

County Council Testimony – June 15, 2015 – Ed Wilson – Environmental Sustainability Board

Good evening Chairman Sigaty and members of the Council. My name is Ed Wilson and I live at 10034 Carrigan Drive in Ellicott City. I am honored to be nominated to fill the energy position on the Environmental Sustainability Board. My wife and I have lived in Howard County since 1993 and raised our four daughters here. We treasure the Howard County community we are a part of and strongly believe in giving back. As some of you know, I am currently finishing up my two year term as Board President for The Arc of Howard County. While I will surely remain involved with that wonderful organization, serving on the Environmental Sustainability Board will enable me to give back in another area, one that aligns nicely with my professional career.

I am currently employed with Constellation where I manage our efforts selling power, gas, energy efficiency, and other energy solutions to members of trade and municipal associations across the United States. I graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1984 and served in nuclear submarines before joining BGE at the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Plant 24 years ago. I have worked in the energy field ever since. Along the way I obtained my MBA from then Loyola College in Maryland.

Energy and water sustainability are principal challenges facing our planet. Finding and implementing viable technical and economic solutions will remain a challenge for years to come. The most effective solutions are often the ones that take root locally, which is one of the reasons that I am excited about the opportunity to join this board. And a key part of that effectiveness will be education. I'd like to think that my background in energy, business, and non-profit advocacy will enable me to be effective in promoting sustainability in our county. Doing that will be a worthwhile contribution to a global challenge. Thank you for your consideration.