CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ONLINE ONLY

Due to the COVID-19 precautions, the Council Meeting will be held online and is planned to be cablecast on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 and streamed to www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv.

Resident participation:
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Passcode: 736144

OR

Join By phone: (301) 715-8592
Meeting ID: 869 0873 1112
Passcode: 736144

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use Video Relay Services (VRS) at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

Monday, January 25, 2021
8:00 PM

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations

6a. Black History Proclamation
Suggested Action:

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During this month, the Greenbelt Black History and Cultural Committee will celebrate Black History through a host of virtual events. Dr. Lois Rosado of the Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance (GREA) will be present to receive the proclamation.
Black History Month 2021.pdf

7. Petitions and Requests
Suggested Action:

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CCAP Resolution

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Josh Poland, a GCAN representative, will present the petition.

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8. * Minutes of Council Meetings
Suggested Action:

9. Administrative Reports

*10. * Committee Reports

10a. Community Relations Advisory Board Report 2021-1 - (Council Referral on Racial Equity Legislation)
Suggested Action:

It is recommended Council accept this report and discuss it at a future meeting.
Report 2021-01.pdf
Report 2021-01 Racial Equity Ordinance.pdf
Report 2021-01 Racial Equity Resolution.pdf

III. LEGISLATION

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

11. Recognition Group- Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team
Suggested Action:

Reference:

PRAB Report #21-1, Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team, 1/01/2021 – It should be noted that the Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team revised their Operating Grant application after receiving feedback from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team Application- Revised - It is recommended that Council approve the FY 2021 Recognition Group application for Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team.

Council approval is sought. Tris West, Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team President will be present to answer questions.
PRAB Report- Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team 21-1.pdf
Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team

12. Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) - Report #21-01 - ACE Grant Proposals - 2021
Suggested Action:

Reference: ACE 2020-2021 Grant Report

ACE submits its 2020-2021 School Year grant report for Council Review and Approval. Historically, the awarded grants are used by the local schools to fund educational programs like field trips, instructional materials, Lego league, and family engagement activities. In addition, grants can support teacher development. This year, ACE considered grants that can be implemented virtually as well as in-person. After careful review and discussion, ACE recommends that the City Council approve funding for 17 proposals, totaling $8,049.47. In addition to the grants, ACE recommends allocated $600.00 to each of the core schools to address food insecurity; this additional recommendation for $3,600.00 brings the total to $11,649.47.

Council approval is sought.

ACE_21-1_Grant_Report_2021_.pdf

13. Community Relations Advisory Board - Communication to City Council
Suggested Action:

Reference: CRAB Communication Report, 12/11/2020

Council accepted this Communication from the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) on December 11, 2020. CRAB is seeking Council feedback regarding the options presented in the Communication. CRAB Co-Chairs Rick Ransom and Jamie Krauk will be available to answer any questions.
CRAB Communication 12.11.20.pdf

14. Acceptance of Greenbelt Station Parkway
Suggested Action:

Reference: Greenbelt Station Parkway Graphic

The Greenbelt Station South Core development includes a combination of public and private streets. Woodlawn Development Group has completed the construction of Greenbelt Station Parkway and is asking the City to accept it into City maintenance. The construction of Greenbelt Station Parkway consists of lighting, sidewalk, brick crosswalks, landscaped medians and roundabouts, curb and gutter, striping and storm drain and paving. A final inspection of the roadway was completed by the City's inspector and the Director of Public Works and the Director of Planning and Community Development. The final inspection confirmed that the work has been completed per approved plans except for some minor asphalt sealing that needs to be completed as weather permits. The City's Arborist has also identified some potential issues with some landscaping and these will be addressed in early spring if needed and a one-year warranty provided for any new plants/shrubs installed.

Staff recommends that the City Council conditionally accept Greenbelt Station Parkway conditioned on the posting of a maintenance bond in the amount of $89,734.58.

Greenbelt Station Parkway Graphic.pdf

15. State Legislation
Suggested Action:

Reference:
SB 188/HB 63
HB 294/SB 93
HB 294 Fiscal Note
HB 252
HB 252 Fiscal Note
SB 414/HB 583
Flyers provided by GCAN
HB 264
SB 361/HB 485

Senate Bill 188/House Bill 63 - This legislation would prohibit the State and certain units and instrumentalities of the State from using any appropriation for a magnetic levitation transportation system in the State. Senator Pinsky and Delegate Williams are the primary sponsors of the respective bills. The City supported similar legislation last year.

Staff recommends Council reaffirm its support for SB 188/HB 63.

House Bill 294/SB 93 - This legislation would increase, from $5,000 to $25,000, the maximum estimated cost in labor and materials for the alteration of a certain existing building or structure for which a person is not required to employ a licensed architect under certain circumstances. Delegate Williams is the primary sponsor. The City supported similar legislation last year.

Staff recommends Council support HB 294/SB 93.

House Bill 252 - This bill authorizes the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to withhold owner-occupied residential property from tax sale during the period from June 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. Council Member Davis requested this bill be added to this agenda.

Council direction is sought.

Senate Bill 414/House Bill 583 - This legislation requires the State to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 60% from 2006 levels by 2030; requires the State to achieve net-zero statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 2045; requires the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt regulations establishing certain energy conservation requirements for certain buildings by July 1, 2022 and establishes a goal of planting and helping to maintain in the State 5,000,000 sustainable trees of species native to the State by the end of 2030.

Senator Pinsky is the primary sponsor. The City has supported similar legislation in the past. Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) has also requested that the City support this legislation. Two flyers provided by GCAN are included in the background materials.

Council direction is sought.

House Bill 264 - GCAN has requested the City support this bill. This bill would require that beginning on 1/1/2023 certain entities (hotels, hospitals, prisons, supermarkets, food hubs, etc.) that produce at least 2 tons of food scraps per week to compost or otherwise divert food waste from the waste stream if they are within 30 miles of a composting or anaerobic digesting facility. The threshold would lower to entities that produce 1 ton on 1/1/2024. GCAN representatives will be available to answer any questions.

Council direction is sought.

Senate Bill 361/House Bill 485 - This bill would establish the Public-Private Partnership Oversight Review Board. It would require a certain reporting agency to include in pre-solicitation reports for public-private partnerships with a total value that exceeds $500,000,000 pre-solicitation reports of certain contracts and a certain environmental impact statement under certain circumstances.

Mayor Byrd requested this legislation be added to this evening's agenda. Council direction is sought.

SB 188.pdf
HB 294.pdf
HB 294 Fiscal Note.pdf
HB 252.pdf
HB 252 Fiscal Note.pdf
SB 414.pdf
ClimateSolutionsNow Act edited one pager.pdf

Climate Solutions Now Act two page fact sheet.pdf
HB 264.pdf
SB 361.pdf

16. Memorial for Police Officers
Suggested Action:

Councilmember Pope requested this item be added to the agenda. She suggests that the City dedicate a memorial to honor the City's Police Officers, especially for Corporal Peters, who tragically lost her life serving our residents. Ms. Pope would like Council support to discuss possibilities to implement this memorial.

17. Council Activities

18. Council Reports

19. Mask Mandate -- City Property
Suggested Action:

Mayor Byrd requested this item be added to the agenda.

*20. * Resignation from Advisory Group
Suggested Action:
Reference: Email, S. Sinha, 01/15/2021

Sudhanshu Sinha has resigned from the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE). Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's intent to accept Mr. Sinha resignation with regret.

*21. * Appointment to Advisory Board
Suggested Action:

Reference: Email, S. Sinha, 12/08/2019, S Sinha, Application, and Signed Code of Conduct

On December 8, 2019, Mr. Sudhanshu Sinha indicated resigning from the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE). Mr. Sinha has been a member of the ACE for 15 years and requests to resign from that committee and be appointed to the Community Relation Advisory Board.

On March 10, 2020, Council interviewed Mr. Sinha for appointment to the Community Relations Advisory Board.

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council’s intent to appoint

Mr. Sinha to CRAB.

V. MEETINGS

Meetings

Suggested Action:

meetings.pdf

Stakeholders

Stakeholder Schedule.pdf

Agenda Item No: 6a.

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 25, 2021
Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen
Submitting Department: Administration
Item Type: Proclamation
Agenda Section: COMMUNICATIONS

Subject:
Black History Proclamation

Suggested Action:

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Attachments:
Black History Month 2021.pdf

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, *Black History Month is observed in February of each year and affords special opportunity to become more knowledgeable about black heritage, and to honor the many black leaders who have contributed to the progress of our nation; and*

WHEREAS, *since 1976, every American president has endorsed a specific theme. This year, Black History Month 2021 theme is "Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity," explores the African diaspora and the spread of Black families across the United States.*

WHEREAS, *During Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African-Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual and political development; and*

WHEREAS, *such knowledge can strengthen the insight of all our citizens regarding the issues of human rights, the great strides that have been made in the crusade to eliminate the barriers of equality for minority groups, and the continuing struggle against racial discrimination and poverty; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Greenbelt continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens, past, present, and future, are respected and recognized for their contributions and potential contributions to our community; and*

WHEREAS, *remaining hopeful and confident about the path ahead, and a time to acknowledge the courageous fight for the rights, liberties, and freedoms for all Americans, the Greenbelt Black History and Cultural Committee observes and honors Black History Month and encourages educators, students, and families to learn about the heritage and achievements of African-Americans through programs and activities generated by the committee; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Colin A. Byrd, hereby proclaim the month of February 2021, as*

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in the City of Greenbelt and urge our citizens to join together in the celebration through participation in the host of virtual events provided by the Greenbelt Black History and Cultural Committee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to be affixed this 25th day of January 2021.*

COLIN A. BYRD
Mayor

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 25, 2021
Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen
Submitting Department: Administration
Item Type: COMMUNICATIONS
Agenda Section: COMMUNICATIONS

Subject:
Petitions and Requests

Suggested Action:

Reference:
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Josh Poland, a GCAN representative, will present the petition.

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Bonita Anderson

Subject: FW: Bonita, item for Petitions and Request for Monday

From: Lore Rosenthal (GCAN)
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 11:58 AM
To: Bonita Anderson
Cc: Colin Byrd; David Moran; Lore Rosenthal (GCAN); Josh Poland
Subject: Bonita, item for Petitions and Request for Monday

Dear Ms. Anderson,

I am writing to request that you add the following item to "petitions and requests" for Monday's Council meeting. The request is for the council to write a letter to school board representative, Joshua Thomas, about a resolution before him. The resolution would create a Focus Work Group which would draft a School Board Climate Change Action Plan for our local county schools.

This request is time sensitive. The School Board will vote on "second reading" on Thurs, Feb 11, That is only 3 days after the next council meeting on Mon, Feb 8. Due to this fact, we are respectfully requesting that the matter be added to the agenda on Monday night.

Josh Poland, a GCAN representative, will present the petition.

Thanks,
Lore Rosenthal, Program Coordinator
Greenbelt Climate Action Network

Prince George's County Board of Education, Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) Focus Work Group Proposal
Resolution: https://go.boarddocs.com/mabe/pgcps/Board.nsf/files/BX4VZL832C7A/$file/CCAP%20Resolution.pdf
Workgroup: https://go.boarddocs.com/mabe/pgcps/Board.nsf/files/BX4VZJ832C73/$file/CCAP%20FWG%20Implementation%20Document.pdf

This resolution would establish a Focus Work Group to write a Climate Change Action Plan for the PG County Public Schools.
Request to write a letter to school board representative Joshua Thomas

ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITTED

======================**Board Action Summary**========================

An Outline of the Board of Education Member District 3 & Student Member of the Board's Recommendations to the Board of Education

New Program: Yes X No **Modified Program: Yes No X**

Subject: Prince George's County Board of Education, Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) Focus Work Group Proposal

Overview

The 2018 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report found that limiting global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels by 2100 would require human-caused emissions of carbon dioxide (CO_2) to fall by about 45 percent from 2010 levels by 2030 and reach 'net zero'. In 2018 the Fourth National Climate Assessment developed under requirements laid out by the Global Change Research Act of 1990 found that under business as usual circumstances global warming would increase by 5.0°C by 2100.[1] This is the world a current fifth grade student would live in if they live to the age of ninety. Under these business as usual conditions Prince George's County can expect to see substantial flooding in Fort Washington, up to sixty 90°F or greater temperature days (Prince George's County currently experience about twenty five), increases in deadly ozone and fine particulate air pollution levels, among other negative consequences that will directly impact the ability for future generations of students to thrive academically.[2,3]

While this may seem grim, action is being taken by states, cities, counties and school systems throughout the United States and in many other countries, and the Prince George's County Board of Education has the opportunity to take action in regards to its operations. Prince George's County government has already taken steps to reduce its footprint including adoption of a county-wide climate action plan in 2012 and signing on to the "We Are Still In" pledge to meet Paris Climate goals.[4] Additionally, the Prince George's County Council established The Prince George's Climate Action Commission

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1 https://nca2018.globalchange.gov/chapter/2/

2 https://coast.noaa.gov/slr/#/layer/slr/6/-8462011.540870793/4660244.995976989/11/satellite/none/0.8/2050/interHigh/midAccretion

3 https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2018/08/30/climate/how-much-hotter-is-your-hometown.html

4 https://www.wearestillin.com/signatories?title=&field_sector_target_id=12&field_public_value=All&field_address_administrative_area=MD&geolocation_geocoder_google_geocoding_api_state=1

with Council Resolution CR-07-2020 to develop a Climate Action Plan for Prince George's County in order to prepare for and build resilience to regional climate change impacts and to set and achieve climate stabilization goals. The group consists of sixteen members. The Commission's activities begin with the preparation of a draft plan, an initial update on proceedings by November 30, 2020, and culminate with a final report by September 2021 (when the Commission expires). PGCPS employee Donald Belle, Classroom Teacher at the William S Schmidt Environmental Center represents PGCPS on this Commission.

Actionable, cost-effective solutions currently exist to reduce energy used by buildings and transportation managed by the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), generate renewable onsite power at buildings, replace infrastructure and vehicles with zero emissions alternatives, and reduce food-related greenhouse gas emissions, among other solutions. These solutions also will become even more readily available and cost-effective in the ensuing years. These solutions also have ancillary benefits from the possibility of being used to train future generations of vocational students on the latest technologies, to creating grid independent community emergency locations, to reducing the impacts of air pollution and unhealthy food both of which impair students' education outcomes. PGCPS can have a particularly meaningful impact due to the large number of buildings it owns, vehicles it runs, and students it educates.

In order to take advantage of these solutions that will both reduce the impact of the educational system on our climate, reduce long term operational costs, and improve the indoor environment in which the students learn, a Focus Workgroup is to be formed to develop a Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) for PGCPS.

Problem Statement

At this juncture, PGCPS does not have a specific energy or climate change policy in place. Given that PGCPS needs to have and implement such policies in order to meet the climate goals necessary to stave off the worst of climate change, ensure a healthy learning environment for students, and reduce operating costs, such a plan must be developed. It would also be in line with the climate goals that Prince George's County Council accepted with committing to the "We Are Still In Pledge." Creation of a CCAP Focus Work Group will allow for decision makers, experts, and affected persons to collaborate on a plan that ensures that PGCPS meets climate targets, betters the health of the students and personnel, reduces costs, and shows that PGCPS is a leader in Maryland and throughout the nation. The plan will also educate and influence the primary funders of PGCPS, the Maryland General Assembly and Prince George's County Council.

PGCPS is one of the twenty largest school systems in the nation with approximately 136,000 students and an annual budget of $2.1 billion. PGCPS manages 207 educational facilities, plus many other administrative facilities, and has approximately 19,000 employees. As of December 2020, 131 of the schools in the systems have been certified under the Green School program. These traits give PGCPS a great opportunity to make a meaningful difference in terms of the climate impact it has as it undertakes its mission to educate the large diverse student body in Prince George's County.

Purpose

Prince George's County and its Public School System can become a national model for developing and implementing a Climate Change Action Plan. Relatively few school systems in the United States have a Climate Change Action Plan in place, and many of them are in California, which faces different climate conditions than the Eastern United States. The CCAP Focus Work Group will provide programmatic and administrative policy and technological, operational, budgetary, and resource allocation recommendations to the Board of Education for consideration, adoption and implementation to address this issue.

Mission

The mission of the Climate Change Action Plan Focus Work Group is to study current operations practices in PGCPS and examine national/international best practices to provide policy and budget recommendations to the Board of Education. There are several areas that need to be dealt with in order to have a comprehensive Climate Change Action Plan:

1. Building Construction, Maintenance, and Operations;
2. Electricity;
3. Transportation;
4. Food/Food Waste;
5. Materials and Waste Cycles;
6. Storm Water and Land Management; and
7. Education and Awareness

The CCAP Focus Workgroup will also collaborate with the Prince George's Climate Action Commission to achieve these goals.

The CCAP Focus Workgroup will also ensure that the conversion to new technologies and implementation of policies is done equitably throughout Prince George's County and in consultation with any affected stakeholders.

The workgroup will draw upon climate change action plans developed for other entities, while keeping in mind different climatic issues they may face, as well as climate change action plans developed for county governments.

Sub-Mission I: Building Construction, Maintenance, and Operations

The CCAP Focus Workgroup will provide recommendations on approaches to replace in-use technologies used to power, heat, ventilate, and cool buildings with zero on-site emissions alternatives. The CCAP Focus Workgroup will examine the costs of different technologies, various financing options, and whether assets can be used to financially benefit PGCPS when not in use for their primary purpose.

All of these efforts should be undertaken with the overarching goal of eliminating all greenhouse gas emissions from building energy consumption.

Sub-Mission II: Electricity

The CCAP Focus Workgroup will provide recommendations on how to eliminate the use of electricity produced through the burning of fossil-fuels. This can include, but is not limited to, the installation of onsite solar, purchase of clean energy through power purchase agreements, and the reduction in demand. The CCAP Focus Workgroup will examine the costs of different technologies, various financing options, and whether assets can be used to financially benefit PGCPS when not in use for their primary purpose. CCAP Focus Workgroup should also examine ways for PGCPS to act independently from the grid during emergencies.

All of these efforts should be undertaken with the overarching goal of eliminating all greenhouse gas emissions from electricity use.

Sub-Mission III: Transportation

The CCAP Focus Workgroup will examine how to convert gas/diesel powered vehicles and equipment to zero emissions alternatives. The CCAP will also make recommendations on approaches to optimize bus routes, keeping in mind the needs of zero emissions alternatives. The CCAP Focus Workgroup should also examine ways in which to encourage staff and students to travel to school through carbon free or carbon-reduced means.

All of these efforts should be undertaken with the goal of eliminating all greenhouse gas emissions from transportation.

Sub-Mission IV: Food Waste & Climate-Friendly Food

The CCAP Focus Workgroup should examine ways to eliminate landfilled food waste. This effort should include looking at ways to reduce food that enters the waste stream and alternative disposal means to landfilling for the food that does enter the waste stream, such as composting.

Additionally, the CCAP Focus Workgroup should look at approaches to reduce the carbon footprints of food brought into and prepared by the school system. This can include examining ways to reduce wasted food, reduce food packaging, and rely on lower carbon footprint foods.

All of these efforts should be undertaken with the goal of eliminating food-related emissions though reducing food waste and shifting to plant-rich menus.

Sub-Mission V: Materials and Waste Cycles

The CCAP Focus Workgroup will look at ways to reduce waste related to school operations and increase recycling of materials that are still needed.

All of these efforts should be undertaken with the overarching goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the life cycle of materials needed to maintain functioning school processes.

Sub-Mission VI: Storm Water and Land Management

The CCAP Focus Workgroup will examine approaches necessary to improve grounds management to reduce impact on the climate of maintenance and adapt schools to the already changing climate. This will include looking at approaches to reduce the impacts of stormwater on school properties, ensure assets are safe from flooding, increase tree and native plantings, naturalizing playing fields, and reducing property that requires mowing.

All of these efforts should be undertaken with the overarching goals of reducing the need for fossil fuels for grounds maintenance, increasing the resilience of schools properties to flooding and storms, and, if calculable, increasing the carbon sequestration of school properties.

Sub-Mission VII: Education and Awareness

Finally, the CCAP Focus Workgroup will explore approaches to integrating the goals of the CCAP into the curriculum. This should include integration into aspects of education at every grade level and in a variety of subjects. There should also be integration of learning of specific technologies into the STEM and vocational education programs. Finally, the CCAP Focus Workgroup should look at ways to educate parents, staff, and others in regards to ways that climate impacts their interactions with the school system.

All of these efforts should be undertaken with the overarching goals of allowing PGCPS students to learn from our innovative approaches to tackling the climate crisis and allowing PGCPS to serve as an example in the state of Maryland and throughout the United States.

Specific Goals of CCAP

Overarching Goals:		
	Goal	**Division**
1	Aligns all approaches with the timeframes outlined in the implementing resolution.	n/a
2	Explores financing options, specific to each goal, including, but not limited to grants, state funding, and, public/private partnerships.	COO/SS/CPD CFO
3	Examines of government structures, including hiring of new positions, within PGCPS, to facilitate the implementation of the final plan.	CHRO
4	Considers which policy options are most cost effective.	COO CFO
5	Approaches to offset any greenhouse gas emissions that are still required for successful school operations.	COO CFO
6	Leads to implementation of a plan in an equitable fashion throughout Prince George’s County.	

7	Is developed in collaboration with stakeholders affected by the transition to new technologies and policies.	COS/CP COS/PRI
8	Considers how these goals interact with other environmental goals in the State of Maryland and in Prince George's County, both specific to the schools (e.g., Green Schools Agenda) and more generally (County Climate Action Plan, Maryland climate goals).	COS/GC
9	Recommends needed legislative changes in the state of Maryland and Prince George's County to increase effectiveness of PGCPS's program.	COS/GC

Sub-Mission I - Building Construction, Maintenance, and Operations:

	Goal	Division
10	Results in replacement of fossil fuel powered heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, water heaters, and other fossil-fuel powered systems to systems powered only by electricity (e.g., electric heat pumps, geothermal systems).	COO/SS/CPD
11	Evaluates energy saving measures such as, but not limited to, improvements in lighting, electric appliance replacement, and building envelope improvements.	COO/SS/CPD COO/SS/BSD
12	Examines approaches to better use roof space to achieve energy goals, including but not limited to installation of solar panels, reflective painting, or green roofs.	COO/SS/CPD
13	Recommends how to reduce the impact of rising heat and humidity on indoor mold.	COO/SS/CPD COO/SS/BSD
14	Recommends on changes to policies that reduce unneeded energy consumption (e.g., lowering indoor air temperatures, turning off lights when rooms are not occupied).	COO/SS/BPD
15	Considers the goals and impacts of the Built to Learn Act of 2020.	COO/SS/CPD

Sub-Mission II - Electricity:

	Goal	Division

16	Results in conversion of all electricity consumed by PGCPS and produced offsite to 100% clean energy purchase agreements or other mechanisms.	COO/PS
17	Results in a plan for onsite solar installations on appropriate buildings and other structures.	COO/SS/CPD
18	Recommends how to integrate onsite batteries for backup power.	COO/SS/CPD
Sub-Mission III - Transportation:		
	Goal	**Division**
19	Leads to replacement of all school buses, other vehicles, and nonroad equipment (e.g., lawnmowers) with zero emissions alternatives.	COO/SS/TD
20	Recommends approaches for route changes and, if necessary, alternative approaches to vehicle storage to facilitate adoption of zero emission vehicles.	COO/SS/TD
21	Examines approaches to increase walking and biking to school.	COO/SS/TD
22	Includes opportunities for staff and other visitors to reduce the carbon footprint of traveling to schools, including installation of EV charging stations and bicycling storage and advocacy for offsite bicycling infrastructure	COO/SS/TD
23	Recommends approaches to ensure compliance with all state anti-idling regulations.	COO/SS/TD
24	Considers use of bi-directional electric vehicle batteries as an additional funding mechanism and alternative backup power supply.	COO/SS/TD COO/SS/CP
Sub-Mission IV - Food Waste & Climate-Friendly Food:		
	Goal	**Division**
25	Leads to the elimination of landfilled food waste, including through increased composting and waste reduction.	COO/SS/FSD

26	Lowers the carbon footprint of food served in schools by shifting to more climate-friendly menus.	COO/SS/FSD
27	Reduces the external waste associated with food packaging, production, and serving in schools.	COO/SS/FSD

Sub-Mission V - Materials and Waste Cycles:

	Goal	Division
28	Reduces waste associated with packaging of non-food items.	COO/PS
29	Reduces the need for paper use and increases the recycling of paper used.	COO/PS

Sub-Mission VI - Storm Water and Land Management:

	Goal	Division
30	Introduces stormwater retrofits for existing buildings and stormwater mitigation for new buildings that consider the impacts of climate change.	COO/SS/BSD
31	Involves the use of tree canopies to provide for stormwater benefits, reduced energy consumption, and be resilient in climate change.	COO/SS/BSD
32	Includes alternative approaches to manage grounds to increase native plantings, decrease the need for mowing, and rely on natural playgrounds and sports fields.	COO/SS/BSD

Sub-Mission VII - Education and Awareness:

	Goal	Division
33	Incorporates sustainability educational opportunities for students of PGCPS in at all grade levels and in a variety of subjects.	CAO/C&I
34	Provides specific educational opportunities for students of PGCPS in the STEM and vocational fields to learn from implementation of the recommended technologies.	CAO/CTEP

35	Relates the SCAAP goals to the goals outlined in the Blueprint for Maryland (Kirwin Commission) recommendations, when possible.	CAO
36	Explores opportunities to increase behavioral changes with staff to reduce the impact of their commutes and other work related activities.	CHRO
37	Explores educational opportunities for the greater school community on individual efforts that can be made to reduce environmental impact (e.g., walking to school, no vehicle idling, healthy low impact lunches, changes in lifestyle choices at home).	COS/CP

In Summary

Sub-Mission	Task
Overarching Goals	Funding and Financing Opportunities
	Governmental Structure
	Cost Effectiveness
	Offset Purchasing
	Equity
	Stakeholder Outreach
	Interaction with Other Policies
	County Council/Maryland General Assembly Asks
Sub-Mission I: Building Construction, Maintenance, and Operations	HVAC/Water Heater/Cooking Equipment Replacement
	Energy Saving Facility Improvements (Lighting, Appliance Upgrades, Building Envelope)
	Roofs (Solar Installation, Reflective Paint, Green Roofs)
	Battery Backups and Storage
	Mold, Heat, & Humidity Concerns
	Energy Saving Policies
	Built to Learn Act Funding
Sub-Mission II:	PPA for Wind (offsite)

Electricity	PPA for Solar (offsite)
Sub-Mission III: Transportation	Vehicle and Equipment Electrification
	Route Changes
	Walking/Biking to School
	EV Charging and other Commuting Improvements
	Anti-Idling
	Vehicle Battery to Grid (Storage)
Sub-Mission IV: Food/Food Waste	Reduced Food Waste and Composting
	Lower Carbon Diet
	Reduce Food Packaging Waste
Sub-Mission V: Materials and Waste Cycles	Materials Reduction (plastics, packaging, printing)
	Maximize recycling (paper)
Sub-Mission VI: Storm Water and Land Management	Stormwater Improvements
	Tree Planting
	Grounds Improvements & Native Planting
Sub-Mission VII: Education and Awareness	K-12 Education Integration (All Subject Areas)
	STEM and Vocational Educational Elements
	Kirwin Commission Educational Relationships
	Staff Education/Behavioral Changes
	Broader Community Education

Structure of the CCAP Focus Work Group

The Mission of the CCAP Focus Workgroup is quite expansive. Additionally there are areas where expertise is needed that may not be relevant across the board. As a result the CCAP Focus Workgroup will begin as a whole to work on the overarching areas that touch on all of the sub-missions, then break off into sub workgroups to resolve approaches to the sub-missions, then reconvene to put compile the results of the sub workgroups and finalize the CCAP. As a result a chair will be needed for the entire CCAP Focus Workgroup, as well as Workgroup Leads for each of the individual sub-missions.

Members of the CCAP Focus Work Group

The following people should be represented in the CCAP Focus Workgroup, though people can often represent multiple perspectives. All Focus Workgroup members should live or work in Prince George's County, though exceptions can be made for subject matter experts if none can be found from within Prince George's County that meet the goals of the Focus Workgroup and this geographic requirement. Given the potential size of the workgroup, a facilitator should also be chosen.

1. PGCPS Environment Programs Leader & Teacher
2. Current PGCPS High School Student(s)
3. Prince George's County Board of Education Members (2 members)
4. Maryland Assembly Legislator
5. Prince George's County Council Member
6. Zero Emissions Buildings Expert
7. Zero Emissions Vehicle Expert
8. Green Capital Projects Expert
9. Food Systems Expert
10. Stormwater Management and Landscaping Expert
11. Capital Improvement Project Director, or Designee
12. Building Operations Director, or Designee
13. School Transportation Director, or Designee
14. PGCPS Labor Partner Representative
15. Local Climate Focused Environmental Group Representative & PTA Parent Leader
16. Local Environmental Justice Group Representative
17. PGCPS Principal

Invited Experts to the CCAP Focus Work Group

Given the potential size of the workgroup, and other considerations, some subject matter experts will need to be heard from, while not being members of the workgroup. The experts will be determined by the membership on an as needed basis.

Biographies of Members

PGCPS Environmental Programs Leader & Teacher - Donald Belle

Environmental Outreach Educator with the William Schmidt Outdoor and Environmental Education Center

Donald Belle is an educator in the Prince George's County Public School (PGCPS) system. Mr. Belle is an Environmental Outreach Educator with the William Schmidt Outdoor and Environmental Education Center and has worked in the past as the science teacher coordinator and academy of environmental studies coordinator at Gwynn Park High School. He has been an educator for 18 years in PGCPS. He is an advocate for STEM education and has worked on STEM initiatives including NASA STEM Learning Studios, 100kin10 STEM Summit, STEM-H Program (Naval Historical Society), USA Science and Engineering Festival, ExPERT/BEST STEM programs (Towson University), and the NSTA Learning Studios. In 2012, Mr. Belle was awarded Outstanding Educator by Prince George's County Public Schools.

Mr. Belle has recently contributed to or coordinated several environmental literacy initiatives including the Mussel Power Citizen Science Program, the Prince George's County Envirothon, and Climate Action Initiatives. For the past four years, he has organized and grown the Student Environmental Alliance Summit. The Student Environmental Alliance Summit supports high school students that have expressed an interest in working or learning about careers in environmental science, natural resource management, or agriculture. In 2020, Mr. Belle was appointed to serve on the Prince George's County Climate Action Commission.

Current PGCPS High School Student(s) - Nanette Amihere and Asia Gray, Charles H. Flowers High School

Nanette Amihere -

Asia Gray - PGCPS Student, Director of Student Services Task Force for SMOB Advisory Council

Asia Gray is a senior at Charles Herbert Flowers High School in the Science and Technology Program. She is involved in several community organizations such as Girl Scouts, CHF Principal's Action Council, Student Board Member Ninah Jackson's Advisory Council, and Board Member Stafford's Community Advisory Council. In the summer and fall of 2018 and 2019, she interned at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History through the Youth Engagement through Science Program. There, she performed research on cell phone infrastructure and sustainability practices in coordination with the Anthropology Department. She is currently in her school's internship program and serves as an independent research intern at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center.She hopes to pursue a degree in Biomedical Engineering.

