

(Senate Joint Resolution 55)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning
Program Open Space

FOR the purpose of urging the County Executive and County Council of Baltimore to thoroughly review the procedures of Baltimore County in acquiring and developing open space and recreational facilities utilizing its apportionment of Program Open Space funds and to take the necessary steps to expedite submission of eligible open space and recreation projects to the Department of Natural Resources for funding.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly has established a program to finance the acquisition of land and the development of land by the State and its subdivisions for outdoor public recreational and open space purposes, this program being known as "Program Open Space"; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly has declared in enacting Program Open Space that there is a need "to accelerate acquisition of open space land and the development of needed outdoor recreational facilities"; and

WHEREAS, Baltimore County has been allocated \$10,024,291 for acquisition and development of Open Space projects; and

WHEREAS, Baltimore County has submitted projects to Program Open Space in the amount of \$5,120,358.32; and

WHEREAS, Baltimore County has submitted reimbursement requests to Program Open Space in the amount of \$781,239.15; and

WHEREAS, Baltimore County is in dire need of open spaces and recreational facilities which would be valuable resources in a highly urbanized area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General Assembly of Maryland urges the County Executive and County Council of Baltimore County to review thoroughly the procedures of Baltimore County in acquiring and developing open space and recreational facilities utilizing its apportionment of Program Open Space funds and to take the necessary steps to expedite submission of eligible open space and recreation projects