

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
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Mrs. Cathy Bevins, Chair
By Request of County Executive

By the County Council, March 16, 2015

A RESOLUTION concerning Baltimore County's application to the State of Maryland for designation of the Chesapeake Enterprise Zone.

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland has designated in Title 5, Subtitle 7 of the Economic Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland a process for the designation of Enterprise Zones; and

WHEREAS, that process requires the consent of the Baltimore County Council; and

WHEREAS, in December, 1995, the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development approved Baltimore County's request for designation of approximately 2400 acres in the southeastern part of Baltimore County as the North Point Enterprise Zone, and

WHEREAS, in 2005, when the original North Point Enterprise Zone expired, a new application to designate the North Point Enterprise Zone was approved, and

WHEREAS, the designation of this area as an Enterprise Zone has resulted in increased business investment and the addition of new jobs in certain areas of southeastern Baltimore County, and

WHEREAS, at the same time, the RG Steel plant at Sparrows Point ceased operations in 2012 and over 2200 RG Steel employees lost their jobs, and

WHEREAS, at least ten major businesses within the North Point Enterprise Zone have closed operations in the past five years, and numerous others have downsized, and

WHEREAS, the 2005 North Point Enterprise Zone designation will expire in December, 2015, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Economic and Workforce Development considers enterprise zone designation a critical tool in the effort to retain and attract business, create jobs and redevelop underutilized property in eastern Baltimore County, and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore County Council believes that the designation of a portion of the eastside of Baltimore County as an Enterprise Zone will continue to encourage business investment in the area and will result in additional employment opportunities; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the County Council supports and gives its consent to the application to designate the Chesapeake Enterprise Zone, as shown on the map attached hereto, and the County Council urges the State to approve this application.

DRAFT Proposed Chesapeake Enterprise Zone Map