Prince George's County Board of Education Members - Pamela Boozer-Strother (District 3) and Sonya Williams (District 9)

Pamela Boozer-Strother - PGCPS Board of Education Member, District 3

Elected in November 2018, Pamela Boozer-Strother is the representative for Prince George's County Board of Education, District 3. In her service on the Board of Education, Ms. Boozer-Strother has served as: Policy & Governance Committee Chair, 2020, Policy &

Governance Committee Vice-Chair, 2019-2020, Community Schools Steering Committee, 2020-2021, Legislative Committee, Maryland Association of Board's of Education (MABE), 2019-2021.

Ms. Boozer-Strother was born in Prince George's County and returned 15 years ago as a resident of Brentwood in District 3. At that time, she became an active leader of community organizations and town committees focused on children, education and economic development. In 2018, she was recognized for her years of community service with the Mighty Joe Impact Award from Joe's Movement Emporium.

She has experience with building planning, budgeting and construction through the oversight of the Gateway Arts Center, critical skills she brings to the PGCPS Capital Improvement Program. In this capacity, Ms. Boozer-Strother has been developing her knowledge about Net-Zero Energy schools as the buildings of the future. Ms. Boozer-Strother is also an advocate for community composting programs and for PGCPS to become a national model for systemwide composting.

Ms. Boozer-Strother earned her MBA from the Kogod School of Business at American University and is a Certified Association Executive (CAE) and founded a business in 2011 focused on association convention and events sponsorship fundraising.

Sonya Williams - PGCPS Board of Education Vice-Chair and Member, District 9

Sonya Williams was sworn in for her second elected term to represent Board of Education District 9 and was appointed as Vice-Chair of the Board of Education in January 2021.

Mrs. Williams is a Civil Engineer with over 25 years of project management experience on local and national construction projects. As a developer who constructs buildings it is her intent to find ways to reduce the carbon footprint over the lifecycle of that building. Schools building can be found in every community. Mrs. Williams is motivated by finding energy efficient solutions in PGCPS so that these lessons can be shared with others.

Mrs. Williams, a Prince George's County resident since the age of 5, completed her secondary education at Crossland High School in 1985. After which she attended the University of Maryland to study Civil Engineering. Her career in Civil Engineering began as a project management intern at the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission working on the headquarters building in Laurel.

Mrs. Williams has worked on other local notable projects including the expansion of BWI-Marshall Airport and most recently the Tanger Outlet Mall. As a Civil Engineer specializing in project management, she has honed an important set of transferable leadership skills that include the ability to communicate across different education and experience levels, build successful teams that focus on similar goals, manage multi-million dollar budgets, and manage time and resources to support reaching the desired outcome on schedule and budget. She received her master's degree in International Organizational Leadership from Georgetown University.

Maryland Assembly Legislator - Delegate Mary A. Lehman

Maryland Delegate, District 21

Member of House of Delegates since January 9, 2019. Member, Environment and Transportation Committee, 2019- (housing & real property subcommittee, 2019-; natural resources, agriculture & open space subcommittee, 2019-). Member, Maryland Legislative Transit Caucus, 2019-; Women Legislators of Maryland, 2019-. Associate member, Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus, 2019.

Member, County Council, Prince George's County, representing District 1, December 6, 2010 to December 3, 2018. Member, Rules and General Assembly Committee, 2012-15; Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee, 2012-18; Health, Education and Human Services Committee, 2013-14. Vice-Chair, Transportation, Housing and the Environment Committee, 2017 (member, 2011-12, 2016-18; chair, 2012, 2014-15). Chair, Health, Education and Human Services Committee, 2017-18 (vice-chair, 2011-12).

Member, Board of Health, Prince George's County, 2010-18; Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee, 2011, 2016-18, and Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee, 2012-15, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

Prince George's County Council Member - Coucilmember Deni Taveras

Vice-Chair, Prince George's County Council (District 2)

Deni Taveras was re- elected to her second 4-year term on the Prince George's County Council in 2018. In 2020, she was elected as Vice-Chair, making history as the first Latinx person elected to a leadership role on the Council. As council member, she has attracted $10 billion worth of investments from both private and public sources and has put eight schools and two libraries in the pipeline for construction in her district.

Council Member Taveras is a strong regional environmental leader. She has been lead sponsor and co-proposer of several key environmental legislation in the county including the establishment of a climate action plan, and the banning of Styrofoam, coal tar, fly ash landfills and plastic straws in the County. Council Member Taveras has been appointed to serve as the Chair of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC), and has served on its legislative subcommittee for several years. She is also currently an appointed member of the Transportation Planning Board and a previous member of the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC).

Prior to coming to the council, she worked at the World Bank on solid waste management issues in urban areas in South Asia, in FEMA responding to catastrophic disasters such as Katrina, and at the EPA regulating the Toxic Release Inventory program and assessing the cleanup at Superfund sites.

Taveras holds a dual Masters degree in public affairs and urban regional planning from Princeton University's School of International and Public Affairs, a Master's degree from the University of Utah, and a Bachelor's degree from Barnard College; the latter two in chemistry.

Zero Emissions Buildings Expert - Donald Goldberg

Executive Director and Founder of Climate Law & Policy Project (CLPP)

Donald Goldberg is the Executive Director and founder of Climate Law & Policy Project (CLPP), which he founded CLPP in 2007 after spending more than 18 years as a senior attorney and director of the Climate Change Program at the Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL).

CLPP is a non-profit organization established in 2007 to develop and promote sound and safe policies to slow, stop, and ultimately reverse the buildup of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and ensure that vulnerable communities are protected from climate impacts that cannot be avoided.

Prior to 2018, CLPP focused on climate law, policy and human rights at the international and federal levels. In 2018 we turned our attention to Maryland policy and legislation. We joined the Maryland Climate Coalition and regularly attend meetings of the Maryland Commission on Climate Change (MCCC) and its Mitigation Working Group. During 2018 and much of 2019 we worked mainly on carbon pricing and investment legislation (now the Climate Crisis and Education Act), advocating successfully for a larger portion of revenue to be directed to overburdened and underserved communities. We also worked on emissions reduction strategies in the transportation and buildings sectors and participated in the MWG Buildings Subgroup tasked with recommending emissions reduction strategies in the building sector to the MCCC.

Prior to this he participated in several UN Framework Convention on Climate Change negotiations and has spoken about climate change at many conferences, workshops, and academic meetings. He co-authored climate change reports for the US Environmental Protection Agency, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and the World Bank. In 2005, in collaboration with Earthjustice, he filed a global-warming-based human rights case with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights on behalf of the Inuit. Mr. Goldberg has taught international environmental law at the American University Washington College of Law and served as chair and vice chair of the ABA Committee on Sustainable Development, Ecosystems, and Climate Change from 1998-2006.

Zero Emissions Vehicle Expert - Ramon Palencia-Calvo

Deputy Executive Director of Maryland League of Conservation Voters

Soon after Ramon Palencia-Calvo joined the organization in 2014, he launched Chispa Maryland, a Latino outreach and organizing program created to ensure that Maryland Latino families and community leaders are a powerful voice in protecting their rights to clean air and water, healthy neighborhoods, and a safe climate for generations to come.

Mr. Palencia-Calvo understands the challenges this emerging segment of the population faces in Maryland and has partnered for over 10 years with Latino community groups, faith based and grassroots organizations, legislators, and trusted influential in efforts to identify unique environmental issues facing this community as well as to increase their political participation in favor of community driven solutions. During his time at Maryland LCV, Ramon has developed and implemented issue organizing campaigns that led to local and statewide victories and developed new Latino leaders in Maryland that can take grassroots and legislative action in a number of environmental justice issues.

Mr. Palencia-Calvo has more than 15 years of experience in leadership and advocacy on environmental and social issues. Before joining Maryland LCV, Ramon was a Fellow at the Worldwatch Institute, where he worked on an international project identifying social, political and economic opportunities to accelerate the deployment of renewable energy in Central America.

Green Capital Projects Expert - Michael Harris

Bowie State University Chief Operating Officer

Over the course of several decades Michael Harris has been involved in the programming, planning, design, construction, and project management of building and infrastructure projects totaling in excess of $2 billion. Michael has experience in leadership roles for facilities operations and maintenance at Bowie State University where he currently serves as the Senior Capital Projects Manager, and previously at Howard University where he held the position of Associate Vice President for Facilities Management and Capital Planning. At Bowie State University, Michael provided leadership in the development of the buildings for:

- Fine and Performing Arts
- Computer Science, and
- School of Business

Michael is currently leading development of a new mixed-use residence hall which is under construction and slated for LEED Silver or Gold. In addition, he is overseeing numerous major HVAC improvements with centralized BAS controls. Michael is well informed and experienced in renewable energy projects where he led the implementation of seven Solar PV installations, including two parking lot solar canopies, with a capacity in excess of 2 mW making it one of the largest on- campus solar PV installations in the University System of Maryland.

In Michael's Associate Vice President role at Howard University, he held supervisory responsibility for about 300 employees including architects, engineers and planners. During that tenure, Michael led the building and construction of a hospital expansion to house professional medical services, a 450-bed residence hall, and numerous upgrades to the campus infrastructure including major building renovations and HVAC improvements. While holding this position Michael also chaired the committee for a $750 million campus development plan contemplating large capital improvements in collaboration with adjacent urban private development.

Mr. Harris previously worked with a large national construction company providing superintendence for two large Class A office buildings in Washington DC and, earlier in his career worked in structural design for various types of facilities.

Michael Harris received his Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Princeton University.

Food Systems Expert - Chloë Waterman

Friends of the Earth's Climate-Friendly Food Purchasing Program

Chloë Waterman currently serves as the program manager for Friends of the Earth's Climate-Friendly Food Purchasing Program where she implements policy and markets campaigns to advance a sustainable and just food system. Her work centers around reducing consumption of factory farmed animal products and growing the market for plant-based foods and regenerative, organic, and more humanely raised meat and dairy. Ms. Waterman previously served as the senior manager of state legislative strategy for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) where she successfully lobbied for a wide range of animal protection legislation and was instrumental in defeating pro-factory farming measures. Ms. Waterman holds a B.A. in Environmental Studies and Philosophy from Lewis & Clark College, and an M.S. in Applied Economics from University of Maryland. She currently resides in Mount Rainier, Maryland with her dog and a rotating cast of foster animals.

Stormwater Management and Landscaping Expert - Marita Roos, RLA

Landscape Programs Director, Neighborhood Design Center

Marita Roos is a Maryland-registered landscape architect and certified planner with twenty-five years' experience designing urban streetscapes, green infrastructure, campus master plans and designs, parks, ecosystem restoration and historic preservation projects. As the Landscape Programs Director with NDC's Prince George's County office, Ms. Roos works with local governments, nonprofit organizations, schools and citizen associations to plan and design projects that integrate community goals into sustainable and equitable public spaces.

Ms. Roos has contributed expertise in green infrastructure and sustainable design to national policy initiatives including Rebuilding America: APA National Infrastructure Investment Task Force Report and the US Green Building Council LEED 2009 Sustainable Sites. She authored the Green Infrastructure Guidelines for the Edwards Aquifer Region of south-central Texas and worked with the DC Clean Rivers Program to plan for green stormwater infrastructure across the Rock Creek and Potomac River watersheds. As a landscape architect, Ms. Roos has designed numerous environmental landscapes for schools, parks and public spaces within Prince George's County and across the mid-Atlantic region. Ms. Roos has lectured in landscape architecture at the University of Maryland and Catholic University of America, among others. Ms. Roos keeps it real digging, weeding and setting well-supervised fires to restore woodlands and wetlands in her home community of Cape St. Claire, Anne Arundel County.

Capital Improvement Project Director, or Designee - Dawn Holton, PE

PGCPS Department of Capital Programs - A/E Design Supervisor/Senior Mechanical Engineer

Dawn Holton grew up in Landover, MD and attended PGCPS schools, graduating from Eleanor Roosevelt High School in 2000. She went on to attend North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and graduated in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering (HVAC Systems concentration). In 2012, she also passed the mechanical engineering principles and practices exam earning herProfessional Engineer (PE) designation and became fully licensed in the State of Maryland. Prior to working at PGCPS, she spent 12+ years; designing heating,ventilation, air conditioning and plumbing systems for commercial buildings at various private engineering firms. Many of the types of projects she worked on included designs for office tenant fit-outs, medical offices, hotels, residential high-rise buildings, gymnasiums, fitness centers, restaurants, retail spaces, numerous data centers, and public school construction projects in Maryland/DC region including Prince George's County, Baltimore City, Montgomery County, Anne Arundel County, Fairfax County and Howard County. Of all of the different types of projects that she worked on in her career, she feels most connected with school projects because of the ability to interact more with the end users - students, teachers and staff. The greatest joy in her current position at PGCPS is that she has the opportunity to have a direct impact on repairing the buildings she grew up attending.

Building Operations Director, or Designee - Jamee Alson

Management Analyst with the Division of Supporting Services, Department of Building Services, PGCPS

Jamee Alson has almost twelve years of service with PGCPS, including 5 ½ years as Management Analyst with the Division of Supporting Services, Department of Building Services under the leadership of Director, Mr. Sam Stefanelli and Associate Superintendent, Dr. Mark

Fossett. She has been fully engaged in energy management/ sustainability efforts by monitoring all utilities, serving as a liaison with our utility partners, touring NetZero schools, implementing the EmPower Maryland Program, managing three rooftop solar projects from start to finish, retrofitting schools, facilities, bus lots, garages, and gyms with LED lighting, partnering with our PGCPS Mechanical Engineer, Facilities Service Base Master Foremen/Maintenance Team, and Capital Programs Project Managers/Design Team to select Energy Star rated energy efficient equipment.

Ms Alson has advocated for energy efficient tools/resources/practices such as dashboards, sub-meters, and sensors that assist with promoting energy and water savings; expose students to energy related careers; co-implement the National Energy Education Development' Energizing Student Potential energy education program with PGCPS educators and students; conduct energy audits with K-12 students at STEM programs at the University of Maryland, Drexel University, and The Illinois Institute of Technology; facilitate energy sessions at Prince George's County's SYEP (Summer Youth Employment Program); participate in George Washington University's and Prince George's County's Electric/Hybrid vehicle trainings; engage in electric charging station conversations with our utility partners; participate in the Association of Climate Change Officers trainings; study resiliency/sustainability plans, discuss K-12 energy best practices with the Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships Team, the Department of Energy's Better Buildings Summit and Federal Energy Management Program, the Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition, and the National Capital Chapter Association of Energy Engineers. Finally, several PGCPS Team members, including Ms. Alson, were afforded the opportunity to become CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) certified by the National Association of School Resource Officers in Peachtree, Georgia.

School Transportation Director, or Designee - David Hill

Transportation Operations Supervisor for the Prince George's County Public Schools Transportation Department, PGCPS

David Hill oversees scheduling, routing, payroll, communications and overall operations within the department. He has over 20 years of school transportation and logistical planning experience and also has over 40 years of Transportation Operational and Maintenance experience in various key leadership positions. Mr. Hill has served as a Transportation Director, Supervisor of Planning and Technology, Routing Manager, Maintenance Manager and various other vital positions producing outstanding results.

Additionally Mr. Hill has received numerous awards for outstanding leadership and professionalism, is an active member of the National Association for Pupil Transportation and the Maryland Association for Pupil Transportation, and is also actively involved with The Prince Georges County Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee.

Finally Mr. Hill is retired from the United States Marine Corps, where he served for 22 years as a 1st Sgt and a Transportation Operations Manager and has a Bachelor Degree and a Master's Degree in Transportation Management.

PGCPS Labor Partner - Martin Diggs

President ACE/AFSCME, LOCAL 2250, AFL-CIO

Local Climate Focused Environmental Group Representative & PTA Parent Leader - Joseph Jakuta

Sierra Club Prince George's County Group/Climate Parents of Prince George's

Joseph Jakuta is an environmental professional in the Washington, DC area. He has a Bachelor's of Science in Computer Science from the University of Maryland and a Master's in Environmental Management with a focus on Environmental Economics and Policy from the Nicholas School of the Environment.

Following graduate school he worked at the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) where he conducted analyses and developed policies for the states in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic to reduce ozone pollution and impacts on visibility in National Parks in the region. In particular, he worked across with the thirteen jurisdictions to develop collaborative research and policy documents. In 2018 he left the OTC to join the District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment as a Senior Air Quality Planner. There he works on issues involving air quality from institutional buildings and mobile sources and focuses on writing regulations, calculating emissions inventories, among other projects.

Mr. Jakuta is also active in the community. From 2015 to 2018 he chaired the Mount Rainier Green Team which assisted the City of Mount Rainier on developing local environmental policies and achieving Sustainable Maryland Certification for the city. In 2019 he became the lead volunteer of the Climate Parents Prince George's County campaign for 100% Clean Energy Schools. He is also the advocacy chair for the Robert Goddard Montessori School PTSA and has been elected to the Executive Committee for the Sierra Club Prince George's County Group.

Local Environmental Justice Group Representative - TBD Representative from Alpha Kappa Alpha

PGCPS Principal - TBD

Budget Implications: None

Staffing Implications: Board of Education Administrative and Policy Support Staff

School(s) Affected: All Prince George's County Public Schools

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Preparation Date: January 8, 2021

Person Preparing: Pamela Boozer-Strother, Board Member and Ninah Jackson, Student Member of the Board

Board Agenda Introduction Date: January 14, 2021

Board Action Date:

Approved: ________________________ (Chair of the Board)

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======================Board Action Summary========================

An Outline of the Board of Education Member District 3 & Student Member of the Board's Recommendations to the Board of Education

New Program: Yes X No **Modified Program: Yes No X**

Subject: ***Prince George's County Board of Education, Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) Focus Work Group Proposal***

Prince George's County Board of Education Climate Change Action Plan Focus Work Group Resolution

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC Report) of 2018, the Fourth National Climate Assessment (NCA4), climate scientists from around the world, and across the country, have all declared a climate crisis requiring a 60% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from the burning of fossil fuels by 2030, and net zero carbon by 2045, in order to mitigate the most catastrophic consequences of global warming and climate change;

WHEREAS, in Prince George's County, Maryland, under current projections by 2100, the number of 90°F or greater temperature days is expected to double, flooding is expected to occur in communities adjacent to the Potomac River, rainfall levels are expected to rise and become more damaging;

WHEREAS, Prince George's County has committed that "We Are Still In" the Paris Agreement and acknowledges its goals of pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to well below 2.0 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius;

WHEREAS, Prince George's County Public Schools is committed to principles of equity, justice, and inclusion; transitioning to 100% clean energy can help advance these goals by saving money that can be invested into under-resourced schools and helping to address climate change, which disproportionately impacts low-income communities and communities of color;

WHEREAS, public schools in the United States have an important role to play in reducing carbon and other greenhouse gas emissions from buildings, given that they are major energy consumers, using as much energy as forty three percent of all office space nationwide;

WHEREAS, Prince George's County continues to violate the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone pollution, and in 2018 had eight unhealthy air quality days;

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland committed, through the 2019 Clean Energy Jobs Act, to taking steps towards having a net-100% renewable electricity portfolio by 2040;

WHEREAS, heating, cooling, and ventilation systems are frequent sources of harmful substances that are inhaled, and that replacing these systems with newer and cleaner ones would decrease the amount of carbon dioxide, oxides of nitrogen, air borne diseases, and other contaminants to which students and staff are exposed and contribute to spread of Covid and other illnesses, asthma, fatigue, and impaired concentration in students and staff;

WHEREAS, school buildings, which are the primary source of emergency shelter during disasters, can be equipped with solar and battery storage to ensure displaced community members have access to heat and light when grid power fails;

WHEREAS, diesel buses directly emit fine particulate matter, which directly impacts the health of students and staff and is linked directly with premature mortality, decreased lung function, and reduced academic performance and emit oxides of nitrogen, a precursor of ozone, which is directly linked to asthma incidence in children;

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, energy-related expenses fall second only to personnel as the largest expenditures in school district budgets, and resources that can be saved on energy can be redirected into students and classrooms;

WHEREAS, methane is a potent short-lived climate warming greenhouse gas produced partially by the decomposition of food waste and is the largest non energy related cause of greenhouse gas emissions from school systems;

WHEREAS, the negative impacts from increased levels of flooding can be reduced through existing technologies and through natural mechanisms, which can also provide co-benefits regarding energy use; and

WHEREAS, Prince George's County Public Schools has the potential to be dedicated to supporting programs and strategies to make schools climate safe and, energy-efficient living laboratories to teach children to understand STEM concepts through clean energy applications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Prince George's County Public Schools hereby commits to the goals of achieving:

- 100% Clean Sourced Electricity by 2030;
- 100% Clean Energy in all energy sectors, including heating, ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC), and cooking, by 2040;
- 100% Clean Transportation, by 2040;
- 100% Zero Food Waste by 2030; and
- 100% Zero Landfill Waste by 2040;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Prince George's County Public Schools is herby initiating a Focus Workgroup, as specified in the Climate Change Action Plan Focus Workgroup

Proposal to develop a Climate Change Action Plan, which will outline an implementation plan to meet these goals;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Focus Workgroup shall include Prince George's County Public Schools personnel, students, parents, representatives of environmental groups, labor partners, elected officials, energy providers, and subject matter experts;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Climate Change Action Plan shall also include measures that enhance equity;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Climate Change Action Plan shall also include educational opportunities at all grade levels based on the initiatives designed in the plan, with a particular focus on STEM and vocational learning;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Climate Change Action Plan shall specifically include recommendations on the following areas:

1. Building Construction, Maintenance, and Operations;
2. Electricity;
3. Transportation;
4. Food/Food Waste;
5. Materials and Waste Cycles;
6. Storm Water and Land Management; and
7. Education and Awareness;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Climate Change Action Plan Focus Workgroup will report to the Board with updates on the development of the implementation plan at the mid-point (3 months) before the completed implementation plan is presented to the Board for adoption no later than October 1, 2021; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Prince George's County Public Schools calls on city, state, and federal officials and agencies to work alongside the District in taking swift, effective action on climate change to protect current and future students, their families, and the communities in which they live.

Budget Implications: None

Staffing Implications: Board of Education Administrative and Policy Support Staff

School(s) Affected: All Prince George's County Public Schools

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City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 25, 2021
Submitted by: David Moran
Submitting Department: Administration
Item Type: Board and Committee Reports
Agenda Section: COMMUNICATIONS

Subject:

* Community Relations Advisory Board Report 2021-1 - (Council Referral on Racial Equity Legislation)

Suggested Action:

It is recommended Council accept this report and discuss it at a future meeting.

Attachments:

Report 2021-01.pdf
Report 2021-01 Racial Equity Ordinance.pdf
Report 2021-01 Racial Equity Resolution.pdf

Report 2021-01
January 6, 2020

COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (CRAB)
REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Council Referral – Racial Equity Legislation

REFERRAL: At the Regular Meeting on October 5, 2020, Council referred this request jointly to CRAB and Green ACES.

BACKGROUND: CRAB considered and discussed this referral at meetings on November 12, 2020, December 10, 2020 and January 14, 2021.

DISCUSSION: CRAB discussed this matter in detail. CRAB appreciates and supports the City Council's efforts towards development of both a Resolution and Ordinance about racial equity.

RECOMENDATION: In the spirit of offering constructive feedback to strengthen, clarify and further the proposed Resolution and Ordinance, CRAB offers the attached recommended draft edits for consideration. The suggested deletions are indicated by highlighting and ~~strikethrough~~ and the suggested additions are indicated in red. There are also some comments by CRAB which appear in a green text box.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Ransom and Jamie Krauk, Co-Chairs
Community Relations Advisory Board

Introduced:
1st Reading:
Passed:
Posted:
Effective:

ORDINANCE NO. XXXX

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OP GREENBELT, MARYLAND IN DEFENSE OF BLACK LIVES, EXPRESSING A COMMITMENT TO ENACTING POLICIES THAT DEFEND BLACK LIVES AND THE LIVES OF PEOPLE OF COLOR AND AIM TO UNDO THE EFFECTS OF SYSTEMIC RACISM AFFECTING PEOPLE OF COLOR IN THE CITY OF GREENBELT

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to acknowledge the current environment of frustration and anger at the continuation of historic injustices and the perpetration of acts of violence by society in general; and

WHEREAS, in I 619, the first Africans – seized from a captured Portuguese slave ship - reached the British colonies in Point Comfort, Virginia, near Jamestown, were sold as slaves; and

WHEREAS, in 1640, a Virginia court sentenced John Punch, an African, to a lifetime of slavery after he attempted to flee his service, marking the first legal sanctioning of slavery in the colonies; and

WHEREAS, in 1662 the Virginia royal colony approved a law stating that children born in the colony would take on the social status of their mother, which meant that children could be born into slavery, making African ancestry synonymous with institutional slavery; and

WHEREAS, in 1664, Maryland passed a law, making Blacks and their children slaves for life; and

WHEREAS, at the founding of our country in 1776, slavery was legal in all 13 colonies, ~~still represented by the 13 stripes on the American flag today~~, and under the Law, an enslaved person was treated as property and could be bought, sold or given away; and

WHEREAS, in 1787, at the United States Constitutional Convention, delegates created the three-fifths clause, which defined how slaves would be counted when determining a state's ~~total population~~ census tabulation and essentially rendered the worth of a slave as 3/5 of a person; and

WHEREAS, Black people were bought and sold as slave labor for nearly 250 years and often suffered unspeakable acts of violence, including assault, rape, mutilation, and murder at the hands of their captors, as well as separation of husbands and wives, parents and children; and

WHEREAS, by the year of 1800, slaves made up fifty eight percent (58%) of the population in Prince Georges County; and

WHEREAS, in 1863, Abraham Lincoln declared slaves free with the Emancipation Proclamation, ~~though slaves in Prince George's County, as part of the Union, would not be freed until November 1864; and~~ but slavery was not officially abolished in all the United States until the Thirteenth Amendment was passed in 1865; and

WHEREAS, many states instituted what were known as Black Codes, or Black Laws, used to restrict the civil and political rights of newly emancipated Black Americans as well as forcing them to work for lower wages than Whites; and

WHEREAS, the Black Codes would be the first in a long line of systematic oppression instituted by whites in power; at all levels of government, to restrict the freedoms of blacks in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 1870 the Fifteenth Amendment was ratified giving Black men the right to vote, though they ~~faced laws and loopholes restricting them from exercising that right~~ faced restrictions of that right through new voting laws enacting poll taxes and literacy tests to take advantage of the fact that newly-released slaves had no wealth, earned lower wages, and had not received education; and

~~WHEREAS, gerrymandering, poll taxes and literacy tests systematically disenfranchised Black voters wo, as former enslaved persons, had no wealth, earned lower wasges, and had not received needed education; and~~

WHEREAS, through gerrymandering of some Congressional districts, the power of the black vote was reduced by combining concentrations of black voters into one district rather than have that power distributed throughout all of a state's districts, a process which continues today in some states; and

WHEREAS, the Fifteenth Amendment also triggered a century of violence from radical white supremacist groups, such as the Ku Klux Klan, aimed at suppressing Black people and ~~keeping them from exercising their rights, including the right to vote;~~ this group, as well as others such as the Proud Boys and Neo-Nazis continue today in their efforts to reduce the worth of Black lives, including violence against Black citizens, enterprises and communities; and

WHEREAS, many states adopted Jim Crow laws following the end of this country's Civil War and the enactment of the Thirteen, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments; and

WHEREAS, Jim Crow laws perpetuated the racist legal and social system existing prior to the Civil War and resulted in Black people being treated as second-class citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Rights Act of 1866 guaranteed equal rights under law for all people who lived within the jurisdiction of the United States; and

WHEREAS, this Country's ugly history of state-sanctioned violence against Black people persists despite the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments and the adoption of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1968; and

WHEREAS, Black people and other people of color, generally, are unfairly targeted and profiled by law enforcement throughout this country at rates beyond what can be reasonably explained; and

WHEREAS, ~~racial profiling of~~ Black people ~~results in~~ experience disproportionate rates of arrest, incarceration, and overall exposure to the criminal legal system for Black people; and

WHEREAS, Black people experience inequalities across many aspects of daily living including, but not limited to, housing, education, employment, and health as a result of this Country's history, laws, and law enforcement practices, which erodes the quality of life for Black people; and

WHEREAS, Black people are justifiably outraged by this country's devaluation of Black life and humanity; and

WHEREAS, all residents deserve to be treated fairly, with dignity, and to have their humanity, existence, and contributions valued; and

WHEREAS, it is indisputable that black ~~Lives Matter and the lives of people of color matter~~ lives have inherent value.

> CRAB suggests a slight change in the language that expresses the value rather than a specific movement, which, for some, may be seen as a political statement rather than a values statement.

Section 1. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT-ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Greenbelt City Council that the City Code be and hereby is amended to add "Human Rights and Dignity" and "Black Lives Matter" to read as follows:

HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIGNITY

BLACK LIVES MATTER

THE CITY-OFF GREENBELT IS COMMITTED TO ENACTING POLICIES THAT UNEQUIVOCALLY DEFEND BLACK LIVES AND AIM TO UNDO THE EFFECTS OF SYSTEMIC RACISM AFFECTING BLACK PEOPLE IN THE CITY.

Section 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Greenbelt City Council that the Code of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, "Human Rights and Dignity", be and hereby is amended to add "Policies promoting racial justice in the City", to read as follows:

A. THE CITY IS COMMITTED TO CONTINUING AND EXPANDING THE JUST AND EQUAL APPLICATION OF THE LAW IN THE CITY 'sBY:

1. EXAMINING THE BENEFIT OF ADOPTING A DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTITY PROCUREMENT POLICY.

2. EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES TO ADOPT POLICIES THAT PROMOTE EQUAL HOUSING, EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF ALL PERSONS IN THE CITY.

3. CONTINUING TO REVIEW CITY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, ACROSS THE CITY'S VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, WITH INPUT FROM A DIVERSE CROSS-SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY REGARDING THEIR EXPERIENCES IN CONNECTION WITH INTERACTIONS WITH CITY GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES AND STAFF, AND REPORTING FINDINGS TO THE COMMUNITY, AND SEEKING PUBLIC FEEDBACK.

CRAB recommends that the intent and direction of #3 be clarified. If CRAB understands correctly, it seems that #3 seeks to establish a separate entity consisting of a cross-section of Greenbelt residents to review existing policies and procedures in all departments.

CRAB suggests that the language clarify whether the City seeks input from persons based on their interactions under the current policies and regulations, or if a review of policies is advocated to determine if there is indeed racial bias or discrimination in the policies themselves.

CRAB sees possible value in either option, but that is up to Council to decide.

Suggest that the ordnance itself should more clearly state the full intent, including the makeup of any review bodies that may be proposed. That would create a stronger statement that advocates the full imposition of the Council's will to ensure that the City proceeds with a full understanding of intent.

Section 3, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective after its enactment by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland at a regular meeting on the ___ day of _______, 20__.

