



# Howard County

## Internal Memorandum

**Subject:** Testimony on Council Resolution No. 1 - 2017  
Resolution for the Closure of Winter Thicket Road

**To:** Jessica Feldmark, Executive Secretary  
County Council

**From:** James M. Irvin, Director  
Department of Public Works



**Date:** December 16, 2016

The Department of Public Works has reviewed the proposed legislation concerning the closing of Winter Thicket Road. In accordance with Section 18.204(g) of the Howard County Code, the department is required to develop a report of the closing of Winter Thicket Road. The department's findings are as follows:

1. The Department of Planning and Zoning has no objection to the resolution.
2. The Department of Public Works has reviewed the legislation and the following is provided:
  - a. Howard County, Maryland is the fee simple owner of Winter Thicket Road by deed dated January 18, 2001, and recorded in the Land Records of Howard County, Maryland in Liber 5341, folio 50.
  - b. The right of way of Winter Thicket Road is approximately 50 feet wide and 0.22 miles long. The road closure was posted on Wednesday, December 14, 2016.
  - c. There are no public water or sewer facilities within Winter Thicket Road.
3. The Howard County Police Department has no objection to the resolution.
4. The Department of Fire and Rescue Services has no objection to the resolution.
5. Comments were requested from BGE, but no comments were received by 12/16/2016. Please note, in 2005 BGE did provide comments to CR138-2005, and indicated that an existing gas service tap is located at the western end of the proposed road closing. While they did not object to the road closure, they requested that an easement be provided for their existing facility.
6. Comments were requested from the Board of Education, but no comments were received by 12/16/2016.

In conclusion, the Department of Public Works concluded that there is no adverse impact on the traveling public if this roadway is closed, as long as easements are retained for existing public facilities.

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There will be no fiscal impact to the County. The petitioner has requested that the road be surplus and conveyed to them.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me on Extension 4401.

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