

County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2010 Legislative Session

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Resolution No. 9 -2010

Introduced by: Courtney Watson

A RESOLUTION supporting the creation of a committee with other jurisdictions to seek certification as a Maryland Heritage Area for the Patapsco Valley Greenway.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2010.

By order _____
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2010.

By order _____
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted __, Adopted with amendments __, Failed __, Withdrawn __, by the County Council on _____, 2010.

Certified By _____
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

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 lies within the watersheds of two major tributaries to the
2 Chesapeake Bay - the Patuxent and the Patapsco rivers; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, Approximately one-fourth of the County drains to the Patapsco River,
5 which forms the County’s northern boundary; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, The County has experienced development pressure due to its proximity to
8 the expanding Washington and Baltimore metropolitan areas; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, The County greenways system is comprised of a network of stream valley
11 parks, open space, and other protected lands; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, The General Plan recommends coordinated planning and land acquisition
14 for greenways; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, The Patapsco Regional Greenway is a partially established, multi-
17 jurisdictional collection of greenways along the Patapsco River; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, The State of Maryland has a program to certify Heritage Areas where
20 historical, cultural, and natural resources are protected for sustainable economic development
21 through heritage tourism; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, The Patapsco River Valley is an area distinguished by unique physical and
24 cultural resources vital to the history and development of the surrounding community, which
25 would qualify it as a Maryland Heritage Area helping to protect and develop historical, cultural,
26 and natural resources; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, once approved by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, a Heritage Area
29 Management Plan Grant may be sought to provide State funds to develop a detailed management
30 plan for the Patapsco Valley heritage area leading to eligibility for grants, loans, and tax
31 incentives for rehabilitating buildings, historic and non-historic, for tourism use; and

1 **WHEREAS**, The Patapsco River Valley is recognized as a regional environmental
2 treasure with many historical sites and ecological gems that should be preserved, protected, and
3 rehabilitated; and

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5 **WHEREAS**, a committee should be formed to pursue certification of the Patapsco River
6 Valley as a Maryland State Heritage Area;

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8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the County Council of Howard County,
9 Maryland this _____ day of _____, 2010 that it supports the County Executive’s effort
10 to work cooperatively with other jurisdictions and appoint without delay a committee of
11 interested citizens to pursue certification for the Patapsco Valley Greenway.

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