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Colin A. Byrd, Mayor

[SEAL)

ATTEST:

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Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND SUFFICIENCY:

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Todd K Pounds, Esq., City Solicitor

Introduced:
1st Reading:
Passed:
Posted:
Effective:

RESOLUTION NUMBER XXXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND IN THE EFFORT OF ~~ADVANCING~~ ENSURING RACIAL ~~EQUITY~~ JUSTICE AND EQUALITY

WHEREAS, in 1619, the first Africans—seized from a captured Portuguese slave ship--reached the British colonies in Point Comfort, Virginia, near Jamestown, and were sold as slaves; and

WHEREAS, in 1640, a Virginia court sentenced John Punch, an African, to a lifetime of slavery after he attempted to flee his service, marking the first legal sanctioning of slavery in the colonies; and

WHEREAS, in 1662 the Virginia royal colony approved a law stating that children born in the colony would take on the social status of their mother, which meant that children could be born into slavery, making African ancestry synonymous with institutional slavery; and

WHEREAS, in 1664, Maryland passed a law-making Black men, women, and children enslaved for life; and

WHEREAS, at the founding of the United States in 1776, slavery was legal in all 13 colonies ~~still represented by the thirteen stripes on the American flag today~~, and under the law, enslaved persons were treated as property to be bought, sold or given away; and

WHEREAS, in 1787 at the United States Constitutional Convention, delegates created the three-fifths clause, which defined how enslaved persons would be counted when determining a state's ~~total population~~ census tabulation, rendering the worth of an enslaved person as 3/5 of a person; and

WHEREAS, Black men, women, and children were bought and sold as slave labor for nearly 250 years and often suffered unspeakable acts of violence, including assault, rape, mutilation, and murder at the hands of their captors, as well as separation of husbands and wives, parents and children; and

WHEREAS, by the year of 1800, enslaved persons made up fifty eight percent (58%) of the population in Prince George's County; and

WHEREAS, in 1863, Abraham Lincoln declared enslaved persons in rebelling states free with the Emancipation Proclamation, ~~though slaves in Prince George's County, as part of the Union, would not be freed until November 1864; and~~ but slavery was not officially abolished in all the United States until the Thirteenth Amendment was passed in 1865; and

~~WHEREAS, slavery was not officially abolished in all the United States until the Thirteenth Amendment was passed in 1865; and~~

WHEREAS, the Civil Rights Act of 1866 guaranteed citizenship to all males born within the jurisdiction of the United States, though Black citizens faced persistent discriminatory treatment; and

WHEREAS, many states instituted Black Codes, or Back Laws, used to restrict the civil and political rights of newly emancipated Black Americans as well as forcing them to work for lower wages than Whites; and

WHEREAS, the Black Codes would be the first in a long line of systematic oppression instituted at all levels of government, to restrict the freedoms of Black Americans; and

WHEREAS, in 1870 the Fifteenth Amendment was ratified giving Black men the right to vote, though they ~~faced laws and loopholes restricting them from exercising that right~~ faced restrictions of that right through new voting laws enacting poll taxes and literacy tests to take advantage of the fact that newly-released slaves had no wealth, earned lower wages, and had not received education; and

~~WHEREAS, gerrymandering, poll taxes and literacy tests systematically disenfranchised Black voters wo, as former enslaved persons, had no wealth, earned lower wages, and had not received needed education; and~~

WHEREAS, through gerrymandering of some Congressional districts, the power of the black vote was reduced by combining concentrations of black voters into one district rather than have that power distributed throughout all of a state's districts, a process which continues today in some states; and

WHEREAS, the Fifteenth Amendment prompted a century of violence from radical white supremacist groups, such as the Ku Klux Klan, aimed at suppressing Black Americans and ~~keeping them from exercising their rights, including the right to vote;~~ this group, as well as others such as the Proud Boys and Neo-Nazis continue today in their efforts to reduce the worth of Black lives, including violence against Black citizens, enterprises and communities; and

WHEREAS, numerous states adopted Jim Crow laws perpetuating racist legal and social systems from before the Civil War, resulting in the treatment of Black Americans as second-class citizens; and

~~WHEREAS, the United States saw over a century of state-sanctioned violence against Black citizens, enterprises and communities despite the Thirteenth, Fourteenth andv Fifteenth Amendments and the adoption of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1968, and~~

WHEREAS, Black Americans across the country continue to experience inequalities in many aspects of daily life including, but not limited to, policing, housing, education, employment, and health, which erodes the quality of life of Black citizens and undermines their equal participation in society and government; and

WHEREAS, the killings of Eric Garner, ~~Michael Brown~~, Tamir Rice, Walter Scott, Alton Sterling, Philando Castille, Stephon Clark, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and others, as well as numerous others unlawfully detained, maimed, or injured, at the hands of law enforcement have once again forced our community and country to confront the unacceptable devaluation of Black life; and

WHEREAS, ~~these~~ all residents deserve government that supports their dignity and demands their fair and equal treatment; and

WHEREAS, it is indisputable that black ~~Lives Matter and the lives of people of color matter~~ lives have inherent value.

CRAB suggests a slight change in the language that expresses the value rather than a specific movement, which, for some, may be seen as a political statement rather than a values statement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, that the City of Greenbelt, Maryland will engage in a citywide review of all City of Greenbelt policies and practices to ensure the continued promotion of ~~racial equity~~ a sense of belonging and equality for the city's Black citizens and further the city's active partnership in the work of building social justice and "...a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair for all," as stated in Greenbelt's City Pledge.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland at a meeting on _______, 2020,

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Colin A. Byrd, Mayor

[SEAL}

ATTEST:

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Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 25, 2021
Submitted by: Greg Varda
Submitting Department: Recreation
Item Type: OTHER BUSINESS
Agenda Section: OTHER BUSINESS

Subject:
Recognition Group- Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team

Suggested Action:

Reference:

PRAB Report #21-1, Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team, 1/01/2021 – It should be noted that the Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team revised their Operating Grant application after receiving feedback from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team Application- Revised - It is recommended that Council approve the FY 2021 Recognition Group application for Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team.

Council approval is sought. Tris West, Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team President will be present to answer questions.

Attachments:
PRAB Report- Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team 21-1.pdf
Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team

PRAB Report # 21-01
January 1, 2021

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

Subject: **Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team Operating Grant Application**

Background: Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team (GMST) submitted an Operating Grant Application for $15,000. Tris West, President, presented the application to PRAB and answered several questions related to organization and the application at PRAB's December 16 regular meeting.

Recommendation: PRAB supports approval of the Application but recommends the amount of $9,000, which is the amount of support previously provided. The justification for the requested increase included increased need for lap lanes with decreased capacity due to COVID-19 restrictions, and overall decreased revenue due to fewer participants registering for the GMST program.

PRAB would highlight several items that arose during discussion:

- The Recreation Department currently subsidizes lap lane fees (from $14 to $10). GMST has requested an additional discount to $7.
- GMST is increasing fees by 25% (from $120 to $150) and has debated increasing to $200.
- GMST's Pre-COVID expenses were $30,000, revenue was almost $35,000, and they hold $25,000 in financial reserves.

PRAB recommends no changes to the lane fees and encourages GMST to carefully consider the financial burden of any registration fee increases. GMST is asking for additional City support while increasing registration fees, and is asking for increased Recreation Department subsidy. Since most expenses are proportional to the number of participants (staffing, lane rentals, awards, etc.), any increase in registration should offset some of the increased expenses, and any shortfall could be absorbed by GMST's sufficient financial reserves, rather than by the Recreation Department.

There are many factors in play in this request, including pandemic-related changes, increased fees, participant residency changes through combining with another team and possibly losing some prior swimmers, modified Greenbelt facility needs, and access to non-Greenbelt facilities. As such, this is a transition year for GMST. PRAB believes that the City should continue to support GMST, but it should continue to do so at the level that it has previously.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jake Chesnutt, PRAB Chair
Ric Gordon, PRAB Vice-Chair

CITY OF GREENBELT

OPERATING GRANT APPLICATION

Fiscal Year 2021

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Name of organization:** Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team
2. **Website:** www.greenbeltswimteam.com
3. **Contact person:** Name Tris West Position President
   Telephone [redacted] E-mail [redacted]
4. **Organization's mailing address** (not a City of Greenbelt facility):
   Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team, P.O. Box 491, Greenbelt, MD 20768-0491
5. **What is the mission of this organization? Whom do you intend to serve?**

   Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team serves the youth of Greenbelt and the surrounding communities. Our mission is to promote swimming as a lifelong activity, to help each swimmer achieve her or his personal best as an athlete and as a person, and to advocate swimming as a family participation sport.

6. **Please indicate the amount of your request here** $9,000 **and briefly summarize the intended use of these funds below. Please be as specific as possible.**

   GMST plans to use $8000 towards paying salaries of coaches during the summer season, as well as $1000 towards trophies and awards for swimmers. In order to adjust our budget for COVID-related changes in Spring and Summer, we are raising spring registration from $120 to $150 and summer registration from $90 to $100

7. **City of Greenbelt funding status. Please check one.** *(If none of these apply to your organization, your group is not eligible to apply for an operating grant at this time.)* The applicant organization is currently:

   ☐ a Council-approved Greenbelt Recognition Group receiving in-kind support only; the organization previously received city funding in FY 2018 or FY 2019
   ☐ a Council-approved Greenbelt Recognition Group that received an FY20 project grant
   ☑ a Council-approved Greenbelt Recognition Group that received an FY20 operating grant

8. **Non-profit status. Please check all that apply.** (If none of these apply to your organization, your group is not eligible to apply for an operating grant at this time.) The applicant organization:

   ☑ Is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(C)3 not-for-profit organization
   ☐ Has applied to the Internal Revenue Service for 501(C)3 status

☐ Is affiliated with another organization which holds 501(C)3 status and serves as the fiscal sponsor for the applicant organization. Name of sponsoring organization:

9. **Financial need. Please check all that apply.**

☑ At the conclusion of FY19, the organization's checking/savings balance was at least 50% of the amount of the organization's total FY19 operating expenses. *Restricted operating funds are included; restricted funds for capital projects are excluded.*

☑ At the conclusion of FY20, the organization's checking/savings balance is expected to be at least 50% of the amount of the organization's total FY20 operating expenses. *Restricted operating funds are included; restricted funds for capital projects are excluded.*

☐ The organization is projecting a revenue surplus for FY20.

☐ The organization is projecting a revenue surplus for FY21.

If any of the above apply to your organization, please explain your need for City of Greenbelt funding in the amount requested for FY21. *Total grant requests typically exceed the amount of funds available through this program; along with merit, the Grant Review Panel will also consider financial need in preparing their funding recommendations.*

GMST savings will be $2000 less under this budget scenario. As such, we would not be budget neutral this year, but our savings would still remain at least 50% of the organizations FY20 operating expenses.

B. **COMMUNITY MEMBERS SERVED (benefit to the community)**

1. **How many people actively participate in your organization's primary, sponsored activities?** Include projections and estimates as needed. *Sports programs: include registered players only. Performing arts programs: include performers/production teams only. Festivals: include featured artists/performers and individuals or organizations with a booth, table, activity or parade unit. This does not include volunteers or staff.*

   July 2018-June 2019 217 July 2019-June 2020 204 July 2020-June 2021 (Projected) 230
   Current year: % Greenbelt residents/organizations 60 % Non-residents/organizations 40 %
   ages 12 and under 70 % 13-17 yrs. 29 % 18-59 yrs. 1 % 60+ yrs. 0

2. **How many additional people participate in your organization's primary, sponsored activities as audience members, spectators and attendees?** *This does not include volunteers or staff.*

   July 2018-June 2019 390 July 2019-June 2020 400 July 2020-June 2021 (Projected) 420
   Current year: % Greenbelt residents 60 % Non-residents 40
   % ages 12 and under 20 % 13-17 yrs. 10 % 18-59 yrs. 60 % 60+ yrs. 10

C. KEY PERSONNEL (organizational effectiveness)

1. **Governance.** Please list your current Board of Directors (if applicable) and the officers of your organization. Please specify the term of their offices and whether or not they are Greenbelt residents.

Name	Greenbelt resident (yes/no)	Position	Term length
Tris West	no	President	1Year
Laura Hebert	Yes	Vice-President	1 Year
Christine Nickel	Yes	Treasurer	1 Year
Johanna Moore	Yes	Prince-Mont Sim Rep	1 Year
Marc Swisdak	No	Fundraising/Events Chair	1 Year
Christopher Kelly	No	Secretary	1 year
Scott Jackson	Yes	Member-at-Large	1 year
Elizabeth Johnson	No	Member-at-Large	1 year
Tassia Prosper	No	Member-at-Large	1 year

How does your organization select Board members and/or officers?

Board members are elected annually by the parents or guardians of registered swimmers. The treasurer is appointed by a majority vote of the Board after vetting

Is your organization's leadership representative of the population which you intend to serve? Please comment.

Yes. Board members are primarily Greenbelt residents, but also include parents from surrounding communities. Approximately, 50% of the board and 60% of the swimmers are Greenbelt residents. The team includes swimmers from ages 5-18 and board members have swimmers ranging in age from 6 to 16.

2. **Paid personnel.** Please provide information for the current fiscal year.

Employees

Position	# of employees	# hours per person per week	Description of duties *If positions are seasonal, please indicate months of service.*
Head Coach	1	8-10	Coordinates with assistant coaches in plannir
Asst. Coaches	6-9	12-20	Support Head Coach and focus on improving

Independent contractors and consultants

Role	**# of contractors** *Individuals or companies*

3. **City staff disclosure.** If any of your Board members or key staff persons are City of Greenbelt employees, please provide their name, Department and job title below.

We are currently working to get 2 or more of our assistant coaches certified so that they may also serve as lifeguards for the City of Greenbelt.

4. **Volunteers**

July 2018-June 2019 160 July 2019-June 2020 170 July 2020-June 2021 (Projected) 180

Current year: % Greenbelt residents 65 % Non-residents 35

% ages 12 and under 0 % 13-17 yrs. 10 % 18-59 yrs. 80 % 60+ yrs. 10

Please describe the ways in which volunteers contribute to your organization.

Volunteer parents of swimmers comprise the swim team's governing board and have overall responsibility for the team. Team parents also volunteer to run every swim meet by setting up the pool, officiating, timing races, selling concessions, organizing swimmers, and re-setting the pool's configuration at the meet's conclusion. Outside of swim meets, parent volunteers run fund-raising events and outreach programs for the team.

D. NARRATIVE. Please address all of the following points briefly in four pages or fewer. Upload your response as a PDF file in section F, below.

Benefit to the Community

1. **Organizational history and activities.** Provide a brief historical overview of your organization, including your date of founding and a general description of the organization's sponsored activities. Highlight your greatest achievements during the current and most recently completed years. If known, please comment also on any aspects of your program that are distinctive, creating opportunities that would otherwise be lacking in Greenbelt or the surrounding area. If your programs may appear to duplicate or compete with services currently provided by the City of Greenbelt or other Recognition Groups, please clarify the unique value of your activities. (Upon review of this application, staff may bring potential conflicts to your attention if they have not already been addressed.)

2. **Personal benefit.** How do direct participants and spectators personally benefit from your sponsored activities?

3. **Partnerships.** If applicable, please provide examples of how your organization has collaborated with other local groups and agencies on program development and/or promotions during the past and current fiscal years.

4. **Community benefit.** If applicable, please comment on how you believe your programs enhance the community at large. How do your activities contribute to the overall vitality of Greenbelt and the well-being of its citizens? How is your organization helping to make Greenbelt a better, healthier and happier place in which to live, work and play?

Organizational Effectiveness

5. **Marketing, outreach and evaluation.** Please describe the ways in which you communicate with current and prospective participants. How do you inform the community about your sponsored activities and encourage participation? How do you collect input and feedback?

6. **Challenges.** What are the most significant challenges that your organization is experiencing? How are you addressing these challenges?

7. **Goals.** What are your organization's goals and how are you working toward them?

8. **City support.** Please indicate what financial and in-kind support has been provided to your organization by the city during the current year, if applicable. How much funding is your organization requesting of the city for fiscal year 2021? How would these funds be used?Please be as specific as possible.
   What in-kind support, if any, does your organization anticipate requesting from the city during the coming year?

9. **Matching funds.** For every dollar awarded by the City of Greenbelt, an operating grant recipient must contribute one dollar from other sources toward their program and operating expenses. Funds raised from any other source count toward this match, as long as they are spent on program and operating expenses in the fiscal year for which the grant is awarded. Examples include: dues; registration fees; donations; sales of memberships, tickets or goods; and other grant income. Funds spent from the organization's savings can be counted toward the match. Loans, planned giving commitments and income channeled into investments or endowment funds would not count toward the match.

How does your organization plan to match your requested city funding in fiscal year 2021? If your organization experienced a deficit last fiscal year, or if your organization failed to match a City of Greenbelt contribution/grant, please also explain the problem and how you are working to correct it this year.
Reminder: as explained on page 4 of the Policy and Information Guide, a match certification statement will be required at the end of the current fiscal year if your group is now receiving city funding. Your success in meeting your FY20 match may affect your grant amount for FY21.

E. **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**. Please include below the funds which you are requesting from the city and the corresponding proposed expenditures. This is a cash budget; do not include any in-kind values.

EXPENSES	Description	Actual Totals, Last Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019	Budget, Current Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020	Proposed, Next Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021
a. Salaries and wages	$8500 from City	16449.28	2500	12 320
b. Consultants' fees		0	0	0
c. Contractual personnel		0	0	0
d. Facility rental	Lane rental	6766	4468	8212
e. Dues, memberships, league fees		250	0	300
f. Utilities		0	0	0
g. Insurance		701	850	950
h. Supplies and materials	Banquet, Fundraising	2076	0	2000
i. Equipment purchases		0	0	1000
j. Equipment rental		0	0	0
k. Marketing and outreach	Flyers, etc	26	0	25
l. Travel and lodging		0	0	0
m. Food/catering	Banquet	125	0	100
n. Awards	Trophies, ribbons	1912.16	0	2000
o. Grants		0	0	0
p. Payment of debt		0	0	0
q. Taxes		974.31	150	798
r. Other	Invitational Fees	399	0	400
s. Other	T-shirt	753	0	800
t. Other	P.O. Box	112	200	200
Total Expenses		30545.15	8,168	29,105

INCOME	Description	Actual Totals, Last Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019	Budget, Current Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020	Proposed, Next Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021
a. Sales of goods	Concessions, raffle, etc	2383	0	2500
b. Admissions		0	0	0
c. Tuition		0	0	0
d. Fees for services rendered		0	0	0
e. Membership dues, registration fees	Registration	21953	6000	14500
f. Corporate support		0	0	0
g. Foundation support		0	0	0
h. Individual donations		0	0	0
i. Loans*		0	0	0
j. City of Greenbelt support	Grant	9000	1000	9000
k. Other grants		0	0	0
l. Organization's savings or interest income		0	0	0
m. Other	Swimathon/Fundraising	1445 60	0	1500
n. Other	IRS	38 84	0	0
o. Other		0	0	0
Total Income		34850.77	7,000	27,500

* *Borrowed funds are not counted toward the required match of your city grant request. Your budget must reflect income from other sources which at least equals the amount of your request.*

If there is an increase or decrease of 25% or more in any individual expense or income line items from one year to the next, you will need to upload an explanation of these variances in section F, below.

Financial Reserves

Assets	Actual as of June 30, 2019 (Last Fiscal Year)	Projected as of June 30, 2020 (Current Fiscal Year)
a. Checking/savings accounts*	25480.14	24,500
b. Restricted operating funds **		
c. Restricted capital funds**		
d. Investments		
e. Endowment balance		
f. Planned giving commitments		
Total Financial Reserves	25,480.14	24,500.00

*Unrestricted funds which the organization may spend at its discretion.

** Cash on hand which can only be used for a specific purpose due to the terms of a gift, grant, or fundraising campaign. Please indicate the purpose of these funds here:

Debt

Creditor	Loan purpose	Actual: monies owed as of June 30, 2019 (Last Fiscal Year)	Projected: monies owed as of June 30, 2020 (Current Fiscal Year)
a.	N/A	0	0
b.	N/A	0	0
c.	N/A	0	0
Total Debt		0	0

In-Kind Contributions Received Please estimate dollar values.

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS	Description	Actual Totals, Last Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019	Budget, Current Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020	Proposed, Next Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021
a. Pro-bono professional services (legal, accounting, etc)	N/A	0	0	0
b. Other waived fees	N/A	0	0	0

c. Donated equipment	N/A	0	0	0
d. Donated supplies and materials	N/A	0	0	0
e. Donated travel and lodging costs	N/A	0	0	0
f. Donated space rental	N/A	0	0	0
g. Other	N/A	0	0	0
Total In-Kind Contributions		0	0	0

Reimbursements

Please provide a record of all receipts submitted to the Greenbelt Recreation Department for reimbursement during the most recently completed fiscal year in which you received funding. (If your organization is receiving funding for the first time this fiscal year, please record below all receipts submitted so far this fiscal year for reimbursement.) Receipts under $100 for similar purposes, such as office supplies, can be combined on a single line without specifying a date.

Please check one:

☐ Our organization is receiving funding for the first time in the current fiscal year. We are summarizing our reimbursed expenses for the period of July 1, 2019 –present.

☑ Our organization received funding during the city's Fiscal Year 2019. We are summarizing our reimbursed expenses for the period of July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019.

☐ Our organization is currently receiving in-kind services only. We last received funding during the city's Fiscal Year 2018. We are summarizing our reimbursed expenses for the period of July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018.

Date of expense	Description of reimbursed expense	Amount
7/30/19	Trophies	$1000

During Fiscal Year 2021, receipts presented to the Recreation Department for reimbursement should be accompanied by a brief note indicating the purpose of the expenditure. Expenses must relate clearly to the purposes specified in this application for which funding was sought and approved. The organization authorizes the following officer or officers (limit: two) to present receipts for reimbursement:

Name: Christine Nickel Title: Treasurer
Name: Laura Hebert Title: Vice-President

If applicable, please specify the organization's federal tax ID#: ____________

F. **ATTACHMENTS – Please upload in PDF format.**

1. **REQUIRED: narrative** addressing all 9 topics in section D, above. Limit: 4 pages. File name format: name_of_organization_narrative_FY21

2. **REQUIRED: program calendars** reflecting the organization's activities from the previous and current fiscal years, including upcoming events. Copies of existing marketing materials and/or summary lists are acceptable. Limit: 3 pages. File name format: name_of_organization_programs_FY21

3. **REQUIRED if applicable: explanation of income and expense variations over 25%.** See section E. File name format: name_of_organization_variances_FY21

4. **OPTIONAL: letters of support** – up to 3 pages. Comments from multiple people or organizations may be combined on a page. File name format: name_of_organization_letter_1_FY21 (etc)

5. **OPTIONAL:** summary information about the **credentials** of key personnel, paid or unpaid. Limit: 1 page. File name format: name_of_organization_bios_FY21

In the interest of fairness and respect for our panelists' time, **please observe all page limitations and refrain from submitting any materials not requested in this application.** Extra pages and unsolicited materials will not be forwarded to the Grant Review Panel.

G. **ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE**

I, the undersigned, certify that the information contained in this application is true, complete, and accurate. I have been authorized to submit this application to the City of Greenbelt by the governing body of the applicant organization. **By signing this application, I certify that the organization's leaders have read the Policy and Information Guide for Greenbelt Recognition Groups and have agreed to abide by the requirements stated therein.**

Signature Tris West Date 11/23/2020

Your role within the applicant organization: President

Variances

There are variances due primarily to changes associated with COVID-related restrictions and secondarily to the absorption of swimmers from the disbanding of the Severn Crossing team.

1 Expenses

Prior to COVID, there were anticipated expense variations due to the absorption of the Severn Crossing swim team. Many of these expenses, including increased coaching costs, would be offset by increased registration fees. However, any of these variances are now dwarfed by the impact of the COVID pandemic. Additionally, to reduce the costs as much as possible, a number of items that we had planned to purchase (e.g., new canopies to replace older version, marketing costs, food and banquet supplies, t-shirts, etc.) have all been scaled back or deleted in order to save funds where possible. Notable changes are below.

a. For spring practice, GMST will have 6 lanes operating for 2 hours per day for 3 days per week. This totals 72 lane hours per week. This is a significant increase in cost and is in response to COVID distancing requirements. Doing this enables the team to hold practice for the 29-33 swimmers who have expressed a desire to safely swim during the Spring session.

b. Due to slightly longer practice sessions, also a response to COVID restrictions, there will be a slight uptick in coaching expenses.

2. Income

There was a significant loss of registration income since summer 2020 swimming was cancelled. We anticipate increasing Spring registration from $120 per swimmer to $150 per swimmer, however this alone will not cover the increased expense associated with lane fees.

3. Net change

GMST has responded to COVID restrictions by increasing lane hours. To help cover this, we are increasing spring registration amounts. GMST still requires an increase in the City grant to cover costs. Additional steps may still be taken including (a) reducing the lane fees to $7 per lane, which would save an additional $1500, and (b) increasing swimmer registration from $150 to $200, generating an additional $1500 of income.

NARRATIVE

1. Benefit to the community

1.1 Organizational history and activities

The Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team (GMST) was established in 1957 and in 1959 became a charter member of PMSL, the Prince-Mont Swim League. The team's governing board, the Greenbelt Aquatic Boosters, was organized in the late 1960s. The team's mission is the promotion of swimming as a lifelong activity in order to help each swimmer achieve her or his personal best as an athlete and as a person, and the advocation of swimming as a family participation sport.

In the summer of 2019 GMST competed in Division C of PMSL (the third of six divisions) and finished third out of six teams in the regular season. The team hosted the season-ending Divisional meet for the first time in a decade, where it also finished third. Sixteen GMST swimmers competed in the league-wide All-Star Meet. The team's 10-and-under swimmers won third place overall at the Knights of Columbus Mini-Meet.

GMST offers a healthy outlet in which young people can be active while connecting with old friends and making new ones. Many swimmers return each summer just to catch up with those they do not have a chance to see during the school year. GMST also runs one of the only non-competitive year-round swim programs in the area. Other full-year programs (also known as "club teams") charge significantly more and have demanding practice schedules. GMST's programs allows swimmers to stay in touch with swimming while also giving them room to explore other activities.

1.2 Personal benefit

GMST includes swimmers between ages 5 (our "Developmental" program) and 18. Participating youths learn a valuable life skill, engage in regular aerobic exercise, and make friends with whom they might not otherwise come in contact. Spectators at our summer swim meets are able to enjoy the thrill of an athletic contest while cheering on a local team.

1.3 Partnerships

The team has been, and plans to continue to be, an active participant in outreach activities to the Greenbelt community. In September of 2019 the team extended its decade-long tradition of marching in the city's Labor Day Parade, this time winning the Most Entertaining award. In October the team hosted a table at the Greenbelt Fall Fest held at Schrom Hills Park, in part to promote the team to the wider Greenbelt community. In May 2019 GMST partnered with the Old Greenbelt Theater to put on an open-to-the-public screening of a video made by team parents of the 2018 summer swim season.

1.4 Community benefit

The Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team is one of the oldest continually operational organizations in the city and thus a strong thread tying together its past, present, and future. It offers Greenbelt families a well-run, long-established, year-round athletic program for the benefit of youths ages 5-18. The majority of the swimmers are Greenbelt residents as are most of the coaches. The team also serves as a home-grown training ground for pool lifeguards. And, since non-Greenbelt-resident summer swimmers are also required to be members of the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, the swim team indirectly funnels revenue to the city that can be used to enhance the overall community experience.

2. Organizational Effectiveness

2.1 Marketing, outreach and evaluation

Communication with team families is done through an e-mail list (run through Google Groups) and the team's Facebook account. We attract prospective participants in several ways. The city's Public Works department displays a banner before the team's sessions. We print fliers that are posted at GAFC and distributed at local schools. In addition, GAFC hosts a display case and bulletin board highlighting team accomplishments. We find word-of-mouth recommendations from current parents to be invaluable.

We hold an annual meeting at which the board discusses the state of the team and team families can give feedback. We periodically survey team families to evaluate what needs we are or are not meeting.

2.2 Challenges

GMST faces challenges in providing a well-run, well-established, yet affordable program to community families. In this coming year one challenge will likely be the incorporation of an influx of swimmers from the Severn Crossing Swim Team.

Based in Bowie and also a member of PMSL, Severn Crossing disbanded in 2020 and will likely send many of its swimmers to GMST. There are benefits for both teams. Severn Crossing swimmers will still be able to enjoy summer swim while GMST will be able to hold additional evening practices at Severn Crossing's pool. (Due to scheduling constraints at GAFC, summer practices in past years have been held in the early morning.) The larger team potentially means more funds for GAFC since, per Prince-Mont Swim League rules, all non-Greenbelt residents must buy a summer pool membership in order to compete. The GMST board has already met several times with the Severn Crossing team in order to discuss potential issues (e.g., practice arrangements, merging of coaching staffs, and integrating the two teams). Final approval is conditional on a vote by the GMST membership, which will be held a few weeks after the submission of this application.

As a secondary focus, GMST has historically found it challenging to keep swimmers on the team as they move into their teenage years. The team has had recent success combatting this trend through events targeted at older swimmers and plans to continue them in the coming year.

Finally, the most significant challenge facing GMST in the coming year is functioning under COVID restrictions. It is clear that outdoor summer swimming is likely the safest and we need to be ready to begin summer swimming in 2021 on time if at all possible. In the meantime, when swimming is deemed safe, the team will face a shortfall in registration due to a limited number of swimmers and potentially increased lane fees associated with the need for more swim lanes to facilitate social distancing. We remain prepared to respond within a couple weeks notice to either begin practice or stop practice based on communication with GAFC, along with county and state regulations.

2.3 Goals

We have several goals for the upcoming year. We want to manage a smooth absorption of the Severn Crossing team, increase the rate of teen swimmer participation, maintain our healthy percentage of swimmers from the City of Greenbelt, make sure that swimming is enjoyable for our swimmers, and continue to excel in PMSL meets.

We are also committed to managing the team responsibly in the face of COVID restrictions and social distancing measures.

2.4 City support

During fiscal year 2020, the City supported our team through a grant that paid $8,000 in coaches' summer salaries and provided $1000 for purchasing trophies. In addition, the City also provided in-kind support by hanging our banners at various locations within the city during our membership registration periods. Furthermore, the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (GAFC) allows us to rent lanes and to host swim meet competitions during the summer. This includes opening the pool for only our use in early morning practices during the summer and Sunday morning practices during the off-season. For FY2021, we request the City again support $8,000 in coaches' salary and $1000 for purchasing trophies for summer swimmers. GMST is prepared to take a minor loss this year (i.e., reduction in our savings account) in order to conduct practice with social distancing measures when and where necessary. We appreciate the year-round support from the City of Greenbelt and the willingness of GAFC to work with us to enable practice during this difficult time.

2.5 Matching funds

While the city grant funds trophies and the summer salaries of coaches, the team pays the salaries for coaches during the fall and winter/spring sessions and for lane fees throughout the year. These funds are primarily raised by charging registration fees. We also have several other revenue sources: running a snack bar during home swim meets, holding fundraising nights at local restaurants, and organizing a yearly swim-a-thon in which team swimmers collect pledges tied to the number of laps they can swim. We typically raise approximately $22,000 - $24,0000 in this manner, which satisfies the city requirement that organizations provide matching funds.

GMST did not raise much of these funds in 2020 because the summer swim practice was cancelled. We are committed to working with GAFC to continue practice when possible, to shoulder impacts and shortfalls as needed and with guidance and input from the City, and to maintain the required monetary savings equal to 50% annual operating cost.

