

COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

2011 Legislative

Legislative Day No. 22

Resolution No. 131-2011

Introduced by: The President of the Council at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY TO ACQUIRE AN EASEMENT ON 472.14 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, WITHIN THE QUANTICO CREEK RURAL LEGACY AREA FROM ALICE H. TRACEY. THE PROPERTY BEING LOCATED NEAR THE CORNER OF NANTICOKE ROAD AND ROYAL OAK ROAD AND EXTENDING NORTH FROM NANTICOKE ROAD TO THE WATERS OF QUANTICO CREEK AND DESIGNATED AS TAX MAP 35, PARCEL 13 AND TAX MAP 44, PARCELS 36 & 201.

WHEREAS, Wicomico County participates in the Rural Legacy Program in an effort to preserve the natural resources in the Quantico Creek Area; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2010, the County entered into a Rural Legacy Grant Agreement with the State of Maryland acting through the Rural Legacy Board in the amount of \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) offers incentives to encourage landowners to implement practices that will help reduce sediment and nutrients in the Chesapeake Bay and will improve wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, the CREP and Rural Legacy Program are working together to place a protective easement on Parcel 13 on Tax Map 35 and Parcels 36 & 201 on Tax Map 44, containing 709.94 acres of land, more or less, which is located on prime agricultural and forest lands in the Quantico Creek Legacy Area; and

WHEREAS, the CREP protective easement is contingent on the Rural Legacy Program easement acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the Wicomico County Rural Legacy Program would protect 472.14 acres of land and CREP would protect the remaining 237.8 acres of land; and

WHEREAS, approximately 98.3 percent of the 472.14 acres to be protected by the Wicomico County Rural Legacy Program are located within the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Targeted Ecological Area. Targeted Ecological Areas are a limited number of areas that rank exceptionally high for ecological criteria and that have a practical potential for preservation.

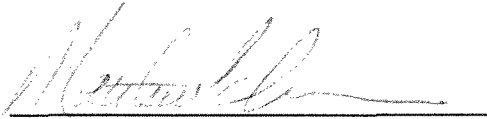
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Wicomico County, Maryland that the County Executive be, and is hereby, authorized to acquire the development rights on the aforesaid property located near the corner of Nanticoke Road and Royal Oak Road and extending north from Nanticoke Road to the waters of Quantico Creek bisected by Royal Oak Road, being designated as Tax Map 35, Parcel 13 and Tax Map 44, Parcels 36 & 201, containing 472.14 acres, more or less, for an amount not to exceed One Million Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,075,000.00), and administrative

and closing costs in the amount of approximately \$80,193.53. All funds for this easement acquisition will be provided by the Maryland Rural Legacy Program. No local funds will be utilized for this acquisition.

Done at Salisbury, Maryland, this 1st day of November, 2011.

ATTEST:

COUNTY COUNCIL OF
WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND



Matthew E. Creamer
Council Administrator



Gail M. Bartkovich,
Council President

CERTIFICATION

This Resolution was Adopted , Adopted with Amendments ____, Failed ____, Withdraw ____ by the County Council on November 1, 2011.

Certified by


Matthew E. Creamer, Council Administrator