County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2020 Legislative Session Legislative Day No. 10

Resolution No. 109-2020

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

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that property containing 2.447 acres, owned by Howard County, Maryland is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to convey, at no cost, fee simple title to the property to the State of Maryland; 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 convey the property if he finds that the County may have a public use for it.

Introduced and read first time, 2020.	
	By order Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator
Read for a second time at a public hearing on	, 2020.
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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted, Adop	oted with amendments, Failed, Withdrawn, by the County Council
on, 2020.	
	Certified By
	Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

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; <u>Underlining</u> indicates material added by amendment

1	WHEREAS, the County is the owner of the 2.447 acres of land shown as "Howard County,
2	Maryland 11204 Parcel 1" and "Howard County, Maryland 11204 Parcel 2" on the plat entitled
3	"State of Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration State Roads
4	Commission", Plat No. 61440, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, which was
5	acquired by the County from the State Highway Administration of the Maryland Department of
6	Transportation, acting for and on behalf of the State Highway Administration (the "State") by a
7	Standard Road Conveyance Deed dated July 27, 2016 and recorded among the Land Records of
8	Howard County, Maryland at Liber 17386, folio 498 (the "Property"); and
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10	WHEREAS, the Property is currently the site of a pond known as "Grace Pond" which
11	functions as a stormwater management best management practice ("BMP") identified as
12	"BMP130027"; and
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14	WHEREAS, Grace Pond takes drainage from the adjacent Maryland Department of
15	Transportation right-of-way along MD 32 and was selected as a retrofit project to meet the State's
16	Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System ("MS4") restoration credit requirements due to the
17	significant quantity of runoff from the adjacent state right-of-way along MD 32; and
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19	WHEREAS, so that the State can meet its MS4 restoration credit requirements, the County
20	wishes to convey Grace Pond (BMP130027) to the State at no cost, and including the transfer of
21	all maintenance responsibility of Grace Pond in perpetuity; and
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23	WHEREAS, BMP130027 is included in State construction contract, AX7665282R, where
24	notice to proceed was issued on April 23, 2019 and the anticipated completion date is June 30,
25	2020; and
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27	WHEREAS, the Property is currently owned by the County and a previously negotiated
28	right of entry is in place while the State performs work under AX7665282R; and
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1	WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer ownership of the Property from the County to the
2	State to ensure that the State can continue to operate and maintain Grace Pond in perpetuity in
3	order to meet all applicable law; and
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5	WHEREAS, Section 4.201 "Disposition of real property" of the Howard County Code
6	authorizes the County Council to declare that real property is no longer needed for public purposes
7	and may be disposed of by resolution.
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9	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County,
10	Maryland, this day of, 2020, that the Property containing 2.447 acres of
11	land shown as "Howard County, Maryland 11204 Parcel 1" and "Howard County, Maryland 11204
12	Parcel 2" on the plat entitled "State of Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway
13	Administration State Roads Commission", Plat No. 61440, a copy of which is attached hereto as
14	Exhibit A, is no longer needed by the County for public purposes.
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16	AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Executive may convey fee simple
17	title to the Property to the State.
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19	AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the County Executive finds that all or a
20	portion of the Property may have a further County public use then he is not bound to convey the
21	Property in accordance with this Resolution.