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 25, 2021
Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen
Submitting Department: Community Services
Item Type: Board and Committee Reports
Agenda Section: OTHER BUSINESS

Subject:
Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) - Report #21-01 - ACE Grant Proposals - 2021

Suggested Action:

Reference: ACE 2020-2021 Grant Report

ACE submits its 2020-2021 School Year grant report for Council Review and Approval. Historically, the awarded grants are used by the local schools to fund educational programs like field trips, instructional materials, Lego league, and family engagement activities. In addition, grants can support teacher development. This year, ACE considered grants that can be implemented virtually as well as in-person. After careful review and discussion, ACE recommends that the City Council approve funding for 17 proposals, totaling $8,049.47. In addition to the grants, ACE recommends allocated $600.00 to each of the core schools to address food insecurity; this additional recommendation for $3,600.00 brings the total to $11,649.47.

Council approval is sought.

Attachments:
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Report # 21-01
January 11, 2021

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

REPORT TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT: ACE GRANT PROPOSALS - 2021

BACKGROUND: The Advisory Committee on Education recently solicited grant proposals for the 2020-2021 school year. The budget available for ACE grants is $12,500.00.

This is the 12th year since the ACE grants were started in 2008. This year we continue the changes introduced last year, with $600 as the maximum grant allowed, and Teacher Development Grants at up to $400 each.

ACE solicited grant proposals from the six ACE core schools: Greenbelt Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary, Magnolia Elementary, Dora Kennedy French Immersion, Greenbelt Middle and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Proposals were welcome either from the school itself or from the school's parent-teacher organization. There was no limit to the number of proposals that could be submitted from each school. The proposals were due on November 10, 2020. The proposals were for activities that will take place between February 15, 2021 and the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

The ACE Grants Program will support activities that enhance or enrich school-based activities. Some examples include supporting field trips, bringing an activity into the school, or purchasing equipment and materials for a special project. The grants are NOT intended to underwrite items that are normally supplied by the school system such as copier paper, etc.

The Teacher Development Grants can support registration fees, tuition and/or required course materials for teachers to take classes, attend conferences or participate in other professional development programs. We announced that we would consider up to 5 Teacher Development Grants, within the available funding.

CHANGES THIS YEAR: This year there were several changes resulting from the virtual school environment. All proposal submission was done electronically; there was a Google form for the proposal information, and the proposers sent the descriptive write-up by email. The principals' endorsement was also sent by email. Each proposer was requested to specify whether the project could be done while school is still online, or whether it would wait until school is back in person.

There were several effects from these changes. Three proposals were submitted to the Google form without an accompanying description (#3, #11 and #20). ACE considers those proposals to be incomplete and will not recommend funding them. There was one proposal submitted as a description but without a form (#30); ACE was able to evaluate this proposal, but does not recommend funding it. ACE conducted its own evaluation of whether the proposal can be done virtually or in-person, based in part on the proposer's recommendation. ACE recommends that funding for those proposals which can only be done in person should wait until the schools have re-opened for in-person instruction. The virtual proposals can be funded by February 15, 2021.

FINDING: ACE received 30 proposals from 4 schools for a total request of $15,691.05. Proposals were submitted from Greenbelt, Springhill Lake and Magnolia Elementary Schools and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. No proposals were received from Dora Kennedy French Immersion School or Greenbelt Middle School.

Selection of the proposals for funding is made by the Greenbelt City Council based on the input from ACE. This table is a summary of ACE recommendations. The details are below.

#	School	Purpose of grant request	Request	Recommend
1	GES	Reading and Math Centers	$420.00	$420.00
2	GES	STEM in the Classroom	$561.50	
3	GES	Stem In Classroom	$561.50	
4	GES	STEM Library	$567.00	$567.00
5	GES	Individual Math Manipulatives for Hybrid Learning	$600.00	$600.00
6	GES	Manipulatives Needed for Hybrid Learning	$600.00	$600.00
7	GES	Flexible Seating	$570.00	
8	GES	Individual Manipulative Packs	$600.00	$600.00
9	ERHS	Science Olympiad	$360.00	$360.00
10	ERHS	Destination Imagination (DI) Challenge Experience	$470.00	$470.00
11	ERHS	ERHS Expansion - Community Design Project	$600.00	
12	GES	Reading A to Z/ Raz-PLus	$209.95	$209.95
13	ERHS	ERHS Esports League	$600.00	$150.00
14	GES	Flexible Seating	$569.83	
15	GES	TAG Logic Games and Instructional Resources for GES	$300.00	$300.00
16	MES	Hands-on-Learning With Math Manipulatives at Home	$500.00	$500.00
17	GES	Badminton Equipment	$500.00	$500.00
18	GES	Flexible Seating	$600.00	
19	GES	Ipad mini for PE class	$423.99	
20	GES	Flexible Seating	$629.76	
21	GES	Number Worlds Math Intervention (Level E)	$600.00	$600.00
22	GES	Reducing Food Insecurity: Emergency Food Bank	$600.00	(See note)
23	GES	Math Manipulatives & Magnetic Math Visuals	$597.52	$597.52
24	GES	Environmental Literacy Club	$600.00	
25	GES	Maryland State Gifted Conference for Primary Teachers*	$375.00	
26	GES	Maryland State Gifted Conf. for Intermediate Teachers*	$375.00	$375.00
27	GES	Rethink Mindfulness Space	$600.00	$600.00
28	GES	Comfy Learning Space	$600.00	
29	SHLES	PBIS	$600.00	$600.00
30	GES	Beech Tree Puppets	$500.00	
		Total requested by the schools	$15,691.05	$8,049.47
	All	Food insecurity recommendation		$3,600.00
		Total Recommended		$11,649.47

* Teacher Development Proposals

(Note) The food insecurity proposal #22 will be discussed in detail below and includes an additional recommendation of $600.00 to each of the 6 ACE core schools, totaling $3,600.00.

Proposal Review

ACE met on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, to consider the proposals. For each proposal, the committee listed the strengths and weaknesses and assigned a numerical score on a 100-point scale. The points were assigned according to the following scale:

- Intrinsic merit (40%) – Will the proposed project enhance or enrich school-based activities? Does it meet the criteria listed in the ACE grants call?
- Budget (30%) – Is the proposed budget realistic? Is the budget well justified?
- Benefit to students (20%) – Will the program provide wide benefit to the students in the school, or will it just benefit a few students?
- Proposal format (10%) – Did the proposal follow the proposal rules, including proposal length, project schedule, requisite signatures, etc.? (Note: severe violation of the proposal rules could result in rejection.)

On the basis of this careful consideration, the committee makes the following recommendations:

Proposals:

1) Reading and Math Centers. GES. Recommended funding: $420 (full funding).

Summary: This proposal will purchase math and reading materials to use for centers in first grade classrooms. Materials include things like short and long vowel domino games and pop-up boards to practice addition and subtraction facts.

Strengths: The games provide a fun way for students to practice basic phonics and math skills. The materials can be used either by individuals or in groups. They are durable and can be used for several years.

Weaknesses: None.

In-person: Hold funding until classes resume in person.

2) STEM in the Classroom. GES. Recommended funding: $0.

Summary: This proposal is for manipulatives, such as fraction tiles, to aid in teaching math concepts.

Strengths: The manipulatives would aid in teaching math concepts.

Weaknesses: The proposal is a duplication of a proposal selected last year without any updates. Even quoted prices are out-of-date.

3) STEM in Classroom. GES. Recommended Funding: $0.

ACE was unable to evaluate this proposal, as it was incomplete.

4) STEM Library. GES. Recommended Funding: $567 (full funding).

Summary: The proposal will purchase multiple copies of four STEM books for use in the third grade classrooms, during independent reading time.

Strengths: The books cover topics including extreme weather, animals and ecosystems, giving the students an inter-connected view of our world.

Weaknesses: None.

In-person: Hold funding until classes resume in person.

5) Individual Math Manipulatives for Hybrid Learning. GES. Recommended funding: $600 (full funding).

Summary: The proposal requests math manipulatives for use when students return to the school, to lessen sharing of manipulatives among students. These manipulatives include a teacher base ten set, multiple sets of coins and write and wipe clocks.

Strengths: These manipulatives will be distributed to students, if they remain virtual.

Weaknesses: If distributed, it is unlikely for any of these manipulatives to be reused.

Virtual: Fund by February 15, 2021.

6) Manipulatives Needed for Hybrid Learning. GES. Recommended funding: $600 (full funding).

Summary: This proposal will purchase additional math manipulatives for second grade students. The additional manipulatives will allow each child to have their own, rather than sharing. These manipulatives will be used for either distance or in-person learning.

Strengths: Math manipulatives give students a concrete way to visualize mathematical problems and solutions. The manipulatives are durable and can be used for several years.

Weaknesses: None.

Virtual: Fund by February 15, 2021.

7) Flexible Seating. GES. Recommended Funding: $0 (no funding).

Summary: This proposal was one of several requesting money for flexible seating, such as balance balls and floor cushions, for classroom use. Flexible seating options can provide students with a choice of working spaces and can be particularly useful for students with ADHD.

Strengths: Flexible seating can provide an outlet for energetic students and increase their ability to concentrate. Providing students with a choice of working space allows them control over their classroom environment and can increase student engagement.

Weaknesses: The grant is poorly justified with no real explanation given for the types of seating chosen or exactly how the seats will be used in the classroom. There was also no mention of how seating could be safely shared.

8) Individual Manipulative Packs. GES. Recommended funding: $600 (full funding).

Summary: This proposal will purchase hands on math manipulative items to enhance both distance learning and a hybrid model for younger students. Students would receive their own math material packs to enhance their learning and participate in class instruction.

Strengths: The individual packs allow the students to utilize their own items and not have to risk touching many items due to the pandemic.

Weaknesses: None.

Virtual: Fund by February 15, 2021.

9) Science Olympiad. ERHS. Recommended funding: $360 (full funding).

Summary: The Science Olympiad is a hands-on STEM competition. This proposal will pay for the registration fees for a team from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The competition promotes applications of STEM Education to real-world situations. The team registration covers regional and state competitions as well as practice tournaments.

Strengths: This kind of competition allows additional experience with applied science and engineering. Students work in groups, mimicking the team-based approach seen in scientific careers. They also network with students from around the region and the state.

Weaknesses: none

Virtual: Fund by February 15, 2021.

10) Destination Imagination. ERHS PTSA. Recommended funding: $470 (full funding).

Summary: This proposal will enable teams to participate in national and global competitions to develop creative thinking and teamwork.

Strengths: Team challenges to develop STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) creative thinking and teamwork.

Weaknesses: No weaknesses.

Virtual: Fund by February 15, 2021.

11) ERHS Expansion- Community Design Project. ERHS. Recommended Funding: $0.

ACE is unable to consider this proposal as it was incomplete.

12) Reading A to Z/Raz-Plus. GES. Recommended Funding: $209.95 (full funding).

Summary: The proposal would purchase a 1-year license to the Raz-Plus software package, which provides reading opportunities for both whole classroom and small-group use. Students would also be able to use it for personalized reading practice.

Strengths: The software provides the opportunity for students to read at their own individual level, or for small groups to work together.

Weaknesses: The committee was concerned that a single license would not allow widespread use within the school, although perhaps it could be used sequentially by several different classroom teachers.

Virtual: Fund by February 15, 2021.

13) ERHS Intramural Esports League. ERHS. Recommended funding: $150 (partial funding)

Summary: Funds were requested to develop a competitive intramural Esports league at ERHS. The proposal includes a timeline of implementation. The $150 that ACE has decided to fund is to pay a platform administrator to design a platform.

Strengths: This effort is supported by the administration and will use a student platform administrator. The league will build and broaden the initial Esports club.

Weaknesses: $450 of incentives was requested and denied, as gift cards do not fall within the scope of ACE.

Virtual: Fund by February 15, 2021.

14) Flexible Seating. GES. Recommended funding: $0 (no funding).

Summary: This proposal was one of several requesting money for flexible seating, such as balance balls and floor cushions, for classroom use. Flexible seating options can provide students with a choice of working spaces and can be particularly useful for students with ADHD.

Strengths: Flexible seating can provide an outlet for energetic students and increase their ability to concentrate. Providing students with a choice of working space allows them control over their classroom environment and can increase student engagement.

Weaknesses: The grant is poorly justified with no real explanation given for the types of seating chosen or exactly how the seats will be used in the classroom. There was also no mention of how seating could be safely shared.

15) TAG Logic Games and Instructional Resources for GES. GES. Recommended Funding: $300 (full funding).

Summary: This proposal will purchase learning tools that will engage students in the Talented and Gifted program at GES. The tools include ThinkFun Laser Maze Jr, which allow logic games using a laser, math dice for playing arithmetic games, and books of detective logic stories.

Strengths: TAG students benefit from having extra challenges to stay engaged.

Weaknesses: None.

In-person: Hold funding until classes resume in person.

16) Hands-on-Learning with Math Manipulatives at Home. MES. Recommended funding: $500 (full funding).

Summary: This proposal will purchase hands on math manipulatives to enhance both distance learning and a hybrid model for younger students. These manipulatives will be utilized mainly at home to do independent assignments.

Strengths: The proposal clearly documents how the manipulatives will compliment instruction and how the students will safely receive them.

Weaknesses: None.

Virtual: Fund by February 15, 2021.

17) Badminton Equipment. GES. Recommended funding: $540 (full funding).

Summary: The proposal would purchase badminton nets, racquets (of different sizes), and shuttlecocks for use in gym class.

Strengths: Badminton is a sport that can develop skills and abilities in physical education.

Weaknesses: None.

In-person: Hold funding until classes resume in person.

18) Flexible Seating. GES. Recommended funding: $0.

Summary: This proposal was one of several requesting money for flexible seating, such as balance balls and floor cushions, for classroom use. Flexible seating options can provide students with a choice of working spaces and can be particularly useful for students with ADHD.

Strengths: Flexible seating can provide an outlet for energetic students and increase their ability to concentrate. Providing students with a choice of working space allows them control over their classroom environment and can increase student engagement.

Weaknesses: The grant is poorly justified with no real explanation given for the types of seating chosen or exactly how the seats will be used in the classroom. There was also no mention of how seating could be safely shared.

19) iPad Mini for PE Class. GES. Recommended Funding: $0.

Summary: This proposal would purchase an iPad Mini for GES, to be used in their PE classes. The teacher requesting the iPad wishes to use apps that are not approved by the Board of Education for use on school equipment.

Strengths: Apps on the iPad could assist students with learning disabilities.

Weaknesses: As the iPad would be bought by the school, the iPad would be subject to the same restrictions as other district devices.

20) Flexible Seating. GES. Recommended Funding: $0 (no funding).

ACE is unable to consider this proposal as it was incomplete.

21 Number Worlds Math Intervention (Level E) GES. Recommended funding: $600 (full funding).

Summary: A research-based intervention known as 'Number Worlds Math Intervention' is requested to support teacher-led math small groups. The kit will be used in grades 3 and 4. The purchase includes a 6 year subscription to online resources and online support.

Strengths: The school will provide the remainder of the funding needed. Also, this kit can be reused for years to come.

Weaknesses: None.

In-person: Hold funding until classes resume in person.

22) Reducing Food Insecurity: Emergency Food Bank. GES. Recommended funding: see below. Further input and decision by Council is requested.

Please see a discussion of this proposal at the end of this report.

23) Math Manipulatives & Magnetic Math Visuals. GES. Recommended Funding: $597.52 (full funding).

Summary: The proposal will purchase magnetic white boards with visuals of math concepts. There will be 8 at the foundational level for the K and 1st grade classrooms, and 15 with base 10 blocks for the older students.

Strengths: The use of magnetic boards makes handling manipulatives easier for younger students. The materials are durable and can be reused.

Weaknesses: None.

In-person: Hold funding until classes resume in person.

24) Environmental Literacy Club. GES. Not recommended for funding.

Summary: This proposal would provide tools, resources and opportunities for students to observe science all around. Students would connect indoor classroom knowledge to the outside environment.

Strengths: The proposal showed a variety of tools that would be utilized outside for natural observation.

Weaknesses: This is an all in-person project. The budget exceeds the maximum amount to requested and does not state how the difference in cost will be funded. The proposal lacks detail about how the materials will be used.

25) Maryland State Gifted Conference for Primary Teachers. GES. Recommended funding: $0.

Summary: Registration for five teachers in grades 2 and 3 and Instructional Lead Teachers to attend the Maryland State Gifted Conference for Primary Teachers where they would learn and exchange strategies for gifted learners, the social-emotional needs of gifted learners, and underrepresented populations in gifted education.

Strengths: Teachers would learn and exchange strategies for gifted learners. The teachers could scaffold these strategies for all the other students, as well.

Weaknesses: Proposals 25 and 26 divided out a request for conference funding across two separate proposals. This is a violation of the ACE grant proposal guidelines. Because ACE recognizes the benefit of of the conference, the committee did opt to waive the guidelines in order to fund the one supporting intermediate teachers (proposal 26).

26) Maryland State Gifted Conference for Intermediate Teachers. GES. Recommended funding: $375 (full funding).

Summary: Registration for five teachers in grades 4 and 5 to attend the Maryland State Gifted Conference for Intermediate Teachers where they would learn and exchange strategies for gifted learners, the social-emotional needs of gifted learners, and underrepresented populations in gifted education.

Strengths: Teachers would learn and exchange strategies for gifted learners. The teachers could scaffold these strategies for all the other students, as well.

Weaknesses: Proposals 25 and 26 divided out a request for conference funding across two separate proposals. This is a violation of the ACE grant proposal guidelines. Because ACE recognizes the benefit of of the conference, the committee did opt to waive the guidelines in order to fund this proposal.

Virtual: Fund by February 15, 2021.

27) Rethink Mindfulness Space. GES. Recommended Funding: $600 (Full Funding)

Summary: This proposal would provide a variety of flexible seating options to be used in the Mindfulness Space. Although this proposal was similar to the other proposals for flexible seating, ACE chose this one because it is focused on a space open to all members of the school.

Strengths: GES students use The Mindfulness Space before, during, or after school in order to promote social emotional learning and mental health.

Weaknesses: None.

In-person: Hold funding until classes resume in person.

28) Comfy Learning Space. GES. Recommended Funding: $0 (no funding).

Summary: This proposal was one of several requesting money for flexible seating, such as balance balls and floor cushions, for classroom use. Flexible seating options can provide students with a choice of working spaces and can be particularly useful for students with ADHD.

Strengths: Flexible seating can provide an outlet for energetic students and increase their ability to concentrate. Providing students with a choice of working space allows them control over their classroom environment and can increase student engagement.

Weaknesses: The grant is poorly justified with no real explanation given for the types of seating chosen or exactly how the seats will be used in the classroom. There was also no mention of how seating could be safely shared.

29 PBIS. SHLES. Recommended funding: $600 (full funding).

Summary: The closing of schools has hurt SHLES's usual means of fundraising to support their PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support). They are requesting funds to continue their efforts to reward and recognize stellar attendance and positive behavior.

Strengths: These PBIS efforts will be implemented during virtual and eventual in person learning.

Weaknesses: The proposal was late and did not include specifics of proposed purchases.

Virtual: Fund by February 15, 2021.

30) Beech Tree Puppets. GES. Recommended funding: $0 (no funding).

Summary: This proposal would fund a performance by Beech Tree Puppets for the pre-kindergarten students.

Strengths: Beech Tree Puppets has a track-record of excellent programs that are entertaining and educational. The program has been adapted to distance learning and can be done either virtually or in-person.

Weaknesses: The application is incomplete and missing the application form. The proposal lacks detail. Although it claims that the performance will include many academic subjects (environmental science, reading, language arts), no description of the program is included. There is also no discussion of curricular tie-ins between the program and what the students are learning.

<u>FOOD INSECURITY DISCUSSION:</u>

22) Reducing Food Insecurity: Emergency Food Bank. GES. Recommended funding: see below. Further input and decision by Council is requested.

Summary: This proposal will create an emergency food bank to be kept at the school. The food bank will stock shelf-stable staples which can be distributed to families in need. Further, the grant will create a small lunch account to help pay for student lunch debt for needy students once schools open back up for in-person learning.

Strengths: The proposal is well-written and well-justified. The PTA is working jointly with the school's guidance counselor to ensure that support will be directed where it is most needed.

Weaknesses: While ACE appreciated the thought and concern that went into this proposal, the committee was uncomfortable funding something so far outside their usual purview. It was also noted that ALL of the schools in Greenbelt likely have families that would benefit from this type of program.

Additional guidance is requested from Council as to whether this proposal should be funded and whether other schools in Greenbelt could be offered funding for a similar program.

After discussion of this proposal, recognizing that ACE's recommendations for the other grants this year underspent the allocated funding, and recognizing the extremely unusual circumstances of this pandemic year, ACE makes the following recommendation for consideration by Council.

In recognition of the great hardship being faced by many families in Greenbelt, ACE recommends that the City Council designate $3,600 from the monies budgeted to ACE Grants to the 6 local schools. Each school would be granted up to $600 to provide needed food or other material assistance to their families. Possible use of the monies would be for schools to buy food supplies, food gift cards, or to pay school fees (such as Chromebook replacement) for families in need. Greenbelt CARES has agreed to work with the schools to ensure that this funding is allocated and used appropriately.

If this recommendation is selected by Council, fund by February 15, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION: This is the 12th year that ACE has solicited grant proposals. The ACE grants to schools program has been highly successful. The final grant reports received from the schools document the positive impact on education in Greenbelt that the program has had. The continued interest of the schools and the creativity of the proposed projects are a testament to the success of the program. In this report, ACE recommends that the City Council approve funding for 17 proposals, totaling $8,049.47 with the following distribution per school:

School	Requested	Submitted	Recommended	Approved	Rejected
DKFIS	$ 0.00	0	$ 0.00	0	0
ERHS	$ 1,430.00	3	$ 980.00	3	0
GES	$ 11,369.79	22	$ 6,569.47	12	10
GMS	$ 0.00	0	$ 0.00	0	0
MES	$ 500.00	1	$ 500.00	1	0
SHLES	$ 600.00	1	$ 600.00	1	0
Totals	**$ 13,800.79**	**27**	**$ 8,049.47**	**17**	**10**

Note: this table does not include the 3 incomplete proposals.

This year ACE budgeted $12,500 for ACE grants, and recommends grants totaling $8,049.47. ACE is satisfied with the recommended programs and does not request additional funding for the grants that were not approved. In addition to the grants, ACE recommends allocated $600.00 to each of the core schools to address food insecurity; this additional recommendation for $3,600.00 brings the total to $11,649.47.

Approved by ACE on 12/8/2020 with a vote of 8-0 with one member absent.

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 25, 2021
Submitted by: Bonita Anderson
Submitting Department: Administration
Item Type: Board and Committee Reports
Agenda Section: OTHER BUSINESS

Subject:
Community Relations Advisory Board - Communication to City Council

Suggested Action:

Reference: CRAB Communication Report, 12/11/2020

Council accepted this Communication from the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) on December 11, 2020. CRAB is seeking Council feedback regarding the options presented in the Communication. CRAB Co-Chairs Rick Ransom and Jamie Krauk will be available to answer any questions.

Attachments:
CRAB Communication 12.11.20.pdf

COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
COMMUNICATION TO CITY COUNCIL
12/11/20

CRAB appreciates and supports the City Council's efforts toward fair and just policing. As we have stated on record before, CRAB wishes to be part of the solution. To that end, we welcomed, and greatly appreciated, Mayor Byrd's active participation in our October CRAB meeting to discuss his proposal and respond to many of our questions and requests for clarification.

As CRAB has taken the opportunity to consider possible next steps for the development of an accompanying city ordnance, CRAB is pleased to hear that Council will hold at least one public work session and hearing.

As such, CRAB offers the following, and seeks Council's response as soon as practicable to enable CRAB to add as much value as possible to the process.

Option 1:
CRAB has a history of facilitating public forums in the area of community-police relations, but in other areas as well. CRAB is prepared, in advance of the first hearing or work session, to hold 2-3 such virtual forums inviting members of the public to weigh in with questions and concerns about police-community relations. In an era of division and heightened opportunity for frustration, anger, and misunderstanding on multiple sides of issues, the purpose of these forums would be as an opportunity to foster listening sessions for our citizenry. There is more that unites us than divides us. The results of these forums would be provided to Council as fodder for further discussion. These sessions would be in addition to, and prior to, Council's sessions. They would cover a slightly broader topic than the proposal itself.

Option 2:
As Council prepares to hold its work session(s) and hearing(s), Council may wish to have CRAB play a role in support, facilitation, broad socialization/announcement of Council's sessions. CRAB is open to that role, whether instead of, or in addition to, option 1.

Option 3:
CRAB recognizes that Council may not have time nor inclination at this time for CRAB's specific involvement in public forums, sessions, or hearings, and will respect Council's wishes for CRAB's involvement.

Respectfully Submitted

Rick Ransom, Chair
Jamie Krauk, Co-Chair
Community Relations Advisory Board

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 25, 2021
Submitted by: Terri Hruby
Submitting Department: Planning
Item Type: OTHER BUSINESS
Agenda Section: OTHER BUSINESS

Subject:
Acceptance of Greenbelt Station Parkway

Suggested Action:

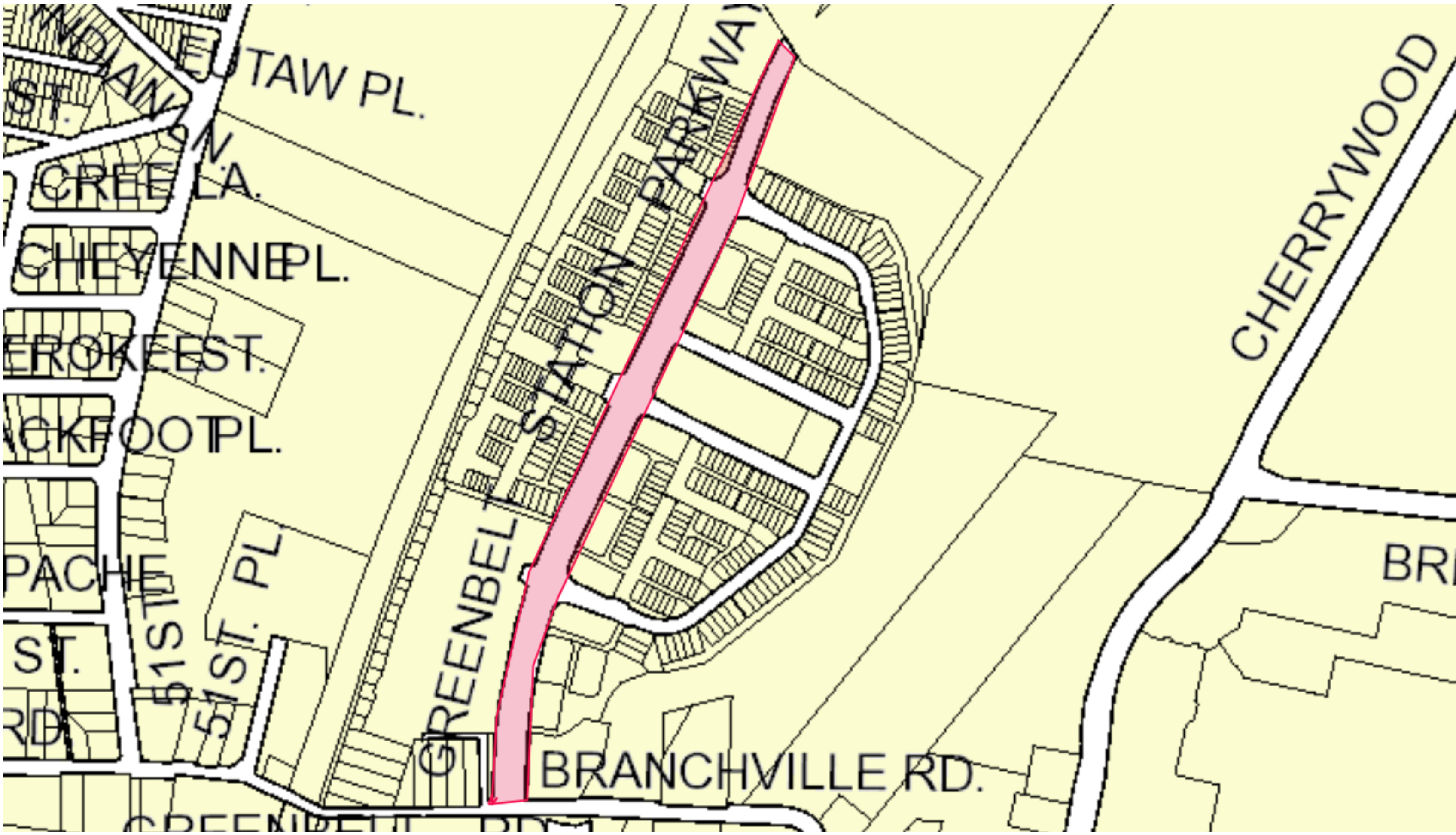
Reference: Greenbelt Station Parkway Graphic

The Greenbelt Station South Core development includes a combination of public and private streets. Woodlawn Development Group has completed the construction of Greenbelt Station Parkway and is asking the City to accept it into City maintenance. The construction of Greenbelt Station Parkway consists of lighting, sidewalk, brick crosswalks, landscaped medians and roundabouts, curb and gutter, striping and storm drain and paving. A final inspection of the roadway was completed by the City's inspector and the Director of Public Works and the Director of Planning and Community Development. The final inspection confirmed that the work has been completed per approved plans except for some minor asphalt sealing that needs to be completed as weather permits. The City's Arborist has also identified some potential issues with some landscaping and these will be addressed in early spring if needed and a one-year warranty provided for any new plants/shrubs installed.

Staff recommends that the City Council conditionally accept Greenbelt Station Parkway conditioned on the posting of a maintenance bond in the amount of $89,734.58.

Attachments:
Greenbelt Station Parkway Graphic.pdf

Greenbelt Station Parkway



Agenda Item No: 15.

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 25, 2021
Submitted by: David Moran
Submitting Department: Administration
Item Type: OTHER BUSINESS
Agenda Section: OTHER BUSINESS

Subject:
State Legislation

Suggested Action:

Reference:
SB 188/HB 63
HB 294/SB 93
HB 294 Fiscal Note
HB 252
HB 252 Fiscal Note
SB 414/HB 583
Flyers provided by GCAN
HB 264
SB 361/HB 485

Senate Bill 188/House Bill 63 - This legislation would prohibit the State and certain units and instrumentalities of the State from using any appropriation for a magnetic levitation transportation system in the State. Senator Pinsky and Delegate Williams are the primary sponsors of the respective bills. The City supported similar legislation last year.

Staff recommends Council reaffirm its support for SB 188/HB 63.

House Bill 294/SB 93 - This legislation would increase, from $5,000 to $25,000, the maximum estimated cost in labor and materials for the alteration of a certain existing building or structure for which a person is not required to employ a licensed architect under certain circumstances. Delegate Williams is the primary sponsor. The City supported similar legislation last year.

Staff recommends Council support HB 294/SB 93.

House Bill 252 - This bill authorizes the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to withhold owner-occupied residential property from tax sale during the period from June 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. Council Member Davis requested this bill be added to this agenda.

