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## County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2015 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 5

**Bill No. 18 -2015**

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

AN ACT amending *PlanHoward 2030*, the general plan for Howard County, to include Patapsco Heritage Area Management Plan and recognizing that the Plan is a way to further opportunities for recreation, environmental and historic conservation, and heritage tourism and to support economic development; and generally relating to planning, zoning and land use in Howard County.

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Introduced and read first time \_\_\_\_\_, 2015. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 and Passed \_\_\_, Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 at \_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

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Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive

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

1           **WHEREAS**, Howard County, in support of and in partnership with Patapsco Heritage  
2 Greenway, Inc. that prepared a Patapsco Heritage Area Management Plan (the “Plan”), desires to  
3 meet the conditions for approval in the Maryland Heritage Area Authority’s resolution to  
4 designate a portion of the Patapsco Valley area as a Certified Heritage Area as part of the  
5 Maryland System of Heritage Areas; and  
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7           **WHEREAS**, the Patapsco Heritage Area has important environmental, recreation, and  
8 cultural resources, as well as significant historical sites and districts on the National Register of  
9 Historic Places; and  
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11           **WHEREAS**, the Patapsco Heritage Area presents opportunities for recreation,  
12 environmental and historic conservation, and heritage tourism and to support economic  
13 development; and  
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15           **WHEREAS**, the Plan will complement other state and county initiatives in the Certified  
16 Heritage Area; and  
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18           **WHEREAS**, by approval of Council Resolution No. 96-2014, the County Council  
19 approved and authorized the submittal of the Plan to the State of Maryland for its approval; and  
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21           **WHEREAS**, in July of 2012, by passage of Council Bill No. 26-2012, the Howard  
22 County Council adopted PlanHoward2030, a new general plan for Howard County; and  
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24           **WHEREAS**, the County Council now wishes to amend *PlanHoward2030* in order to  
25 include the Plan.  
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27           **NOW, THEREFORE,**  
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29           *Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that*

1 *PlanHoward2030 is hereby amended to include the Patapsco Heritage Area Management Plan*  
2 *as follows and as more specifically shown in the attached pages:*

3       1.       *A new item “c” is added to Policy 3.4 on page 20; and*

4       2.       *New page 20.1 is added.*

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6 ***Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted*** *by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that the*  
7 *Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning may correct obvious errors, capitalization,*  
8 *spelling, grammar, headings and similar matters and may publish this amendment to*  
9 *PlanHoward2030 by adding or amending covers, title pages, a table of contents, and graphics to*  
10 *improve readability.*

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12 ***Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted*** *by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,*  
13 *that this amendment be attached to and made part of PlanHoward2030.*

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15 ***Section 4. And Be It Further Enacted*** *by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that*  
16 *this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*

#### GREEN TIP!

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### **POLICY 3.3 – Use watershed management plans to guide the protection and restoration of water resources.**

#### **Implementing Actions**

- a. **Watershed Management Plans.** Prepare comprehensive watershed management plans for all watersheds, to set priorities and guide efforts to protect, restore, and improve the County's water resources. Complete and update all watershed management plans on a regular cycle.
- b. **Forest Cover and Riparian Forest Buffers.** Establish and achieve measurable goals for forest cover and riparian forest buffers in all County watersheds.
- c. **Resident Participation.** Encourage active participation of individuals, businesses, and local community and environmental organizations in restoration activities.
- d. **Wetlands.** Develop a wetlands program to inventory, map, protect, and enhance wetland resources.
- e. **Dedicated Funding.** Institute a dedicated fund (often referred to as a stormwater utility) to ensure increased and sustained funding for the watershed management program.



*Annual tree plantings are organized by the Department of Recreation and Parks.*

- f. **Grant and Cost-Share Opportunities.** Pursue Federal and State grant and cost-share opportunities to secure additional resources for restoration efforts. Apply jointly with community and environmental organizations and with neighboring jurisdictions as appropriate.

