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MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members, Anne Arundel County Council

From: Kelly Phillips Kenney, Supervising County Attorney /s/

Through: Gregory J. Swain, County Attorney /s/

Date: January 18, 2022

Subject: Bill No. 8-22, Zoning – 2022 Green Infrastructure Master Plan

Legislative Summary

This summary was prepared by the Anne Arundel County Office of Law for use by members of the Anne Arundel County Council during consideration of Bill No. 8-22.

Background. “Plan2040”, the County’s General Development Plan, as adopted by this Council on May 3, 2021, recognized several Functional Master Plans to be presented to the Council for approval, including the Green Infrastructure Master Plan.

Purpose. The primary purpose of the Bill is to repeal the 2002 Greenways Master Plan, as amended, and replace it with the 2022 Green Infrastructure Master Plan (the “Plan”).

The “whereas” clauses of the Ordinance set forth the background, and explain that the Plan is an official policy document that is intended to guide conservation of an interconnected network of the most significant remaining natural lands in the County; protect water and air quality; provide habitats for plants and wildlife; create opportunities for recreation and support mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change; and support the land use policies of “Plan2040,” by prioritizing areas for natural resource conservation, providing open space, and maintaining rural character in the County.

In **Section 1** of the Ordinance, the 2002 Greenways Master Plan, as amended, is repealed.

In **Section 2** of the Ordinance, the Plan is adopted. It is important to note that the Plan is not law or regulation, but a guidance document.

Note: This Legislative Summary provides a synopsis of the bill as introduced. It does not address subsequent amendments to the bill.

Section 3 requires that a certified copy of the Plan shall be permanently kept on file in the office of the Administrative Officer to the County Council and in the Office of Planning and Zoning

In **Section 4**, a change is made to § **18-11-158(4)** to replace a reference to the 2002 Greenways Plan to the new Plan.

The Office of Law is available to answer any additional questions regarding this Bill.

Thank you.

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