Council direction is sought.

Senate Bill 414/House Bill 583 - This legislation requires the State to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 60% from 2006 levels by 2030; requires the State to achieve net-zero statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 2045; requires the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt regulations establishing certain energy conservation requirements for certain buildings by July 1, 2022 and establishes a goal of planting and helping to maintain in the State 5,000,000 sustainable trees of species native to the State by the end of 2030.

Senator Pinsky is the primary sponsor. The City has supported similar legislation in the past. Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) has also requested that the City support this legislation. Two flyers provided by GCAN are included in the background materials.

Council direction is sought.

House Bill 264 - GCAN has requested the City support this bill. This bill would require that beginning on 1/1/2023 certain entities (hotels, hospitals, prisons, supermarkets, food hubs, etc.) that produce at least 2 tons of food scraps per week to compost or otherwise divert food waste from the waste stream if they are within 30 miles of a composting or anaerobic digesting facility. The threshold would lower to entities that produce 1 ton on 1/1/2024. GCAN representatives will be available to answer any questions.

Council direction is sought.

Senate Bill 361/House Bill 485 - This bill would establish the Public-Private Partnership Oversight Review Board. It would require a certain reporting agency to include in pre-solicitation reports for public-private partnerships with a total value that exceeds $500,000,000 pre-solicitation reports of certain contracts and a certain environmental impact statement under certain circumstances.

Mayor Byrd requested this legislation be added to this evening's agenda. Council direction is sought.

Attachments:
SB 188.pdf
HB 294.pdf
HB 294 Fiscal Note.pdf
HB 252.pdf
HB 252 Fiscal Note.pdf
SB 414.pdf

ClimateSolutionsNow Act edited one pager.pdf
Climate Solutions Now Act two page fact sheet.pdf
HB 264.pdf
SB 361.pdf

SENATE BILL 188

R2, P1 1lr1066
(PRE–FILED) CF HB 63

By: **Senator Pinsky**
Requested: October 22, 2020
Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2021
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

State Finance – Prohibited Appropriations – Magnetic Levitation Transportation System

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State and certain units and instrumentalities of the State from using any appropriation for a magnetic levitation transportation system in the State; providing that the prohibition does not apply to certain expenditures for salaries; and generally relating to State appropriations for magnetic levitation transportation systems.

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 7–240
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – State Finance and Procurement

7–240.

(A) NEITHER THE STATE NOR ANY UNIT OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE MAY USE ANY APPROPRIATION FOR A MAGNETIC LEVITATION TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM LOCATED OR TO BE LOCATED IN THE STATE.

(B) SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO EXPENDITURES FOR THE SALARIES OF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO REVIEW PERMITS OR OTHER FORMS OF APPROVAL FOR A MAGNETIC LEVITATION TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
[Brackets**]** indicate matter deleted from existing law.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2021.

HOUSE BILL 294

C2 1lr1400
(PRE–FILED) CF SB 93

By: **Delegate Williams**
Requested: October 30, 2020
Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2021
Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Business Occupations and Professions – Architects – Scope of Licensure

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum estimated cost in labor and materials for the alteration of a certain existing building or structure for which a person is not required to employ a licensed architect under certain circumstances; altering the circumstances under which a person is not required to employ a licensed architect; making certain stylistic changes; making a conforming change; and generally relating to the scope of licensure for architects.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 3–101(a), (b), and (l) and 3–103(a) and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 3–103(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

3–101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
[Brackets**]** indicate matter deleted from existing law.

(b) "Architect" means an individual who practices architecture.

(l) (1) "Practice architecture" means to provide any service or creative work:

(i) in regard to an addition to, alteration of, or construction of a building or an integral part of a building; and

(ii) that requires education, training, and experience in architecture.

(2) "Practice architecture" includes:

(i) architectural design and preparation of related documents;

(ii) consultation;

(iii) design coordination;

(iv) evaluation;

(v) investigation; and

(vi) planning.

3–103.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, all architectural documents prepared in connection with the addition, alteration, construction, or design of a building, an integral part of a building, or a group of buildings which are intended for public use or residential use shall be signed, sealed, and dated by a licensed architect in accordance with § 3–501 of this title.

(d) (1) A person may not be required to employ a licensed architect in connection with the alteration or repair of an existing building or structure in a municipal corporation if the alteration or repair:

(i) **DOES NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE STRUCTURAL SYSTEM OF THE BUILDING, INCLUDING FOUNDATIONS, FOOTINGS, WALLS, FLOORS, ROOFS, BEARING PARTITIONS, BEAMS, COLUMNS, JOISTS, OR THE MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, OR PLUMBING SYSTEMS; AND**

(II) 1. COMPLIES WITH THE MARYLAND REHABILITATION CODE AND does not exceed **[**$5,000**] $25,000** in estimated costs, including labor and materials**[**;**] FOR ALTERATIONS OR REPAIRS LIMITED TO:**

[(ii) is limited to:

1.] **A. MINOR** interior alterations or **COSMETIC OR SIMILAR** repairs; **AND**

[2. storefronts or facades;

3.] **B.** fixtures, cabinetwork or furniture; or

[4. exterior stairways, landings, decks, and ramps; and

(iii) does not adversely affect the structural system of the building, including foundations, footings, walls, floors, roofs, bearing partitions, beams, columns, joists, or the mechanical, electrical, or plumbing systems.]

2. DOES NOT EXCEED $10,000 IN ESTIMATED COSTS, INCLUDING LABOR AND MATERIALS, FOR ALTERATIONS OR REPAIRS LIMITED TO:

A. STOREFRONTS, FACADES, OR SIMILAR REPLACEMENTS;

B. EXTERIOR STAIRWAYS, LANDINGS, DECKS, OR RAMPS;

C. JOISTS; OR

D. A MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, OR PLUMBING SYSTEM.

(2) Any work performed under this subsection shall be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Maryland Building Performance Standards set forth in Title 12, Subtitle 5 of the Public Safety Article.

(3) The exclusion provided for in this subsection shall be used only once per building or structure in a 12–month period.

(4) A building permit issued under this subsection:

(i) shall contain an affidavit signed by the person who has submitted the permit stating that the repair or alteration is in compliance with this subsection; and

(ii) may not be amended or revised in any way to cause the alteration or repair to exceed [$5,000] **THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT** in total costs **AUTHORIZED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION**, including labor and materials.

(5) Any building permit issued under this subsection that contains technical submissions that fail to conform to the requirements of this subsection shall be invalid.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, a code official may require that architectural documents for alterations or repairs of existing buildings or structures be signed and sealed by a licensed architect if the code official determines that the signature and seal of a licensed architect is necessary to provide conformity with the Maryland Building Performance Standards or to otherwise provide for the health and safety of the public.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2021.

Department of Legislative Services

Maryland General Assembly
2021 Session

FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
First Reader

House Bill 294 (Delegate Williams)
Economic Matters

Business Occupations and Professions - Architects - Scope of Licensure

This bill increases the maximum estimated project cost for which a person is not required to employ a licensed architect, under specified conditions. Depending on the scope of work, the maximum estimated cost is increased from $5,000 to either $10,000 or $25,000. A conforming change is made to limit the alterations to building permits issued for such projects to less than the new maximums. Other existing exemption requirements, such as the building or structure being located in a municipality, continue to apply.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: The bill does not materially affect local government finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: Minimal. Some small architectural firms may lose some business due to the enhanced exemption.

Analysis

Current Law: Generally, all architectural documents prepared in connection with the addition, alteration, construction, or design of a building, an integral part of a building, or a group of buildings, which are intended for public use or residential use must be signed, sealed, and dated by a licensed architect. However, a person may not be required to employ a licensed architect in connection with the alteration or repair of an existing building or structure *in a municipality* if the alteration or repair:

- does not exceed $5,000 in estimated costs, including labor and materials;
- is limited to (1) interior alterations or repairs; (2) storefronts or facades; (3) fixtures, cabinetwork, or furniture; or (4) exterior stairways, landings, decks, and ramps; and
- does not adversely affect the structural system of the building.

Any work performed under the exception must be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Maryland Building Performance Standards. The exception may only be used once per building or structure in a 12-month period. A related building permit must contain an affidavit signed by the person who has submitted the permit stating that the repair or alteration is in compliance with the above requirements. The permit may not be amended or revised in any way to cause the alteration or repair to exceed $5,000 in total costs, including labor and materials. Nonconforming permits are invalid.

Notwithstanding the above exception, a code official may still require that architectural documents for alterations or repairs of existing buildings or structures be signed and sealed by a licensed architect if the code official determines that the signature and seal of a licensed architect is necessary to provide conformity with the Maryland Building Performance Standards or to otherwise provide for the health and safety of the public.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: HB 1087 of 2020, a similar bill, received a hearing from the House Economic Matters Committee, but no further action was taken.

Designated Cross File: SB 93 (Senator Griffith) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

Information Source(s): Maryland Department of Labor; Department of General Services; Public School Construction Program; Maryland Association of Counties; Maryland Municipal League; Department of Legislative Services

Fiscal Note History: First Reader - January 14, 2021
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HOUSE BILL 252

Q2, Q1 1lr0342

(PRE–FILED)

By: **Delegates Long and Arikan**
Requested: September 1, 2020
Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2021
Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Tax Sales – Owner–Occupied Residential Property

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to withhold owner–occupied residential property from tax sale during a certain period; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to tax sales of owner–occupied residential property.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 14–808(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 14–811
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Tax – Property

14–808.

(a) (1) Except for property that has been transferred by a municipality or county to a land bank authority established under § 1–1403 of the Local Government Article, and except as provided under § 14–811 of this subtitle, the collector shall proceed to sell and shall sell under this subtitle, at the time required by local law but in no case,

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
[Brackets**]** indicate matter deleted from existing law.

except in Baltimore City, later than 2 years from the date the tax is in arrears, all property in the county in which the collector is elected or appointed on which the tax is in arrears.

(2) The collector is required to sell, but failure of the collector to sell within the 2–year period does not affect the validity or collectability of any tax, or the validity of any sale thereafter made.

14–811.

(a) **(1)** Except as provided in subsections (b) and (e) of this section, the collector may withhold from sale any property, when the total taxes on the property, including interest and penalties, amount to less than $250 in any 1 year.

(2) DURING THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 1, 2021, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023, THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY WITHHOLD FROM SALE OWNER–OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.

(b) (1) The collector may withhold from sale any residential property, when the total taxes on the property, including interest and penalties, amount to less than $750.

(2) In Baltimore City, the collector shall withhold from sale owner–occupied residential property, when the total taxes on the property, including interest and penalties, amount to less than $750.

(3) In Baltimore City, the collector shall withhold from sale residential property or property that is exempt from taxation under § 7–204(1) or (2) of this article, if the taxes on the property consist only of a lien for unpaid charges for water and sewer service.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, the governing body of a county or municipal corporation may withhold from sale property that has been designated for redevelopment purposes if:

(1) the county or municipal corporation certifies that the property:

(i) is a vacant lot; or

(ii) has a building or structure that is:

1. vacant; and

2. unsafe or unfit for habitation;

(2) the governing body of the county or municipal corporation finds that withholding the property from sale under this subsection is necessary:

(i) to eliminate a blighting influence; and

(ii) to prevent the tax abandonment of the property; and

(3) the property meets any additional objective criteria established by the governing body of the county or municipal corporation for withholding property from sale for redevelopment purposes.

(d) Baltimore City may withhold from sale property that has been designated for redevelopment purposes if the property meets objective criteria established by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City.

(e) The collector shall withhold from sale under this part of this subtitle any real property designated by the governing body of a county or municipal corporation for foreclosure and sale under Part V of this subtitle.

(f) (1) In this subsection, "dwelling" and "homeowner" have the meanings stated in § 9–105 of this article.

(2) The governing body of a county or municipal corporation may withhold from sale a dwelling owned by a homeowner who is low–income, at least 65 years old, or disabled if the homeowner meets eligibility criteria established by the county or municipal corporation.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2021. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2023, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

HB 252

Department of Legislative Services

Maryland General Assembly
2021 Session

FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
First Reader

House Bill 252 (Delegates Long and Arikan)
Ways and Means

Tax Sales – Owner–Occupied Residential Property

This bill authorizes the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to withhold owner-occupied residential property from tax sale during the period from June 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2021 and terminates June 30, 2023.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: To the extent local governments exercise the authority granted by the bill, local government tax sale revenues decrease, as discussed below. Expenditures are not affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Subject to certain exceptions, State law requires a tax collector to sell, through the tax sale process established in statute, all property in the county on which tax is unpaid, at the time required by local law, but in no case, except in Baltimore City, later than two years from the date the tax is in arrears.

However, State law includes various circumstances in which a property may or is required to be withheld from sale. Those circumstances include, among others:

- A tax collector is permitted to withhold from sale any property, when the total taxes owed on a property, including interest and penalties, amount to less than $250 in any one year.

- A tax collector is permitted to withhold from sale any residential property, when the total taxes owed on a property, including interest and penalties, amount to less than $750.
- A tax collector, in Baltimore City, is required to withhold from sale owner-occupied residential property when the total taxes on the property, including interest and penalties, amount to less than $750. Additionally, in Baltimore City, a collector is required to withhold from sale a residential property or a property owned by a religious group or organization that is actually and exclusively used for public religious worship, a parsonage or convent, or educational purposes, if the taxes consist of only of a lien for unpaid water and sewer charges.
- A governing body of a county or municipal corporation may withhold from sale a dwelling owned by a homeowner who is low income, at least 65 years old, or disabled if the homeowner meets eligibility criteria established by the county or municipal corporation.

For more information about the tax sale process, see the **Appendix – Tax Sale Process**.

Local Revenues: Local government tax sale revenues decrease to the extent the authority in the bill is used by jurisdictions. *For contextual purposes only*, the 2020 Annual Maryland Tax Sale Report provides data from 10 of the 11 counties which held tax sales in 2020 (tax sales were delayed or canceled in many counties), on the number of liens sold on owner-occupied properties, including dual-use properties occupied by the owner – 2,552 liens among the 10 counties. For certain counties, the report also provides the average lien amount on those owner-occupied properties – $5,709 in Baltimore City (1,015 liens), $2,324 in Cecil County (212 liens), and $4,495 in Howard County (108 liens).

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Garrett, and Howard counties; Maryland Association of Counties; City of Laurel; Maryland Municipal League; Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts); Maryland Tax Court; State Department of Assessments and Taxation; Department of Legislative Services

Fiscal Note History: First Reader - January 18, 2021
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Appendix – Tax Sale Process

In general, a tax collector must sell, at an auction, not later than two years from the date the tax is in arrears, all property in the county on which the tax is in arrears. However, this requirement does not apply in Baltimore City, and statute is silent as to any timeline for the sale. The time for the tax sale is established by local law. Failure of the collector to sell the property within the two-year period does not affect the validity or collectability of any tax or the validity of any sale subsequently made.

The tax collector sets specified terms for the auction and publishes public notice of the tax sale, including requirements for potential bidders.

When a property is purchased at a tax sale, the purchaser must pay to the tax collector any delinquent taxes, penalties, sale expenses, and a high-bid premium, if any. The terms for payment of the purchase price and high-bid premiums, if any, are determined by the collector.

Generally, the property owner has the right to redeem the property within six months from the date of the tax sale by paying the total lien amount on the property, delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and certain expenses of the purchaser. If the owner redeems the property, the purchaser is refunded the amounts paid to the collector plus the interest and expenses. If the owner does not redeem the property, the purchaser has the right to foreclose on the property after the six-month right of redemption period has passed. Under most circumstances, if the right to foreclose is not exercised by the purchaser within two years, the certificate of sale is void, and the purchaser is not entitled to a refund of any monies paid to the collector.

Chapter 440 of 2020 requires the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) to issue a report each year that includes an analysis and summary of the information collected through an annual tax sale survey. Each county must provide SDAT all specified information on the form that SDAT provides. For more information regarding tax sales in the State – see 2020 Annual Maryland Tax Sale Report.

SENATE BILL 414

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CF HB 583

By: **Senators Pinsky, Augustine, Kelley, Hettleman, Ellis, Smith, Zucker, Kagan, Patterson, Young, Hester, Feldman, Kramer, Lee, Rosapepe, Elfreth, Guzzone, Waldstreicher, Washington, Beidle, and Lam**

Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2021
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Climate Solutions Now Act of 2021

FOR the purpose of requiring the State to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions by a certain percentage from certain levels by a certain year; requiring the State to achieve net–zero statewide greenhouse gas emissions by a certain year; providing that certain net–zero energy requirements do not apply to certain public school buildings, subject to certain exceptions; requiring certain schools to be constructed to meet certain net–zero energy requirements subject to the availability of certain funding; requiring a certain school system to provide a certain notice to the Interagency Commission on School Construction; requiring certain schools to be solar–ready; requiring the State to make available a certain loan to cover certain costs incurred in constructing a new school to meet certain net–zero energy requirements, subject to the availability of certain funding; requiring the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities to recommend a certain methodology, develop certain recommendations, set certain goals, and make a certain report on or before a certain date; requiring the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities to consider certain factors in evaluating certain methodologies; requiring the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities to hold certain meetings and solicit certain input in carrying out its responsibilities under this Act; authorizing certain meetings to be held using teleconference or Internet–based conferencing technology under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of the Environment to require a certain landfill operator to take certain actions if certain methane emissions data acquired from aircraft observations exceeds certain ground–level emissions data; requiring the Department of the Environment to publicly disclose certain data and discrepancies on the Department of the Environment's website; requiring the Department of the Environment to submit certain plans to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before certain dates; requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt a certain final plan on or before a certain date; requiring the

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
[Brackets**]** indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Department of the Environment to review and, as necessary, revise a certain plan on or before a certain date; establishing certain requirements for a certain final plan; requiring the Department of the Environment, in developing and implementing certain plans, to ensure that certain greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures incorporate certain methane emissions data and use certain best available scientific data; specifying that certain economic benefits should be compared with a no–action scenario and requiring a certain economic benefit analysis to include the social cost of carbon, in accordance with certain requirements; specifying that certain greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures should encourage certain employment opportunities particularly in certain areas of the State; requiring the Maryland Commission on Climate Change to establish a Just Transition and Employment Retraining Working Group; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Working Group; prohibiting a member of the Working Group from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Working Group to study, identify, and advise on certain matters; requiring the Working Group to report its findings to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring certain reports of the Maryland Commission on Climate Change to include a certain analysis in certain years; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt regulations establishing certain energy conservation requirements for certain buildings on or before a certain date; specifying the energy use reductions that certain regulations must require certain buildings to achieve; establishing certain exceptions to certain energy conservation requirements; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt regulations requiring certain buildings to be solar–ready on or before a certain date; allowing certain regulations to authorize a local jurisdiction to waive certain solar–ready requirements under certain circumstances; authorizing a local jurisdiction to adopt certain energy conservation and solar energy requirements that are more stringent than certain requirements established by the Maryland Department of Labor; requiring certain buildings to be renovated to achieve certain energy use reductions under certain circumstances; authorizing a local jurisdiction to waive certain renovation requirements under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt certain regulations relating to building renovations on or before a certain date; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt regulations directing local jurisdictions to require certain energy life cycle cost estimates for certain buildings on or before a certain date; establishing a certain exemption from certain life cycle analysis requirements; requiring certain regulations to require certain energy models to evaluate life cycle costs for certain options; requiring the consideration of certain costs when calculating certain life cycle costs; requiring certain life cycle cost estimates to be made available to the Maryland Department of Labor and taken into consideration when the State revises the Maryland Building Performance Standards or the Energy Code; requiring the Public Service Commission to require each electric company to procure or provide certain energy efficiency and conservation programs and services to its electricity customers on a certain savings trajectory for the duration of certain program cycles; altering the definition of "high performance building" for purposes of certain provisions of law; applying certain requirements regarding high performance buildings to capital projects for which at least a certain percentage of the project costs are funded with State funds; repealing a requirement that the Maryland Green Building Council develop certain guidelines for new public school buildings; requiring the Maryland Green Building Council to ensure that certain buildings, schools, and community colleges meet certain high performance building requirements and to develop guidelines for evaluating the energy balance and achieving a certain energy balance in certain buildings; establishing the intent of the General Assembly that a certain percentage of light–duty vehicles in the State vehicle fleet be zero–emission vehicles by a certain year; requiring the State to ensure that a certain minimum percentage of light–duty vehicles purchased for the State vehicle fleet in certain fiscal years are zero–emission vehicles, subject to the availability of funding; requiring the Chief Procurement Officer to submit a certain report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; requiring certain units to cooperate with the Chief Procurement Officer in the collection and reporting of certain information; establishing the Net–Zero School Loan Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Net–Zero School Loan Fund; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to administer the Net–Zero School Loan Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Net–Zero School Loan Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Net–Zero School Loan Fund; specifying the contents of the Net–Zero School Loan Fund; specifying the purpose for which the Net–Zero School Loan Fund may be used; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Net–Zero School Loan Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Net–Zero School Loan Fund to be credited to the Net–Zero School Loan Fund; exempting the Net–Zero School Loan Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State; requiring a certain amount of certain proceeds received by the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund to be allocated to the Maryland Healthy Soils Program in certain fiscal years; requiring a certain amount of certain proceeds received by the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund to be credited to a climate solutions account to be used for certain purposes in certain fiscal years, under certain circumstances; limiting the amount of money that may be deposited to the climate solutions account; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to prioritize the allocation of certain funds in a certain order under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from entering into a contract to purchase buses for the Administration's State transit bus fleet that are not zero–emission buses beginning in a certain fiscal year; requiring the full cost of certain zero–emission buses to be paid from the Transportation Trust Fund; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to make a certain annual report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; specifying the contents of a certain report; exempting certain personal property that is part of a certain community solar energy generating system from county or municipal corporation property tax under certain circumstances; requiring a certain landowner who enrolls in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program in certain fiscal years to receive a certain signing bonus; requiring certain signing bonuses to be funded in a certain manner; establishing the policy of the State to support and encourage certain tree–planting efforts, with a goal of planting and helping to maintain in the State a certain number of sustainable trees of species native to the State by the end of a certain year; specifying that this goal is in addition to certain trees projected to be planted under certain programs and includes certain tree plantings accomplished through certain

State programs and private efforts; establishing the intent of the General Assembly that a certain minimum number of trees should be planted in certain underserved areas; making the Department of the Environment responsible for tracking the State's progress toward meeting certain tree–planting goals and requiring the Department of the Environment to serve as the lead agency to receive certain data; establishing a 5 Million Tree Program Coordinator within the Department of the Environment; establishing the responsibilities of the Program Coordinator and requiring the Program Coordinator to consolidate certain data and make a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Governor to formally pledge the State's commitment to achieving certain tree–planting goals through the U.S. Chapter of the World Economic Forum's One Trillion Trees Initiative; requiring a certain amount from the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund to be used for certain purposes in certain fiscal years; requiring the BayStat Subcabinet agencies to distribute certain funds through grants to the Green Shores Program; establishing an Urban Trees Program administered by the Chesapeake Bay Trust; providing for the purpose of the Urban Trees Program; requiring the Trust to make grants to qualified organizations for certain purposes; specifying certain eligible Program expenses for the Urban Trees Program; providing for the funding of the Urban Trees Program; requiring the Trust to seek certain funds, grants, and donations for the purpose of the Urban Trees Program; requiring a certain grant agreement to specify the allowed uses of certain funds and include provisions for the verification of certain information; requiring the Trust to report certain information concerning certain grant awards to the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of the Environment on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Department of the Environment to make certain transfers from the Bay Restoration Fund for certain purposes in certain fiscal years, after funding certain eligible costs; establishing certain authorizations and restrictions regarding the distribution and use of certain funds transferred to the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund; providing that certain funds transferred from the Bay Restoration Fund are supplemental to and may not take the place of certain other funding; establishing the Commission for the Innovation and Advancement of Carbon Markets and Sustainable Tree Plantings; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission for the Innovation and Advancement of Carbon Markets and Sustainable Tree Plantings; prohibiting a member of the Commission for the Innovation and Advancement of Carbon Markets and Sustainable Tree Plantings from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Commission for the Innovation and Advancement of Carbon Markets and Sustainable Tree Plantings to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Commission for the Innovation and Advancement of Carbon Markets and Sustainable Tree Plantings to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the Governor to appropriate a certain amount per fiscal year from the climate solutions account of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund to the Net–Zero School Loan Fund in certain fiscal years, subject to the availability of funding in the climate solutions account; defining certain terms; altering certain definitions; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; making certain provisions of this Act subject to a certain contingency; and generally relating to climate change and measures to combat climate change.

BY renumbering
Article – Environment
Section 2–1204.2
to be Section 2–1204.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 5–312
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 1–701(a) and (h), 2–1201(4), 2–1204.1, 2–1205, 2–1206, 2–1210, 2–1303(a), and 2–1304
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 1–701(b) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 1–702, 2–407, 2–1204.2, 2–1212, and 2–1303.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 12–501
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 12–511 through 12–513
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–211(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 3–602.1, 4–809(f), and 6–226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)124. and 14–417
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Government
Section 9–2010
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–20B–05(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–20B–05(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 7–406
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 7–237
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Agriculture
Section 8–706
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–2A–02(a), 8–2A–04(a), and 8–1901
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–2A–02(f) and 8–2A–04(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–1911
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1605.2(i)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1605.2(i)(2)(xii) and (xiii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 9–1605.2(i)(2)(xiv) and (11)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1605.2(i)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapters 366 and 367 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1605.2(i)(2)(xi) and (xii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapters 366 and 367 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017)

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 9–1605.2(i)(2)(xiii) and (10)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapters 366 and 367 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 2–1204.2 of Article – Environment of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 2–1204.3.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Environment

2–1204.1.

The State shall reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions by **[**40%**]** **60%** from 2006 levels by 2030.

2–1204.2.

THE STATE SHALL ACHIEVE NET–ZERO STATEWIDE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY 2045.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Education

5–312.

(a) **(1)** In this section**[**, "high**]** **THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

(2) **"HIGH** performance building" has the meaning stated in § 3–602.1 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(3) "SOLAR–READY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 12–511 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE.

(b) This section applies to the construction of new schools that have not initiated a Request For Proposal for the selection of an architectural and engineering consultant on or before July 1, 2009.

(c) **(1)** **[**Except**]** **SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AND EXCEPT** as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a new school that receives State public school construction funds shall be constructed to be a high performance building.

(2) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPHS (II) THROUGH (IV) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE NET–ZERO ENERGY REQUIREMENTS THAT APPLY FOR A BUILDING TO MEET THE DEFINITION OF A "HIGH PERFORMANCE BUILDING" UNDER § 3–602.1 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE DO NOT APPLY TO PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

(II) SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING FROM THE NET–ZERO SCHOOL LOAN FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9–2010 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, AT LEAST ONE OF THE SCHOOLS CONSTRUCTED IN EACH LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM FROM JULY 1, 2022, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2030, INCLUSIVE, SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED TO MEET NET–ZERO ENERGY REQUIREMENTS.

(III) EACH LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL NOTIFY THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION REGARDING WHICH SCHOOL WILL BE CONSTRUCTED TO MEET NET–ZERO ENERGY REQUIREMENTS.

(IV) ANY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2022, THAT IS NOT CONSTRUCTED TO MEET NET–ZERO ENERGY REQUIREMENTS SHALL BE SOLAR–READY.

(d) (1) The Interagency Commission shall establish a process to allow a school system to obtain a waiver from complying with subsection (c) of this section.

(2) The waiver process shall:

(i) Include a review by the Interagency Commission to determine if the construction of a high performance building is not practicable; and

(ii) Require the approval of a waiver by the Interagency Commission.

(e) **(1)** For fiscal years 2010 through 2014 only, the State shall pay 50% of the local share of the extra costs, identified and approved by the Interagency Commission, that are incurred in constructing a new school to meet the high performance building requirements of this section.

(2) SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING IN THE NET–ZERO SCHOOL LOAN FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9–2010 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE STATE SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE A NO–INTEREST LOAN TO COVER THE LOCAL SHARE OF THE EXTRA COSTS, IDENTIFIED AND APPROVED BY THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION, THAT ARE INCURRED IN CONSTRUCTING A NEW SCHOOL TO MEET NET–ZERO ENERGY REQUIREMENTS.

(f) The Interagency Commission shall adopt regulations to implement the requirements of this section.

Article – Environment

1–701.

(a) **(1)** In this [section, "environmental] **SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

(2) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES.

(3) "ENVIRONMENTAL justice" means equal protection from environmental and public health hazards for all people regardless of race, income, culture, and social status.

(b) There is a Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities.

(c) (1) The Commission consists of the following 20 members:

(i) One member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(ii) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(iii) The Secretary, or the Secretary's designee;

(iv) The Secretary of Health, or the Secretary's designee;

(v) The Secretary of Planning, or the Secretary's designee;

(vi) The Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary's designee;

(vii) The Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the Secretary's designee;

(viii) The Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee; and

(ix) Twelve members appointed by the Governor who represent the following interests:

1. Affected communities concerned with environmental justice;

2. Business organizations;

3. Environmental organizations;

4. Health experts on environmental justice;

5. Local government; and

6. The general public with interest or expertise in environmental justice.

(2) Of the twelve members appointed by the Governor under paragraph (1)(ix) of this subsection, at least two members shall represent affected communities concerned with environmental justice.

(h) The Commission shall:

(1) Advise State government agencies on environmental justice and related community issues;

(2) Review and analyze the impact of current State laws and policies on the issue of environmental justice and sustainable communities;

(3) Assess the adequacy of State and local government laws to address the issue of environmental justice and sustainable communities;

(4) Coordinate with the Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council on recommendations related to environmental justice and sustainable

communities;

(5) Develop criteria to assess whether communities in the State may be experiencing environmental justice issues; **[**and**]**

(6) IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 1–702 OF THIS SUBTITLE:

(I) RECOMMEND A METHODOLOGY FOR IDENTIFYING COMMUNITIES DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED BY CLIMATE CHANGE;

(II) DEVELOP SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONCERNS, REDUCE EMISSIONS OF GREENHOUSE GASES AND CO–POLLUTANTS, AND BUILD CLIMATE EQUITY AND RESILIENCE WITHIN DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED COMMUNITIES; AND

(III) SET GOALS FOR THE PERCENTAGE OF STATE FUNDING FOR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION MEASURES THAT SHOULD BE USED FOR THE BENEFIT OF DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED COMMUNITIES; AND

(7) Recommend options to the Governor for addressing issues, concerns, or problems related to environmental justice that surface after reviewing State laws and policies, including prioritizing areas of the State that need immediate attention.

1–702.

