

County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

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Resolution No. 40 -2020

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
and cosponsored by Liz Walsh

A RESOLUTION endorsing an application by the Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc. to the
Maryland Heritage Area Authority for approval of amendments to the Patapsco Valley
Heritage Area boundaries.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2020.

By order _____
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2020.

By order _____
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted___, Adopted with amendments___, Failed___, Withdrawn___, by the County Council
on _____, 2020.

Certified By _____
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive _____, 2020

Calvin Ball, 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 **WHEREAS**, the Patapsco Valley Heritage Area is a Maryland Heritage Area, that seeks
2 to promote heritage tourism in the Patapsco Valley through historic, environmental and
3 recreational programs and partnerships; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, Maryland’s Heritage Areas are locally designated and state certified
6 regions where public and private partners make commitments to preserving and enhancing
7 historic, cultural and natural resources for sustainable economic development through heritage
8 tourism; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, *PlanHoward 2030*, the general plan for Howard County, was amended in
11 2015, via CB 18-2015 to incorporate the Patapsco Heritage Area Management Plan, as approved
12 by the Maryland Heritage Area Authority; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, the portion of the Patapsco Valley included in the approved Patapsco
15 Heritage Area includes historic sites and communities, State and County parkland, and private
16 properties in both Howard County and Baltimore County; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, the current boundary of the approved Patapsco Heritage Area includes
19 areas of the Patapsco Valley State Park and the Patapsco watershed surrounding Daniels, Ellicott
20 City, Oella, Catonsville, Relay, and Elkridge; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, the Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc. is seeking to expand the boundary of
23 the Patapsco Valley Heritage Area based on the success of strong collaborative efforts to
24 preserve, protect and promote appreciation of diverse Valley resources; and
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26 **WHEREAS**, the amended boundary for the Patapsco Valley Heritage Area will include
27 *westward* expansion to incorporate: all of the Patapsco Valley State Park in Howard and
28 Baltimore and Counties; the Howard County Conservancy, an adjacent Howard County Park
29 property, the Woodstock Inn, and Howard County parkland adjacent to Sykesville, as well as
30 additional properties in Baltimore County surrounding the Granite Historic District, as shown on
31 the map identified as Exhibit A; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the amended boundary for the Patapsco Valley Heritage Area will include
2 *eastward* expansion to include: Patapsco Valley State Park land along Race Road in Elkridge, as
3 well as the Guinness Brewery and additional land to facilitate a trail connection to Baltimore
4 County’s Southwest Area Park, as shown on the maps identified as Exhibit B and Exhibit C; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, based on the strength of the PVHA’s existing heritage tourism, historic,
7 environmental and recreational programs, as well as the numerous public-private partnerships
8 that have been achieved to date, the County Council deems it appropriate at this time to amend
9 the Patapsco Valley Heritage Boundary as shown in the attached Exhibits.
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11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
12 Maryland, this ____ day of _____,2020, that Howard County hereby endorses the
13 Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc.’s application to amend the Patapsco Valley Heritage Area’s
14 boundaries, as shown in the attached Exhibits, and that the areas of Howard County shown on
15 these Exhibits are hereby proposed as the new boundaries for the Patapsco Valley Heritage Area
16 to be submitted to the Maryland Heritage Area Authority for approval; and
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18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this Resolution shall be sent to the
19 Department of Planning and Zoning; and
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21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect from the date of
22 its approval.





