



League of Women Voters of Howard County
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May 18, 2015
Re: CB 18-2015
General Plan 2030 Amendment
Patapsco Heritage Area Management Plan

Chairman Sigaty and members of the County Council:

The League of Women Voters of Howard County urges the County Council to adopt the proposed amendment to General Plan 2030. The amendment provides language to expand on comments regarding the Certified Patapsco Heritage Area and delineates the specific map lines of the Maryland Heritage Area for Howard County boundaries.

Baltimore County and Howard County have worked together to adopt the Patapsco Heritage proposed Master Plan. The League of Women Voters in Baltimore County supported the adoption of both the language and map boundary lines. The Howard County League supported the Plan Howard 2030 language for the Heritage area, the master plan and now supports the proposed map lines and additional language proposed for the County's General Plan 2030. The master plan for the Heritage Areas was adopted in July 2014 by Howard Council action under CR 96-2014. The League provided supporting testimony for these past Council actions.

The Howard County League's support is based on our position regarding Natural Resources support in preserving historic sites and the National League's position regarding Natural Resources to promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest.

We urge your adoption of Council Bill 18-2015.

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