

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2025 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 13

Resolution No.168 -2025

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Conveyance of a portion of reclaimed water easement – approximately 59,574 square feet and 5,063 square feet, respectively

Title: A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that an easement and a portion of an easement for the reclaimed water system located on Fort George G. Meade containing approximately 59,574 square feet and 5,063 square feet, respectively, conveyed to Howard County, Maryland are no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to terminate the easement and a portion of the easement interest and convey the property to the fee simple owner, the Secretary of the Army; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the easement interests to the Secretary of the Army; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to terminate the easement interests if he finds that the easements may have a public use.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2025.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2025.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted____, Adopted with amendments____, Failed____, Withdrawn____, by the County Council
on _____, 2025.

Certified By _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **WHEREAS**, the Secretary of the Army (the “Owner”) is the fee simple owner of that
2 certain real property shown as Parcel 372 on Tax Map 29, Anne Arundel County commonly
3 known as Fort George G. Meade, Maryland (the “Property”); and
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5 **WHEREAS**, as part of the Howard County Reclaimed Water Project with the Secretary
6 of the Army, the County acquired easements for a reclaimed water system by Easement No.
7 DACA-31-2-13-178 dated June 28, 2013 and recorded among the Land Records of Anne
8 Arundel County, Maryland in Book 27101, page 334, on March 10, 2014 (the “Easement”), on
9 the Property; and
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11 **WHEREAS**, the Director of Public Works has received a written petition from the
12 Owner to terminate and release the following (collectively the “Easements to be Abandoned”):

- 13 1. The easement containing approximately 59,574 square feet, described and shown as
14 “Permanent Easement 1” on “Exhibit A-1” of the Easement,(“Permanent Easement
15 1”); and
- 16 2. A portion, approximately 5,063 square feet, of the easement containing
17 approximately a total of 5,138 square feet, as described and shown as “Permanent
18 Easement 2” on “Exhibit A-1” of the Easement, and “Existing Permanent Easement
19 2 to be Reduced L RPD 27101 F 334” on the attached plat titled “Howard County
20 Department of Public Works Permanent Easement United States Government” (the
21 “Plat) (“Permanent Easement 2”); and
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23 **WHEREAS**, the County will retain approximately 75 square feet of Permanent Easement
24 2, as described and shown as “Revised Permanent 2” on the Plat and will also retain Permanent
25 Easement 3, containing 2,670 square feet, as shown on “Exhibit A-1” of the Easement for access
26 to the Property for its operational needs related to the County’s Little Patuxent Water
27 Reclamation Plant; and
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29 **WHEREAS**, the County has reviewed the petition submitted by the Owner and has
30 determined that the Easements to be Abandoned are no longer required for public purposes; and
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1 **WHEREAS**, Section 4.201 “Disposition of real property” of the Howard County Code
2 authorizes the County Council to declare that property is no longer needed for public purposes and
3 also authorizes the County Council to waive advertising and bidding requirements for an individual
4 conveyance of real property upon the request of the County Executive; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, the County Council has received a request from the County Executive to
7 waive the advertising and bidding requirements in this instance for the conveyance of the
8 Easements to be Abandoned to the Owner.
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10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
11 Maryland, this ____ day of _____, 2025, that the Easements to be Abandoned,
12 Permanent Easement 1 containing approximately 59,574 square feet and a portion of Permanent
13 Easement 2 approximately 5,063 square feet, conveyed to Howard County, Maryland are no longer
14 needed by the County for public purposes and may be conveyed to the Secretary of the Army.
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16 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, having received a request from the County
17 Executive and having held a public hearing, the County Council declares that the best interest of
18 the County will be served by authorizing the County Executive to waive the usual advertising and
19 bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code for the conveyance of the
20 Easements to be Abandoned to the Secretary of the Army.
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22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if the County Executive finds that the County’s
23 easement interest in the Easements to be Abandoned should not be terminated, he is not bound to
24 terminate the County’s easement interests in accordance with this Resolution.