



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY GOVERNMENT RELATIONS OFFICE

Legislative and Fiscal Summary of Administration Legislation

To: Members, Anne Arundel County Council

From: Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Affairs /s/

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Subject: Resolution No. 34 -25 – Approving The Terms And Conditions Of The Acquisition Of Real Properties In Edgewater And Harmans Utilizing Funds From The Advance Land Acquisition Capital Project

This summary was prepared by the Anne Arundel County Government Relations Office for use by members of the Anne Arundel County Council during consideration of Bill No. 34-25.

Summary

This Resolution, introduced at the request of the Administration, approves the acquisition of two parcels of real property for the County. One parcel, a 68.27-acre parcel in Edgewater, will be an extension of the existing Lock Haven Community Park, to be used for passive recreation only. This could include natural walking/hiking paths, bird watching and a small parking lot. It will be purchased for \$4,500,000, utilizing a combination of \$2,000,000 from the Advanced Land Acquisition, \$2,000,000 from Program Open Space, and \$500,000 from reforestation funds. The other parcel, a 7.911-acre parcel on Shipley Avenue in Harmans, is to be used as the site of the proposed E591800 Board of Education School Bus Facility/Lot capital project. The purchase price is \$7,600,000 from Advanced Land Acquisition.

Legislation is required because Anne Arundel County Code §8-3-101(a) empowers the County Executive to purchase real property by agreement if an adequate appropriation has been made by the County Council and §8-3-101(d)(2) requires that each agreement for the purchase of real property utilizing funds from the Advance Land Acquisition Capital Project, Project No. C10670, shall be contingent upon approval of the purchase by resolution of the County Council. There is no alternative method under the Anne Arundel County Charter to approve purchases of real property. In accordance with Section 716 of the Charter, the Planning Advisory Board recommended an amendment to the Capital Budget at its October 22, 2025 meeting (See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ReJ4fqHQQyw>) to transfer funds to support the acquisition of these two properties.

Anne Arundel County Public Schools has been in search of a property to utilize as a bus

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facility/lot for several years. The County previously attempted to acquire property at 1699 Millersville Road via Resolution 48-24, however that legislation was withdrawn due to environmental and traffic concerns, and the County continued to search for property that would meet the needs of the school system. This property is not adjacent to a major intersection or tributary, and is zoned W-2, Light Industrial.

Independent appraisals and environmental studies for the two parcels have been completed and provided to the Council. Pursuant to Anne Arundel County Code §8-3-101(d)(2) feasibility studies will be completed prior to any approval of this resolution.

Purpose

The purpose of this legislation is to approve the acquisition of two pieces of real property; a 68.27-acre parcel in Edgewater as an extension of the existing Lock Haven Community Park, to be used for passive recreation, and a 7.911-acre parcel at 7442, 7444, & 7454 Shipley Avenue in Harmans, to be used by Anne Arundel County Public Schools as a bus/transportation facility.

Fiscal Impact

Please see the Fiscal Note prepared by the Budget Office for an analysis of the direct and indirect costs of these property acquisitions.

Additional Information

The Government Relations Office is available to answer any additional questions regarding this Bill. Specific questions should be directed to Chris Daniels, Real Estate Manager, Office of Central Services, or Greg Swain, Office of Law. Thank you.

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