(A) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2022, THE COMMISSION SHALL:

(1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, AND IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, RECOMMEND A METHODOLOGY FOR IDENTIFYING COMMUNITIES DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED BY CLIMATE CHANGE;

(2) DEVELOP SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONCERNS, REDUCE EMISSIONS OF GREENHOUSE GASES AND CO–POLLUTANTS, AND BUILD CLIMATE EQUITY AND RESILIENCE WITHIN COMMUNITIES DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED BY CLIMATE CHANGE;

(3) SET APPROPRIATE GOALS FOR THE PERCENTAGE OF STATE FUNDING FOR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION MEASURES THAT SHOULD BE USED FOR THE BENEFIT OF DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED COMMUNITIES; AND

(4) REPORT TO THE MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE CRITERIA AND RECOMMENDATIONS DEVELOPED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

(B) IN EVALUATING METHODOLOGIES UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIDER GEOGRAPHIC, PUBLIC HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD, AND SOCIOECONOMIC CRITERIA, INCLUDING:

(1) AREAS BURDENED BY CUMULATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION AND OTHER HAZARDS THAT CAN LEAD TO NEGATIVE PUBLIC HEALTH EFFECTS;

(2) AREAS WITH HIGH CONCENTRATIONS OF:

(I) PEOPLE EXPERIENCING POVERTY, HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, HIGH RENT BURDENS, LOW LEVELS OF HOME OWNERSHIP, OR LOW LEVELS OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT; OR

(II) POPULATIONS THAT HAVE HISTORICALLY EXPERIENCED DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF RACE OR ETHNICITY; AND

(3) AREAS THAT ARE VULNERABLE TO THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE, SUCH AS FLOODING, STORM SURGES, OR URBAN HEAT ISLAND EFFECTS, DUE TO LOW LEVELS OF TREE COVERAGE, HIGH LEVELS OF IMPERVIOUS SURFACES, OR OTHER FACTORS.

(C) (1) IN CARRYING OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL:

(I) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, HOLD AT LEAST SIX PUBLIC HEARINGS AT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE, INCLUDING THREE IN URBAN AREAS AND THREE IN RURAL AREAS; AND

(II) SOLICIT INPUT FROM ALL SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION THAT WILL BE IMPACTED BY THE CRITERIA DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN AREAS THAT MAY BE IDENTIFIED AS DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED COMMUNITIES UNDER THE PROPOSED CRITERIA.

(2) TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, THE COMMISSION MAY HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION USING TELECONFERENCE OR INTERNET–BASED CONFERENCING TECHNOLOGY IF AN EMERGENCY DECLARATION IS ISSUED BY AN EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY OF:

(I) THE FEDERAL OR STATE GOVERNMENT; OR

(II) THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITH JURISDICTION OVER A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY WHERE THE PUBLIC MEETING WOULD OTHERWISE BE HELD.

2–407.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILL THAT IS REQUIRED TO MONITOR AND REPORT METHANE EMISSIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) IF METHANE EMISSIONS DATA ACQUIRED FROM AIRCRAFT OBSERVATIONS, WHERE AVAILABLE, EXCEEDS THE GROUND–LEVEL EMISSIONS DATA REPORTED BY A MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILL BY MORE THAN 25%, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE THE LANDFILL OPERATOR TO:

(1) INVESTIGATE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DATA; AND

(2) REASSESS THE METHODOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT USED TO OBTAIN THE GROUND–LEVEL DATA.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLICLY DISCLOSE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE:

(1) ALL METHANE EMISSIONS DATA OBTAINED THROUGH AIRPLANE OBSERVATIONS; AND

(2) ANY DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN METHANE EMISSIONS DATA OBTAINED THROUGH AIRCRAFT OBSERVATIONS AND GROUND–LEVEL METHANE EMISSIONS DATA REPORTED BY MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILLS.

2–1201.

The General Assembly finds that:

(4) The State has the ingenuity to reduce the threat of global warming and make greenhouse gas reductions a part of the State's future by achieving a 25% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from 2006 levels by 2020 and by preparing a plan to meet a longer–term goal of **[**reducing greenhouse gas emissions by up to 90% from 2006 levels by 2050**]** **ACHIEVING NET–ZERO STATEWIDE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY 2045** in a manner that promotes new "green" jobs, and protects existing jobs and the State's economic well–being;

2–1205.

(a) The State shall develop plans, adopt regulations, and implement programs that reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with this subtitle.

(b) On or before [December 31, 2018] **JUNE 30, 2022**, the Department shall:

(1) Submit a proposed plan that reduces statewide greenhouse gas emissions by [40%] **60%** from 2006 levels by 2030 to the Governor and General Assembly;

(2) Make the proposed plan available to the public; and

(3) Convene a series of public workshops to provide interested parties with an opportunity to comment on the proposed plan.

(c) (1) The Department shall, on or before December 31, 2012, adopt a final plan that reduces statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 25% from 2006 levels by 2020.

(2) The Department shall, on or before December 31, [2019] **2022**, adopt a final plan that [reduces]**:**

(I) REDUCES statewide greenhouse gas emissions by [40%] **60%** from 2006 levels by 2030**; AND**

(II) SETS THE STATE ON A PATH TOWARD ACHIEVING NET–ZERO STATEWIDE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY 2045.

(3) [The plans shall be developed in recognition of the finding by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that developed countries will need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by between 80% and 95% from 1990 levels by 2050] **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

(I) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2030, ADOPT A FINAL PLAN THAT ACHIEVES NET–ZERO STATEWIDE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY 2045; AND

(II) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2035, REVIEW AND, AS NECESSARY, REVISE THE FINAL PLAN TO ACHIEVE NET–ZERO STATEWIDE GAS EMISSIONS BY 2045.

(d) The final plans required under subsection (c) of this section shall include:

(1) Adopted regulations that implement all plan measures for which State agencies have existing statutory authority; and

(2) A summary of any new legislative authority needed to fully implement

the plans and a timeline for seeking legislative authority.

(E) A FINAL PLAN DEVELOPED UNDER THIS SECTION:

(1) MAY NOT INCLUDE AS A GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION MEASURE:

(I) HIGHWAY WIDENING OR ADDITIONAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION; OR

(II) THE USE OF CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE TECHNOLOGY;

(2) SHALL USE THE GLOBAL WARMING POTENTIAL FOR METHANE OVER A 20–YEAR TIME HORIZON, AS ACCEPTED IN THE MOST RECENT ASSESSMENT OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE, IN ESTIMATING THE STATE'S GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS; AND

(3) SHALL INCLUDE SPECIFIC ESTIMATES OF THE REDUCTIONS EXPECTED FROM EACH GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION MEASURE INCLUDED IN THE PLAN.

[(e)**] (F)** In developing and adopting a final plan to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions, the Department shall consult with State and local agencies as appropriate.

[(f)**] (G)** (1) Unless required by federal law or regulations or existing State law, regulations adopted by State agencies to implement a final plan may not:

(i) Require greenhouse gas emissions reductions from the State's manufacturing sector; or

(ii) Cause a significant increase in costs to the State's manufacturing sector.

(2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection may not be construed to exempt greenhouse gas emissions sources in the State's manufacturing sector from the obligation to comply with:

(i) Greenhouse gas emissions monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements for which the Department had existing authority under § 2–301(a) of this title on or before October 1, 2009; or

(ii) Greenhouse gas emissions reductions required of the manufacturing sector as a result of the State's implementation of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

[(g)**]** **(H)** A regulation adopted by a State agency for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with this section may not be construed to result in a significant increase in costs to the State's manufacturing sector unless the source would not incur the cost increase but for the new regulation.

2–1206.

(A) In developing and implementing the plans required by § 2–1205 of this subtitle, the Department shall:

(1) Analyze the feasibility of measures to comply with the greenhouse gas emissions reductions required by this subtitle;

(2) Consider the impact on rural communities of any transportation related measures proposed in the plans;

(3) Provide that a greenhouse gas emissions source that voluntarily reduces its greenhouse gas emissions before the implementation of this subtitle shall receive appropriate credit for its early voluntary actions;

(4) Provide for the use of offset credits generated by alternative compliance mechanisms executed within the State, including carbon sequestration projects, to achieve compliance with greenhouse gas emissions reductions required by this subtitle;

(5) Ensure that the plans do not decrease the likelihood of reliable and affordable electrical service and statewide fuel supplies;

(6) Consider whether the measures would result in an increase in electricity costs to consumers in the State;

(7) Consider the impact of the plans on the ability of the State to:

(i) Attract, expand, and retain commercial aviation services; and

(ii) Conserve, protect, and retain agriculture; **[**and**]**

(8) Ensure that the greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures implemented in accordance with the plans:

(i) Are implemented in an efficient and cost–effective manner;

(ii) Do not disproportionately impact rural or low–income, low– to moderate–income, or minority communities or any other particular class of electricity ratepayers;

(iii) Minimize leakage;

(iv) Are quantifiable, verifiable, and enforceable;

(v) Directly cause no loss of existing jobs in the manufacturing sector;

(vi) [Produce] **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, PRODUCE** a net economic benefit to the State's economy and a net increase in jobs in the State**, AS COMPARED WITH A NO–ACTION SCENARIO**; and

(vii) Encourage new employment opportunities in the State related to energy conservation, alternative energy supply, and greenhouse gas emissions reduction technologies**, PARTICULARLY IN AREAS OF THE STATE EXPERIENCING LOW RATES OF EMPLOYMENT OR HIGH CONCENTRATIONS OF POVERTY;**

(9) INCORPORATE TOP–DOWN METHANE EMISSIONS DATA ACQUIRED THROUGH AIRCRAFT OBSERVATIONS; AND

(10) USE THE BEST AVAILABLE SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION, AS INCLUDED IN THE MOST RECENT ASSESSMENTS AND REPORTS OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE.

(B) (1) THE ECONOMIC BENEFIT ANALYSIS UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(8)(VI) OF THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE THE SOCIAL COST OF CARBON.

(2) THE SOCIAL COST OF CARBON SHALL:

(I) BE DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT;

(II) REFLECT THE HEALTH, ECONOMIC, AND ENVIRONMENTAL COSTS OF CARBON; AND

(III) BE AT LEAST $50 PER TON OF CARBON DIOXIDE EQUIVALENT.

2–1210.

On review of the study required under § 2–1207 of this subtitle, and the reports required under § 2–1211 of this subtitle, the General Assembly:

(1) May act to maintain, revise, or eliminate the [40%] greenhouse gas emissions [reduction] **REDUCTIONS** required under [§ 2–1204.1] **§§ 2–1204.1 AND 2–1204.2** of this subtitle; and

(2) Shall consider whether to continue the special manufacturing

provisions in § 2–1205(f)(1) of this subtitle.

2–1303.

(a) The Commission shall establish:

(1) A Scientific and Technical Working Group;

(2) A Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Working Group;

(3) An Adaptation and Response Working Group; [and]

(4) An Education, Communication, and Outreach Working Group**; AND**

(5) SUBJECT TO § 2–1303.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A JUST TRANSITION EMPLOYMENT AND RETRAINING WORKING GROUP.

2–1303.1.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "WORKING GROUP" MEANS THE JUST TRANSITION EMPLOYMENT AND RETRAINING WORKING GROUP OF THE COMMISSION.

(B) THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH A JUST TRANSITION EMPLOYMENT AND RETRAINING WORKING GROUP.

(C) THE WORKING GROUP SHALL INCLUDE:

(1) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

(2) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

(3) THE SECRETARY, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(4) THE SECRETARY OF LABOR, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(5) ONE ELECTRICAL WORKER, SELECTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS;

(6) ONE CONSTRUCTION LABORER, SELECTED BY THE BALTIMORE WASHINGTON LABORERS' DISTRICT COUNCIL;

(7) TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

TRADE INDUSTRY, SELECTED BY THE BALTIMORE–DC METRO BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL;

(8) FOUR LABOR REPRESENTATIVES, SELECTED BY THE MARYLAND STATE AFL–CIO;

(9) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHESAPEAKE CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK, SELECTED BY THE CHESAPEAKE CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK;

(10) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND CHAPTER OF THE SIERRA CLUB, SELECTED BY THE MARYLAND CHAPTER OF THE SIERRA CLUB;

(11) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOLAR ENERGY INDUSTRY, SELECTED BY THE MARYLAND–DC–DELAWARE–VIRGINIA SOLAR ENERGY INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION;

(12) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WIND ENERGY INDUSTRY, SELECTED BY THE AMERICAN WIND ENERGY ASSOCIATION;

(13) TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP SPONSORS; AND

(14) ONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE, SELECTED BY THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

(D) THE SECRETARY SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIR OF THE WORKING GROUP.

(E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE WORKING GROUP.

(F) A MEMBER OF THE WORKING GROUP:

(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE WORKING GROUP; BUT

(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(G) THE WORKING GROUP SHALL:

(1) ADVISE THE COMMISSION ON ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING RELATED TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES, RENEWABLE ENERGY, AND OTHER CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES,

WITH SPECIFIC FOCUS ON TRAINING AND WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR:

(I) SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION THAT MAY BE UNDERREPRESENTED IN THE CLEAN ENERGY WORKFORCE, SUCH AS VETERANS, WOMEN, AND FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS; AND

(II) DISLOCATED WORKERS AFFECTED BY THE DOWNSIZING OF FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRIES;

(2) IDENTIFY:

(I) ENERGY–INTENSIVE INDUSTRIES AND RELATED TRADES;

(II) SITES OF ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES THAT MAY BE CLOSED AS A RESULT OF A TRANSITION TO RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES;

(III) SECTOR–SPECIFIC IMPACTS OF THE STATE'S GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION PLAN ON THE STATE'S CURRENT WORKFORCE; AND

(IV) AVENUES TO MAXIMIZE THE SKILLS AND EXPERTISE OF MARYLAND WORKERS IN THE NEW ENERGY ECONOMY;

(3) ADVISE THE COMMISSION ON THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF CARBON LEAKAGE RISKS ON MARYLAND INDUSTRIES AND LOCAL HOST COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING THE IMPACT OF ANY POTENTIAL GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION MEASURES ON THE COMPETITIVENESS OF MARYLAND BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRY; AND

(4) CONDUCT A STUDY OF:

(I) THE NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED TO COUNTER CLIMATE CHANGE, INCLUDING IN THE ENERGY SECTOR, BUILDING SECTOR, TRANSPORTATION SECTOR, AND WORKING LANDS SECTOR;

(II) THE PROJECTED INVENTORY OF JOBS NEEDED AND SKILLS AND TRAINING REQUIRED TO MEET FUTURE DEMAND FOR JOBS TO COUNTER CLIMATE CHANGE;

(III) WORKFORCE DISRUPTION DUE TO COMMUNITY CHANGES CAUSED BY THE TRANSITION TO A LOW–CARBON ECONOMY; AND

(IV) STRATEGIES FOR TARGETING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CREATION IN FENCELINE COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE HISTORICALLY BORNE

THE BRUNT OF HOSTING CARBON POLLUTERS.

(H) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2022, THE WORKING GROUP SHALL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (G)(4) OF THIS SECTION.

2–1304.

(A) On or before November 15 of each year, the Commission shall report to the Governor and General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on the status of the State's efforts to mitigate the causes of, prepare for, and adapt to the consequences of climate change, including future plans and recommendations for legislation, if any, to be considered by the General Assembly.

(B) THE REPORT DUE ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 15, 2022, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT REPORT SHALL INCLUDE AN ANALYSIS, PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT, OF:

(1) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF STATE MONEY SPENT ON MEASURES TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GASES AND, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, CO–POLLUTANTS, DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR; AND

(2) THE PERCENTAGE OF THAT FUNDING THAT BENEFITTED DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED COMMUNITIES IDENTIFIED ACCORDING TO THE CRITERIA DEVELOPED BY THE COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES UNDER § 1–702 OF THIS ARTICLE.

Article – Public Safety

12–501.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Building" has the meaning stated in the International Building Code.

(c) "Department" means the Maryland Department of Labor.

(d) (1) "International Building Code" means the first printing of the most recent edition of the International Building Code issued by the International Code Council.

(2) "International Building Code" does not include interim amendments or subsequent printings of the most recent edition of the International Building Code.

(e) (1) "International Energy Conservation Code" means the first printing of the most recent edition of the International Energy Conservation Code issued by the International Code Council.

(2) "International Energy Conservation Code" does not include interim amendments or subsequent printings of the most recent edition of the International Energy Conservation Code.

(f) (1) "International Green Construction Code" means the first printing of the most recent edition of the International Green Construction Code issued by the International Code Council.

(2) "International Green Construction Code" does not include interim amendments or subsequent printings of the most recent edition of the International Green Construction Code.

(g) "Local jurisdiction" means the county or municipal corporation that is responsible for implementation and enforcement of the Standards under this subtitle.

(h) "Standards" means the Maryland Building Performance Standards.

(i) "Structure" has the meaning stated in the International Building Code.

12–511.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "COMMERCIAL BUILDING" MEANS A BUILDING THAT:

(I) IS USED PRIMARILY TO CARRY ON A FOR–PROFIT OR NONPROFIT BUSINESS;

(II) IS NOT RESIDENTIAL; AND

(III) IS NOT USED PRIMARILY TO MANUFACTURE OR PRODUCE RAW MATERIALS, PRODUCTS, OR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.

(3) "COVERED BUILDING" MEANS A COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING WITH A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF 25,000 SQUARE FEET OR MORE, EXCLUDING THE PARKING GARAGE AREA.

(4) "SOLAR–READY" MEANS DESIGNED, ENGINEERED, AND CONSTRUCTED SO THAT AT LEAST 40% OF THE ROOF AREA IS:

(I) FREE FROM OBSTRUCTIONS; AND

(II) CAPABLE OF ACCEPTING THE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS.

(B) (1) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO NEW CONSTRUCTION.

(2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A PUBLIC PURPOSE PROJECT, AS DEFINED IN § 4–201 OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE.

(C) (1) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2022, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING ENERGY CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS FOR COVERED BUILDINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION.

(2) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE REGULATIONS SHALL REQUIRE NEW COVERED BUILDINGS TO ACHIEVE:

(I) ENERGY USE REDUCTIONS THAT EXCEED THE 2018 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE BY AT LEAST:

1. 30% FOR BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM JANUARY 1, 2024, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026, INCLUSIVE;

2. 40% FOR BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM JANUARY 1, 2027, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2029, INCLUSIVE; AND

3. 60% FOR BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM JANUARY 1, 2030, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2032, INCLUSIVE; AND

(II) A NET–ZERO ENERGY BALANCE FOR BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2033.

(3) (I) IF THE VERSION OF THE STANDARDS IN EFFECT AT THE TIME A BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION IS RECEIVED WOULD REQUIRE THE BUILDING TO MEET ENERGY CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE MORE STRINGENT THAN THE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE BUILDING SHALL BE REQUIRED TO MEET THE MORE STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS.

(II) IF THE LOCAL JURISDICTION WHERE A COVERED BUILDING WILL BE LOCATED HAS ADOPTED ENERGY CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS MORE STRINGENT THAN THE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE BUILDING SHALL BE REQUIRED TO MEET THE MORE

STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS.

(D) (1) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2022, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS REQUIRING NEW COVERED BUILDINGS TO BE SOLAR–READY IF THE BUILDING:

(I) WILL HAVE 20,000 SQUARE FEET OR MORE OF CONTINUOUS ROOF SPACE, EXCLUDING THE PARKING AREA; AND

(II) WILL BE 20 STORIES OR LESS IN HEIGHT, ABOVE GRADE PLANE.

(2) REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY AUTHORIZE A LOCAL JURISDICTION TO WAIVE THE SOLAR–READY REQUIREMENT FOR A BUILDING ON A SPECIFIC FINDING THAT:

(I) INCIDENT SOLAR RADIATION AT THE BUILDING SITE IS LESS THAN 75% OF INCIDENT SOLAR RADIATION AT AN OPEN SITE; OR

(II) SHADOW STUDIES INDICATE THAT 25% OF A BUILDING'S ROOF AREA WILL BE IN SHADOW.

(3) REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL APPLY TO EACH COVERED BUILDING IN THE STATE FOR WHICH A BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION IS RECEIVED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2023.

(E) A LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY ADOPT ENERGY CONSERVATION AND SOLAR ENERGY REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDINGS THAT ARE MORE STRINGENT THAN THE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS SECTION.

12–512.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "COMMERCIAL BUILDING" MEANS A BUILDING THAT:

(I) IS USED PRIMARILY TO CARRY ON A FOR–PROFIT OR NONPROFIT BUSINESS;

(II) IS NOT RESIDENTIAL; AND

(III) IS NOT USED PRIMARILY TO MANUFACTURE OR PRODUCE

RAW MATERIALS, PRODUCTS, OR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.

(3) "COVERED BUILDING" MEANS A COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING WITH A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF 25,000 SQUARE FEET OR MORE, EXCLUDING THE PARKING GARAGE AREA.

(4) "MAJOR RENOVATION" MEANS A RENOVATION PROJECT:

(I) FOR WHICH THE TOTAL PROJECTED COST EXCEEDS 50% OF THE ASSESSED VALUE OF THE EXISTING BUILDING; OR

(II) INVOLVING A CHANGE OF USE, IF THE CHANGE INVOLVES THE APPLICATION OF DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE STANDARDS.

(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

(1) A PUBLIC PURPOSE PROJECT, AS DEFINED IN § 4–201 OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE; OR

(2) A BUILDING DESIGNATED AS A HISTORIC PROPERTY UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL LAW.

(C) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, IF A COVERED BUILDING IS UNDERGOING A MAJOR RENOVATION, THE BUILDING SHALL BE RENOVATED TO ACHIEVE:

(1) A 40% REDUCTION IN THE BUILDING'S AVERAGE ANNUAL ENERGY USE; OR

(2) A LEVEL OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY THAT IS AT LEAST 20% HIGHER THAN WHAT WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR A NEW BUILDING UNDER § 12–511 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(D) A LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION IF THE BUILDING OWNER DEMONSTRATES THAT THE COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THE REQUIRED ENERGY REDUCTIONS WOULD EXCEED PROJECTED OPERATIONAL AND ENERGY SAVINGS FROM THE IMPROVEMENTS OVER A 15–YEAR PERIOD.

(E) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2022, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

12–513.

(A) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2022, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS DIRECTING LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO REQUIRE ENERGY LIFE CYCLE COST ESTIMATES FOR NEW BUILDINGS.

(2) A BUILDING SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM LIFE CYCLE ANALYSIS REQUIREMENTS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SECTION IF IT IS DESIGNED TO BE ALL–ELECTRIC.

(B) (1) THE REGULATIONS SHALL REQUIRE ENERGY MODELS FOR NEW BUILDINGS TO EVALUATE LIFE CYCLE COSTS FOR:

(I) AN ALL–ELECTRIC OPTION, INCLUDING NO COMBUSTION–POWERED EQUIPMENT; AND

(II) A MIXED–FUEL OPTION, INCLUDING A COMBINATION OF COMBUSTION– AND ELECTRIC–POWERED EQUIPMENT.

(2) THE REGULATIONS SHALL REQUIRE ALL REASONABLY FORESEEABLE FUTURE COSTS OF COMBUSTION, INCLUDING COSTS RESULTING FROM STRANDED FOSSIL FUEL ASSETS AND CARBON PRICING, TO BE CONSIDERED WHEN CALCULATING LIFE CYCLE COSTS.

(C) LIFE CYCLE COST ESTIMATES PRODUCED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE:

(1) MADE AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT; AND

(2) TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN THE STATE REVISES THE STANDARDS OR THE ENERGY CODE DEFINED UNDER THE ENERGY CONSERVATION BUILDING STANDARDS ESTABLISHED IN TITLE 7, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ARTICLE.

Article – Public Utilities

7–211.

(g) (1) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, on or before December 31, 2008, by regulation or order, the Commission shall:

(i) to the extent that the Commission determines that cost–effective energy efficiency and conservation programs and services are available, for each affected class, require each electric company to procure or provide for its electricity customers cost–effective energy efficiency and conservation programs and services with projected and verifiable electricity savings that are designed to achieve a targeted reduction of at least 5% by the end of 2011 and 10% by the end of 2015 of per capita electricity consumed in the electric company's service territory during 2007; and

(ii) require each electric company to implement a cost–effective demand response program in the electric company's service territory that is designed to achieve a targeted reduction of at least 5% by the end of 2011, 10% by the end of 2013, and 15% by the end of 2015, in per capita peak demand of electricity consumed in the electric company's service territory during 2007.

(2) (i) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, for the duration of the **[**2018–2020 and**]** 2021–2023 **AND 2024–2026** program cycles, by regulation or order, the Commission shall, to the extent that the Commission determines that cost–effective energy efficiency and conservation programs and services are available, for each affected class, require each electric company to procure or provide for its electricity customers cost–effective energy efficiency and conservation programs and services with projected and verifiable electricity savings that are designed on a trajectory to achieve a targeted annual incremental gross energy savings of at least **[**2.0%**]** **3.0%** per year, calculated as a percentage of the electric company's 2016 weather–normalized gross retail sales and electricity losses.

(ii) The savings trajectory shall use the approved 2016 plans submitted under subsection (h)(2) of this section as a baseline for an incremental increase of a rate of .20% per year until the minimum **[**2.0%**]** **3.0%** per year savings rate is achieved.

(iii) The gross retail sales against which the savings are measured shall:

1. reflect sales associated with customer classes served by utility–administered programs only; and

2. be updated by the Commission for each plan submitted under subsection (h)(2) of this section.

(iv) The targeted annual incremental gross energy savings shall be achieved based on the 3–year average of an electric company's plan submitted under subsection (h)(2) of this section.

Article – State Finance and Procurement

3–602.1.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "High performance building" means a building that:

(i) **1.** meets or exceeds the current version of the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System Silver rating;

[(ii)**] 2.** achieves at least a comparable numeric rating according to a nationally recognized, accepted, and appropriate numeric sustainable development rating system, guideline, or standard approved by the Secretaries of Budget and Management and General Services; or

[(iii)**] 3.** complies with a nationally recognized and accepted green building code, guideline, or standard reviewed and recommended by the Maryland Green Building Council and approved by the Secretaries of Budget and Management and General Services**; AND**

(II) 1. MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE CURRENT REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION UNDER THE U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL'S LEED (LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN) ZERO PROGRAM; OR

2. ACHIEVES A NET–ZERO ENERGY BALANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARDS OR GUIDELINES RECOMMENDED BY THE MARYLAND GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE SECRETARIES OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL SERVICES.

(3) "Major renovation" means the renovation of a building where:

(i) the building shell is to be reused for the new construction;

(ii) the heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC), electrical, and plumbing systems are to be replaced; and

(iii) the scope of the renovation is 7,500 square feet or greater.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that, to the extent practicable:

(1) the State shall employ green building technologies when constructing or renovating a State building not subject to this section; and

(2) high performance buildings shall meet the criteria and standards established under the "High Performance Green Building Program" adopted by the Maryland Green Building Council.

(c) (1) This subsection applies to:

(i) capital projects **[**that are funded solely**] FOR WHICH AT LEAST 25% OF THE PROJECT COSTS ARE FUNDED** with State funds; and

(ii) community college capital projects that receive State funds.

(2) Except as provided in subsections (d) and (e) of this section, if a capital project includes the construction or major renovation of a building that is 7,500 square feet or greater, the building shall be constructed or renovated to be a high performance building.

(d) The following types of unoccupied buildings are not required to be constructed or renovated to be high performance buildings:

(1) warehouse and storage facilities;

(2) garages;

(3) maintenance facilities;

(4) transmitter buildings;

(5) pumping stations; and

(6) other similar types of buildings, as determined by the Department.

(e) (1) The Department of Budget and Management and the Department of General Services shall jointly establish a process to allow a unit of State government or a community college to obtain a waiver from complying with subsection (c) of this section.

(2) The waiver process shall:

(i) include a review by the Maryland Green Building Council established under § 4–809 of this article, to determine if the use of a high performance building in a proposed capital project is not practicable; and

(ii) require the approval of a waiver by the Secretaries of Budget and Management, General Services, and Transportation.

4–809.

(f) The Maryland Green Building Council shall:

(1) evaluate current high performance building technologies;

(2) provide recommendations concerning the most cost–effective green building technologies that the State might consider requiring in the construction of State facilities, including consideration of the additional cost associated with the various technologies;

(3) provide recommendations concerning how to expand green building in the State;

(4) develop a list of building types for which green building technologies should not be applied, taking into consideration the operational aspects of facilities evaluated, and the utility of a waiver process where appropriate;

(5) establish a process for receiving public input; **[**and**]**

(6) **[**develop guidelines for new public school buildings to achieve the equivalent of the current version of the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System Silver rating or a comparable rating system or building code as authorized in § 3–602.1 of this article without requiring an independent certification that the buildings have achieved the required standards**]** **ENSURE THAT STATE BUILDINGS, PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES THAT ARE REQUIRED TO MEET THE HIGH PERFORMANCE BUILDING REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 3–602.1 OF THIS ARTICLE OR § 5–312 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE MEET THOSE REQUIREMENTS; AND**

(7) DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR EVALUATING THE ENERGY BALANCE AND ACHIEVING A NET–ZERO ENERGY BALANCE IN BUILDINGS SUBJECT TO § 3–602.1 OF THIS ARTICLE.

6–226.

(a) (2) (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless inconsistent with a federal law, grant agreement, or other federal requirement or with the terms of a gift or settlement agreement, net interest on all State money allocated by the State Treasurer under this section to special funds or accounts, and otherwise entitled to receive interest earnings, as accounted for by the Comptroller, shall accrue to the General Fund of the State.

(ii) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph do not apply to the following funds:

122. the Racing and Community Development Financing Fund; **[**and**]**

123. the Racing and Community Development Facilities Fund**; AND**

124. THE NET–ZERO SCHOOL LOAN FUND.

14–417.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "LIGHT–DUTY VEHICLE" MEANS A VEHICLE WITH A GROSS WEIGHT OF 8,500 POUNDS OR LESS.

(3) "ZERO–EMISSION VEHICLE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 23–206.4 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.

(B) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT 100% OF LIGHT–DUTY VEHICLES IN THE STATE VEHICLE FLEET BE ZERO–EMISSION VEHICLES BY 2030.

(C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES THAT HAVE SPECIAL PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE PROTECTION AND WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC.

(D) SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING, THE STATE SHALL ENSURE THAT:

(1) IN EACH FISCAL YEAR FROM FISCAL YEAR 2022 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2024, INCLUSIVE, AT LEAST 50% OF LIGHT–DUTY VEHICLES PURCHASED FOR THE STATE VEHICLE FLEET ARE ZERO–EMISSION VEHICLES; AND

(2) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, 100% OF LIGHT–DUTY VEHICLES PURCHASED FOR THE STATE VEHICLE FLEET ARE ZERO–EMISSION VEHICLES.

(E) (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, AN ANNUAL REPORT THAT INCLUDES, FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR:

(I) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LIGHT–DUTY VEHICLES PURCHASED BY EACH UNIT;

(II) THE NUMBER OF ZERO–EMISSION LIGHT–DUTY VEHICLES PURCHASED BY EACH UNIT;

(III) THE CURRENT PERCENTAGE OF LIGHT–DUTY VEHICLES IN THE STATE VEHICLE FLEET THAT ARE ZERO–EMISSION VEHICLES; AND

(IV) ANY OPERATIONAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PURCHASE AND OPERATION OF ZERO–EMISSION VEHICLES.

(2) EACH UNIT SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER IN THE COLLECTION AND REPORTING OF THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

Article – State Government

9–2010.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "FUND" MEANS THE NET–ZERO SCHOOL LOAN FUND.

(B) THERE IS A NET–ZERO SCHOOL LOAN FUND.

