

Watershed fee

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Sent: Saturday, January 23, 2016 1:56 PM

To: CouncilMail

Dear Council members,

Please do not repeal the watershed protection and restoration fee. I expect that most Howard County residents don't notice the small contribution that we all make to keep our local waters safe and clean. This modest fee is a small price to pay for the assurance of clean, safe water. We only need watch and listen to the recent news from Flint Michigan to realize the effect of shortsighted cost cutting on a public resource.

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Repeal the Rain Tax

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Sent: Friday, January 22, 2016 4:51 PM

To: CouncilMail

Councilman Ball,

As my Howard County Councilman, please vote YES on CB52-2015.

Thank You,

Roger

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CB52-2015 Testimony

Richard Tufts [tuftsdaissy@verizon.net]

Sent: Friday, January 22, 2016 11:34 AM

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Council Members,

My wife and I support Council Bill 52-2015. It is the RIGHT and FAIR thing to do.

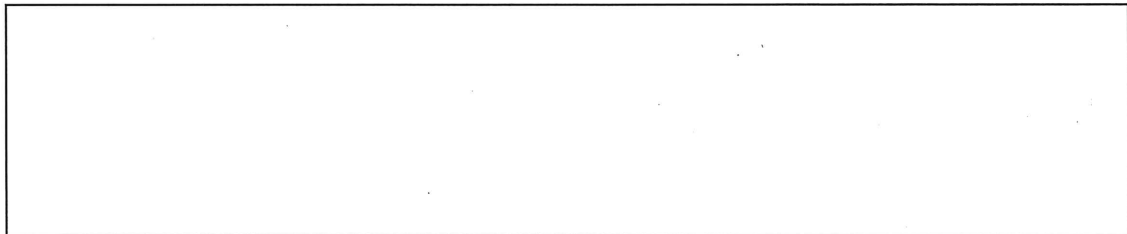
As pointed out below by the Chamber, the current system is convoluted because of HOW property owners are assessed. The number of buildings, lengths of driveways and lanes, plus other factors are figured in, skewing the equation. Not everyone has those on their properties.

Our support of CB52-2015 is not meant to imply lack of support to continue cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay. On the contrary, we have been and continue to be strongly supportive of this very important task. We, therefore, support Mr. Kittleman's and Councilmember Fox's proposal below to replace the current Stormwater Fee with more equitable funding sources as neighboring counties have done. This will "level the playing field" and make the fee FAIR for all.

Additionally, may we suggest this change be thoroughly advertised to Howard County residents? We should all be urged to recommit to cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay. It's the right thing to do, it's the law and our children's future!

Respectively,
Mr. & Mrs. Richard G. Tufts
Daisy

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Support Howard County Stormwater Fee Elimination

On Tuesday, January 19, the Howard County Council will hear public comment and testimony concerning the elimination of the stormwater fee as defined in [CB 52-2015](#) and its associated resolutions, [CR 181-2015](#) and [CR 182-2015](#). Just recently, the Howard County Chamber Board of Directors voted unanimously to support this legislation for reasons outlined in [the accompanying letter](#). We now are asking that you do the same by **contacting your County Council members** and requesting they support CB52-2015, and/or by [attending the meeting](#) and letting your voice be heard.

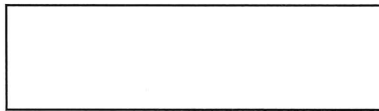
*What CB 52-2015 Does **NOT** Do:*

Does not reduce the commitment to meeting the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)

requirements of the **U.S. Clean Water Act**, which describes the value of the maximum amount of a pollutant that a body of water can receive while still meeting water quality standards. Alternatively, TMDL is an allocation of that water pollutant deemed acceptable to the subject receiving waters.

What CB 52-2015 Does:

- Creates more equitable **funding sources** for this important program;
 - Removes the convoluted measuring and tracking of commercial and agricultural property as well as the disproportionate burden to commercial property;
 - Allows for a significant reallocation of funds from supporting staff positions to use of funds to mitigate the impacts in older developments without the modern storm water management provided today.
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