

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
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Resolution No. 39-15

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Mr. David Marks, Councilman

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By the County Council, May 21, 2015

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A RESOLUTION of the Baltimore County Council to encourage Baltimore County Public Schools and Baltimore County Government to bank land for future school siting and construction in order to alleviate current and projected overcrowding in the County's public schools.

WHEREAS, it has become evident during the last decade that school overcrowding in Baltimore County poses a significant challenge to providing a proper learning environment for our children, and

WHEREAS, as a result of overcrowding, particularly in the growth areas of the County, certain elementary, middle, and high schools are substantially above capacity, which requires holding classes in mobile trailers; and

WHEREAS, with 80 percent of the schools in the County over 40 years old and our school population projected to increase by more than 9,300 students by 2020, Baltimore County Public Schools and Baltimore County Government need to be proactive and continue to plan for present and future growth and provide more seats instead of more trailers; and

WHEREAS, one method of planning for the future growth and anticipated need for seats is to bank land, so as to identify potential land that would be suitable for future schools and acquire the land in advance, in order to address the long term school site needs; and

WHEREAS, the County Council believes "land banking" can be a viable tool, as the concept is utilized throughout the country, toward alleviating school overcrowding and meeting the increased demands posed by development; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, that Baltimore County Public Schools and Baltimore County Government are encouraged to bank land for future school

siting and construction in order to alleviate current and projected overcrowding in the County's public schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Superintendent of Baltimore County Public Schools and the County Executive; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage by the County Council.

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