




Howard County

Internal Memorandum

Subject: Testimony & Fiscal Impact Statement
Council Resolution No. _____ 2014 - authorizing the County Purchasing Agent to waive the formal competitive bidding requirements of Title 4, Subtitle 1 of the Howard County Code in order to enter into a contract with the Columbia Association, Inc. to make certain improvements to the storm drainage channel under the Cradlerock Way bridge

To: Lonnie R. Robbins
Chief Administrative Officer

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

Date: January 23, 2014

The Department of Public Works has been designated coordinator for the preparation of testimony relative to the approval to enter into the Cradlerock Way Cost Sharing Agreement (the "Agreement") with the Columbia Association, Inc. (the "Association").

The Association maintains a pedestrian pathway and a storm water easement in a drainage channel connecting to Lake Elkhorn under the Cradlerock Way Bridge. The Association desires to repave the pathway and remove and replace the retaining wall supporting the pathway and maintain the drainage channel in accordance with the plans titled "Columbia Association Cradlerock Way Retaining Wall Repairs" (the "Construction Plan").

The Association has requested the County share in the cost of grading and stabilizing the ground on the east side of the drainage channel in accordance with the Construction Plan. The County has an approved Capital Project, D-1124, Drainage Improvement Program, which authorizes funding for the construction of drainage improvements requested by citizens.

The Department of Public Works submits that it is in the best interests of the County to enter into the Agreement with the Association for the construction of the project to avoid having two projects constructed in the same location and to take advantage of the Association providing an area for staging of equipment and supplies. The attached Resolution will allow the County to enter into the Agreement with the Association for the construction of the pathway and drainage improvements and the reimbursement to the Association for the County's portion of the work.

The fiscal impact to the County is up to \$50,000.00 and limited to the cost of grading and stabilizing the ground on the east side of the drainage channel. The County will reimburse the Association from Capital Project D-1124.

If you require further information concerning this matter or have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

cc: Jennifer Sager
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