

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Advisory Council for Higher Education is requested to give prompt and effective consideration to the final development of a master plan for higher education in this State.

Approved May 4, 1967.

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No. 23

(Senate Joint Resolution 41)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the County Commissioners of Harford County to direct the Harford County Planning and Zoning Commission to include in its review of planning and zoning in Harford County a study of ways and means to conserve and improve Harford County's open spaces.

WHEREAS, Harford County is a beautiful agricultural county of rolling hills, forests, stream valleys and picturesque farms; and

WHEREAS, The recent population surge and economic growth, together with the expansion of suburban living in Maryland, have caused evident change in the Harford County life from rural to suburban; and

WHEREAS, Public planning should be mobilized to channel this continuing growth so that the attractive elements of Harford County's environment may be preserved for future generations; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the County Commissioners of Harford County direct the Harford County Planning and Zoning Commission to include in its current review of the Harford County Master Plan, its zoning ordinance and its subdivision regulations, studies of ways and means of conserving and improving Harford County's open spaces, "green belts" and recreational areas and that such studies include the following:

(1) The amendment of provisions in the Harford County zoning ordinance to recognize open space concepts, such as:

(a) Limitation of residential subdivisions to areas zoned residential.

(b) Cluster housing with consolidated open spaces.

(c) Conservation districts including flood plan zoning and stream valley conservation.

(2) The implementation of the public parks program in Harford County (state and county) with special emphasis on an acceleration of the county parks program.

(3) The role of scenic easements in the county planning.

(4) The preservation of agriculture as a substantial portion of the Harford County scene.