

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 21-0002R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Ramos, Burnett, Middleton, Cohen, Stokes, Porter
Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2021
Assigned to: Health, Environment, and Technology Committee

Committee Report: Favorable
Adopted: March 9, 2021

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Investigative Hearing – Inland Flood Mitigation

FOR the purpose of inviting the Acting Director of the Office of Emergency Management, the Acting Director of the Department of Public Works, the Director of the Department of Planning, the Director of the Office of Sustainability, and other representatives of these agencies to provide an update on efforts to mitigate and prevent inland flooding, which is not covered by the recently passed Nuisance Flood Plan.

Recitals

WHEREAS, In July of 2020, there was extensive flooding across the City, incidents of which have been increasing over the past few years;

WHEREAS, Residents experienced property damage and physical harm during these massive flooding events;

WHEREAS, The Nuisance Flood Plan, crafted by the Department of Planning’s Office of Sustainability and passed by the Planning Commission in October 2020, defines nuisance flooding as “high tide flooding that causes public inconvenience” and focuses on coastal areas;

WHEREAS, The Nuisance Flood Plan acknowledges that more work needs to be done to prevent inland and urban flooding;

WHEREAS, There is currently no plan to address flooding in neighborhoods away from coastal areas; and

WHEREAS, There are numerous resources available to address these issues from the State and federal levels, and the public has heightened awareness of the problem of inland and urban flooding.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken by amendment.

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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City
2 Council invites the Acting Director of the Office of Emergency Management, the Acting Director
3 of the Department of Public Works, the Director of the Department of Planning, the Director of
4 the Office of Sustainability, and other representatives of these agencies to provide an update on
5 efforts to mitigate and prevent inland flooding, which is not covered by the recently passed
6 Nuisance Flood Plan.

7 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Acting Director
8 of the Office of Emergency Management, the Acting Director of the Department of Public
9 Works, the Director of the Department of Planning, the Director of the Office of Sustainability,
10 and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.