

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2015 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 8

RESOLUTION NO. 111 - 2015

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Catherine Strawley to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

Introduced and read first time on July 6, 2015.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on July 20, 2015.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn by the County Council on July 31, 2015.

Certified by Jessica Feldmark
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request of the County Executive

Legislative Day No. 9
Date: July 31, 2015

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Catherine Strawley- Environmental Sustainability Board

July 20, 2015

Hello, my name is Catherine Strawley, and I will be attending Howard High School as a senior this Fall in Howard County District 2. I have been nominated for the position of the new student member of the Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board for the 2015-2016 year.

It is my belief that we are all very capable of making positive change in the community to contribute to the overall improvement of the health of the environment. However, these changes can only be made when we pursue our passion and desire for change. Environmentalism is certainly one of my passions! I developed an appreciation for nature and environmental protection at an early age.

With the intention of addressing the environmental concerns among a population of students, I became very involved in my school's environmental club, as well as in my own personal endeavors to improve the environment. At Howard High School, I led projects to organize water conservation workshops, electronics recycling drives, terracycling drives, campus clean-ups and environmental awareness campaigns. Additionally, during this past spring break, I met with two Howard High staff members to develop the website for recertification of Howard High as a green school (<http://hhsgreenschoolrecertification.weebly.com/>). I am also working towards developing a new youth group for Howard County high school students to become more involved in addressing local environmental issues through fundraising, community service and informational publications. Through my work with Restoring the Environment and Developing Youth program (READY), building rain gardens throughout the County, I am developing a greater awareness of local issues such as pollution from storm water runoff. All of this new knowledge and experience will assist me with comprehension and implementation of projects as a member of the environmental sustainability board.

I am informed, experienced, engaged, and passionate. With these four necessary leadership attributes, I will be an active member on the Environmental Sustainability Board as a liaison between students and the Board, as well as a representative of both voices. My first task as a member of the Board will be to create new networking platforms for students from different schools throughout Howard County so that they may communicate by sharing ideas, goals, successes and failures of their respective environmental clubs. This platform will also provide a means of direct communication with students about Board activities. As I also intend to be very involved in organizing GreenFest 2016, this network will allow for efficient communication and publicity for this event, encouraging more student participation in the event. Opportunities for students to present at GreenFest will create a more engaged local student body that might then become more engaged in County environmental affairs.

As a student member of the Environmental Sustainability Board, I will be a role model that will voice environmental concerns, create networking platforms, and act as a liaison for the Board. I intend to encourage others to challenge themselves to make positive change, remain informed, and take action to improve the health of the local community.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.