COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 1

Resolution No. 2-26

Mr. David Marks, Councilman

By the County Council, January 5, 2026

A RESOLUTION of the Baltimore County Council to remove an eight-acre parcel in the Middle River area from any Baltimore County surplus property list.

WHEREAS, § 3-9-104 of the County Code generally governs the process under which the County may dispose of any County-owned real property that the County considers surplus; and

WHEREAS, while this section lays out the process, it does not define the term 'surplus property', nor does it require the County to maintain a list of surplus property; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, several County departments and agencies may hold non-public internal lists of surplus property that they manage or maintain using criteria that fit the purposes of that department or agency; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 1976, the Baltimore County Board of Education transferred to the County an 8.32-acre parcel of land located in the Middle River area, situated along the north side of Eastern Avenue, east of Beasley Lane, south of the CSX train tracks, and west of Earls Road, and identified by SDAT as Account Number: District – 15 Account Identifier – 1502574121; and

WHEREAS, since 1976, this property has served as a valuable forested buffer between the private residential neighborhood on its west side and the industrial uses on its east side; and

WHEREAS, buffers such as this property help preserve the residential character of

established Middle River neighborhoods while allowing the history of industrial and manufacturing uses in the area to continue; and

WHEREAS, the property is currently zoned D.R.1-N.C., evidencing the County Council's clear intention that the property remain preserved for the purpose of a community park, garden, and natural area, where residential, commercial, or industrial development is not permitted; and

WHEREAS, while there is no public list of surplus County property, the sponsor of this Resolution has come to understand that this property is currently considered surplus; and

WHEREAS, disposal of this property by the County would potentially erode or eliminate this buffer, possibly exposing an established neighborhood to increased noise, light, and air pollution, while also running counter to the current zoning of the property; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the County shall not list the eight-acre property located along Eastern Avenue and identified by SDAT as Account Number: District – 15 Account Identifier – 1502574121 as surplus property, and shall remove this property from any list of surplus property held or maintained by any County department or agency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Council encourages the County to maintain this property in its current state and according to its zoning – as an undeveloped and heavily forested buffer between existing residential and industrial uses; and

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

LEGISLATION DETAIL

LEGISLATION	RESOLUTION 2-26
DISPOSITION	PASSED
ENACTED	N/A
EFFECTIVE	N/A
AMENDMENTS	NO

ROLL CALL - BILL

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