(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO ASSIST LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS TO COVER THE COST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MEETING THE BASIC HIGH PERFORMANCE BUILDING REQUIREMENTS AND THE NET–ZERO ENERGY REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 3–602.1 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

(E) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 7–302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY, AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

(F) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

(1) MONEY ALLOCATED TO THE FUND FROM THE STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT FUND UNDER § 9–20B–05(G)(3) OF THIS TITLE;

(2) MONEY PROVIDED TO THE FUND BY A SCHOOL SYSTEM UNDER SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS SECTION;

(3) INTEREST EARNINGS; AND

(4) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

(G) (1) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY FOR PROVIDING LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS WITH NO–INTEREST LOANS TO COVER THE COST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MEETING THE HIGH PERFORMANCE BUILDING REQUIREMENTS AND THE NET–ZERO ENERGY REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 3–602.1 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP GUIDELINES AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS TO RECEIVE NO–INTEREST LOANS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(3) EACH LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM THAT RECEIVES A NO–INTEREST LOAN UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL TRANSFER TO THE ADMINISTRATION EACH YEAR AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE ENERGY SAVINGS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OPERATION OF A NET–ZERO ENERGY SCHOOL UNTIL THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM HAS REPAID THE LOAN.

(H) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

(2) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE FUND.

(I) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET.

(J) MONEY EXPENDED FROM THE FUND IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND IS NOT INTENDED TO TAKE THE PLACE OF FUNDING THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE APPROPRIATED TO ASSIST LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS WITH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION COSTS.

9–20B–05.

(a) There is a Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund.

(g) **(1)** **[**Proceeds**]** **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, PROCEEDS** received by the Fund from the sale of allowances under § 2–1002(g) of the Environment Article shall be allocated as follows:

[(1)**]** **(I)** at least 50% shall be credited to an energy assistance account to be used for the Electric Universal Service Program and other electricity assistance programs in the Department of Human Services;

[(2)**]** **(II)** at least 20% shall be credited to a low and moderate income efficiency and conservation programs account and to a general efficiency and conservation programs account for energy efficiency and conservation programs, projects, or activities and demand response programs, of which at least one–half shall be targeted to the low and moderate income efficiency and conservation programs account for:

[(i)**]** **1.** the low–income residential sector at no cost to the participants of the programs, projects, or activities; and

[(ii)**]** **2.** the moderate–income residential sector;

[(3)**]** **(III)** **SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,** at least 20% shall be credited to a renewable and clean energy programs account for:

[(i)**]** **1.** renewable and clean energy programs and initiatives;

[(ii)**]** **2.** energy–related public education and outreach; and

[(iii)**]** **3.** climate change and resiliency programs**, INCLUDING THE MARYLAND HEALTHY SOILS PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER § 2–1901 OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE**; and

[(4)**]** **(IV)** up to 10%, but not more than $5,000,000, shall be credited to an administrative expense account for costs related to the administration of the Fund, including the review of electric company plans for achieving electricity savings and demand reductions that the electric companies are required under law to submit to the Administration.

(2) IN FISCAL YEARS 2022 THROUGH 2027, INCLUSIVE, OF THE 20% CREDITED TO THE RENEWABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAMS ACCOUNT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(III) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE GREATER OF 5% OR $500,000 SHALL BE ALLOCATED TO THE MARYLAND HEALTHY SOILS PROGRAM.

(3) (I) SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PARAGRAPH, IN ANY FISCAL YEAR THAT THE PROCEEDS RECEIVED BY THE FUND EXCEED $50,000,000, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CREDIT PROCEEDS IN EXCESS OF THE FIRST $50,000,000 TO A CLIMATE SOLUTIONS ACCOUNT TO BE USED FOR:

1. COVERING THE COST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ZERO–EMISSION LIGHT–DUTY VEHICLES, PURCHASED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 14–417 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE, AND STANDARD LIGHT–DUTY VEHICLES;

2. ALLOCATIONS TO THE NET–ZERO SCHOOL LOAN FUND UNDER § 9–2010 OF THIS TITLE;

3. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT RELATING TO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION PLANNING; AND

4. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

OF ENERGY CONSERVATION AND ENERGY MODELING REQUIREMENTS UNDER §§ 12–511 THROUGH 12–513 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE.

(II) NOT MORE THAN $20,000,000 MAY BE DEPOSITED TO THE CLIMATE SOLUTIONS ACCOUNT IN A FISCAL YEAR.

(III) IN ANY FISCAL YEAR THAT THERE ARE NOT SUFFICIENT FUNDS IN THE CLIMATE SOLUTIONS ACCOUNT TO FULLY FUND THE PROGRAMS AND PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PRIORITIZE THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

1. THE INCREMENTAL COSTS OF PURCHASING ZERO–EMISSION LIGHT–DUTY VEHICLES;

2. THE NET–ZERO SCHOOL LOAN FUND ALLOCATIONS;

3. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT RELATING TO GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION PLANNING; AND

4. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ROOFTOP SOLAR, BUILDING RENOVATION, AND ENERGY MODELING REQUIREMENTS UNDER §§ 12–511 THROUGH 12–513 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE.

Article – Transportation

7–406.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "BUS" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 11–105 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(3) "ZERO–EMISSION BUS" MEANS A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT IS:

(I) 1. DESIGNED TO CARRY MORE THAN 10 PASSENGERS AND IS USED TO CARRY PASSENGERS; OR

2. DESIGNED AND USED TO CARRY PASSENGERS FOR COMPENSATION;

(II) A ZERO–EMISSION VEHICLE; AND

(III) NOT A TAXICAB.

(4) "ZERO–EMISSION VEHICLE" MEANS:

(I) A FUEL CELL ELECTRIC VEHICLE THAT:

1. IS A MOTOR VEHICLE;

2. IS MADE BY A MANUFACTURER;

3. IS MANUFACTURED PRIMARILY FOR USE ON PUBLIC STREETS, ROADS, AND HIGHWAYS;

4. HAS A MAXIMUM SPEED CAPABILITY OF AT LEAST 55 MILES PER HOUR;

5. IS POWERED ENTIRELY BY ELECTRICITY, PRODUCED BY COMBINING HYDROGEN AND OXYGEN, THAT RUNS THE MOTOR;

6. HAS AN OPERATING RANGE OF AT LEAST 100 MILES; AND

7. PRODUCES ONLY WATER VAPOR AND HEAT AS BY–PRODUCTS; OR

(II) A PLUG–IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE THAT:

1. IS A MOTOR VEHICLE;

2. IS MADE BY A MANUFACTURER;

3. HAS A MAXIMUM SPEED CAPABILITY OF AT LEAST 55 MILES PER HOUR; AND

4. IS PROPELLED TO A SIGNIFICANT EXTENT BY AN ELECTRIC MOTOR THAT DRAWS ELECTRICITY FROM A BATTERY THAT:

A. HAS A CAPACITY OF NOT LESS THAN 4 KILOWATT–HOURS; AND

B. IS CAPABLE OF BEING RECHARGED FROM AN EXTERNAL SOURCE OF ELECTRICITY.

(B) (1) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S STATE

TRANSIT BUS FLEET.

(2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A BUS THAT IS PART OF A LOCALLY OPERATED TRANSIT SYSTEM.

(C) (1) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2023, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE BUSES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION'S STATE TRANSIT BUS FLEET THAT ARE NOT ZERO–EMISSION BUSES.

(2) THE FULL COST OF ZERO–EMISSION BUSES PURCHASED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE PAID FROM THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND.

(D) (1) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2022, AND EACH JANUARY 1 THEREAFTER, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE, THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, AND THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION.

(2) THE ANNUAL REPORT SHALL INCLUDE:

(I) A SCHEDULE FOR CONVERTING THE ADMINISTRATION'S STATE TRANSIT BUS FLEET TO ZERO–EMISSION BUSES EXCLUSIVELY;

(II) AN EVALUATION OF THE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED FOR THE ADMINISTRATION TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN A STATE TRANSIT BUS FLEET OF ZERO–EMISSION BUSES EXCLUSIVELY;

(III) A PLAN FOR TRANSITIONING ANY STATE EMPLOYEES ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE CONVERSION FROM A DIESEL–POWERED STATE TRANSIT BUS FLEET TO A ZERO–EMISSION STATE TRANSIT BUS FLEET TO SIMILAR OR OTHER EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION OR THE DEPARTMENT THAT HAS COMMENSURATE SENIORITY, PAY, AND BENEFITS;

(IV) IN COORDINATION WITH OTHER APPROPRIATE STATE AGENCIES, AN ESTIMATE OF THE REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS, MEASURED IN POUNDS, THAT WILL BE OBTAINED THROUGH THE USE OF ZERO–EMISSION BUSES EACH YEAR UNTIL THE STATE TRANSIT BUS FLEET IS CONVERTED TO ZERO–EMISSION BUSES EXCLUSIVELY; AND

(V) A FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:

1. OF THE PROJECTED COST OF PURCHASING,

MAINTAINING, AND PROVIDING CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE ZERO–EMISSION STATE TRANSIT BUS FLEET EACH YEAR UNTIL THE FLEET IS CONVERTED TO ZERO–EMISSION BUSES EXCLUSIVELY; AND

2. COMPARING THE PROJECTED COST UNDER ITEM 1 OF THIS ITEM TO THE PROJECTED COST OF CONTINUING TO OPERATE A DIESEL–POWERED STATE TRANSIT BUS FLEET.

Article – Tax – Property

7–237.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, personal property is exempt from property tax if the property is machinery or equipment used to generate:

(1) electricity or steam for sale; or

(2) hot or chilled water for sale that is used to heat or cool a building.

(b) Subject to § 7–514 of this title, **AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION,** personal property that is machinery or equipment described in subsection (a) of this section is subject to county or municipal corporation property tax on:

(1) 75% of its value for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2000; and

(2) 50% of its value for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2001 and each subsequent taxable year.

(C) PERSONAL PROPERTY IS EXEMPT FROM COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PROPERTY TAX IF THE PROPERTY IS MACHINERY OR EQUIPMENT THAT:

(1) IS INSTALLED ON ROOFTOPS, PARKING LOTS, ROADWAYS, OR BROWNFIELDS SITES; AND

(2) IS PART OF A COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM, AS DEFINED IN § 7–306.2 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ARTICLE, THAT SERVES MORE THAN 51% OF KILOWATT–HOUR OUTPUT TO LOW– OR MODERATE–INCOME CUSTOMERS, AS DEFINED IN REGULATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Agriculture

8–706.

(A) TO MAXIMIZE PARTICIPATION IN THE CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM, IN FISCAL YEARS 2022 THROUGH 2030, INCLUSIVE, A LANDOWNER WHO ENROLLS LAND PLANTED WITH A FORESTED STREAMSIDE BUFFER SHALL RECEIVE A ONE–TIME SIGNING BONUS OF UP TO $1,000 PER ACRE OF LAND ENROLLED.

(B) SIGNING BONUSES PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE FUNDED WITH THE AMOUNT SPECIFIED IN § 9–1605.2(I)(11)(I) OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE.

Article – Environment

2–1212.

(A) (1) IT IS THE POLICY OF THE STATE TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE TREE–PLANTING EFFORTS, WITH A GOAL OF PLANTING AND HELPING TO MAINTAIN IN THE STATE 5,000,000 SUSTAINABLE TREES OF SPECIES NATIVE TO THE STATE BY THE END OF CALENDAR YEAR 2030.

(2) THIS GOAL:

(I) IS IN ADDITION TO ANY TREES PROJECTED TO BE PLANTED UNDER PROGRAMS DESCRIBED IN THE 2019 DRAFT GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION PLAN; AND

(II) INCLUDES NATIVE TREE PLANTINGS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH STATE PROGRAMS AND THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF NONPROFIT AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS.

(3) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT AT LEAST 500,000 OF THE 5,000,000 TREES CALLED FOR BY THIS SUBSECTION SHOULD BE PLANTED IN AN "UNDERSERVED AREA", AS DEFINED IN § 8–1911 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE.

(B) (1) THE DEPARTMENT:

(I) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRACKING THE STATE'S PROGRESS TOWARD MEETING THE GOALS ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(II) SHALL SERVE AS THE LEAD AGENCY TO RECEIVE DATA

FROM:

1. THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REGARDING TREE PLANTINGS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL INITIATIVES;

2. THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES REGARDING TREE PLANTINGS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS 2010 TRUST FUND, THE MEL NOLAND WOODLAND INCENTIVES FUND, AND OTHER FORESTRY INITIATIVES; AND

3. THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST REGARDING TREE PLANTINGS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE URBAN TREES PROGRAM.

(2) (I) THERE IS A 5 MILLION TREE PROGRAM COORDINATOR WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

(II) THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR IS TO PROMOTE, FACILITATE, AND ALIGN THE STATE'S EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION.

(III) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR SHALL:

1. CONSOLIDATE DATA ON TREE PLANTINGS FROM MULTIPLE SOURCES; AND

2. REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ON THE STATE'S PROGRESS TOWARD MEETING THE GOALS ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

(C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL FORMALLY PLEDGE THE STATE'S COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVING THE GOALS ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION THROUGH THE U.S. CHAPTER OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM'S ONE TRILLION TREES INITIATIVE.

Article – Natural Resources

8–2A–02.

(a) There is a Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund.

(f) (1) The Fund may be used only for the implementation of nonpoint source pollution control projects to:

(i) Support State and local watershed implementation plans by targeting limited financial resources on the most effective nonpoint source pollution control projects; and

(ii) Improve the health of the Atlantic Coastal Bays and their tributaries.

(2) It is the intent of the General Assembly that, when possible, moneys in the Fund shall be granted to local governments and other political subdivisions for agricultural, forestry, stream and wetland restoration, and urban and suburban stormwater nonpoint source pollution control projects, including up to 25% in matching funds to local governments and other political subdivisions that have enacted a stormwater remediation fee under § 4–202.1 of the Environment Article.

(3) IN EACH FISCAL YEAR FROM 2022 THROUGH 2030, INCLUSIVE, $1,250,000 FROM THE FUND SHALL BE USED TO FUND:

(I) THE 5 MILLION TREE PROGRAM COORDINATOR POSITION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT; AND

(II) 13 CONTRACTOR POSITIONS IN THE FOREST SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, PLANNING, AND COORDINATION RELATED TO TREE PLANTINGS ON PUBLIC, PRIVATE, AND AGRICULTURAL LANDS AND IN "UNDERSERVED AREAS" AS DEFINED IN § 8–1911 OF THIS ARTICLE.

8–2A–04.

(a) The BayStat Program shall direct the administration of the Trust Fund in accordance with this section.

(c) (1) The BayStat Program shall distribute funds from the Trust Fund to the BayStat Subcabinet agencies in accordance with the final work and expenditure plans.

(2) The BayStat Subcabinet agencies shall administer the funds in accordance with the final work and expenditure plans, including the distribution of funds:

(i) Through grants to:

1. Counties;

2. Bicounty agencies;

3. Municipalities;

4. Forest conservancy district boards;

5. Soil conservation districts;

6. Academic institutions; and

7. Nonprofit organizations having a demonstrated ability to implement nonpoint source pollution control projects;

(ii) To the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Nonpoint Source Fund established under § 9–1605.3 of the Environment Article;

(iii) To the Maryland Agricultural Cost–Share Program established under Title 8, Subtitle 7 of the Agriculture Article for nonpoint source pollution control projects; **[**and**]**

(iv) **TO THE GREEN SHORES PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER § 5–429 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND**

(V) To the Mel Noland Woodland Incentives Fund established under § 5–307 of this article.

8–1901.

(a) In this part the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Board" means the Board of Trustees of the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

(c) "Trust" means the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

8–1911.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE URBAN TREES PROGRAM.

(3) "QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION" MEANS:

(I) A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION;

(II) A SCHOOL;

(III) A COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION;

(IV) A SERVICE, YOUTH, OR CIVIC GROUP;

(V) AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION;

(VI) A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY; OR

(VII) A FOREST CONSERVANCY DISTRICT BOARD.

(4) "UNDERSERVED AREA" MEANS AN AREA OF THE STATE FALLING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF:

(I) AN URBAN AREA, AS DELINEATED BY THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU; AND

(II) 1. A NEIGHBORHOOD THAT WAS, AT ANY POINT IN TIME, REDLINED OR GRADED AS "HAZARDOUS" BY THE HOME OWNERS' LOAN CORPORATION;

2. A CENSUS TRACT WITH AN AVERAGE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE MOST RECENT 24–MONTH PERIOD FOR WHICH DATA ARE AVAILABLE THAT EXCEEDS THE AVERAGE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE STATE; OR

3. A CENSUS TRACT WITH A MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME FOR THE MOST RECENT 24–MONTH PERIOD FOR WHICH DATA ARE AVAILABLE THAT IS EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 75% OF THE MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME FOR THE STATE DURING THAT PERIOD.

(B) THERE IS AN URBAN TREES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE TRUST.

(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PLANT NATIVE SPECIES OF TREES IN UNDERSERVED AREAS, IN FURTHERANCE OF THE GOALS ESTABLISHED UNDER § 2–1212 OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE.

(D) (1) THE TRUST SHALL MAKE GRANTS TO QUALIFIED ORGANIZATIONS FOR TREE–PLANTING PROJECTS IN UNDERSERVED AREAS.

(2) ELIGIBLE PROGRAM EXPENSES INCLUDE PERSONNEL COSTS, SUPPLIES, SITE PREPARATION, AND OTHER EXPENSES AND MATERIALS RELATED TO PLANNING, IMPLEMENTING, AND MAINTAINING TREE–PLANTING PROJECTS IN UNDERSERVED AREAS.

(E) (1) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED WITH:

(I) THE AMOUNT SPECIFIED IN § 9–1605.2(I)(11)(I) OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE; AND

(II) ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS THAT MAY BE ALLOCATED BY THE TRUST THROUGH ITS ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS.

(2) THE TRUST SHALL SEEK FEDERAL FUNDS AND GRANTS AND DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE SOURCES TO BE MADE TO THE TRUST FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM.

(F) A GRANT AGREEMENT REGARDING FUNDS FROM THE TRUST FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL:

(1) SPECIFY THE ALLOWED USE OF THE FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER THE GRANT; AND

(2) INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR VERIFICATION THAT TREE–PLANTING PROJECTS ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED AND MAINTAINED AS PLANNED.

(G) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE TRUST SHALL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT ON THE GRANTS AWARDED BY THE PROGRAM DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR, INCLUDING:

(1) THE NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF GRANT RECIPIENTS;

(2) THE NUMBER AND LOCATION OF TREES PLANTED BY GRANT RECIPIENTS; AND

(3) ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Environment

9–1605.2.

(i) (1) In this subsection, "eligible costs" means the additional costs that would be attributable to upgrading a wastewater facility to enhanced nutrient removal, as determined by the Department.

(2) Funds in the Bay Restoration Fund shall be used only:

(xii) For costs associated with the implementation of alternate compliance plans authorized in § 4–202.1(k)(3) of this article; **[**and**]**

(xiii) After funding any eligible costs identified under item (iv)1 and 2 of this paragraph, for costs associated with the purchase of cost–effective nitrogen, phosphorus, or sediment load reductions in support of the State's efforts to restore the health of the Chesapeake Bay, not to exceed $4,000,000 in fiscal year 2018, $6,000,000 in fiscal year 2019, and $10,000,000 per year in fiscal years 2020 and 2021**; AND**

(XIV) AFTER FUNDING ANY ELIGIBLE COSTS IDENTIFIED UNDER ITEM (IV)1 AND 2 OF THIS PARAGRAPH, FOR THE TRANSFERS REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (11) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(11) (I) IN FISCAL YEARS 2022 THROUGH 2030 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSFER FROM THE BAY RESTORATION FUND:

1. $10,000,000 PER FISCAL YEAR TO THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST FOR THE URBAN TREES PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER § 8–1911 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE;

2. $2,500,000 PER FISCAL YEAR TO THE CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS 2010 TRUST FUND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, TO BE USED, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, FOR TREE PLANTING ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LAND; AND

3. $2,500,000 PER FISCAL YEAR TO THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO FUND TREE PLANTINGS UNDER THE CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 8–706 OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE AND OTHER TREE–PLANTING PROGRAMS ON AGRICULTURAL LAND.

(II) FUNDS TRANSFERRED TO THE CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS 2010 TRUST FUND UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)2 OF THIS PARAGRAPH:

1. MAY BE DISTRIBUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 8–2A–04(C)(2) OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE;

2. MAY BE USED TO COVER THE COSTS OF:

A. SITE PREPARATION, LABOR, AND MATERIALS FOR TREE–PLANTING PROJECTS;

B. MAINTAINING TREES FOLLOWING A TREE–PLANTING PROJECT; AND

C. LANDOWNER INCENTIVE PAYMENTS OR SIGNING BONUSES OF UP TO $1,000 PER ACRE OF TREES PLANTED;

3. MAY NOT BE USED TO PLANT TREES INTENDED FOR TIMBER HARVEST; AND

4. MAY BE USED ONLY FOR TREE PLANTINGS ON PRIVATE LAND IF THE LANDOWNER ENTERS INTO A BINDING LEGAL AGREEMENT TO MAINTAIN THE PLANTED AREA IN TREE COVER FOR AT LEAST 15 YEARS.

(III) FUNDS TRANSFERRED FROM THE BAY RESTORATION FUND UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH ARE SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND MAY NOT TAKE THE PLACE OF FUNDING THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Environment

9–1605.2.

(i) (1) In this subsection, "eligible costs" means the additional costs that would be attributable to upgrading a wastewater facility to enhanced nutrient removal, as determined by the Department.

(2) Funds in the Bay Restoration Fund shall be used only:

(xi) Subject to the allocation of funds and the conditions under subsection (h) of this section, for projects related to the removal of nitrogen from on–site sewage disposal systems and cover crop activities; **[**and**]**

(xii) For costs associated with the implementation of alternate compliance plans authorized in § 4–202.1(k)(3) of this article**; AND**

(XIII) AFTER FUNDING ANY ELIGIBLE COSTS IDENTIFIED UNDER ITEM (IV)1 AND 2 OF THIS PARAGRAPH, FOR THE TRANSFERS REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (10) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(10) (I) IN FISCAL YEARS 2022 THROUGH 2030 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSFER FROM THE BAY RESTORATION FUND:

1. $10,000,000 PER FISCAL YEAR TO THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST FOR THE URBAN TREES PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER § 8–1911 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE;

2. $2,500,000 PER FISCAL YEAR TO THE CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS 2010 TRUST FUND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, TO BE USED, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, FOR TREE PLANTING ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LAND; AND

3. $2,500,000 PER FISCAL YEAR TO THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO FUND TREE PLANTINGS UNDER THE CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 8–706 OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE AND OTHER TREE–PLANTING PROGRAMS ON AGRICULTURAL LAND.

(II) FUNDS TRANSFERRED TO THE CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS 2010 TRUST FUND UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)2 OF THIS PARAGRAPH:

1. MAY BE DISTRIBUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 8–2A–04(C)(2) OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE;

2. MAY BE USED TO COVER THE COSTS OF:

A. SITE PREPARATION, LABOR, AND MATERIALS FOR TREE–PLANTING PROJECTS;

B. MAINTAINING TREES FOLLOWING A PLANTING PROJECT; AND

C. LANDOWNER INCENTIVE PAYMENTS OR SIGNING BONUSES OF UP TO $1,000 PER ACRE OF TREES PLANTED;

3. MAY NOT BE USED TO PLANT TREES INTENDED FOR TIMBER HARVEST; AND

4. MAY BE USED ONLY FOR TREE PLANTINGS ON PRIVATE LAND IF THE LANDOWNER ENTERS INTO A BINDING LEGAL AGREEMENT TO

MAINTAIN THE PLANTED AREA IN TREE COVER FOR AT LEAST 15 YEARS.

(III) FUNDS TRANSFERRED FROM THE BAY RESTORATION FUND UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH ARE SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND MAY NOT TAKE THE PLACE OF FUNDING THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) There is a Commission for the Innovation and Advancement of Carbon Markets and Sustainable Tree Plantings.

(b) The Commission consists of the following members:

(1) the Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;

(2) the Secretary of Natural Resources, or the Secretary's designee;

(3) the Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary's designee;

(4) the State Treasurer, or the State Treasurer's designee;

(5) one representative of the Maryland Association of Counties, selected by the Maryland Association of Counties;

(6) one representative of the Maryland Municipal League, selected by the Maryland Municipal League;

(7) one representative of the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities, appointed by the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities;

(8) one representative of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, appointed by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation;

(9) one representative of the Maryland League of Conservation Voters, appointed by the Maryland League of Conservation Voters;

(10) one representative of Blue Water Baltimore, appointed by Blue Water Baltimore;

(11) one representative of the Maryland Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, selected by the Maryland Chapter of the Nature Conservancy;

(12) one representative of the Maryland Farm Bureau, selected by the Maryland Farm Bureau;

(13) one researcher from the University of Maryland, College Park, who has expertise in forestry–based carbon sequestration, selected by the President of the University of Maryland, College Park;

(14) one representative of Patapsco Heritage Greenway, selected by Patapsco Heritage Greenway; and

(15) the President of the Maryland Forestry Foundation, or the President's designee.

(c) The Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee, shall chair the Commission.

(d) The Department of the Environment and, as necessary, the Department of Natural Resources shall provide staff for the Commission.

(e) A member of the Commission:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) (1) The Commission shall develop:

(i) a plan to achieve the State's carbon mitigation goal of planting 5,000,000 native trees by 2030 in accordance with § 2–1212 of the Environment Article, as enacted by Section 4 of this Act;

(ii) a plan to ensure that trees planted under this Act are properly maintained;

(iii) recommendations regarding the establishment of a Maryland–based carbon offset market to support the State's tree–planting goals; and

(iv) recommendations on reviewing State policies to reduce and fully mitigate the clearing of trees during the construction of State highways and other transportation projects.

(2) The plans and recommendations shall include:

(i) science–based guidelines to inform a State strategy for using trees to maximize carbon sequestration, mitigate heat deserts, and improve water and air quality;

(ii) recommendations regarding potential planting sites, including the impact that planting trees at these sites will have on agricultural and other private land and associated ecological services;

(iii) a strategy for ensuring that at least 500,000 trees are planted in underserved areas, in accordance with § 2–1212 of the Environment Article, as enacted by Section 4 of this Act;

(iv) a list of native tree species that will be planted;

(v) a review of existing programs and current resource capacity for tree plantings;

(vi) a plan for expanding or creating new capacities necessary to achieve the State's tree–planting goals;

(vii) an analysis of trees scheduled to be cut down and the impact that will have on carbon sequestration;

(viii) an overview and analysis of logistical and policy barriers to achieving the State's tree–planting goals;

(ix) a plan for seeking private capital to support tree plantings and forest conservation in the State;

(x) a plan for establishing a State–based carbon offset market to support the State's tree–planting goals;

(xi) recommendations for policy changes necessary to facilitate the use of the Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund and Environmental Impact Bonds for tree plantings; and

(xii) a plan for reviewing future transportation procurement to minimize and fully mitigate tree clearing.

(g) On or before October 31, 2022, the Commission shall report its plan and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the availability of funding in the climate solutions account of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund, in fiscal years 2022 through 2030, inclusive, the Governor shall appropriate $6,000,000 per fiscal year from the account to the Net–Zero School Loan Fund.

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect June 1, 2021. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2025, Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 4 of this Act shall take effect June 1, 2021. It shall remain effective for a period of 9 years and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2030, Section 4 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 6 of this Act shall take effect on the taking effect of the termination provision specified in Section 5 of Chapters 366 and 367 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017. If that termination provision takes effect, Section 6 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect. This Act may not be interpreted to have any effect on that termination provision.

SECTION 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 7 of this Act shall take effect June 1, 2021. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2023, Section 7 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

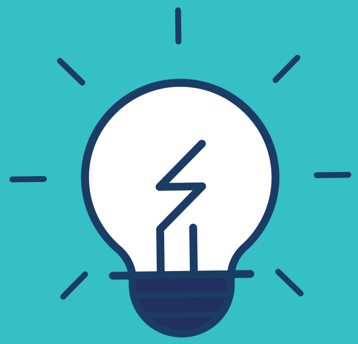
SECTION 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Sections 9 through 12 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2021.

CLIMATE SOLUTIONS NOW

Maryland can rebuild the economy with clean energy jobs.
This bill would:

Move MD's Greenhouse Gas Reduction mandate to net neutral by 2045.

- The Maryland Commission on Climate Change recommends that Maryland achieve net neutrality by 2045
- The bill will also require a 60% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions below 2006 levels by 2030
- Current law requires the state to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 40% by 2030 and sets an aspirational goal of 80% by 2050

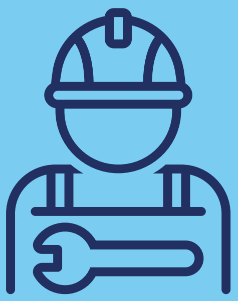


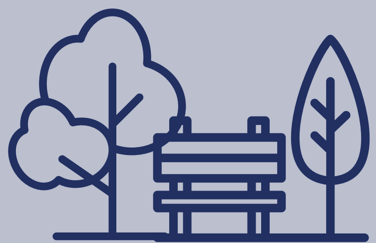
Invest resources in overburdened communities.

- The Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities will decide what percent of all state funds invested in climate must be spent in overburdened communities
- This provision is based on the New York Climate and Community Investment Act, which is widely considered the gold standard of state environmental justice policies

Protect Fossil Fuel Workers.

- A work group comprised of IBEW, AFL-CIO, registered apprenticeships, construction laborers, and building trades will be formed
- This work group will make recommendations for workforce development and training for displaced fossil fuel workers.





Enact simple, effective policies to reduce and mitigate our emissions, including:

- Plant 5 million trees by 2030 with 10% (500,000) to be planted in underserved urban areas of the State
- Increase EMPOWER efficiency gains from 2% to 3% a year
- Fund bus and passenger vehicle electrification
- Require air monitoring at landfills
- Require emission reductions from retrofitted large buildings
- Require new state buildings to be net neutral, with exceptions for schools

Let's pass Climate Solutions Now
and protect our children.

Learn
ccanactionfund.org/maryland/climate-solutions-now

Climate Solutions Now Act

It is critical that the Maryland Legislature pass the Climate Solutions Now Act in 2021. As Maryland recovers from the coronavirus and associated recession, this bill will stimulate our economy and improve our air quality. A recent Harvard study found that a small increase in air pollutants from fossil fuel combustion causes a significant increase in the likelihood that someone will die from COVID-19. That is one reason a broad coalition of health advocates, labor, business, environmental groups, and faith organizations support this bill. The Climate Solutions Now Act will create jobs, save lives, and reduce our contribution to the climate crisis. It will enact the following policies:

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Goals

- Maryland must reduce our greenhouse gas emissions 60% by 2030 and achieve net zero emissions by 2045.
- MDE cannot use highway widening or unproven carbon capture and storage technologies when planning how to achieve these goals.

Environmental Justice:

- The Maryland Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities must identify communities disproportionately impacted by the climate crisis and set a percentage of state funds spent on climate that must be spent in those communities.

