

POLICY OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND ON CLEAN WATER

WHEREAS, working to improve the quality of our streams and rivers is essential to the health, safety, and well-being of all citizens, and whereas Frederick County, Maryland, is committed to do our part in this effort on a local, state, and national level; and

WHEREAS, local, state, and national policies, laws and regulations exist which put or seek to put many and varied obligations on Frederick County and our citizens, some of which are burdensome, exacting, costly, of negligible impact and/or economically harmful; and

WHEREAS, when policies, laws and regulations that are intended to be helpful are excessive in burden or cost, they can trigger effects and consequences that result in such measures actually being counterproductive;


NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, hereby declares that it is the County's policy to consider and to implement as appropriate the following factors with respect to such policies, laws and regulations that affect or are related to the streams and waters in Frederick County, Maryland:

1. Scientific evidence that addresses the effectiveness of specific measures intended to improve water quality;
2. The ability and feasibility to measure the effectiveness of specific measures intended to improve the quality of our waterways;
3. The cost-effectiveness of specific measures proposed for implementation;
4. Avoidance of measures that are unfairly disparate (including disparate in cost) from those of other jurisdictions in the Chesapeake Bay watershed;
5. Avoidance of measures to the extent that they are too costly and burdensome for the County and its citizens;
6. Requirement that all jurisdictions and all citizens in the Chesapeake Bay watershed be under the same types and amounts of obligations regarding their waterways, and avoid obligations and requirements that are substantially disparate in impact on Frederick County;
7. Coordination with the state and federal government and with other jurisdictions in the Chesapeake Bay watershed in the enacting, implementing and enforcement of measures that relate to the quality of the waterways in the County;
8. Support of statewide, regional, and national efforts to provide the most cost-effective support for measures to improve our waterways, including the Chesapeake Bay; and
9. Analysis of the economic impact of proposed measures, both before and after implementation, to ensure that they do not cause significant and excessive economic harm to citizens in Frederick County, including citizens' losing jobs, businesses moving out of the County, lower property values, increased unemployment, increased vacant residences and commercial properties, increased foreclosures, decreased tax revenues, and increased tax burdens on the remaining taxpayers to provide housing, food, and medical care for citizens impacted by such policies.

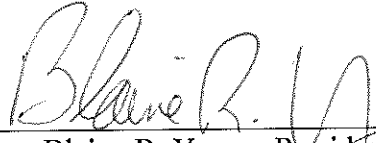
The undersigned hereby certifies that this Policy was approved and adopted on this 9 day of January, 2014.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND



Lori L. Depies, CPA
County Manager

By: 

Blaine R. Young, President
