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County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2018 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 5

Bill No. 31-2018

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$12,550,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County watershed protection and restoration projects as more particularly described in the County's 2019 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing and empowering the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with amounts held in the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fund and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2017. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2017.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2017 and Passed ____, Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this __ day of _____, 2017 at __ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive _____, 2017.

Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive

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 **Recitals**

2 In accordance with the provisions of Section 603 of the Charter of Howard County, Maryland
3 (the “Charter”), the County Executive has submitted a proposed Capital Budget for the fiscal year 2019 to
4 the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, and, prior to the passage of this Act, the County
5 Council has adopted a Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 (the “Capital Budget”).

6 As a part of the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, it is necessary that
7 Howard County, Maryland borrow a sum not exceeding \$12,550,000 to be used for payment of the costs
8 of certain watershed protection and restoration projects specified in the 2019 Capital Budget (each a
9 “Project”, collectively, the “Projects”), which Projects are more particularly described in Appendix A
10 attached hereto and incorporated herein, and for payment of costs of issuance of any obligations issued to
11 evidence such borrowing.

12 **Now therefore, in accordance with the provisions of Article VI of the Charter of Howard**
13 **County, Maryland:**

14 **Section 1. Be it enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,** That Howard
15 County, Maryland (the “County”), is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow on its full faith and
16 credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, at one time or from time to time, an
17 aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$12,550,000, the proceeds thereof to be used to finance and
18 refinance the Projects more particularly specified and described in Appendix A attached hereto and in the
19 Capital Budget; including for each Project, without limitation, the cost of planning, design, construction,
20 reconstruction, furnishing, equipping, improvements, renovations, remodeling, enlargements, engineering
21 services, architects services, surveys, landscaping, site development, evaluation studies, land acquisition
22 and related items, appurtenances and incidental activities.

23 Proceeds of any bonds or other obligations authorized by this Act may also be used to pay costs
24 of issuance of such bonds or other obligations.

25 **Section 2. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,**
26 That, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 19-212 of the Local Government Article of the

1 Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, the County is also authorized to issue bond anticipation notes
2 in anticipation of the issuance of the bonds or other obligations authorized by this Act and described in
3 Section 1 hereof, and all references to “bonds” or “obligations” shall include such bond anticipation
4 notes, unless the context clearly requires a contrary meaning. It is intended that the aggregate principal
5 amount of issued and outstanding bond anticipation notes when added to the aggregate principal amount
6 of issued and outstanding bonds in anticipation of which such notes were issued, shall not exceed the
7 aggregate principal amount set forth in Section 1 of this Act at any time. The County will agree in each
8 ordinance described in Section 4 of this Act relating to any notes issued pursuant to this Act to pay such
9 notes and the interest and premium, if any, thereon from the proceeds of the bonds in anticipation of the
10 sale of which such notes are issued and other available funds, and the County will agree to issue such
11 bonds when, and as soon as, the reason for deferring their issuance no longer exists.

12 **Section 3. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,**
13 That, in connection with the acquisition of real property as part of a Project, the County may incur all or
14 any portion of the indebtedness authorized by this Act for such acquisition by entering into an installment
15 purchase agreement pursuant to and in accordance with Section 4.201A of the Howard County Code
16 (“Section 4.201A”) or any successor provisions of law in lieu of issuing bonds or other obligations for
17 such acquisition. The principal amount of any such installment purchase agreement shall not exceed the
18 lesser of (a) the maximum principal amount permitted by Section 4.201A or (b) the portion of the amount
19 to be borrowed for such Project (as set forth in Section 1 hereof) which relates to such acquisition. All
20 references to “bonds” or “obligations” in this Act shall include such installment purchase agreements,
21 unless the context clearly requires a contrary meaning.

