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MEMORANDUM

Date: October 7, 2024

TO: Thomas H. Bostwick
Legislative Counsel/Secretary to County Council

FROM: D'Andrea L. Walker 
Administrative Officer

RE: Piney Run @ Butler Road Restoration Project Fee Waiver Request

Pursuant to the requirement of County Council Bill 41-22 "*Notification of Development Fee Waiver for Government-Funded Qualifying Projects*", attached please find background information on the development fee waiver request for a proposed stream restoration project. The proposed activity is aimed to restore Piney Run and its riparian corridor on the Horneffer and Shaffer properties, which are located at 3328 and 3334 Butler Road in the Butler area of Baltimore County, Maryland. The project proposes to restore approximately 5,800 linear feet of Piney Run, 0.5 acres of nontidal wetland, and to plant a total of 9.5 acres of riparian forest.

In accordance with County Code and the criteria established for development fee waivers the applicant is the Land Preservation Trust, a non-profit. Funding for design of the proposed stream restoration was provided by Baltimore County through the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability (DEPS) in the amount of \$232,580. Funding for the construction of the project will be through Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Atlantic and Coastal Bays Trust Fund in the amount of \$1,577,223. The restoration project will result in significant nutrient reduction to the Chesapeake Bay and will generate Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) credits. Baltimore County will be the beneficiary of the TMDL credits from this project which will aid in meeting the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) goals for carrying out the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit implemented under the Federal Clean Water Act. Therefore, per the provisions of County Bill 41-22 the project is eligible for consideration of waiver.

As mandated by Bill 41-22, we will post the request on the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections' (PAI) website for the required 45 calendar days. Should the Council have questions or need further information please feel free to contact Pete Gutwald, Director of PAI.

Thank you in advance for your kind assistance with this request.

Attachment

cc: Baltimore County Council Members
Lauren Smelkinson, County Auditor
Sameer Sidh, Senior Deputy County Administrative Officer for Economic Development & Infrastructure
C. Peter Gutwald, Director Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspections
Horacio Tablada, Director, Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability