




Howard County

Internal Memorandum

Subject: Testimony & Fiscal Impact Statement
Council Resolution No. ____ - 2025, declaring that an easement and a portion of an easement for reclaimed water system located on Fort George G. Meade, Maryland containing approximately 59,574 square feet and 5,063 square feet, respectively, conveyed to Howard County, Maryland are no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to terminate the easement and a portion of the easement interests in the property of the fee simple owner, The Secretary of the Army; waiving advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the easement interests to The Secretary of the Army; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to terminate the easement interests if he finds that the easements may have a public use.

To: Brandee Ganz,
Chief Administrative Officer

From: Mark DeLuca, Acting Director
Department of Public Works  5/20/25

Date: August 20, 2025

The Department of Public Works has been designated coordinator for preparation of testimony declaring that an easement and a portion of an easement for a reclaimed water system located on Fort George G. Meade, Maryland containing approximately 59,574 square feet and 5,063 square feet, conveyed to Howard County, Maryland, are no longer needed by the County for public purposes, authorizing the County Executive to terminate the easement interests, vesting title to the fee simple owner, The Secretary of the Army (the "Owner"); and providing that the County Executive is not bound to terminate the easement interests if he finds that the easements may have a further public use.

As part of the Howard County Reclaimed Water Project with the Secretary of the Army, the County acquired easements for a reclaimed water system by Easement No. DACA-31-2-13-178 dated June 28, 2013 and recorded among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland in Book 27101, page 334, on March 10, 2014 (the "Easement"), on that certain real property commonly known as Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

The Owner is the fee simple owner of that certain real property shown as Parcel 372 on Tax Map 29, Anne Arundel County (collectively, the "Property").

The Director of Public Works has received a written petition from the Owner to terminate and release the easement containing approximately 59,574 square feet ("Permanent Easement 1") and a portion of the easement containing approximately 5,063 square feet as described and shown as "Permanent Easement 1" on "Exhibit A-1" of the Easement, and "Existing Permanent Easement 2 to be Reduced L RPD 27101 F 334" on the attached plat titled "Howard County Department of Public Works Permanent Easement United States Government" (the "Plat") ("Permanent Easement 2"). The County will retain approximately 75 square feet of Permanent Easement 2, as described and shown as "Revised Permanent

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2" on the Plat and will also retain Permanent Easement 3, containing 2,670 square feet, as shown on "Exhibit A-1" of the Easement for its operational needs related to the County's Little Patuxent Water Reclamation Plat.

The Department of Public Works has reviewed the petition submitted by the Owner and has determined that the Easements to be Abandoned are no longer required for public purposes.

Section 4.201, "Disposition of real property" of the Howard County Code authorizes the County Council to declare that the Easements to be Abandoned are no longer needed for the public purposes.

There is no fiscal impact associated with this termination of easements.

Representatives of this department will be present at the public hearing to answer any questions or concerns. If you require any further information concerning this matter or have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

YK/ei

cc: Jennifer Sager
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SPLegislation/2025/Fort Meade Utility Easement Reduction