

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 18

Bill No. 106-26

Mr. David Marks, Councilman

By the County Council, October 5, 2026

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Zoning Regulations – Energy Storage Devices – Landscaping Requirements

FOR the purpose of establishing certain landscaping requirements for energy storage devices located adjacent to or within the Critical Area; and generally relating to landscaping requirements for energy storage devices.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Sections 443.1.E
Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, as amended

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.

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations read as follows:

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4 ARTICLE 4 – SPECIAL REGULATIONS

5 Section 443 – Data Centers and Energy Storage Devices

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7 § 443.1. Data centers and energy storage devices.

8 E. Landscaping requirements.

9 1. A landscaping buffer shall be provided around the perimeter of any portion of
10 a property containing a building or structure used as a data center or energy storage device
11 adjoining a property zoned or used for residential uses.

12 2. Landscaping is not required within areas which are already vegetated or when
13 landscaping would conflict with other regulations, such as those applicable to wetlands and the
14 preservation of natural habitat.

15 3. IN AREAS ADJACENT TO OR WITHIN THE CRITICAL AREA, AN
16 ENERGY STORAGE DEVICE SHALL BE SHIELDED WITH A BERM WHICH MUST
17 INCLUDE DENSE LANDSCAPING THAT, AT THE TIME OF PLANTING, IS
18 SUFFICIENTLY TALL TO SCREEN FROM VIEW THE BUILDING IN WHICH THE
19 ENERGY STORAGE DEVICE IS LOCATED.

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21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by
22 the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect 14 days from the
23 date of its enactment.