### **POLICY 3.4 – Coordinate regional protection of water resources.**

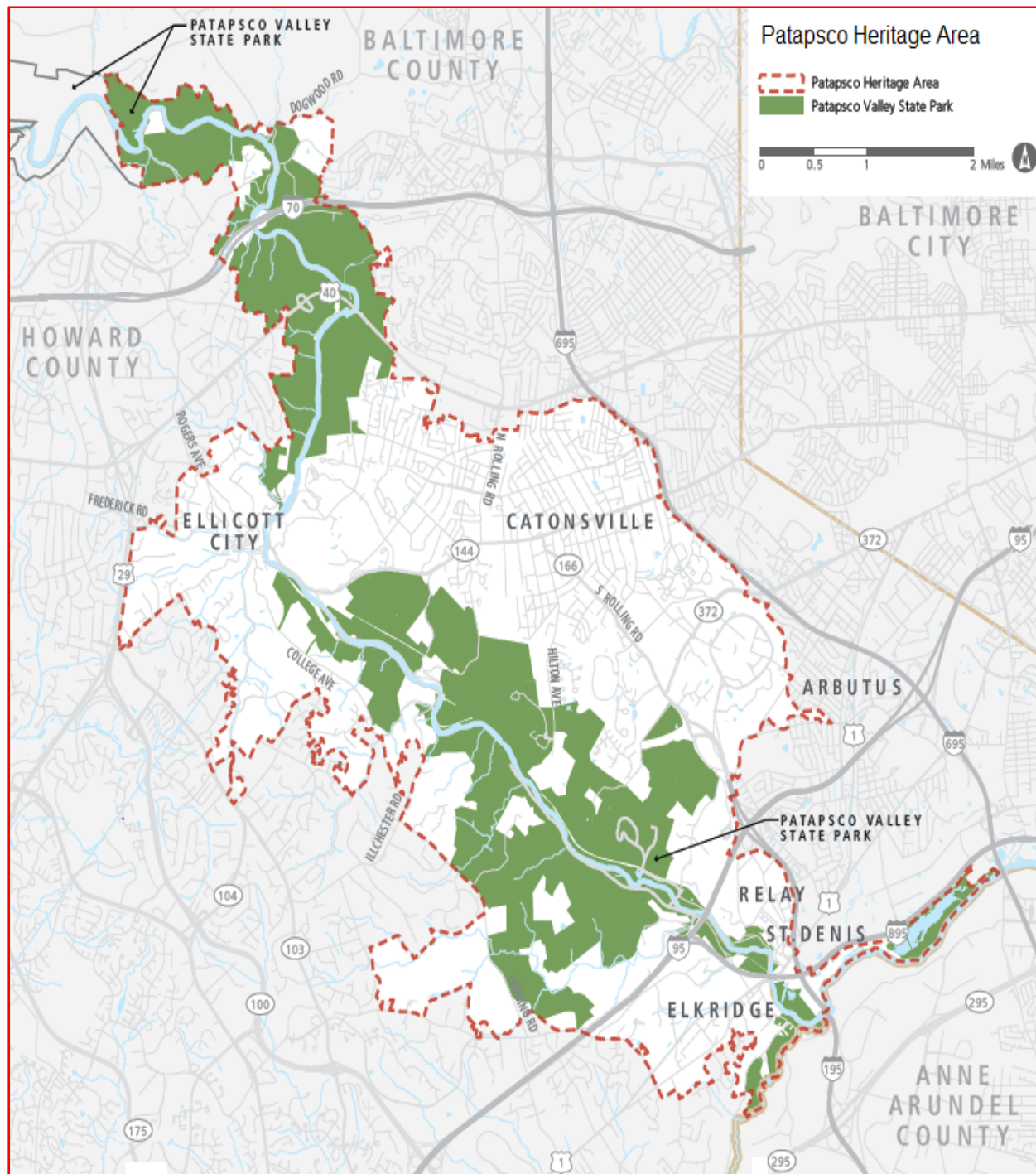
#### **Implementing Actions**

- a. **Patuxent and Patapsco Rivers.** Coordinate and cooperate with other

local, regional, and State agencies and organizations on joint watershed planning and management for the Patuxent and the Patapsco Rivers.

- b. **Patapsco Heritage Greenway.** Coordinate with Baltimore County to accomplish certification of the Patapsco Heritage Greenway.
- c. **Patapsco Heritage Area Management Plan.** Work with the Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc. and Baltimore County to assist in implementing the management plan, certified by the Maryland Heritage Area Authority, for those portions that apply to Howard County.





## Patapsco Heritage Area Amendment

The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority requires a county within a certified heritage area to include in the county's general plan those portions of the heritage area management plan applicable to the county. Meeting this requirement establishes the eligibility of qualified organizations and government entities, within the Howard County portion of the certified heritage area, for receipt of Maryland Heritage Areas Authority financial and other benefits including grants, loans, and tax credits.

Therefore, the version of the Patapsco Heritage Area Management Plan, as was approved by the Maryland Heritage Area Authority on January 15, 2015, insofar as it is consistent with the rest of PlanHoward 2030, is included within PlanHoward 2030 in order to further opportunities for recreation, environmental and historic conservation, and heritage tourism and to support economic development.

The map at left is illustrative and indicates the area of Howard County located within the certified heritage area as approved by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority.

The Patapsco Heritage Area Management Plan defines its own purpose on page xi: "The heritage area's management plan provides the blueprint for coordinating ... many collaborative efforts. It is an advisory document demonstrating awareness of the heritage area's partners and stakeholders, their "buy-in", and general support for management concepts. ... Participation in plan implementation will be voluntary and will not be required as a result of potential actions identified in the approved management plan. ... Participation in the program does, however, qualify PHG [Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc.] and its partners and stakeholders – such as Baltimore County, Howard County, and others – for potential state matching grants for actions identified in the plan or that otherwise support accomplishing the goals for the Patapsco Heritage Area."