

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 9

Bill No. 49-26

Mr. Michael Ertel, Chair
By Request of County Executive

By the County Council, April 20, 2026

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning Waterway Improvement Program Borrowing.

FOR the purpose of authorizing and empowering Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow money in a principal amount not exceeding \$20,000,000 for waterway improvement projects to be undertaken and to provide that the full amount of such borrowing shall be submitted to a referendum of the registered voters of Baltimore County for their approval or rejection, pursuant to Section 718 and Section 705(a) of the Baltimore County Charter.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 705(a) of the Baltimore County Charter, at the direction of the County Administrative Officer, the Director of Planning has heretofore transmitted to the Director of Budget and Finance the recommendations of the Planning Board for borrowing for capital projects to be undertaken and of a character requiring authorization by referendum; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

WHEREAS, the County Administrative Officer has reviewed such recommendations with the Director of Budget and Finance in the light of the existing capital program and has submitted to the County Executive a Borrowing Plan for the forthcoming referendum; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, after approving or modifying said Borrowing Plan, has submitted said Borrowing Plan to the County Council for approval; and

WHEREAS, as a part of said Borrowing Plan it has been recommended that Baltimore County, Maryland, borrow a sum not exceeding \$20,000,000 for the purpose of waterway improvement projects to be undertaken; now, therefore

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Baltimore County, Maryland, borrow a sum not exceeding
3 \$20,000,000 for the purpose of waterway improvement projects to be undertaken.
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5 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that for the purpose of implementing
6 the Borrowing Plan referred to in Section 1 of this Ordinance, Baltimore County, Maryland
7 is hereby authorized, upon its full faith and credit, to borrow money and to incur
8 indebtedness for financing the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, extension, alteration,
9 repair and modernization of waterway improvement and stormwater-related projects, which
10 include, but are not limited to shoreline stabilization, shore erosion control, wetland
11 restoration, streambank and riverbank restoration, stabilization and reconstruction, control
12 and monitoring of nonpoint pollutants, landscaping, dredging, planting of trees and similar
13 waterway improvement projects in residential, rural and commercial areas, engineering and
14 other services incident thereto; the purchase or other acquisition of land, easements, rights-
15 of-way and any other rights and privileges appurtenant thereto for waterway improvement

1 projects and the purchase or other acquisition, installation, maintenance and repair of all
2 customary, temporary and permanent appurtenances and equipment and the funding of grants
3 to accomplish the foregoing. In evidence of such borrowing and indebtedness, Baltimore
4 County, Maryland, is hereby authorized and empowered to issue its general obligation
5 bonds, at one time or from time to time, in various series, and in a principal amount not
6 exceeding the amount authorized to be borrowed under said Section I of this Ordinance. Any
7 general obligation bonds to be issued pursuant to the authority conferred by this Ordinance
8 and the forthcoming referendum shall be issued and sold pursuant to Bond Issuance
9 Authorization Ordinances adopted in accordance with Section 709 of the Baltimore County
10 Charter, as set forth in the Baltimore County Code, 2015, as amended, and other applicable
11 provisions of law.

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13 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Ordinance may be cited as
14 “Baltimore County 2026 Waterway Improvement Program Borrowing Plan Ordinance”.

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16 SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that, pursuant to Section 718 and
17 Section 705(a) of the Baltimore County Charter and Section 10-3-103 of the Baltimore
18 County Code, 2015, as amended, the County Executive shall cause to be placed on the ballot
19 by the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore County for referendum in the general
20 election to be held in Baltimore County on November 3, 2026, the full amount of the
21 borrowing authorized by this Ordinance.