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DORCHESTER COUNTY



**County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland**

**Resolution Number 473**

**A Resolution of**, the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland approving a request from the Dorchester County Office of Planning & Zoning and the Dorchester County Planning Commission, regarding an amendment to the 1996 Dorchester County Comprehensive Plan, for the adoption of a Water Resources Element as a new chapter to the County land use plan.

**Whereas**, the Maryland Annotated Code, Article 66B, empowers Dorchester County, Maryland to adopt and amend a Comprehensive Plan, and whereby Dorchester County has provided for the adoption of its current Comprehensive Plan on September 24, 1996 with the approval of Resolution number 241; and

**Whereas**, the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 66B, was modified by the Maryland General Assembly with House Bill 1141 which was passed in the 2006 Legislative Session, and requires counties and municipal corporations that exercise planning and zoning authority to adopt a Water Resources Element as a new Comprehensive Plan chapter; and

**Whereas**, a Water Resources Element plan shall contain at a minimum identified drinking water and other water resources that will be adequate for the needs of existing and future development, and shall identify suitable receiving waters and land areas to meet the stormwater management and wastewater treatment and disposal needs of existing and future developments; and

**Whereas**, the Dorchester County Planning Commission at their July 1, 2009 meeting held a public hearing on the Water Resources Element where they accepted and carefully considered comments and testimony from the public concerning this amendment to the Comprehensive Plan; and

**Whereas**, the Dorchester County Planning Commission at their September 2, 2009 meeting by an affirmative majority vote of its membership (unanimous 5-0), sends a favorable recommendation to the County Council of Dorchester County to support and approve the Water Resources Element amendment to the Comprehensive Plan; and

**Whereas**, the County Council of Dorchester County, having held an advertised public hearing on the amendment request, and having scheduled and further reviewed this request at the Council meeting on October 6th, 2009, and after giving careful consideration to the request, voted unanimously to approve the amendment; and

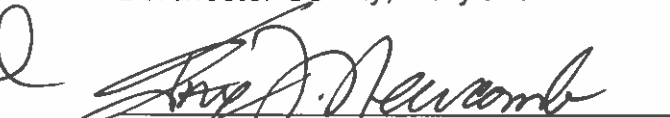
**Now therefore**, the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland having complied with the procedural and substantive prerequisites of Article 66B of the State Code, does hereby expressly support, approve, and amend the Dorchester County Comprehensive Plan with the addition of the Water Resources Element.

Adopted this 6th day of October, 2009

Attested by:

County Council of  
Dorchester County, Maryland

  
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Jane Baynard  
County Manager

  
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Jay L. Newcomb, President

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