

County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2009 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. **13**

Resolution No. 86 -2009

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

A RESOLUTION making certain findings and designating the Route 1 Corridor as a Recovery Zone for the issuance of Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds and Recovery Zone Facility Bonds.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2009.

By order _____
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2009.

By order _____
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted____, Adopted with amendments____, Failed____, Withdrawn____, by the County Council
on _____, 2009.

Certified By _____
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive _____, 2009

Ken Ulman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **WHEREAS**, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (“AARA”) made a
2 number of changes to the Federal Tax Code that relate to tax-exempt and municipal bonds; and
3

4 **WHEREAS**, accordingly, Howard County, Maryland (the “County”) has been allocated
5 \$12,270,000 in national recovery zone economic development bonds that may be used by the
6 County to issue a like principal amount of bonds as Recovery Zone Economic Development
7 Bonds within the meaning of Section 1400U-2 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
8 amended (the “IRS Code”); and
9

10 **WHEREAS**, the Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds will provide a cost-
11 effective source of funds for the purpose of promoting development or other economic activity
12 within the area of Howard County designated as the Howard County Recovery Zone; and
13

14 **WHEREAS**, the County has been allocated \$18,406,000 in national recovery zone
15 facility bonds that may be used by the County to issue a like principal amount of bonds as
16 Recovery Zone Facility Bonds within the meaning of Section 1400U-3 of the IRS Code; and
17

18 **WHEREAS**, the Recovery Zone Facility Bonds will provide a source of below-market
19 financing for businesses that are located in the Howard County Recovery Zone; and
20

21 **WHEREAS**, the AARA requires a local jurisdiction that will issue Recovery Zone
22 Economic Development Bonds or Recovery Zone Facility Bonds to designate a Recovery Zone
23 as described in Section 1400U-1(b) of the IRS Code; and
24

25 **WHEREAS**, a Recovery Zone is an area designated by the County as having significant
26 poverty or unemployment, a significant rate of home foreclosures, or general distress; and
27

28 **WHEREAS**, to take advantage of these new types of bonds, the County wishes to
29 designate the Route 1 Corridor, as defined in the Route 1 Manual and as shown in the attached
30 Exhibit A, as a Recovery Zone for purposes of the issuance of Recovery Zone Economic
31 Development Bonds and Recovery Zone Facility Bonds.

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
2 Maryland this _____ day of _____, 2009 that it finds that the Route 1 Corridor, as
3 defined in the Route 1 Manual and as shown in the attached Exhibit A, meets the criteria to be a
4 Recovery Zone under the IRS Code.

5
6 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
7 Maryland, that the Route 1 Corridor, as defined in the Route 1 Manual and as shown in the
8 attached Exhibit A, is designated as a Recovery Zone for purposes of the issuance of Recovery
9 Zone Economic Development Bonds and Recovery Zone Facility Bonds.

