A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE PATUXENT RIVER POLICY PLAN: 2015 UPDATE

WHEREAS, the Patuxent River ecosystem remains in poor health, with impaired conditions in the River and in its tributaries and headwaters for fish, shellfish, birds and other wildlife;

WHEREAS, some portions of the Patuxent River ecosystem remain in good health;

WHEREAS, the Patuxent River watershed is an attractive area for new development, with population growth increasing nearly threefold since 1970 to almost three-quarters of a million inhabitants;

WHEREAS, the Patuxent River offers a diversity of natural, scientific, economic, cultural and educational resources which contribute immeasurably to the well-being of Maryland’s residents;

WHEREAS, careful planning and restoration efforts are necessary to maintain and increase the Patuxent River’s valued resources;

WHEREAS, the Calvert County has invested significantly in preservation and restoration of Patuxent River resources;

WHEREAS, the 1980 Patuxent River Watershed Act (the “Act”) requires the Maryland Department of Planning, in coordination with the Patuxent River Commission, to prepare a Patuxent River Policy Plan (the “Plan”) to be used as a policy guide for local governments and units of State Government in carrying our preservation and restoration action and programs within the Patuxent River Watershed, and to periodically update the Plan by amendment;

WHEREAS, in 1984 Calvert County, the other six counties within the Patuxent watershed, and the City of Laurel, first adopted the Plan, and in 2000 adopted an addendum to the Plan;

WHEREAS, the Patuxent River Commission has worked with local governments and units of State government for the past two years to prepare the updated Plan, conducted informational meetings with local planning officials and elected governing boards, posted the draft updated Plan on the Patuxent River Commission’s website for public comment, and held two public hearings on the draft updated Plan;

WHEREAS, Calvert County has not adopted a Tributary Strategies for the Patuxent River and, therefore, notwithstanding provisions in the Plan to the contrary, the lack of an adopted Calvert Watershed Implementation Plan will not preempt the County’s current means of protecting the Patuxent River unless and until the Calvert Watershed Implementation Plan is adopted and effective;
WHEREAS, on May 14, 2014, the Patuxent River Commission, in accordance with §5-805 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, adopted the Patuxent River Policy Plan: 2015 Update for purpose of updating the Plan;

WHEREAS, the Patuxent River Policy Plan: 2015 Update will, as contemplated by the Act and upon adoption, replace the Plan and serve as the Patuxent River Watershed preservation and restoration policy guide for Calvert County, the other six counties and the City of Laurel;

WHEREAS, consistent with the Patuxent River Policy Plan: 2015 Update, Calvert County will continue to work collaboratively with the Patuxent River Commission to ensure productive, responsible and thorough implementation of the Plan;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioner of Calvert County, Maryland conducted a public meeting on February 25, 2014, at which time the proposed plan was discussed; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan Update, and in furtherance of the public health, safety and welfare, the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland determined it is in the best interest of the citizens of the County to adopt the Patuxent River Policy Plan: 2015 Update as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland, the Patuxent River Policy Plan: 2015 Update BE, and hereby IS, adopted as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that, notwithstanding anything in the Patuxent River Policy Plan to the contrary, the Patuxent Tributary Strategy is not superseded by any Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan in Calvert County until such Watershed Implementation Plan is adopted and effective.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that, in the event any portion of this Plan is found to be unconstitutional, illegal, null or void, it is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners to sever only the invalid portion or provision, and that the remainder of the Plan shall be valid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that the foregoing recitals are adopted as if fully rewritten herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that this Patuxent River Policy Plan shall be effective upon recordation without publication of a fair summary and approval by the Maryland General Assembly in accordance with §5-805(d) of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Maryland Annotated Code.
DONE, this 21st day of October 2014 by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland.

Aye: 5
Nay: 0
Absent/Abstain: 0

ATTEST:

Maureen L. Frederick, Clerk

Pat Nutter, President

Approved for form and legal sufficiency on October 16, 2014 by:

Steven R. Weems, Vice-President

Gerald W. Clark

Susan Shaw

Evan K. Slaughenoupt Jr.

