

# County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2020 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 3


## Resolution No. 36 -2020

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and cosponsored by David Yungmann

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24           **WHEREAS**, the County Council has reviewed the amended purchase price formula and  
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27           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,  
28 Maryland, this 6th day of July, 2020, that the County Council amends the  
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31 Resolution.

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4) Adjacency to Preserved Land - Maximum <del>[[100]]</del> 125 points	
75 to 100% perimeter adjacent to preserved land	<del>[[100]]</del> 125 points
50 to 74% perimeter adjacent to preserved land	<del>[[75]]</del> 100 points
25 to 49% perimeter adjacent to preserved land	<del>[[50]]</del> 75 points
Less than 25% perimeter adjacent to preserved land	<del>[[25]]</del> 50 points
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RC District	100 points]]
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Current plan fully implemented	100 points
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LONGSTANDING LANDOWNER RELATIONSHIP WITH SCD, AND SCWQP ON THE PROPERTY IS PREDOMINANTLY IMPLEMENTED WITH NO MAJOR RESOURCE CONCERNS

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75 POINTS

NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH SCD AND HAS MADE CONSIDERABLE EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT SCWQP ON THIS PROPERTY OR ANOTHER PROPERTY, OR LANDOWNER HAS IMPLEMENTED CONSIDERABLE BMPs ON THEIR OWN

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0 POINTS

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Lin Ft / 100 = \_\_\_\_\_ x 2.0 on scenic road \_\_\_\_\_ points  
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SUBTOTAL POINTS - Maximum 1,000 points

PRELIMINARY PRICE CALCULATION - Maximum \$40,000 per acre

0 points x \$40/point = 0

ADDITIONAL POINTS - Maximum ~~[[200]]~~100 points

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Number of tenant houses allowed by right at 1 per 25 acres  
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2) OPTIONAL APB POINTS - MAXIMUM 50 POINTS MAY BE ADDED OR SUBTRACTED

TOTAL PRICE POINTS - Maximum 1000 Points 0

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**2020 PRICE FORMULA WORKSHEET – OPTIONAL APB POINTS  
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TOTAL OF 50 POTENTIAL POINTS CAN BE ADDED

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