

1 MARSHA McLAUGHLIN, \* BEFORE THE  
2 DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF \* PLANNING BOARD OF  
3 PLANNING & ZONING \* HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND  
4 AND KEN ULMAN, \*  
5 HOWARD COUNTY EXECUTIVE, \*  
6 PETITIONER \*

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8 MOTION: *To recommend approval of the Water Resources Element Amendment to*  
9 *General Plan 2000 in accordance with the Department of Planning and*  
10 *Zoning recommendation.*

11 ACTION: *Recommended Approval; Vote 3 to 0.*

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13 At a public meeting that began on December 3, 2009 and was continued to December 10,  
14 2009, and a work session on December 10, 2009, the Planning Board of Howard County, Maryland  
15 considered the petition of Marsha McLaughlin, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning and  
16 Ken Ulman, Howard County Executive for the Water Resources Element Amendment to the General  
17 Plan 2000.

18 The petition and the Department of Planning and Zoning Technical Staff Report and  
19 Recommendation were presented to the Board for its consideration. The Department of Planning  
20 and Zoning recommended approval of the petition.

21 There was no verbal testimony in opposition to the petition. Written testimony was submitted  
22 on December 7, 2009 by Michael Harrison, Director of Government Affairs, Home Builders  
23 Association of Maryland. Mr. Harrison's testimony stated that the Howard County Chapter of the  
24 Home Builders Association of Maryland had no position on the draft but had several questions and  
25 concerns about proposed action items. Specifically: most action items are worded too strongly and  
26 could give the County the ability to regulate beyond what is reasonable and necessary to protect the  
27 environment; some action items propose specific solutions to general problems not supported or  
28 backed by science or facts; and too little attention is paid to agriculture and to existing  
29 neighborhoods built before stormwater management requirements were put in place.

30 The Board discussed their concerns about the maintenance of stormwater management  
31 facilities on private residential properties and the need for incentives and assistance for existing