

Office of the County Auditor
Auditor's Analysis

Council Resolution No. 28-2020

Introduced: March 1, 2021

Auditor: Maya Cameron

Fiscal Impact:

There is minimal fiscal impact from this legislation.

The County has received revenue of \$1,500 in fees (in accordance with Section 18.204(e) of the Howard County Code) to cover the costs of the advertisement and posting of the road closure and notification to the adjoining property owners.

The County incurred a cost of \$120 in advertising fees due to the lack of initial 30-day notice to the public, which resulted in the County having to repost the advertisement.

Per the Department of Public Works (DPW), there are no associated maintenance costs for this roadway, as this portion of Roxbury Road has no active use.

Purpose:

The purpose of this resolution is to close a portion of Roxbury Road which is owned by the County, in accordance with Section 18.204 of the Howard County Code.

The County seeks to close this road portion with the intent of selling it to the petitioner (Dean Dubbe) to be incorporated into their farmland.

Other Comments:

- The properties adjacent to this section of Roxbury Road currently have executed a Maryland Environmental Trust Easement.
- An appraisal of the property has not been conducted. However, if Council Resolution 28-2020 is approved, an appraisal would be performed should the Executive propose legislation to transfer the property.
- We reviewed the deed confirming ownership of Lots 4, 7, and 8, which belong to Roxbury View LLC and the petitioner.