



1 in air pollution. Both Councilmembers Sigaty and Fox discussed Council Bill 78- 2017, which requires the  
2 County to apply state regulatory standards for wood waste pile heights and distances between piles even if a  
3 state permit is not required. It also provides additional enforcement opportunities through the Fire Department  
4 to address potential health and safety issues.

5 Councilmember Fox mentioned that the County's landfill is surrounded by residential. Jeffery  
6 Dannis, Bureau of Environmental Services, Alpha Ridge Manager, testified that the County has not received  
7 any complaints about the Alpha Ridge Landfill operation.

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9 The Board heard public testimony on ZRA 183. The agricultural community, including the Farm  
10 Bureau, testified in general support of ZRA 183. However, they expressed concerns with the proposed  
11 restrictions on sales and discussed state initiatives to encourage counties to find other outlets for waste  
12 disposal. Residential homeowners testified in support of some aspects of ZRA 183 and also expressed  
13 concerns about a number of issues including: the need for additional limits on the sale of excess product;  
14 compliance with agriculture preservation easements, potential health and safety impacts, ground water  
15 contamination, safety concerns with tractor trailer traffic, and ability of the County to enforce regulations. Mr.  
16 McAliley motioned to close the public hearing and continue the work session to a future meeting. Mr.  
17 Coleman seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0.

#### 18 19 Board Discussion and Recommendations

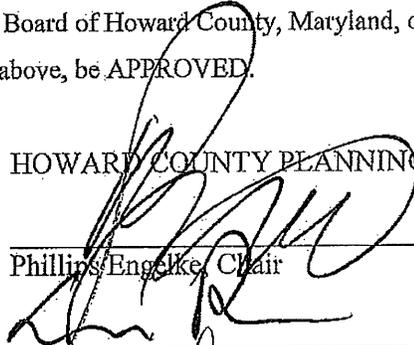
20 On March 1, 2018, the Planning Board convened in a work session to discuss ZRA 183. Mr. Engelke  
21 stated for the record that while he did not attend the January 11, 2018, Public Hearing he has reviewed the  
22 video and materials and is prepared to participate in the work session. He recommended that the Board focus  
23 their discussion on the items that changed from the last hearing on ZRA 180. Board members commented that  
24 the amendment was well thought out and commended the sponsors for their effort. Misters Engleke and  
25 Coleman remarked that the approach is balanced and reasonable. Ms. Adler expressed support for protecting  
26 and encouraging farming in Howard County and also raised a concern that compliance monitoring for Special  
27 Farm Composting Permits should extend beyond two years. The board agreed monitoring beyond the first two  
28 years should occur and they recommended the County determine a consistent approach and timeframe to  
29 confirm ongoing compliance.

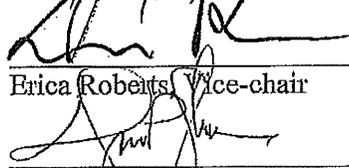
30 Mr. Coleman motioned to recommend approval of ZRA 183 and include a measure to ensure there is  
31 consistent and continuing compliance of Special Farm Composting Permits. Ms. Adler and Ms. Roberts  
32 seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

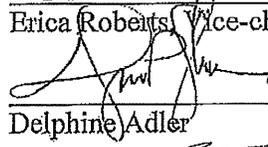
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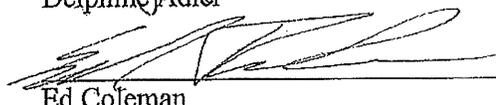
1 For the foregoing reasons, the Planning Board of Howard County, Maryland, on this 15th day of  
2 2018, recommends that ZRA-183, as described above, be APPROVED.

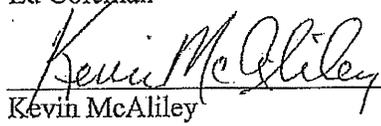
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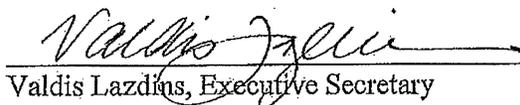
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Erica Roberts, Vice-chair

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Delphine Adler

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18 Valdis Lazdins, Executive Secretary