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STEVEN R. SCHUH  
County Executive

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 19**

**TO CREATE THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY WATER ACCESS COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, the County Executive is committed to increasing public access to local waterways for fishing, swimming, boating, viewing, and other activities; and

**WHEREAS**, a body made up of County residents representing groups who use waterways and members of County Departments responsible for various aspects of access to waterways is critical to providing advice and recommendations concerning access to waterways in the County.

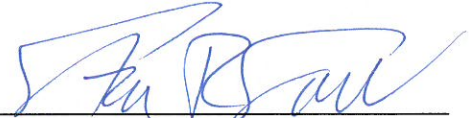
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Steven R. Schuh, County Executive, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Charter and laws of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, hereby order and direct on this 19 day of April, 2016, as follows:

1. The Anne Arundel County Water Access Commission is created.
2. The Commission shall meet with the frequency it determines necessary to perform its functions under this Executive Order. There shall be at least one meeting per quarter. All meetings shall be open to the public and shall include an opportunity for public comment.
3. Members of the Commission, other than any member representing the County Council or the City of Annapolis, shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the County Executive.
4. The Commission shall consist of up to thirteen (13) voting members, as follows:
  - a. One representative of each of the following County agencies shall be appointed to serve as a voting member: the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Department of Public Works, the Office of Constituent Services, and the Police Department.
  - b. The County Council shall be invited to designate a councilmember to serve as a voting member.

- c. The City of Annapolis shall be invited to designate a City employee to serve as a voting member.
  - d. Seven (7) voting members shall be citizens of the County, with one citizen being from each councilmanic district.
5. Members of the Commission shall represent the following major user groups: trailered boat owners, kiteboarders, windsurfers, stand-up paddleboarders, kayak anglers, sea kayakers, swimmers, small sailboaters, antique boaters, anglers, and riverkeepers.
6. Each member shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years and shall not serve more than four (4) consecutive terms.
7. There shall be two (2) non-voting ex officio members, one each from the Marine Trades Association of Maryland, Inc. and the Annapolis & Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau, Inc.
8. The County Executive may appoint non-voting, at-large members at his or her discretion.
9. The County Executive shall appoint a voting member as Chair.
10. The County Executive shall assign a County employee as liaison to the Commission to assist with administrative matters, including research.
11. The Commission shall recommend actions by the County to assist the County in reaching its public water access goals, which include:
  - a. Boat access, such as boat ramps, soft launches, and campsites with water access supporting motorized and non-motorized craft;
  - b. Swimming access;
  - c. Fishing access, such as piers, bank fishing facilities, and parking areas adjacent to access areas; and
  - d. Access to waterfront areas for viewing of the body of water, wildlife, and shoreline areas, such as nature trails, hiking and biking trails, waterfront trails, boardwalks, and observation decks.
12. The Commission shall submit an annual report to the County Executive that sets forth the status of plans and progress of the responsibilities set forth herein, as well as goals and priorities for the next year.

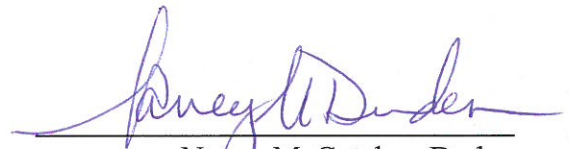
13. The Commission shall meet annually with the County Executive or the designee of the County Executive.

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



STEVEN R. SCHUH  
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Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



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County Attorney