Received for Record... 4:10 a.m. on October 16, 2014, by:

J. Smith
WHEREAS, the Patuxent River ecosystem remains in poor health, with impaired conditions in the River and in its tributaries and headwaters for fish, shellfish, birds and other wildlife; and

WHEREAS, some portions of the Patuxent River ecosystem remain in good health; and

WHEREAS, the Patuxent River watershed is an attractive area for new development, with population growth increasing nearly threefold since 1970 to almost three-quarters of a million inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the Patuxent River offers a diversity of natural, scientific, economic, cultural and educational resources which contribute immeasurably to the well-being of Maryland’s residents; and

WHEREAS, careful planning and restoration efforts are necessary to maintain and increase the Patuxent River’s valued resources; and

WHEREAS, Charles County has invested significantly in preservation and restoration of Patuxent River resources; and

WHEREAS, the 1980 Patuxent River Watershed Act (the “Act”) requires the Maryland Department of Planning, in coordination with the Patuxent River Commission (the “Commission”), to prepare a Patuxent River Policy Plan (the “Plan”) to be used as a policy guide for local governments and units of State Government in carrying our preservation and restoration action and programs within the Patuxent River Watershed, and to periodically update the Plan by amendment; and

WHEREAS, in 1984 Charles County, the other six counties within the Patuxent watershed, and the City of Laurel, first adopted the Plan, and in 2000 adopted an addendum to the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has worked with local governments and units of State government for the past two years to prepare the updated Plan, conducted informational meetings with local planning officials and elected governing boards, posted the draft updated Plan on the Commission’s website for public comment, and held two public hearings on the draft updated Plan; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2014, the Commission, in accordance with §5-805 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, adopted the 2015 Patuxent Policy Plan for purpose of updating the Plan; and
WHEREAS, the 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan will, as contemplated by the Act and upon adoption, replace the Plan and serve as the Patuxent River Watershed preservation and restoration policy guide for Charles County, the other six counties and the City of Laurel; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan, Charles County will continue to work collaboratively with the Commission to ensure productive, responsible and thorough implementation of the Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND on this 29th day of July 2014 does hereby RESOLVE to approve and adopt the 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

Candice Quinn Kelly, President

Reuben B. Collins, II, Vice President

Ken Robinson

Debra M. Davis, Esq.

Bobby Rucci

Attest:

Carol A. DeSoto, Acting Clerk
SUBJECT: Approval of the Patuxent River Policy Plan: 2015 Update

Background

1. The Patuxent River offers a diversity of natural, scientific, economic, cultural and educational resources which contribute immeasurably to the well-being of Maryland’s residents.

2. While some portions of the Patuxent River ecosystem remain in good health, the Patuxent River ecosystem as a whole remains in poor health, with impaired conditions in the River and in its tributaries and headwaters for fish, shellfish, birds and other wildlife.

3. The Patuxent River watershed is an attractive area for new development, with population growth increasing nearly threefold since 1970 to almost three-quarters of a million inhabitants.

4. Careful planning and restoration efforts are necessary to maintain and increase the Patuxent River’s valued resources.

5. Montgomery County has invested significantly in preservation and restoration of Patuxent River resources.

6. The 1980 Patuxent River Watershed Act (the “Act”) requires the Maryland Department of Planning, in coordination with the Patuxent River Commission (the “Commission”), to prepare a Patuxent River Policy Plan (the “Plan”) to be used as a policy guide for local governments and units of State Government in carrying out preservation and restoration action and programs within the Patuxent River Watershed, and to periodically update the Plan by amendment.

7. In 1984, Montgomery County, the other six counties within the Patuxent watershed, and the City of Laurel first adopted the Plan, and in 2000 adopted an addendum to the Plan.
8. The Commission has worked with local governments and units of State government for the past two years to prepare the updated Plan, conducted informational meetings with local planning officials and elected governing boards, posted the draft updated Plan on the Commission's website for public comment, and held two public hearings on the draft updated Plan.


10. The 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan will, as contemplated by the Act and upon adoption, replace the Plan and serve as the Patuxent River Watershed preservation and restoration policy guide for Montgomery County, the other six counties, and the City of Laurel.

11. Consistent with the 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan, Montgomery County will continue to work collaboratively with the Commission to ensure productive, responsible, and thorough implementation of the Plan.

**Action**

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the Patuxent River Policy Plan: 2015 Update.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council
COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2014, Legislative Day No. 33

Resolution No. 30-14

Introduced by Mr. Grasso, Chairman
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, July 7, 2014

RESOLUTION approving the Patuxent River Policy Plan: 2015 Update

WHEREAS, the 1980 Patuxent River Watershed Act (the “Act”) required the Maryland Department of Planning (“MDP”) to prepare a Patuxent River Policy Plan (the “Plan”) to be submitted for approval by at least five of the seven counties within the Patuxent River Watershed (the “Watershed”); and

WHEREAS, the 1995 amendment to the Act expanded the membership of the Patuxent River Commission (the “Commission”) and increased the approval requirement to six out of the eight local jurisdictions now within the Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Act called for periodic review and, if appropriate, revision of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, working with Anne Arundel County, Maryland (the “County”) and MDP, has reviewed the Plan, has affirmed the recommendations contained therein, and has approved the updated and revised Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has held public hearings on the updated and revised Plan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That the Patuxent River Policy Plan: 2015 Update, incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth, is hereby approved; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of the Patuxent River Policy Plan: 2015 Update be kept on file in the County’s Office of Planning and Zoning and in the Office of the Administrative Officer to the County Council; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Richard E. Hall, Secretary, Maryland Department of Planning.
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READ AND PASSED this 21st day of July, 2014

By Order:

[Signature]
Elizabeth E. Jones
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 30-14 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

[Signature]
John J. Grasso
Chairman
RESOLUTION NO. 87 - 2014

Introduced by: Mary Kay Sigaty, Councilmember
at the request of
the Patuxent River Commission

A RESOLUTION approving and adopting the 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan.

