

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2019, Legislative Day No. 39

Resolution No. 48-19

Introduced by Ms. Haire, Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, Mr. Pruski, and Ms. Rodvien

By the County Council, November 4, 2019

1 RESOLUTION encouraging the establishment of a tree planting incentive program in  
2 Anne Arundel County

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4 WHEREAS, trees improve water quality by reducing stormwater runoff,  
5 intercepting and storing rain water, increasing infiltration through root systems,  
6 reducing soil erosion, and filtering pollutants; and

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8 WHEREAS, trees help by absorbing chemical pollutants, intercepting particulate  
9 matter, creating oxygen, and cooling air temperature by turning water into vapor;  
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12 WHEREAS, trees reduce atmospheric carbon by trapping carbon dioxide in their  
13 roots, trunks, stems, and leaves; and

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15 WHEREAS, trees raise property values by increasing curb appeal, creating privacy,  
16 reducing noise pollution, and reducing heating and cooling costs by shading  
17 buildings and blocking winds; and

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19 WHEREAS, the State of Maryland as well as many surrounding Maryland counties  
20 have initiated programs aimed at encouraging tree planting by offering free and  
21 reduced cost native trees to qualifying residents; and

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23 WHEREAS, at least two surrounding jurisdictions use the Forest Conservation  
24 Fund as the funding source for their programs; and

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26 WHEREAS, a similar program in Anne Arundel County would help improve water  
27 quality and increase important wildlife habitat and meet the goals of the Forest  
28 Conservation program in Anne Arundel County; now, therefore, be it

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30 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That it encourages*  
31 *the establishment of a tree planting incentive program in Anne Arundel County; and be it*  
32 *further*

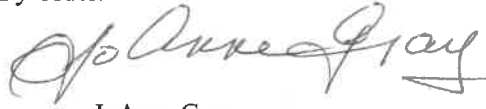
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34 *Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to County Executive Steuart Pittman.*

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READ AND PASSED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019

By Order:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "JoAnne Gray".

JoAnne Gray  
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 48-19 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andrew Pruski".

Andrew Pruski  
Chairman