

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2025 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 14

Resolution No. 185 -2025

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

Short Title: Easement – 9797.10 square feet – AT&T Enterprises, LLC – County Property –
Brampton Hills Pond

Title: A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to grant a permanent right-of-way and easement to AT&T Enterprises, LLC for the relocation of existing communication systems on the property shown as Lot 58 on Plat 5561 and described in a Deed to Howard County, Maryland from Celta Corp. recorded among the Land Records of Howard County, Maryland in Liber 1179, Folio 264; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to grant the right-of-way and easement if he finds that the property may have a further public use.

Introduced and read first time Oct 6, 2025.

By order

Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on Oct 20, 2025.

By order

Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted ☒, Adopted with amendments ☐, Failed ☐, Withdrawn ☐, by the County Council
on Nov 3, 2025.

Certified By

Michelle Harrod
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1 **WHEREAS**, Howard County, Maryland (hereinafter the “County”) is the owner of the
2 Property comprising 1.071 acres of land described in a Deed to the County from Celta Corp.,
3 recorded among the Land Records of Howard County, Maryland in Liber 1179, Folio 264, and
4 improved with a stormwater management facility known as Brampton Hills Pond; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, the County funded Capital Project Number ~~D-1158~~ D-1177 (the “Project”)
7 for the construction of stormwater management improvements, drainage improvements, and
8 stream restoration and stabilization improvements and the appurtenances thereto, and other public
9 utilities and services needed to serve the citizens of Howard County, Maryland; and
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11 **WHEREAS**, the Brampton Hills Pond, located at 4715 Widdup Court, Ellicott City,
12 Howard County, Maryland is being modified to accommodate the removal of a significant hazard
13 dam; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, AT&T Enterprises, LLC (“AT&T”) has a certain fiber line that currently
16 runs directly through the pond embankment and outfall area, and the Maryland Department of the
17 Environment, Dam Safety Program has required the proposed relocation of that fiber line as part
18 of the approval the Project; and
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20 **WHEREAS**, the County and AT&T agreed to enter into a Grant of Communication
21 Systems Right-of-Way and Easement for relocation of the fiber line within the new easement,
22 shown on the attached Exhibit A as “AT& T Easement” and containing approximately 9797.10
23 square feet; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works has reviewed and approved the proposed
26 right-of-way and easement; and
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28 **WHEREAS**, Section 4.201, “Disposition of Real Property”, of the Howard County Code
29 authorizes the County Council of Howard County, Maryland (the “County Council”) to declare
30 that property is no longer needed for public purposes and also authorizes the County Council to

