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STEVEN R. SCHUH
County Executive

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13

**TO AUTHORIZE REFERRALS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES UNIT OF THE
MARYLAND ATTORNEY GENERAL**

WHEREAS, the problem of improper sediment controls and stormwater runoff poses a grave and continuing threat to the health of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries in Anne Arundel County; and

WHEREAS, this problem can be caused by violations of State and County laws that prohibit: (1) the introduction of soil or sediment into the waters of the State; (2) grading and other disturbance of land without an approved sediment control; and (3) development of land without an approved stormwater management plan; and

WHEREAS, violations of these laws constitute criminal offenses that are punishable by significant fines and imprisonment as provided in the Water Management Title of the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and that, while violations often are detected by the inspectors of the Anne Arundel County Department of Inspections and Permits, the Attorney General of Maryland has the exclusive jurisdiction to prosecute such violations as criminal offenses; and

WHEREAS, while the vast majority of the citizens of this County adhere to the laws intended to protect the Chesapeake Bay, there is a minority that will not be deterred from violations of these laws in the absence of knowledge that violators will be subjected to sanctions imposed through the criminal justice system.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steven R. Schuh, County Executive, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Charter and laws of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, hereby order and direct on this 19 day of April, 2016, as follows:

1. Violations of §§ 4-105(a)(3), 4-204(a), and 4-413 of the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and violations of an approved stormwater management plan, that

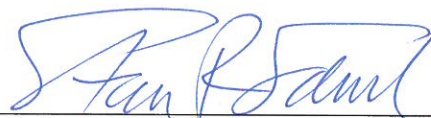
come to the attention of County inspectors may be referred to the Environmental Crimes Unit of the Office of the Attorney General of Maryland.

2. The Director of Inspections and Permits and the County Attorney may confer with the Environmental Crimes Unit in order to reach agreement on the nature of cases that merit referral to the Environmental Crimes Unit and on the procedures to be followed for such referrals, with special consideration given to referring violations that occur in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area.

3. The Director of Inspections and Permits, after consultation with and approval of the County Attorney, shall refer appropriate cases to the Environmental Crimes Unit in accordance with the procedures as described above.

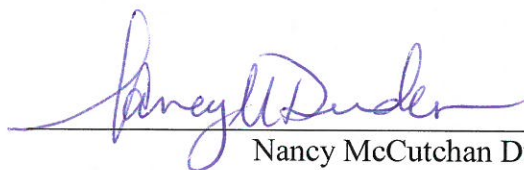
4. All County agencies shall cooperate with the Environmental Crimes Unit in the investigation and prosecution of cases referred to the Environmental Crimes Unit.

This Executive Order shall be archived at the Office of Law and remain in existence until altered or terminated by a subsequent Executive Order.



STEVEN R. SCHUH
County Executive

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



Nancy McCutchan Duden
County Attorney