



Howard County

Internal Memorandum

Subject: Testimony on Council Resolution No. 142-2021, a Resolution approving a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement for Terrapin Branch Solar, LLC and 2800 Nixon's Farm Lane, LLC

To: Lonnie Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Joshua Feldmark,
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Date: August 30, 2021

Summary

Resolution 142-2021 supports approval of the terms and conditions of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement (PILOT) by and between Howard County, Maryland and Terrapin Branch Solar, LLC and 2800 Nixon's Farm Lane, LLC for personal property taxes,

Background

Our solar PILOTs are aimed at supporting the building of solar projects in Howard County as a component of our overall support for renewable energy and Howard County's fight against climate change. This project is classified as an "aggregate net energy metering" (ANEM) project. ANEM projects allow government entities and non-profits to purchase renewable energy generated in their communities. The real property taxes for this property where this project is located are under an existing PILOT and since we made the policy decision to include personal property taxes as art of our solar PILOT program, we are updating the PILOT with this project to include personal property.

Fiscal Impact

As this project is in fact already operational there will be a fiscal impact for the personal property tax PILOT. For the first ten years the County will receive an estimated \$19,470/year less in taxes. For years 11-20 the County will receive an estimated \$9,735/year less in taxes.