Introduced and read for the first time on July 7, 2014.

By order
Sheila M. Tolin, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on July 14, 2014.

By order
Sheila M. Tolin, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read for the third time and was Adopted ___ Adopted with amendments ___ Failed ___ Withdrawn ___ by the County Council
on July 22, 2014.

Certified by
Sheila M. Tolin, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [text in brackets] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN ALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language.

*Strikeout* indicates material deleted by amendment; *Underlining* indicates material added by amendment.
WHEREAS, The Patuxent River, one of eight major tributaries to the Chesapeake Bay, is the longest and deepest river running entirely through Maryland, flowing for 110 miles with a maximum depth of about 175 feet; and

WHEREAS, the Patuxent River watershed is an attractive area for new development, with population growth increasing nearly threefold since 1970 to almost three-quarters of a million inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the Patuxent River ecosystem remains in poor health, with impaired conditions in the River and in its tributaries and headwaters for fish, shellfish, birds and other wildlife; and

WHEREAS, The Patuxent River Commission, which was formed four years after the 1980 Patuxent River Watershed Act, seeks to protect this important Maryland resource and envisions a Patuxent River ecosystem as vital and productive in 2050 as it was in the 1950s; and

WHEREAS, The Patuxent River Policy Plan represents the shared commitment of state agencies and the seven counties and municipalities in the watershed whose mission is to safeguard and enhance this natural resource; and

WHEREAS, the original 1984 Policy Plan identified 20 goals and 10 recommendations to improve the Patuxent River; and

WHEREAS, the 1997 Policy Plan Update reflected the amended role of the Commission as the Patuxent River Tributary Team and the resulting increased stakeholder interaction with six programmatic guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan shifts the focus from a regulatory
framework to one that guides local jurisdictions and the state in preserving and restoring the river, raising awareness of the river through advocacy, and creating excitement about the multiple opportunities for interaction with the river; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has worked with local governments and units of State government for the past two years to prepare the updated Plan, conducted informational meetings with local planning officials and elected governing boards, posted the draft updated Plan on the Commission’s website for public comment, and held two public hearings on the draft updated Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Howard County Council expresses support of the overall plan as a policy framework for guiding our continuing efforts to protect and enhance the Patuxent River and its watershed; and

WHEREAS, upon approval of the Patuxent River Policy Plan, the plan shall serve as a policy guide for State agencies and local governments in carrying out their programs in the watershed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, this 25th day of July, 2014, that the County Council hereby approves and adopts the 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan.
COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2014 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-74-2014

Proposed by The Chairman (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Franklin, Lehman, Turner, Davis

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction July 23, 2014

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION concerning

The 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan Update

For the purpose of adopting the 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan Update as submitted by the Patuxent River Commission and the Maryland Department of Planning.

WHEREAS, the Patuxent River Watershed is an attractive area for new development, with population growth increasing almost threefold since 1970 to almost three-quarters of a million inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the Patuxent River (the "River") offers a diversity of natural, scientific, economic, cultural and educational resources which contribute immeasurably to the well-being of Maryland’s residents; and

WHEREAS, the Patuxent River ecosystem remains in poor health, with impaired conditions in the River and in its tributaries and headwaters for fish, shellfish, birds and other wildlife; and

WHEREAS, some portions of the Patuxent River ecosystem remain in good health; and

WHEREAS, careful planning and restoration efforts are necessary to maintain and increase the Patuxent River’s valued resources; and

WHEREAS, Prince George’s County has invested significantly in the preservation and restoration of Patuxent River resources; and

WHEREAS, the 1980 Patuxent River Watershed Act (the "Act") requires the Maryland Department of Planning, in coordination with the Patuxent River Commission (the “Commission”), to prepare a Patuxent River Policy Plan (the “Plan”) to be used as a policy guide for local governments and units of State Government in carrying our preservation and restoration
action and programs within the Patuxent River Watershed, and to periodically update the Plan by amendment; and

WHEREAS, in 1984 Prince George's County and the other six counties within the Patuxent watershed, and the City of Laurel, first adopted the Plan, and in 2000 adopted an addendum to the Plan; and

