

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 1989, Legislative Day No. 33

Resolution No. 47-89

Introduced by Mrs. Clagett, Chairman
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, November 6, 1989

1 RESOLUTION REESTABLISHING THE SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION

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3 WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 130-84, the County Council established the Severn
4 River Commission and provided that the Commission's existence would cease on
5 December 31, 1989 unless it was reestablished by the County Council; and

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7 WHEREAS, the County Council, by this Resolution, wishes to reestablish the
8 Severn River Commission in order that it may have continued existence; now,
9 therefore, be it

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11 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That the Severn
12 River Commission be and it is hereby reestablished. For the purposes of redefining the
13 jurisdiction of the Commission, the boundaries of the Severn River shall include the entire
14 watershed, ~~in consonance with the study entitled "Maryland Scenic River: The Severn",~~
15 and with the boundaries defined in the Anne Arundel County Watershed Management
16 Program as shown on the map attached to this Resolution and made a part hereof; and be it
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19 *Resolved*, that the purpose and membership of the Commission shall be as follows:

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21 A. The Commission shall provide counsel and advice to Anne Arundel County, the
22 City of Annapolis, and the State of Maryland. The duties of the Commission shall be:

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24 1. To adopt policies, procedures and by-laws governing the conduct of business
25 and the mandatory attendance requirement of its membership.

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27 2. To initiate and recommend policies and regulations to enhance and protect the
28 natural, historic and scenic quality of the Severn River watershed.

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30 3. To review studies, policies, and rules formulated by federal, State and local
31 government agencies that concern the Severn River watershed, and to comment on such
32 proposals as appropriate.

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34 4. To review and make recommendations concerning the implementation of the
35 studies entitled "Maryland Scenic River: The Severn" and "A Greenway Strategy for
36 Weems Creek".

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38 5. To review and make recommendations on federal, State, County and local
39 programs, regulations, and public and private projects, including land use and development
40 proposals, which the Commission believes may have an impact on the Severn River
41 watershed.

1 6. To prepare a written biannual report outlining the activities, goals and
2 accomplishments of the Commission. This report shall be submitted to both the Anne
3 Arundel County Council and the Annapolis City Council in January.

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5 7. To include as part of its biannual report a completed review and
6 recommendations concerning the implementation of the studies entitled "Maryland Scenic
7 River: The Severn" and "A Greenway Strategy for Weems Creek.

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9 B. Membership

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11 1. The membership of the Commission shall consist of nine voting members and
12 six or more ex officio, nonvoting members.

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14 2. The County Executive, in consultation with the Mayor of the City of Annapolis,
15 shall appoint a Chairman from among the nine voting members.

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17 3. Members shall serve for a term of three years from the date of appointment.

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19 4. A majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.

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21 5. Members shall serve without compensation.

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23 6. If a vacancy occurs, the new appointment shall be made in the manner described
24 herein for the position vacated and for the balance of the unexpired term of the preceding
25 member.

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27 C. Voting Members.

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29 1. Subject to the confirmation by the City Council, the Mayor of the City of
30 Annapolis shall appoint two City residents as members.

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32 2. ~~The~~ Subject to confirmation by the County Council, the County Executive shall
33 appoint seven members. Of the seven members, at least five shall be residents of the
34 Severn River watershed.

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36 D. Ex Officio, Nonvoting Members.

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38 1. The County Executive, in consultation with the Chairman of the County Council,
39 shall appoint a member of the County Council to serve "ex officio."

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41 2. The Mayor of the City of Annapolis shall appoint a member of the Annapolis
42 City Council to serve "ex officio".

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44 3. In consultation with the Mayor of the City of Annapolis, the County Executive
45 shall invite a member of the Maryland State Senate and a member of the House of
46 Delegates, each representative of the Severn River watershed, to serve "ex officio".

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48 4. The County Executive shall invite the Secretary of the Department of Natural
49 Resources, Secretary of the Maryland Department of the Environment and any other State
50 agency deemed appropriate, to appoint a representative to serve "ex officio".

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52 5. The ex-officio, non-voting members of the Commission from the County
53 Council, City Council, and State Senate and House of Delegates shall be rotated annually
54 through elected officials from the Severn River watershed, unless the incumbent wishes to
55 continue to serve and has met the attendance requirements established for voting members.

1 E. This resolution shall not limit the ability or participation of Commission members to
2 serve as appointed or volunteer members of the Severn River Land Trust or the Anne
3 Arundel Conservation Trust or such other organizations as the County Executive or Mayor
4 may deem appropriate.
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6 F. Upon the recommendation and request of the County Executive, the Severn River
7 Commission shall serve in a full advisory capacity to the Severn River Land trust and the
8 Anne Arundel Conservation Trust.
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10 G. Subject to the appropriation of funds, the County and the City shall provide
11 professional and technical staff assistance to the Commission in performance of its duties;
12 and be it further
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14 *Resolved*, That this Resolution shall become effective from and after the date upon
15 which a substantially similar and essentially compatible resolution is adopted by the
16 Annapolis City Council, and thereafter shall remain in effect so long as the City's similar
17 and compatible resolution shall remain in effect; and be it further
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19 *Resolved*, That the individuals who are members of the Commission at the time this
20 Resolution takes effect shall remain members for the balance of the terms to which they are
21 appointed.

READ AND PASSED this 6th day of November, 1989

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED December 4, 1989

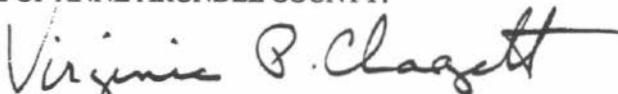
RECONSIDERED AND PASSED, as amended, this 4th day of December, 1989

By Order:



Judy C. Holmes
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 47-89 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY
ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.



Virginia P. Clagett