

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2018, Legislative Day No. 35

Resolution No. 31-18

Introduced by Mr. Peroutka, Chairman  
(by request of the County Executive)  
and by Mr. Trumbauer

By the County Council, September 4, 2018

1 RESOLUTION supporting the establishment of a “No Discharge Zone” for the  
2 Magothy River, Severn River, South River, Rhode River, West River, Stoney Creek,  
3 Bodkin Creek, Rock Creek, Podickory Creek, Sandy Point/Mezick Ponds, Whitehall Bay,  
4 Oyster Cove, and Fishing Creek  
5

6 WHEREAS, Section 312(f)(3) of the federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §  
7 1322(f)(3)) allows the State of Maryland to designate certain waters as “No  
8 Discharge Zones” in which the discharge of vessel sewage, whether treated or not,  
9 is prohibited; and  
10

11 WHEREAS, despite having more coastline than any county in the United States,  
12 only one “No Discharge Zone” exists in the waters of Anne Arundel County, that  
13 being approximately 3,500 acres in Herring Bay; and  
14

15 WHEREAS, the significant efforts of County government and its citizens to protect  
16 the waters of the County and restore water quality will be enhanced by the  
17 designation of additional waterways as a “No Discharge Zone” in the rivers, creeks,  
18 and bays of Anne Arundel County; and  
19

20 WHEREAS, the Back Creek Conservancy is an Annapolis-based non-profit citizen  
21 advocacy group dedicated to clean boating and improving the health of local  
22 waterways; and  
23

24 WHEREAS, the Back Creek Conservancy has invested much time and effort in the  
25 preparation of an Application for a State-Designated No Discharge Zone seeking  
26 “No Discharge Zone” designation for the Magothy River, Severn River, South  
27 River, Rhode River, West River, Stoney Creek, Bodkin Creek, Rock Creek,  
28 Podickory Creek, Sandy Point/Mezick Ponds, Whitehall Bay, Oyster Cove, and  
29 Fishing Creek, which would protect an additional 27,379 acres of waterway; and  
30

31 WHEREAS, the Application for a State-Designated No Discharge Zone dated June  
32 28, 2018, and prepared by the Back Creek Conservancy, is incorporated herein by  
33 reference as if fully set forth; and  
34

35 WHEREAS, the County Executive and the County Council support the efforts of  
36 the Back Creek Conservancy to designate additional waterways as a “No Discharge

1           Zone” and supports the establishment of a State-Designated “No Discharge Zone”  
2           in the County’s rivers, creeks, and bays; now, therefore, be it

3

4           *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland*, That it supports  
5 the establishment of a “No Discharge Zone”, in accordance with § 312(f)(3) of the federal  
6 Clean Water Act, for the Magothy River, Severn River, South River, Rhode River, West  
7 River, Stoney Creek, Bodkin Creek, Rock Creek, Podickory Creek, Sandy Point/Mezick  
8 Ponds, Whitehall Bay, Oyster Cove, and Fishing Creek, and the Back Creek Conservancy’s  
9 Application for a State-Designated No Discharge Zone, in furtherance thereof; and, be it  
10 further

11

12           *Resolved*, That copies of this Resolution be sent to Steven R. Schuh, County Executive;  
13 Gavin Buckley, Mayor of the City of Annapolis; William Kardash, Severn River  
14 Commission; and the Back Creek Conservancy.