

March 29, 2012
Introduced
Public Hearing April 16, 2012
Council Action May 7, 2012
Executive Action May 9, 2012
Effective Date May 9, 2012

County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2012 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 4

Supplementary Budget & Appropriation Ordinance

No. 6 - Fiscal 2012

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

AN ACT transferring \$110,000 from the General Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Recreation and Parks for the Hazardous Tree Removal Program.

Introduced and read first time March 29, 2012. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order Stephen M LeGendre
Stephen LeGendre, 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 April 16, 2012.

By order Stephen M LeGendre
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on May 7, 2012 and Passed , Passed with amendments , Failed .

By order Stephen M LeGendre
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 8th day of MAY, 2012 at 4:00 ~~a.m.~~/p.m.

By order Stephen M LeGendre
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive May 9, 2012

[Signature]
Ken Ulman, County Executive

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

1 **WHEREAS**, Section 610 of the Howard County Charter authorizes and
2 empowers the Howard County Council to make supplementary appropriations from the
3 unexpended and unencumbered funds set aside for contingencies in the County budget;
4 and

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6 **WHEREAS**, due to insects, disease, natural mortality, forest age, public
7 awareness of hazardous trees and weather conditions such as Hurricane Irene and
8 Tropical Storm Lee in the fall of 2011, the Department of Recreation and Parks has
9 incurred additional expenses in their Hazardous Tree Removal Program; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, the Department has exceeded their budget for the Hazardous Tree
12 Removal Program and additional appropriation in the amount of \$110,000 is needed; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, the Director of Finance has certified that the appropriation to be
15 transferred is not encumbered and is available for transfer.

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17 **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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19 *Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the*
20 *following supplementary appropriation of funds is authorized and approved for the fiscal*
21 *year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012, as indicated below:*

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23 Donor Account:

24 **General Fund, Contingency Reserve**

25 **1999999999-8888000000-999500**

26 Appropriation Fiscal Year 2012 before transfer	\$1,700,000
27 Less amount transferred to the Department of	
28 Recreation and Parks	<u>\$110,000</u>
29 Appropriation Fiscal Year 2012 after transfer	\$1,590,000

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31 Recipient Account:

1 **Department of Recreation and Parks – Natural Resources- Other contractual**
2 **services**

3 **1000000000- 5034000000- 515900**

4	Appropriation Fiscal 2012 before transfer	\$99,205
5	Plus amount transferred from the General Fund,	
6	Contingency Reserve	<u>\$110,000</u>
7	Appropriation Fiscal 2012 after transfer	\$209,205

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9 ***Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County,
10 *Maryland that this Supplementary Budget and Appropriation Ordinance shall be effective*
11 *upon its enactment.*



HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & PARKS

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TO: Lonnie Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: John R. Byrd, Director,
Department of Recreation and Parks

DATE: February 27, 2012

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation

A supplemental appropriation is requested to cover the costs associated with the Department's Hazardous Tree Removal Program. Through January 2012, the Department has spent \$107,000 from an approved budget of \$41,000. It is anticipated that a supplemental appropriation of \$110,000 will be needed to cover the existing over expenditure and projected future expenditures through the end of this fiscal year. The trees removed in this program are only those that are designated as hazardous and have the potential to cause damage to personal or private property or cause injury to park patrons. Additional information regarding this request is provided below:

- More trees have died or became hazardous due to drought, disease, insects, storms, natural mortality, forest age, development and increased public awareness of hazardous trees. The tree damage associated with Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee created many hazardous situations. We're averaging \$10,000-\$15,000/month for three removal.
- Tree expenditures have increased over the past five years and were as follows: FY08-\$74,925, FY09-\$142,022, FY10-\$66,722, FY11-\$73,197 and is estimated for FY12-150,000.
- Tree removals will continue to increase for many reasons including all reasons stated in bullet one above and from the new invasive insects being introduced including the Emerald Ash Borer, Sirex wood wasp which affects pines, thousand canker disease which is spread by bark beetles, this will attack our black walnuts, Asian longhorn beetle that attack various hardwood species, Cedar Asian longhorn beetle that attacks cedar, juniper and cypress.

Our park system and open space totals over 9,000 acres with 950 open space lots and 352 miles of property borders with private homes. These costs will likely continue to rise.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

JRB/JSM/db

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cc: Jennifer Sager
Bill Eckert



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March 14, 2012

To: Lonnie R. Robbins
Chief Administrative Officer

From: Stanley J. Milesky
Director of Finance

Re: SAO No. 6 Certification

I hereby certify that funds are unencumbered and available for transfer as follows:

FROM:

1999999999-8888000000-999500
General Fund, Contingency Reserve \$110,000

TO:

1000000000-5034000000-515900 \$110,000
Department of Recreation and Parks – Natural Resources – Other
Contractual Services

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BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on May 9, 2012.

Stephen M. LeGendre
Stephen M. LeGendre, 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 _____, 2012.

Stephen M. LeGendre, 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 _____, 2012.

Stephen M. LeGendre, 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 _____, 2012.

Stephen M. LeGendre, 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 _____, 2012.

Stephen M. LeGendre, 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 _____, 2012.

Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council