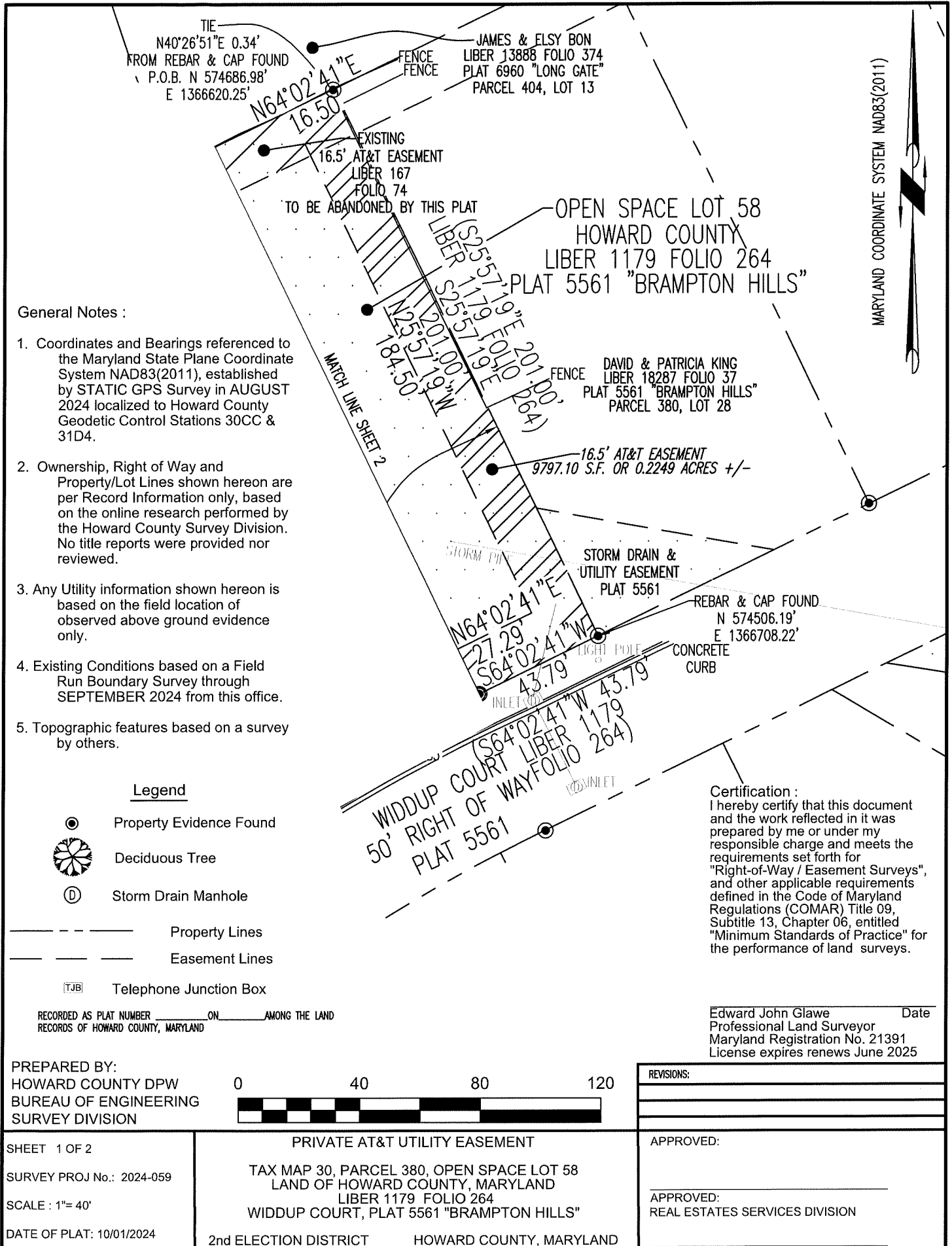
1 waive advertising and bidding requirements for an individual conveyance of real property upon
2 the request of the County Executive; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, the County Council has received a request from the County Executive to
5 waive the advertising and bidding requirements in this instance for the grant of a right-of-way and
6 easement to AT&T, as shown in the attached Exhibit A.
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8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
9 Maryland, this 3 day of November, 2025, that the Easement Area containing
10 approximately 9797.10 square feet, as shown in the attached Exhibit A, is not needed by the
11 County for public purposes and a right-of-way and permanent easement may be conveyed to
12 AT&T Enterprises, LLC for the relocation of certain fiber lines within the Brampton Hills Pond.
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14 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, having received a request from the County
15 Executive and having held a public hearing, the County Council declares that the best interest of
16 the County will be served by authorizing the County Executive to waive the usual advertising and
17 bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code for the right-of-way and
18 easement conveyance.
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20 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if the County Executive finds that all or a
21 portion of the right-of-way and easement area may have a further County public use and the right-
22 of-way and easement area should not be conveyed then he is not bound to convey the easement in
23 accordance with this Resolution.



Amendment No. 1 to Council Resolution No. 185-2025

BY: The Chairperson at the request
of the County Executive

Legislative Day No. 15
Date: November 3, 2025

Amendment No. 1

(This amendment corrects a capital project reference.)

- 1 On page 1, in line 6, strike "D-1158" and substitute "D-1177".

I certify that this a true copy of

Am 1 to CR 185-2025
passed on 11/3/2025
Michelle Hernandez
Council Administrator

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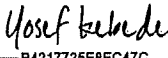
Howard County

Internal Memorandum

Subject: Testimony & Fiscal Impact Statement
Council Resolution No. _____-2025, authorizing the County Executive to grant a permanent right-of-way and easement to AT&T Enterprises, LLC so that AT&T may relocate the existing communication systems on the property shown as Lot 58 on Plat 5561 and described in a Deed to Howard County, Maryland from Celta Corp. recorded among the Land Records of Howard County in Liber 1179, Folio 264; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to grant the right-of-way and easement if he finds that the property may have a further public use.

To: Brandee Ganz,
Chief Administrative Officer

From: Yosef Kebede, Director
Department of Public Works

Signed by:

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Date: September 24, 2025

The Department of Public Works has been designated coordinator for preparation of testimony relative to Howard County, Maryland (the "County") granting a right-of-way and easement to AT&T Enterprises, LLC ("AT&T") to relocate the existing communication systems (the "Fiber Line") on the property shown as Lot 58 on Plat 5561 (the "Property").

The County is the owner of the Property comprising 1.071 acres of land described in a Deed to Howard County, Maryland from Celta Corp., recorded among the Land Records of Howard County in Liber 1179, Folio 264, and improved with a stormwater management facility known as Brampton Hills Pond.

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The Brampton Hills Pond located at 4715 Widdup Court, Ellicott City, Howard County, Maryland is being modified to accommodate removal of a significant hazard dam. The AT&T Fiber Line currently runs directly through the pond embankment and outfall area. The Maryland Department of Environment Dam Safety has required the proposed relocation as part of the approval the Project.

The County and AT&T agreed to enter into a Grant of Communication Systems Right-of-Way and Easement for relocating the Fiber Line within the new easement.

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.

cc: Jennifer Sager
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