

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

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Resolution No. 152-2026

Introduced by: Deb Jung

SHORT TITLE: Appointment – Doug Siglin – SMART Data Center Task Force

TITLE: A RESOLUTION appointing Doug Siglin to the SMART (Strategic Moratorium for Assessing Responsible Technology) Data Center Task Force as the appointee for the Fourth Councilmanic District.

Introduced and read first time Sep 8, 2026.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on Sep 22, 2026.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted ☒, Adopted with amendments___, Failed___, Withdrawn___, by the County Council on Oct 5, 2026.

Certified By Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

WHEREAS, on June 1st, 2026, the Howard County Council approved Council Bill 31-2026, which established a temporary prohibition of issuance of certain approvals of development plans on data processing centers and called for the creation of the SMART (Strategic Moratorium for Assessing Responsible Technology) Data Center Task Force (the “Task Force”); and

WHEREAS, the members of the Task Force are tasked with developing a definition of “Data Center” for the Zoning Regulations; recommending best practices for data center siting and location, setbacks and screening, water consumption and impact, power and energy infrastructure, noise and acoustic mitigation, impact fees or excise tax application, decommissioning plans, removing the data center tax credit; and assessing the impact of data centers on the *Howard County Climate Forward: Climate Action and Resiliency Plan*; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Council Bill 31-2026, each County Councilmember shall nominate one member to the Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the County Council has the utmost confidence in the climate-resilience and environmental-science expertise, as well as, the character of:

Doug Siglin
Highland, Maryland

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland this 5 day of October, 2026 that Doug Siglin be appointed as a member of the SMART Data Center Task Force of Howard County, Maryland representing the Fourth Councilmanic District, to serve from the date this Resolution is adopted until August 3, 2027, or until a successor is appointed.

Doug Siglin

Volunteer since retiring

Chesapeake Climate Action Network, Citizen's Poplar Point Working Group, Rebuilding Together

Living Classrooms of the National Capital Region

Managing Director

Stepped off the Board of Directors to guide a 10-person DC staff delivering education, environment, youth development and career training programs for a well-respected nonprofit organization with a 35-year history of successful programs in Baltimore and a 20-year history in DC.

RainCredits

Founder and Chief Executive

Created a private firm to work with the DC Government's Stormwater Retention Credit system, designing and installing BMPs that allowed churches and other nonprofits to monetize rooftops and parking areas and reduce water pollution. Secured investors and managed contractors to design and implement projects.

Anacostia Waterfront Trust

Founder, Board Member and Executive Director

Founded, created and led for five years a nonprofit dedicated to comprehensive improvement of the Anacostia River corridor in the heart of the Nation's Capital, comprehensively addressing water quality, 1200+ acres of federal and DC public lands, and nearby communities.

Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Federal Affairs Director and Anacostia Director

Led CBF's DC office for twelve years as federal affairs and Anacostia River Initiative director. Secured several federal policy and funding victories, including nearly half a billion dollars in new funds for the Chesapeake Bay in the 2008 federal farm bill. Nationally-sought speaker and writer on clean water policy and politics.

American Rivers

Vice President for Conservation

Led a 28-person \$2.5 million national conservation and advocacy department arrayed across four regional offices. Designed a new program area focused on helping communities to achieve maximum economic values from rivers and streams.

The Nature Conservancy

Government and Community Relations Director

Led the 18-person, \$1.2 million government affairs department for the world's largest conservation group. Responsible for securing and protecting over \$35 million in government contracts and cooperative agreements as well as relatively soft policy and funding advocacy.

World Wildlife Fund

Congressional Relations Director

Created WWF's first Congressional Relations department. Led a six person advocacy staff, including debt-for-nature legislation and environmental aspects of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The Honorable Jim Leach, US House of Representatives

Legislative Director and Press Liaison

United States Peace Corps teacher and rural water projects implementer

Zaire, Central Africa

Volunteer Board Leadership: Founder, Chair or member National Peace Corps Association; Anacostia Waterfront Trust, Episcopal Diocese of Washington Environment Committee; Religious Partnership for the Anacostia; Low Impact Development Center; America's Great Waters Coalition; Choose Clean Water Coalition, Living Classrooms of the National Capital Region; National Green Infrastructure Certification Program; Citizens Poplar Point Working Group; Greater Washington Interfaith Power & Light; CARE; International Development Conference; Howard County Spending Affordability Committee.