



# Howard County

*Internal Memorandum*

**Subject:** Testimony & Fiscal Impact Statement  
Council Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ 2014 - authorizing the County Executive to grant an easement to the Columbia Association, Inc., a Maryland Corporation, on certain real property owned by the County known as the Cradlerock Way Bridge located in Columbia; 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 *JMI*  
Department of Public Works

**Date:** January 27, 2014

The Department of Public Works has been designated coordinator for the preparation of testimony relative to the approval to grant an easement to the Columbia Association, Inc. (the "Association") for the construction of improvements to the pedestrian pathway under the Cradlerock Way Bridge.

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. A separate resolution has been filed to allow the County to cost share the construction of these improvements.

As part of the construction, the County wishes to convey a permanent storm drainage and utility easement to the Association to allow for the construction and maintenance of the easement. The attached Resolution will allow the County to grant a storm drainage and utility easement to the Association.

There is no cost to the County for the conveyance of the easement. The fiscal impact to the County for the construction of the improvements is \$50,000.00 and limited to the cost of grading and stabilizing the ground on the east side of the drainage channel.

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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