22 **Section 4. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,**
23 That the County Council of the County, by an ordinance or ordinances adopted from time to time in
24 accordance with Article VI of the Charter and other applicable provisions of law and the policies of the
25 County, shall provide for (a) the issuance and sale of, (b) the maximum principal amount, designation,
26 form, tenor and denomination or denominations of, (c) the dates of the first maturity (not more than two

1 years after the date of issue) and the last maturity (not more than 30 years after the date of issue) of, and
2 (d) the interest rate or rates per annum (or the method of determining such rate or rates) payable on, any
3 bonds or other obligations issued from time to time under this Act; and may by any such ordinance, or by
4 separate resolution, provide that the issue of bonds or other obligations hereby authorized be consolidated
5 with one or more other issues.

6 **Section 5. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,**
7 That for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on such bonds or other obligations as the same
8 shall become payable, the County Council of Howard County shall levy annually ad valorem taxes upon
9 the assessable property in the County sufficient, together with amounts held in the Watershed Protection
10 and Restoration Fund and other available funds, to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds or other
11 obligations until all of such bonds or other obligations shall mature and be redeemed.

12 **Section 6. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,**
13 That any bonds or other obligations issued from time to time under this Act are specifically exempt from
14 the provisions of Sections 19-205 and 19-206 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of
15 Maryland, as amended, and any successor provision of law.

16 **Section 7. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,**
17 That all bonds or other obligations authorized hereby shall be issued within four years from the date this
18 Act becomes effective. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if bond anticipation notes are issued within such
19 period in accordance with Section 2 hereof, the bonds or other obligations authorized hereby may be
20 issued until the final maturity date of such notes.

21 **Section 8. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,**
22 That the County anticipates that a portion of the costs of some or all of the Projects may be paid prior to
23 the issuance of the bonds or other obligations authorized hereby. The amount of such costs so paid will
24 depend on various factors, including, without limitation, the timing and speed of progress on the Projects,
25 the availability of other funds to pay such costs on an interim basis, bond and money market conditions
26 and compliance with federal and State laws and regulations.

1 Accordingly, the County reasonably expects to reimburse costs of the Projects (as described
2 herein) with proceeds of the bonds or other obligations authorized hereby, such bonds or other obligations
3 to be issued by the County in the maximum principal amount of \$12,550,000.

4 **Section 9. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,**

5 That this Act shall take effect sixty-one (61) days after its enactment.

Watershed Protection and Restoration Projects

Project Description	Amount to be Borrowed (Reauthorizations)	Amount to be Borrowed (New Authorizations)
D1158-FY2008 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT CONSTRUCTION This project is for design and construction of stormwater facility improvements. The project will include NPDES stormwater management implementation requirements, floodplain studies, including retrofitting of stormwater management ponds, restoration and certification of detention basins, continued improvement of flood alert systems, streambank restoration including bio-engineering, water quality devices (such as wetlands), channel restoration and water quality monitoring studies.	-	\$4,000,000
D1159-FY2007 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITY RECONSTRUC A fund for Howard County to undertake construction or repairs to stormwater management on an as needed basis meeting the provisions of the County Code. This program is envisioned to provide rapid assistance in emergencies.	-	400,000
D1160-FY2010 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT RETROFITS A project for the retrofit of stormwater management facilities to include water quality management.	-	2,750,000
D1165-FY2013 FLOOD MITIGATION AND STORMWATER/WATERWAY ENHANCEMENT This project is for the study, design and construction of flood mitigation and stormwater/waterway enhancement efforts in downtown Ellicott City. Projects may include drainage improvements, stormwater retrofits, flood control, stream improvements, and design of additional facilities.	-	4,900,000
D1175-FY-2018 VALLEY MEDE/CHATHAM FLOOD MITIGATION This project is for the study, design and construction of flood mitigation and stormwater/waterway improvement efforts in the Valley Mede and Chatham subwatersheds. Projects may include drainage improvements, stormwater retrofits, flood control, stream improvements, and design of additional drainage facilities.	-	500,000
Watershed Protection and Restoration Projects – Reauthorizations/New Authorizations	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$12,550,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE BORROWED:		<u>\$12,550,000</u>