Committee discussion and available for questions from Council Members.

The Committee voted favorably on the legislation as drafted.