

RESOLUTION NO. 18 - 6

**ADOPTING 2017 WORCESTER COUNTY
LAND PRESERVATION, PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland most recently adopted a Worcester County Parks, Recreation and Land Preservation Plan on May 1, 2012 by Resolution No. 12-07 (the 2012 Plan) which identifies specific actions for improving parks, recreation and open space preservation in Worcester County; and

WHEREAS, Sections 5-9B-04 and 5-905 of the Natural Resources Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Program Open Space Law) requires each county and Baltimore City to prepare a land preservation, parks and recreation plan every six years with the overarching purpose of developing a strategy that will best ensure good return on public investment in the various state and local land preservation and recreation programs in order to remain eligible to receive Maryland Program Open Space (POS) funds, the State's primary grant program for parks, recreation and open space preservation; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners authorized the County Planning Commission to prepare a new Parks, Recreation and Land Preservation Plan to replace the 2012 Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, with the assistance of staff from the Worcester County Department of Environmental Programs and the Worcester County Department of Recreation and Parks, prepared and presented to the Commissioners such a Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Programs and the Department of Recreation and Parks administered a survey outreach through paper and online questionnaires from April to November of 2017 as a means of collecting additional public feedback about what is important to residents regarding public parks, recreation and open spaces in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Worcester County Recreation Advisory Board has reviewed and approved the proposed Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan; and

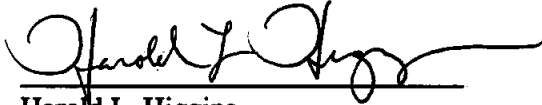
WHEREAS, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on February 1, 2018, and considered public comment on the proposed Worcester County Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan and have complied with all other requirements of law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland hereby adopt the *2017 Worcester County Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan* as revised February 9, 2018 and incorporated herein by reference which shall replace the 2012 Plan.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of February, 2018.

ATTEST:

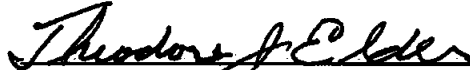


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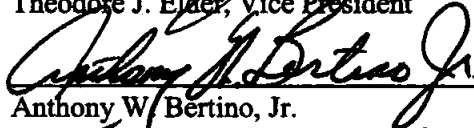
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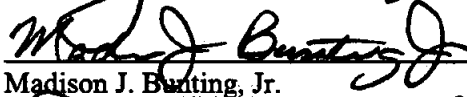
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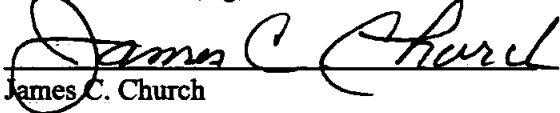
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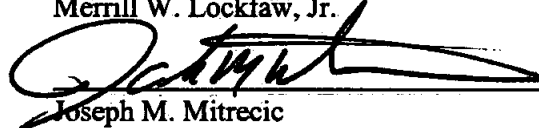
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