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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.

Introduced and read first time May 4, 2015. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.  
By order Jessica Feldmark  
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 May 18, 2015.

By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on June 1, 2015 and Passed , Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_\_.

By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 2nd day of June, 2015 at 12 a.m.(p.m.)

By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive June 3, 2015

Allan H. Kittleman  
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!**

Use reusable bags. Over 100 billion plastic bags are thrown away every year.

**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.









# Howard County

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## *Internal Memorandum*

**Subject:** Testimony for Council Bill \_\_\_\_\_-2015  
General Plan Amendment (GPA) 2015-1 to *PlanHoward 2030*

**To:** Lonnie Robbins  
Chief Administrative Officer

**From:** Marsha S. McLaughlin, Director *msm*  
Department of Planning and Zoning

**Date:** April 13, 2015

On July 26, 2012, the Howard County Council adopted *PlanHoward 2030* as Howard County's new general plan. The fully searchable text of *PlanHoward 2030* is posted on the [DPZ portal page](#) and [Plan Howard site](#).

Two years prior to adoption of *Plan Howard 2030*, on March 20, 2010, the County Council adopted CR9-2010 in support of efforts "to pursue Maryland State Heritage certification for the Patapsco Heritage Greenway."

On June 5, 2014, a draft Patapsco Heritage Area Management Plan and a proposed heritage area were presented to the Planning Board. The Planning Board heard public testimony and recommended for approval.

On July 25, 2014, Howard County Council adopted CR96-2014, "approving and authorizing submittal of a Management Plan for certification of the Patapsco Heritage Area as a Certified Maryland Heritage Area."

On January 15, 2015, Maryland Heritage Area Authority (MHAA) granted conditional approval for the Patapsco Heritage Area and the proposed Patapsco Heritage Area Management Plan with the following two conditions:

The adoption by each jurisdiction that will be within the Certified Heritage Area of an appropriate amendment of its local comprehensive/master plan to incorporate by reference, or by other means determined appropriate by the jurisdiction, all portions of the Patapsco Heritage Area Management Plan, except those portions solely relating to other jurisdictions within the Patapsco Heritage Area, as required under COMAR Title 14, Subtitle 29, Chapter 03, Section .05 (G); and, be it further resolved, that the local jurisdiction amendment shall be acceptable to the Authority.

On April 9, 2015, the Planning Board recommended for approval of GPA 2015-1 to include the Patapsco Heritage Area and the Patapsco Heritage Area Management Plan (PHAMP) in the adopted *PlanHoward 2030*.

### ***Fiscal Impact***

The PHAMP includes 52 actions for implementation by Howard County including specific departments and agencies; however, participation in the plan is voluntary and incurs no direct obligation, financial or otherwise. Howard County is free to participate in actions identified in the plan or to forego, depending on the availability of funding and budgetary constraints as determined annually through the operating and capital budget processes.

c: B. Diane Wilson, Chief of Staff  
Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on

June 3, 2015.

  
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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council