

Subject:

**Testimony & Fiscal Impact Statement** 

Council Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_-2018 pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive to grant an easement on approximately 0.03 acres of certain real property owned by the County commonly known as a portion of Open Space Lot 18 to the Guilford Overlook Homeowners Association, Inc.; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to grant the easement if he finds that the land may have a further public use.

To:

Lonnie R. Robbins,

Chief Administrative Officer

From:

James M. Irvin, Director

Department of Public Works

Date:

December 22, 2017

The Department of Public Works has been designated coordinator for preparation of testimony relative to the above referenced Council Resolution that provides for the conveyance of a 20-foot drainage and utility easement to Guilford Overlook Homeowners Association, Inc. (the "HOA").

In accordance with the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations, Plogger, LLC, the developer of the subdivision known as Guilford Overlook, dedicated Open Space Lot 18 (the "County Property") to the County by deed dated July 1, 2014 and recorded in the Land Records of Howard County, Maryland in Liber 15800, folio 090.

During construction of a stormwater management facility on property adjacent to the County Property, the developer found that due to a survey error, a drainage pipe would need to be extended so that the system functioned properly. The drainage pipe needs to be extended approximately 58 linear feet onto the County Property.

The Department of Recreation and Parks has reviewed and approved the request from the developer for the conveyance of a 20-foot drainage and utility easement consisting of 0.03 acres to the HOA. The HOA will be responsible for maintaining the stormwater management facility as well as the drainage pipe within the easement on the County Property.

There is no fiscal impact to the County. The easement will be conveyed to the HOA at no cost and the County is not responsible for the maintenance of the drainage pipe within the easement.

Representatives of this department will be present at the public hearing to answer any questions or concerns. If you require any further information concerning this matter or have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

cc: Jennifer Sager