

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
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Resolution No. 68-15

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Mr. David Marks, Councilman

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By the County Council, August 3, 2015

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A RESOLUTION of the Baltimore County Council requesting the Baltimore County Advisory Commission on Environmental Quality to study the feasibility of developing a green stormwater infrastructure plan for Baltimore County.

WHEREAS, green stormwater infrastructure is an important aspect of a sustainable water and sewer drainage system; and

WHEREAS, a green stormwater infrastructure system includes best management practices that mimic natural hydrologic function by slowing or reducing stormwater volume close to where it falls as rain; and

WHEREAS, best management practices include tree planting and preservation, green or vegetated roofs, permeable pavement, and rainwater harvesting and reuse; and

WHEREAS, green stormwater infrastructure can help to achieve stormwater control and flood prevention, and can help to preserve system capacity and reduce the strain on the County's sewer and stormwater management system; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1995, Baltimore County developed a green infrastructure methodology in cooperation with the State of Maryland, and implemented a community tree planting program, and an annual compost bin and rain barrel sale, among many other programs; and

WHEREAS, the County Council believes that the Commission should study the feasibility of applying this same methodology to the establishment of additional practices that will further a green, sustainable water and sewer drainage system; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Baltimore County Commission on Environmental Quality is requested to study the feasibility of developing a green stormwater infrastructure plan for Baltimore County that will:

- Identify best management practices for the planning, siting, design, construction, maintenance, and tracking of green stormwater infrastructure facilities;
- Resolve administrative and code-related barriers to green stormwater infrastructure implementation; and
- Advance green stormwater infrastructure implementation through updates to development-related codes, rules, and standards.

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