Worker Justice:

- A new Work Group will convene labor, legislators, the Secretary of Labor's office, climate groups, and renewable energy companies to make policy recommendations for how to best serve fossil fuel workers in Maryland.

Buildings and Energy Efficiency:

- EMPOWER efficiency gains will be 3% every year, increased from 2% a year
- Buildings that receive at least 25% of their funding from the state must be net zero, with some exceptions for schools.
- New buildings with more than 20,000 square feet of roof space must be solar ready.
- A commercial or residential building with more than 25,000 square feet that undergoes a renovation that costs more than 50% of it's assessed value, must reduce its energy use 40% below pre-renovation levels or 20% below what would be required for a new building. This regulation may be waived if the building will not recoup the costs through energy savings in 15 years.
- At least 1 new school in each local school system must be zero emission between now and 2030, and new schools that are not net zero must be solar ready.
- New commercial and residential buildings with more than 25,000 square feet will be required to be more energy efficient, and after 2033 they will be required to be net zero.
- Local jurisdictions will be allowed to enact stronger efficiency standards.
- Local jurisdictions will be required to conduct energy life cycle cost estimates for new buildings comparing the costs of using all electricity versus using combustion sources.

State Fleet:

- 50% of new government passenger vehicles must be zero emission starting in 2022, and 100% must be zero emission after 2025.

- All new contracts to purchase buses must be zero emission after 2023.

Tree Planting:

- Between 2022 and 2030 Maryland will plant 5 million trees, with 500,000 of those trees to be planted in urban areas that have been historically redlined or are economically disadvantaged.
- Increase the signing bonus paid to farmers who enroll in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program by up to $1,000 per acre.
- A grant program will be created to fund community groups planting trees in underserved urban areas through the Chesapeake Bay Trust.
- A work group will target the best locations for tree plantings to maximize environmental benefits and determine the best way to leverage private funding.

Funding:

- In any year where the Strategic Energy Investment Fund receives more than $50 million, then the funds over $50 million but not more than $20 million will be spent to implement this bill. To be clear, the bill does not take away from any of the existing SEIF funding percentages, it only uses funds that are above and beyond the usual annual budget for SEIF.
- Every year between 2022 and 2030, $15 million from the Bay Restoration Fund will be used to enhance existing Department of Natural Resources and Department of Agriculture programs and create a new Urban Tree Planting program. As one of the most cost-effective practices to reduce water pollution, tree plantings are a worthy application of Bay Restoration Funds remaining following the Satte's completion of upgrades at major wastewater treatment plants.

Miscellaneous:

- At landfills where aircraft observations of methane leakage exceed the ground level emission data by more than 25%, The Department must investigate the difference.
- Community solar projects on rooftops, parking lots, or brownfields that primarily benefit low income households are exempted from personal property tax.
- MDE must calculate the social cost of carbon emissions.

HOUSE BILL 264

M3 1lr0528
(PRE–FILED) CF 1lr1590

By: **Delegate Charkoudian**
Requested: August 28, 2020
Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2021
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Solid Waste Management – Organics Recycling and Waste Diversion – Food Residuals

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain person that generates food residuals to separate the food residuals from other solid waste and ensure that the food residuals are diverted from final disposal in a refuse disposal system in a certain manner under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain person to apply to the Department of the Environment for a certain waiver; authorizing the Department of the Environment to grant a certain waiver under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of the Environment to establish certain procedures; establishing certain penalties for certain violations; requiring certain penalties to be distributed to a special fund for certain purposes; requiring, on or before a certain date and each year thereafter, the Department of the Environment to report to the General Assembly on the implementation of this Act; providing that this Act may not be construed to preempt or prevail over any ordinance, resolution, law, or rule more stringent than this Act; requiring the Department of the Environment to establish certain guidelines, develop certain mapping, develop a certain plan and, on or before a certain date, report to the General Assembly on a certain plan; requiring, on or before a certain date, the Department of the Environment, in conjunction with the Department of General Services and the Department of Natural Resources, to provide a certain report to the General Assembly; requiring the Department of Commerce to report certain recommendations to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to organics recycling and waste diversion.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–201(a) and (e) and 9–1701(a), (b), (d), (n), (o), and (q)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
[Brackets**]** indicate matter deleted from existing law.

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 9–1701(i–1) and (r–1) and 9–1724.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Environment

9–201.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(e) "Refuse disposal system" includes:

(1) An incinerator;

(2) A transfer station;

(3) A landfill system;

(4) A landfill;

(5) A solid waste processing facility; and

(6) Any other solid waste acceptance facility.

9–1701.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Anaerobic digestion" means the controlled anaerobic biological decomposition of organic waste material to produce biogas and digestate.

(d) "Composting" means the controlled aerobic biological decomposition of organic waste material in accordance with the standards established by the Secretary under this title.

(I–1) "FOOD RESIDUALS" MEANS MATERIAL DERIVED FROM THE PROCESSING OR DISCARDING OF FOOD, INCLUDING PRE– AND POST–CONSUMER VEGETABLES, FRUITS, GRAINS, DAIRY PRODUCTS, AND MEATS.

(n) (1) "Organics recycling" means any process in which organic materials are collected, separated, or processed and returned to the marketplace in the form of raw materials or products.

(2) "Organics recycling" includes anaerobic digestion and composting.

(o) "Organics recycling facility" means a facility where organics recycling takes place.

(q) "Recycling" means any process in which recyclable materials are collected, separated, or processed and returned to the marketplace in the form of raw materials or products.

(R–1) "REFUSE DISPOSAL SYSTEM" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–201 OF THIS TITLE.

9–1724.1.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A PERSON THAT:

(1) (I) ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2023, GENERATES AT LEAST 2 TONS OF FOOD RESIDUALS EACH WEEK; AND

(II) ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2024, GENERATES AT LEAST 1 TON OF FOOD RESIDUALS EACH WEEK; AND

(2) GENERATES THE FOOD RESIDUALS AT A LOCATION THAT IS WITHIN A 30–MILE RADIUS OF AN ORGANICS RECYCLING FACILITY THAT:

(I) HAS THE CAPACITY TO ACCEPT AND PROCESS THE FOOD RESIDUALS; AND

(II) IS WILLING TO ACCEPT THE FOOD RESIDUALS FOR RECYCLING.

(B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON THAT GENERATES FOOD RESIDUALS SHALL:

(1) SEPARATE THE FOOD RESIDUALS FROM OTHER SOLID WASTE; AND

(2) ENSURE THAT THE FOOD RESIDUALS ARE DIVERTED FROM FINAL DISPOSAL IN A REFUSE DISPOSAL SYSTEM BY:

(I) REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF FOOD RESIDUALS GENERATED BY THE PERSON;

(II) DONATING SERVABLE FOOD;

(III) MANAGING THE FOOD RESIDUALS IN AN ORGANICS RECYCLING SYSTEM INSTALLED ON–SITE;

(IV) PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AND TRANSPORTATION OF THE FOOD RESIDUALS FOR AGRICULTURAL USE, INCLUDING FOR USE AS ANIMAL FEED;

(V) PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AND TRANSPORTATION OF THE FOOD RESIDUALS FOR PROCESSING IN AN ORGANICS RECYCLING FACILITY; OR

(VI) ENGAGING IN ANY COMBINATION OF THE WASTE DIVERSION ACTIVITIES LISTED UNDER ITEMS (I) THROUGH (V) OF THIS ITEM.

(C) (1) A PERSON THAT GENERATES FOOD RESIDUALS MAY APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR A WAIVER FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY GRANT A WAIVER UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF THE PERSON DEMONSTRATES, TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE DEPARTMENT, UNDUE HARDSHIP BECAUSE OF THE FOLLOWING:

(I) THE COST OF DIVERTING FOOD RESIDUALS FROM A REFUSE DISPOSAL SYSTEM IS NOT REASONABLY COMPETITIVE WITH DISPOSING THE FOOD RESIDUALS AT A REFUSE DISPOSAL SYSTEM; OR

(II) OTHER REASONABLE CIRCUMSTANCES.

(3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH WAIVER APPLICATION PROCEDURES TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBSECTION.

(D) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2023, AND EACH DECEMBER 1 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING THE IMPACTS ON WASTE DIVERSION IN THE STATE.

(E) (1) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION OR ANY RULE OR REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY, TO BE COLLECTED IN A CIVIL ACTION BROUGHT BY THE DEPARTMENT,

OF:

(I) $250 FOR THE FIRST VIOLATION;

(II) $500 FOR THE SECOND VIOLATION; AND

(III) $1000 FOR THE THIRD AND EACH SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION.

(2) EACH DAY A VIOLATION OCCURS IS A SEPARATE VIOLATION UNDER THIS SECTION.

(3) PENALTIES COLLECTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO A SPECIAL FUND, TO BE USED ONLY TO FINANCE INCENTIVES THAT ENCOURAGE FOOD WASTE REDUCTION AND COMPOSTING IN THE STATE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed to preempt or prevail over any local ordinance, resolution, law, or rule more stringent than this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of the Environment shall:

(1) establish guidelines to assist businesses with complying with the provisions of this Act, including guidelines for estimating the weight of the food residuals generated by a business;

(2) develop mapping and other systems to identify existing composting facilities and the geographic areas within the 30–mile radius of each facility;

(3) develop a plan for implementing the provisions of this Act, including a plan for educating large generators of food residuals on:

(i) the provisions of this Act; and

(ii) the benefits of organics recycling; and

(4) on or before July 1, 2022, report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on the Department's plan for implementing the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before October 1, 2022, the Department of the Environment, in conjunction with the Department of General Services and the Department of Natural Resources, shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on State properties that are suitable for use as organics recycling facilities in a manner that is consistent with programmatic recommendation number 9 in the final report of the Yard Waste, Food

Residuals, and Other Organic Materials Diversion and Infrastructure Study Group issued in 2019 as required by Chapters 383 and 384 of the Acts of 2017.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before January 1, 2023, the Department of Commerce shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on recommendations for financial and other incentives to encourage food waste reduction and composting in the State.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2021.

SENATE BILL 361

P2, P1 1lr2011
HB 1424/20 – ENT & APP CF HB 485

By: **Senator Rosapepe**
Introduced and read first time: January 15, 2021
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Public–Private Partnerships – Process and Oversight

FOR the purpose of establishing the Public–Private Partnership Oversight Review Board; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Board; requiring the Board to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; authorizing the Board to request technical assistance from certain persons, when appropriate; requiring a reporting agency to submit certain presolicitation reports to the Board; requiring a certain reporting agency to include in presolicitation reports for certain public–private partnerships presolicitation reports of certain contracts and a certain environmental impact statement under certain circumstances; requiring the Board, within a certain number of days after receiving a presolicitation report, to report and make certain recommendations to the Board of Public Works and certain budget committees; requiring that before the Board of Public Works may make a certain designation certain budget committees have a certain number of days to review and comment on a certain report; requiring certain proposed public–private partnership agreements to be submitted to the Legislative Policy Committee; prohibiting the Board of Public Works from approving a proposed agreement until the Legislative Policy Committee has reviewed and commented on the public–private partnership if a certain review and comment period is during a certain time and until certain independent assessments of the impact on the State's credit rating and certain risk analyses are completed under certain circumstances; requiring a certain risk analysis to include certain information; requiring the proposed agreement to include certain financial information; requiring a reporting agency to notify the Legislative Policy Committee on receiving a certain unsolicited proposal; requiring a reporting agency to consult with the Public–Private Partnership Oversight Review Board in reviewing a certain unsolicited proposal; requiring, under certain circumstances, the terms of a public–private partnership to contain certain provisions; extending a certain prohibition on noncompete clauses in certain public–private partnership agreements to all transit or road maintenance projects regardless of funding source; requiring the Public–Private Partnership Oversight Review Board to conduct a certain study and report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
[Brackets**]** indicate matter deleted from existing law.

on or before a certain date; prohibiting the State or a reporting agency from transferring certain ownership, operation, or management of a certain existing transportation facilities project to a certain entity or issuing a certain notice of solicitation under certain circumstances; providing for the intent of the General Assembly with regard to the reimbursement of certain costs and expenses; altering a certain definition; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; making conforming changes; and generally relating to public–private partnerships.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 10A–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 10A–101(b), 10A–201(a), 10A–203(a), 10A–301, and 10A–401(a) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 10A–101(i), 10A–106, and 10A–203(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – State Finance and Procurement

10A–101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Budget committees" means the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House [Committee on Ways and Means] **ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**, and the House Appropriations Committee.

(I) "TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES PROJECT" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 4–101 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.

10A–106.

(A) THERE IS A PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP OVERSIGHT REVIEW

BOARD.

(B) THE BOARD CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

(1) TWO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

(2) TWO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE; AND

(3) THREE MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, WHO SHALL HAVE EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELDS OF TRANSPORTATION LAW, PUBLIC POLICY, FINANCE, OR MANAGEMENT CONSULTING.

(C) THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE SHALL JOINTLY DESIGNATE THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD.

(D) THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL, THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, OR AN APPROPRIATE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE BOARD.

(E) THE BOARD SHALL:

(1) REVIEW PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP PRESOLICITATION REPORTS;

(2) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE DESIGNATION OF A PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET AS A PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP;

(3) CONSULT WITH A REPORTING AGENCY IN REVIEWING ANY UNSOLICITED PROPOSALS FOR A PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP;

(4) REVIEW BEST PRACTICES REGARDING PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FROM OTHER STATES AND INTERNATIONALLY; AND

(5) MONITOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION OF EXISTING PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS.

(F) THE BOARD MAY REQUEST TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE TREASURER, COMPTROLLER, OR APPROPRIATE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY, WHEN APPROPRIATE.

10A–201.

(a) (1) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph **AND SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION**, a reporting agency may not issue a public notice of solicitation for a public–private partnership until a presolicitation report concerning the proposed public–private partnership is submitted to the Comptroller, the State Treasurer, the budget committees, and the Department of Legislative Services, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.

(ii) **1.** A reporting agency may not issue a public notice of solicitation for a public–private partnership for a transportation facilities project**[**, as defined in § 4–101(h) of the Transportation Article,**]** until a presolicitation report concerning the proposed public–private partnership is submitted to the budget committees and the Department of Legislative Services, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.

2. FOR A TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES PROJECT WITH A TOTAL VALUE THAT EXCEEDS $500,000,000, THE REPORTING AGENCY SHALL SUBMIT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE PRESOLICITATION REPORT TO THE PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP OVERSIGHT REVIEW BOARD.

(2) (i) **[**The**] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE** budget committees may not have more than 45 days to review and comment on the presolicitation report submitted in accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(ii) 1. If the total value of a proposed public–private partnership reported in the presolicitation report under paragraph (b)(1) of this subsection exceeds $500,000,000, the budget committees may request an additional 15 days to review and comment on the presolicitation report.

2. The request for additional time under this subparagraph shall:

A. be made in writing to the Governor, the Department of Budget and Management, and the reporting agency; and

B. include the reason for the request and any preliminary issues the budget committees have.

(3) FOR A PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WITH A TOTAL VALUE THAT EXCEEDS $500,000,000, THE REPORTING AGENCY SHALL INCLUDE IN THE PRESOLICITATION REPORT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION:

(I) A PRESOLICITATION REPORT OF EACH CONTRACT UNDER

THE PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP; AND

(II) IF A PROJECT REQUIRES AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT UNDER THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT, A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT THAT COMPLIES WITH THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT.

(4) (I) WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING A PRESOLICITATION REPORT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP OVERSIGHT REVIEW BOARD SHALL REPORT AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PRESOLICITATION REPORT TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE BUDGET COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(II) THE BUDGET COMMITTEES, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE POLICY COMMITTEES, SHALL HAVE 60 DAYS TO REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP OVERSIGHT REVIEW BOARD BEFORE THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MAY DESIGNATE THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET AS A PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

10A–203.

(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Board of Public Works may not approve a public–private partnership agreement until:

(i) a copy of the proposed agreement is submitted simultaneously to**:**

1. the Comptroller, the State Treasurer, the budget committees, and the Department of Legislative Services, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article; **AND**

2. FOR A PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WITH A TOTAL VALUE THAT EXCEEDS $500,000,000, THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE;

(ii) the State Treasurer, in coordination with the Comptroller, analyzes the impact on the State's capital debt affordability limits of the proposed public–private partnership agreement;

(iii) the State Treasurer submits the analysis to the budget committees and the Department of Legislative Services, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article; **[**and**]**

(iv) the budget committees have reviewed and commented on the agreement in accordance with paragraph (3) of this subsection**; AND**

(V) FOR A PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WITH A TOTAL VALUE THAT EXCEEDS $500,000,000:

1. IF THE REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE BUDGET COMMITTEES IS DURING A PERIOD WHEN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS NOT IN SESSION, THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE HAS REVIEWED AND COMMENTED ON THE PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP;

2. INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENTS OF THE IMPACT ON THE STATE'S CREDIT RATING ARE COMPLETED FOR EACH CONTRACT UNDER THE PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP BY ALL CREDIT RATING AGENCIES THAT RATE THE STATE'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS; AND

3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A RISK ANALYSIS IS COMPLETED FOR EACH CONTRACT UNDER THE PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP BY A FINANCIAL ADVISORY FIRM CHOSEN BY THE STATE TREASURER.

(2) The Board of Public Works may not approve a public–private partnership agreement for a transportation facilities project**[**, as defined in § 4–101(h) of the Transportation Article,**]** until the proposed agreement is submitted to the budget committees and the Department of Legislative Services, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.

(3) (i) The period for review, analysis, and comment under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection may not exceed a total of 30 days from the date the proposed public–private partnership agreement is submitted simultaneously to the State Treasurer, the Comptroller, the budget committees, and the Department of Legislative Services.

(ii) The budget committees may facilitate a faster review and comment period by sending a letter to the Board of Public Works supporting a proposed public–private partnership agreement in advance of the expiration of the 30–day review period.

(4) THE RISK ANALYSIS REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE:

(I) AN ASSESSMENT OF THE RISKS TO THE STATE POSED BY THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT, INCLUDING ECONOMIC, LEGAL, AND TECHNOLOGICAL RISKS; AND

(II) AN EVALUATION OF THE SECURITY PACKAGE PROVIDED BY

THE PRIVATE ENTITY AND PRIVATE FUNDING SOURCE, INCLUDING ANY PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BONDS, LETTERS OF CREDIT, PARENT COMPANY GUARANTEES, AND LENDER OR EQUITY PARTNER GUARANTEES.

(C) THE PROPOSED PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT SHALL INCLUDE FINANCIAL INFORMATION REGARDING EACH CONTRACTOR AND ANY SUBCONTRACTOR THAT WILL PROVIDE PRODUCTS OR SERVICES UNDER THE PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT.

10A–301.

(a) A reporting agency may accept, reject, or evaluate an unsolicited proposal for a public–private partnership that will assist the reporting agency in implementing its functions in a manner consistent with State policy.

(b) **A REPORTING AGENCY SHALL NOTIFY THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE ON RECEIVING AN UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL.**

(C) (1) A reporting agency shall establish the process for determining whether an unsolicited proposal meets a need of the reporting agency or is otherwise advantageous to the reporting agency.

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A REPORTING AGENCY SHALL CONSULT WITH THE PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP OVERSIGHT REVIEW BOARD IN REVIEWING AN UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL.

[(c)**] (D)** (1) A reporting agency may establish by regulation an application fee for submitting an unsolicited proposal.

(2) For an unsolicited proposal that does not address a project already in the State's Capital Improvement Program or Consolidated Transportation Program planning documents, a reporting agency may require a higher application fee.

[(d)**] (E)** If a reporting agency determines that an unsolicited proposal meets a need of the reporting agency or is otherwise advantageous to the reporting agency, the reporting agency shall:

(1) conduct a competitive solicitation process as described under Subtitle 2 of this title;

(2) protect proprietary information included in the unsolicited proposal to the same extent proprietary information is protected under § 10A–203(b) of this title; and

(3) comply with all of the other procedural requirements set forth in this title.

[(e)**] (F)** An individual or firm that has submitted an unsolicited proposal under this title may participate in any subsequent competitive solicitation process.

10A–401.

(a) **(1)** Whenever applicable, a public–private partnership agreement shall include the following provisions:

[(1)**] (I)** the method and terms for approval of any assignment, reassignment, or other transfer of interest related to the public–private partnership agreement;

[(2)**] (II)** the methods and terms for setting and adjusting tolls, fares, fees, and other charges related to the public infrastructure asset;

[(3)**] (III)** the method and terms for revenue–sharing or other sharing in fees or charges, in which the public participates in the financial upside of asset performance of the public infrastructure asset;

[(4)**] (IV)** minimum quality standards, performance criteria, incentives, and disincentives;

[(5)**] (V)** operations and maintenance standards;

[(6)**] (VI)** the rights for inspection by the State;

[(7)**] (VII)** the terms and conditions under which the reporting agency may provide services for a fee sufficient to cover both direct and indirect costs;

[(8)**] (VIII)** provisions for oversight and remedies and penalties for default;

[(9)**] (IX)** the terms and conditions under which the reporting agency originating the public–private partnership shall be responsible for ongoing oversight;

[(10)**] (X)** the terms and conditions for audits by the State, including the Office of Legislative Audits, related to the agreement's financial records and performance;

[(11)**] (XI)** the terms and conditions under which the public infrastructure assets shall be returned to the State at the expiration or termination of the agreement; and

[(12)**] (XII)** requirements for the private entity to provide performance security and payment security in a form and in an amount determined by the responsible public entity, except that:

[(i)**] 1.** requirements for the payment security for construction contracts shall be in accordance with Title 17, Subtitle 1 of this article; and [(ii)] **2.** requirements for the amount of the payment security and any performance security in the form of a performance bond for a construction contract shall be based on the value of the respective construction elements of the public–private partnership agreement and not on the total value of the public–private partnership agreement.

(2) IF THE PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT REQUIRES THE STATE OR A SUCCESSOR ENTITY TO TAKE OVER OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF A PROJECT, THE TERMS FOR APPROVAL OF ANY ASSIGNMENT, REASSIGNMENT, OR OTHER TRANSFER OF INTERESTS IN THE PROJECT SHALL INCLUDE A REQUIREMENT THAT ALL TOLL REVENUE OR OTHER CHARGES RELATED TO THE PROJECT BE ASSIGNED TO THE STATE OR A SUCCESSOR ENTITY TO APPLY TO THE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PROJECT.

(3) THE TERMS OF THE PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR REVENUE–SHARING OR OTHER SHARING IN FEES OR CHARGES IN WHICH THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATES IN THE FINANCIAL UPSIDE OF ASSET PERFORMANCE OF THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET SHALL REQUIRE THE REIMBURSEMENT OF THE STATE FOR ADVANCED PROJECT EXPENSES.

(c) A public–private partnership agreement for a project involving road, highway, or bridge assets may not include a noncompete clause that would inhibit the planning, construction, or implementation of [State–funded] transit **OR ROAD MAINTENANCE** projects.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Public–Private Partnership Oversight Review Board, as established in Section 1 of this Act, shall:

(1) study issues related to the transfer by sale, lease, or other agreement of the full or partial ownership, operation, or management of an existing transportation facilities project to a private entity and using the proceeds to pay for building or maintaining other infrastructure, including:

(i) advantages;

(ii) costs; and

(iii) other transition issues; and

(2) on or before January 15, 2022, report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Other agreement" includes a public–private partnership as defined in § 10A–101 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(3) "Private entity" has the meaning stated in § 10A–101 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(4) "Public–private partnership" has the meaning stated in § 10A–101 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(5) "Reporting agency" has the meaning stated in § 10A–101 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(6) (i) "Transportation facilities project" has the meaning indicated in § 4–101 of the Transportation Article.

(ii) "Transportation facilities project" includes the Thomas J. Hatem Bridge.

(iii) "Transportation facilities project" does not include the I– 495 and I–270 P3 Program.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State or a reporting agency may not:

(1) transfer by sale, lease, or other agreement the full or partial ownership, operation, or management of an existing transportation facilities project to a private entity; or

(2) issue a public notice of solicitation for a public–private partnership for an existing transportation facilities project.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that a metropolitan planning organization that provides staff for the Public–Private Partnership Oversight Review Board shall be reimbursed for the costs and expenses incurred for services rendered under this Act.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2021. Section 3 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 9 months and, at the end of February 28, 2022, Section 3 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Agenda Item No: 16.

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 25, 2021
Submitted by: Bonita Anderson
Submitting Department: Administration
Item Type: OTHER BUSINESS
Agenda Section: OTHER BUSINESS

Subject:
Memorial for Police Officers

Suggested Action:

Councilmember Pope requested this item be added to the agenda. She suggests that the City dedicate a memorial to honor the City's Police Officers, especially for Corporal Peters, who tragically lost her life serving our residents. Ms. Pope would like Council support to discuss possibilities to implement this memorial.

Attachments:

Agenda Item No: 19.

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 25, 2021
Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen
Submitting Department: Administration
Item Type: OTHER BUSINESS
Agenda Section: OTHER BUSINESS

Subject:
Mask Mandate -- City Property

Suggested Action:

Mayor Byrd requested this item be added to the agenda.

Attachments:

Agenda Item No: *20.

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 25, 2021
Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen
Submitting Department: Administration
Item Type: OTHER BUSINESS
Agenda Section: OTHER BUSINESS

Subject:
* Resignation from Advisory Group

Suggested Action:
Reference: Email, S. Sinha, 01/15/2021

Sudhanshu Sinha has resigned from the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE). Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's intent to accept Mr. Sinha resignation with regret.

Attachments:

City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 25, 2021
Submitted by: Bonita Anderson
Submitting Department: Administration
Item Type: OTHER BUSINESS
Agenda Section: OTHER BUSINESS

Subject:
* Appointment to Advisory Board

Suggested Action:

Reference: Email, S. Sinha, 12/08/2019, S Sinha, Application, and Signed Code of Conduct

On December 8, 2019, Mr. Sudhanshu Sinha indicated resigning from the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE). Mr. Sinha has been a member of the ACE for 15 years and requests to resign from that committee and be appointed to the Community Relation Advisory Board.

On March 10, 2020, Council interviewed Mr. Sinha for appointment to the Community Relations Advisory Board.

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council’s intent to appoint Mr. Sinha to CRAB.

Attachments:

CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND
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City Council Meetings & Work Sessions
January - February

Council Goal & Objectives Session	Sat.	01/23	8am-12noon
Regular Meeting – (Virtual)	Mon.	01/25	8:00 pm
Work Session – Apartment Electronic Security Ordinance/Improved Medicare for All, (tentative), (Virtual)	Wed.	01/27	8:00 pm
Four Cities – College Park, (Virtual)	Thurs.	01/28	7:30 pm
Work Session – COVID-19 Relief Spending/Housing Security, (Virtual)	Mon.	02/01	8:00 pm
Work Session – TBD, (Virtual)	Wed.	02/03	8:00 pm
Regular Meeting, (Virtual)	Mon.	02/08	8:00 pm
Work Session – SCMaglev Task Force, (tentative), (Virtual)	Wed.	02/10	8:00 pm
No Meeting – President's Day	Mon.	02/15	
Work Session – Public Session on the Collective Bargaining Agreement, (Virtual)	Wed.	02/17	8:00 pm
Regular Meeting, (Virtual)	Mon.	02/22	8:00 pm
Work Session – Board of Elections, (Virtual)	Wed.	02/24	8:00 pm

- *Councilmembers will present reports on conferences, meetings and events as the last item of business at Monday Work Sessions.*

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation, call 301-474-8000. Regular and Special meetings and Work Sessions are open to the public. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-3870 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use Video Relay Services (VRS) at 711 or e-mail banderson@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

Due to the COVID-19 precautions, the Council Meetings will be held online and is planned to be cablecast on Verizon 21, Comcast 71, and 996 and streamed to www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv. Unless otherwise noted, Council meetings will be virtually by zoom. Zoom meeting information for public participation is posted on the City's website at www.greenbeltmd.gov on the meetings calendar.

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

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Ready to be scheduled:
BARC/BEP Meeting *(include: Beltsville & Vansville Associations, FAR-B, Congressman Hoyer, etc.)*
MARC Train Service/ MDOT
NCOZ/Arts & Entertainment District
Potential Bond Referendum/Capital Financing
Cemetery Plans
Forest Preserve/Community Gardens (*March 1st*)
WSSC
Pepco
Bernard Penney *(Memorial Donation in honor of Leonie Penney)*
University of Maryland *(UMD President is scheduled to attend the Four Cities Meeting in College Park)*
Greenbelt Fair and Just Policing Act of 2020
Juneteenth
Parke Crescent Apartment Complex
MNCPPC *(to discuss zoning)*
Department of Public Works and Transportation *(Bikeshare)*

For later scheduling:
Zoning Enforcement
Parkway Apartment Owners/GHI *(parking)*
Northway Fields Master Plan
City Manager Updates (Jan, Pre-budget; July & Sept/Oct)
Meeting with County on Transportation Plan
Hotels
Department of Permitting, Inspections & Enforcement (DPIE)
Museum Plan
Apartments

Annual														
Advisory Group Chairs	3/16	2/17	7/18	7/19	6/20									
Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station Mgmt.	8/16	11/17	12/18	12/19	12/20									
Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition	3/16	7/17	3/19	6/20										
Greenbelt Homes, Inc.	6/16	7/17	7/18	7/19	10/20									
Greenbelt Station	8/19	12/19	8/20											
County Executive/ County Council	12/13	9/16	1/19	8/20	11/20									
Biennial														
Roosevelt Center Merchants	11/16	1/18	1/20											
Beltsville Ag. Research Center/	03/14	7/16	8/18											
NPS Greenbelt Park	7/15	1/18	1/20											
Beltway Plaza	9/14	3/17	9/20											
Greenway Center	7/14	12/16	2/19	12/20										
Civic Associations	8/14	2/18	8/20											
NASA/GSFC	3/15	3/17	9/19	12/20										
PG Co. Economic Development Corp.	8/14	4/17	7/19											
School Board	2/16	5/17	10/18	3/19	9/20									
State Highway Administration	6/15	10/17	11/20											
Every Three Years														
Apartments	2/18													
Religious/Spiritual Organizations	3/13	6/15	6/19											
Greenbelt Watershed Groups	8/14	10/16	10/19											
Hotels														
University of Maryland	3/13	4/15												
Every Three Years or Major Issue														
Comcast	9/13	11/17												
Verizon	2/20													
PEPCO	9/14	1/17												
WSSC	12/12	9/16												
WGL	12/17													
Capital Office Park	12/12	1/16	9/19											
Other Business Parks:														
Maryland Trade Center														
Golden Triangle														
Hanover Parkway														
Belle Point														
Edmonston Road														
WMATA/PGDPW&T (Semi-Annual)	11/16	9/17	11/18	1/20										

Other/As Needed														
M-NCPPC/Planning Board (Major Issue)	6/06	7/14	10/19											
Business Coffee (Every Four Months)	10/17	2/18	8/18	11/18	2/19	5/19	8/19	12/19	3/20	8/20	11/20			
State's Attorney (4 years)	2/11	4/15	9/19											
Roosevelt Center Owner	9/15	8/20												

(Rev. December 29, 2020)