

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
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Mr. Joseph Bartenfelder, Chairman
By Request of County Executive

By the County Council, February 2, 2009

A RESOLUTION to endorse the application of the Baltimore County Office of Community Conservation to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for certain funds to assist with the acquisition and rehabilitation of vacant and foreclosed properties by eligible home buyers and non-profit organizations in areas of the county that have been negatively impacted by foreclosure activity.

WHEREAS, the mission of the Office of Community Conservation is to stabilize the older neighborhoods throughout the county using a variety of strategies and resources; and

WHEREAS, Baltimore County has been heavily impacted by foreclosures, delinquencies, and sub-prime lending predominately in the eastern and western sections of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Conservation has created various home buying assistance programs as a way to increase home ownership rates and decrease the number of vacant houses within the county's Community Conservation areas; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Neighborhood Conservation Initiative (NCI) has been created to provide funds for the acquisition and rehabilitation of foreclosed and abandoned properties; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland through the Department of Housing and Community Development has solicited applications for the use of the NCI funds; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Conservation is proposing to make application for

NCI funds to assist home buyers and non-profit organizations with the acquisition and rehabilitation of foreclosed properties in certain neighborhoods in the county that have been negatively impacted by foreclosure activity; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland requires, as part of the application process, that the local governing bodies endorse proposals and applications to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Neighborhood Conservation Initiative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Baltimore County Council fully supports and endorses the application in the amount of \$4,400,000 to be submitted by the Baltimore County Office of Community Conservation to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Neighborhood Conservation Initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that County Executive, James T. Smith, Jr., is authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents required for the submission of the application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect from the date of its enactment.