WHEREAS, in May 2014 the Commission, in accordance with §5-805 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, adopted the 2015 Patuxent Policy Plan for purpose of updating the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan Update will, as contemplated by the Act and upon adoption, replace the existing Plan and serve as the Patuxent River Watershed policy guide for Prince George's County, the other six counties and the City of Laurel in preserving and restoring the River, raising awareness of the River through advocacy, and creating excitement about the multiple opportunities for interaction with the River; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan Update, Prince George's County will continue to work collaboratively with the Commission to ensure productive, responsible and thorough implementation of the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that the 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan Update, attached hereto as “Attachment A”, be and the same is hereby adopted.

Adopted this 23rd day of July, 2014.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:

Mel Franklin
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council
RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE THE 2015 PATUXENT RIVER POLICY PLAN

WHEREAS, pursuant §5-805(c) of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Maryland Department of Planning has presented a proposed amendment to the Patuxent River Policy Plan to the Commissioners of St. Mary’s County for approval;

WHEREAS, the Patuxent River offers a diversity of natural, scientific, economic, cultural and educational resources which contribute immeasurably to the well-being of Maryland’s residents;

WHEREAS, careful planning and restoration efforts are necessary to maintain and increase the Patuxent River’s valued resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for St. Mary’s County, Maryland, finds that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of St. Mary’s County to approve the proposed amendment to the Patuxent River Policy Plan,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commissioners for St. Mary’s County, pursuant to §5-805(c) of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, that the 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan be, and it is hereby, approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Commissioners of St. Mary’s County that this Resolution shall be effective upon the date written below.

Those voting Aye: 3
Those voting Nay: 2
Those Abstaining: 0
Date of Adoption: 6/30/14
Effective Date: 7/14/14

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Rebecca B. Bridgitt
County Administrator

COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY’S COUNTY

[Signature]  [Signature]
Francis Jack Russell, President
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Lawrence D. Jarboe, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

[Cynthia L. Jones]
Cynthia L. Jones, Commissioner

George R. Sparling
County Attorney

Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner

Daniel L. Morris, Commissioner
RESOLUTION NO. 9-14

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE 2015 PATUXENT RIVER POLICY PLAN

Sponsored by Councilmember Michael R. Leszcz.

WHEREAS, the Patuxent River ecosystem remains in poor health, with impaired conditions in the River and in its tributaries and headwaters for fish, shellfish, birds and other wildlife;

WHEREAS, some portions of the Patuxent River ecosystem remain in good health;

WHEREAS, the Patuxent River watershed is an attractive area for new development, with population growth increasing nearly threefold since 1970 to almost three-quarters of a million inhabitants;

WHEREAS, the Patuxent River offers a diversity of natural, scientific, economic, cultural and educational resources which contribute immeasurably to the well-being of Maryland’s residents;

WHEREAS, careful planning and restoration efforts are necessary to maintain and increase the Patuxent River’s valued resources;

WHEREAS, the City of Laurel has invested significantly in preservation and restoration of Patuxent River resources;

WHEREAS, the 1980 Patuxent River Watershed Act (the “Act”) requires the Maryland Department of Planning, in coordination with the Patuxent River Commission (the “Commission”), to prepare a Patuxent River Policy Plan (the “Plan”) to be used as a policy guide for local governments and units of State Government in carrying our preservation and restoration action and programs within the Patuxent River Watershed, and to periodically update the Plan by amendment;

WHEREAS, in 1984 six counties within the Patuxent watershed, and the City of Laurel, first adopted the Plan, and in 2000 adopted an addendum to the Plan;

WHEREAS, the Commission has worked with local governments and units of State government for the past two years to prepare the updated Plan, conducted informational meetings with local planning officials and elected governing boards, posted the draft updated Plan on the Commission’s website for public comment, and held two public hearings on the draft updated Plan;

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2014, the Commission, in accordance with §5-805 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, adopted the 2015 Patuxent Policy Plan for purpose of updating the Plan;
WHEREAS, the 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan will, as contemplated by the Act and upon adoption, replace the Plan and serve as the Patuxent River Watershed preservation and restoration policy guide for six counties and the City of Laurel; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan, the City of Laurel will continue to work collaboratively with the Commission to ensure productive, responsible and thorough implementation of the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE City of Laurel on this 28th day of July, 2014, does hereby RESOLVE to approve and adopt the 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan.

PASSED this 28th day of July, 2014.

ATTEST:

KIMBERLEY A. RAU, MMC
Clerk to the Council

FREDERICK SMALLS
President of the City Council

APPROVED this 28th day of July, 2014.

CRAIG A. MOE
Mayor