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County Executive

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 8

TO CREATE THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY CITIZENS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

WHEREAS, a healthy environment is vital to the quality of life, health, and economic vitality of County residents; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is committed to protecting the County's sensitive environmental resources for all current and future County residents; and

WHEREAS, a body of residents with expertise in environmental matters is critical to providing advice and recommendations to protect the County's environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steuart Pittman, County Executive, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Charter and the laws of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, hereby order and direct on this 22 day of April, 2019, as follows:

1. The Anne Arundel County Citizens Environmental Commission is created.
2. The Commission shall meet with the frequency it determines necessary to perform its function under this executive order. The Commission shall meet at least four times each year.
3. All meetings shall be open to the public and shall include an opportunity for public comment.
4. Members of the Commission shall be residents of Anne Arundel County, and shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the County Executive.
5. The Commission shall consist of thirteen (13) voting members, as follows:
 - a. One representative from each of the following nine (9) watershed assessment and planning areas: Patapsco River (non-tidal portion); Patapsco River (tidal portion) and Bodkin Creek; Magothy River; Severn River; South River; Little Patuxent River; Patuxent River (upper

portion); Patuxent River (middle and lower portions) and Herring Bay; West River and Rhode River; and

b. Four (4) representatives from environmental, not-for-profit organizations with offices in Anne Arundel County.

6. Each member shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years and shall not serve more than four (4) consecutive terms.

7. The County Executive shall appoint a voting member as Chair.

8. The County Executive shall assign the Environmental Policy Director as Coordinator.

9. The Commission shall recommend actions by the County to:

a. Protect the County's environmental resources, including, but not limited to: clean air, clean water, open space, forests, and wildlife;

b. Promote clean, renewable energy solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

c. Defend more than five hundred (500) miles of shoreline and adjacent and nearby communities from rising sea levels.

10. The Commission shall submit an annual report to the County Executive that fulfills responsibilities set forth herein, as well as describes priorities for the next year.

11. The Commission shall meet annually with the County Executive.

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


STUART PITTMAN
County Executive

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:


Gregory J. Swain
County Attorney