

County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2017 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 1

Resolution No. 16 -2017

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
and Cosponsored by Greg Fox

A RESOLUTION adding a reimbursement related to the Watershed Protection and Restoration
Fee; and generally related to the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2017.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2017.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted __, Adopted with amendments __, Failed __, Withdrawn __, by the County Council
on _____, 2017.

Certified By _____
Jessica Feldmark, 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

1 **WHEREAS**, Section 20.1103 of the Howard County Code provides for the County to
2 levy and fix an annual Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee (the “Fee”) on all improved
3 property in the County; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, on July 25, 2013, the County Council passed Council Resolution No. 88-
6 2013 that adopted schedules for various charges related to the Fee; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, by passage of Council Resolution No. 37-2016, certain amendments were
9 made to the rate for residential properties, the Credit Program, and the Fee Assistance Program;
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12 **WHEREAS**, Office of Community Sustainability (“OCS”) wishes to add a
13 reimbursement for Septic Pumping to the Reimbursement Program; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, Septic Pumping is recognized by the Maryland Department of the
16 Environment as a Best Management Practice that may be credited towards compliance with the
17 County’s Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, OCS has developed a reimbursement program to incentivize homeowners
20 to engage in Septic Pumping, which will improve water quality and establish credits towards the
21 MS4 Permit impervious surface restoration goals; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, the reimbursement for Septic Pumping requires that participants use the
24 services of a septic hauler with a current septic scavenger permit; and
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26 **WHEREAS**, residents may reapply for Septic Pumping reimbursement once every 3
27 years.
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29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
30 Maryland this _____ day of _____, 2017 that the Watershed Protection and
31 Restoration Fee Reimbursement Schedule shall be amended as shown in the attached Exhibit A.

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that all other schedules (the Impervious Unit Rate for Non-Residential Properties, the Rate for Residential Properties, Credits, and the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee Assistance Program) attached to Council Resolution No. 37-2016 shall remain in full force and effect.

REIMBURSEMENTS

These rates are set pursuant to Sections 20.1104 and 20.1106 of the Howard County Code which provide for the County Council to adjust the Watershed Protection and Restoration fee through the use of a one-time reimbursement.

All properties, or portions of properties, that are not currently treated to the levels of the 2000 Maryland Stormwater Design Manual are eligible for the County’s Watershed Protection and Restoration Reimbursement program. The reimbursement is not a credit, but a one-time payment for an investment made by the property owner that benefits the public stormwater management system. **

The County will grant reimbursements up to the maximum amounts listed below:

Practice	Maximum Residential Reimbursement	Maximum Non-Residential Reimbursement
Rain Garden	\$1,200 total	\$5,000 total – maximum reimbursement is \$1 per SF impervious area treated
Conservation Landscaping (Turf or Invasive Species Replacement)	\$250-\$750 total – maximum reimbursement is \$1 per SF; minimum treatment area is 250 SF	\$3,000 total – maximum reimbursement is \$3 per SF; minimum treatment area is 350 SF
Urban Tree Canopy	\$600 total – \$150 per tree; minimum 2 inch caliper (deciduous) or 6 feet tall (evergreen)	\$600 total – \$150 per tree; minimum 2 inch caliper (deciduous) or 6 feet tall (evergreen)
Permeable Pavers	\$1,200 total – minimum paver area of 100 SF	\$5,000 total – minimum paver area of 350 SF
Pavement Removal	\$600-\$1,200 – minimum amount removed is 100 SF	\$1,800-\$5,000 – minimum amount removed is 300 SF
Green Roof	\$1,200 – minimum area treated is 300 SF or ¼ roof retrofit	\$5,000 – minimum area treated is 300 SF or ¼ roof retrofit
Cisterns	\$500 – maximum reimbursement is \$1 per gallon stored; 250 gallon minimum	\$2,000 – maximum reimbursement is \$1 per gallon stored; 250 gallon minimum
Dry Wells	\$600	\$600
SEPTIC PUMPING	\$100 ONCE EVERY 3 YEARS.	

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH CODE § 20.1106, AN APPLICANT FOR A REIMBURSEMENT SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION WITH THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE AND ACCOMPANIED BY INFORMATION THAT THE OFFICE MAY REQUIRE.