

Costello

Introduced by: Councilmember Pinkett, Henry
Prepared by: Department of Legislative Reference

Dorsey, Scott, Young, Echeverria, Middleton

Date: June 7, 2017

Referred to: JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS Committee

Also referred for recommendation and report to municipal agencies listed on reverse.

Stokes, Bunch, Speed, Bullard, Clarke, Perisings, [unclear]

CITY COUNCIL 17-0028R

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

Informational Hearing – Watershed Protection and Restoration Efforts

FOR the purpose of calling on representatives from the Department of Public Works to appear before the City Council to discuss the annual MS4 report and the City's progress towards improving the health of Baltimore's waterways.

Mary Pat Clarke

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**The introduction of an Ordinance or Resolution by Councilmembers at the request of any person, firm or organization is a courtesy extended by the Councilmembers and not an indication of their position.

Agencies

_____	Baltimore City Public School System	_____	Department of Public Works
_____	Baltimore Development Corporation	_____	Department of Real Estate
_____	City Solicitor	_____	Department of Recreation and Parks
_____	Comptroller's Office	_____	Department of Transportation
_____	Department of Audits	_____	Fire Department
_____	Department of Finance	_____	Health Department
_____	Department of General Services	_____	Mayor's Office of Employment Development
_____	Department of Housing and Community Development	_____	Mayor's Office of Human Services
_____	Department of Human Resources	_____	Mayor's Office of Information Technology
_____	Department of Planning	_____	Office of the Mayor
_____	Other: _____	_____	Police Department
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_____	Board of Estimates	_____	Environmental Control Board
_____	Board of Ethics	_____	Fire & Police Employees' Retirement System
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FROM	NAME & TITLE	Michelle Pourciau, Director	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Transportation (DOT) 417 E Fayette Street, Room 527		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 17-0028R		

TO The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
c/o Natawna Austin
Room 400 City Hall

December 22, 2017

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 17-0028R - Resolution - Informational Hearing - Watershed Protection and Restoration Efforts For the purpose of calling on representatives from the Department of Public Works to appear before the City Council to discuss the annual MS4 report and the City's progress towards improving the health of Baltimore's waterways.

DOT supports this bill and respectfully requests a favorable report.

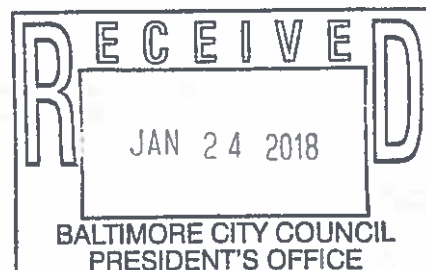
Respectfully,



Michelle Pourciau
Director

MP/lw

Cc: Kyron Banks, Mayor's Office



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**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 17-0028R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Pinkett, President Young, Councilmembers Cohen, Middleton,
Stokes, Dorsey, Burnett, Sneed, Henry, Clarke, Reisinger, Scott, Bullock, Schleifer, Costello
Introduced and read first time: June 12, 2017
Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Department of Public Works, Department of Housing
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11 the City that feed into the Chesapeake Bay.

12 Each of the City's watersheds – Back River, Baltimore Harbor, Jones Falls, Gwynns Falls
13 and the Lower North Branch of the Patapsco River – are currently listed as impaired by
14 pollutants in one or more ways. Therefore, the City's MS4 permit requires the City to take action
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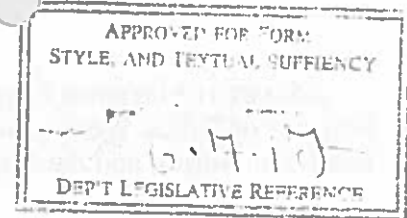
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Council Bill 17-0028R

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2 Council calls on representatives from the Department of Public Works to appear before it to
3 discuss the annual MS4 report and the City's progress towards improving the health of
4 Baltimore's waterways.

5 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
6 Director of Public Works, the Chief of the Department of Public Works' Office of Compliance
7 and Laboratories, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

INTRODUCTORY*
CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL _____ R
(Resolution)



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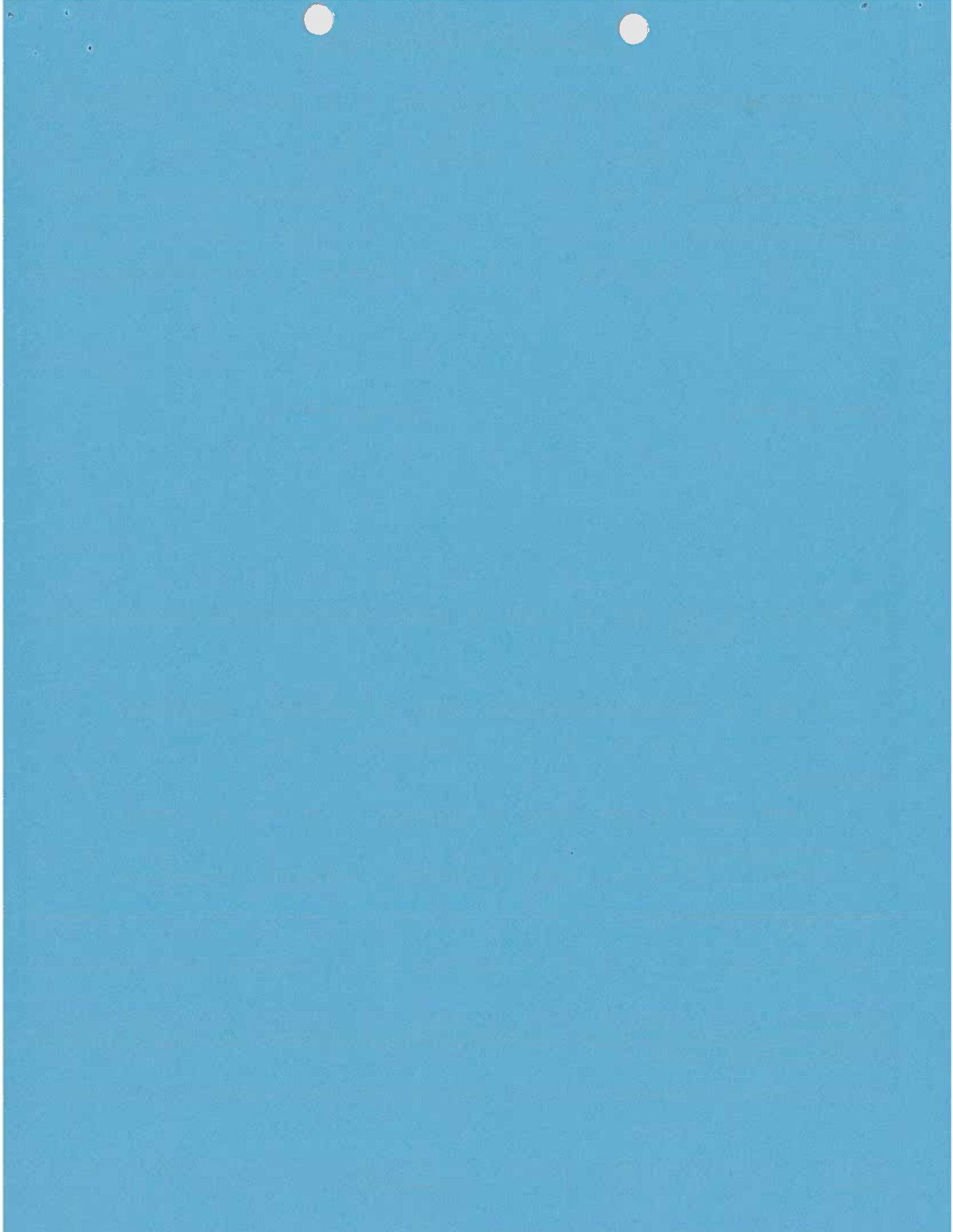
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Council calls on representatives from the Department of Public Works to appear before it to discuss the annual MS4 report and the City's progress towards improving the health of Baltimore's waterways.

* WARNING: THIS IS AN UNOFFICIAL, INTRODUCTORY COPY OF THE BILL.
THE OFFICIAL COPY CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL IS THE FIRST READER COPY.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Director of Public Works, the Chief of the Department of Public Works' Office of Compliance and Laboratories, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.



ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL

JUN 12 2017
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FIRST READING (INTRODUCTION) _____ 20 _____

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON _____ 20 _____

COMMITTEE REPORT AS OF _____ 20 _____

_____ FAVORABLE _____ UNFAVORABLE _____ FAVORABLE AS AMENDED _____ WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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SECOND READING: The Council's action being favorable (unfavorable), this City Council bill was (was not) ordered printed for Third Reading on:

_____ 20 _____

_____ Amendments were read and adopted (defeated) as indicated on the copy attached to this blue backing.

THIRD READING _____ 20 _____

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THIRD READING (ENROLLED) _____ 20 _____

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THIRD READING (RE-ENROLLED) _____ 20 _____

WITHDRAWAL _____ 20 _____

There being no objections to the request for withdrawal, it was so ordered that this City Council Ordinance be withdrawn from the files of the City Council.

President

Chief Clerk