

Introduced by: Councilmember Seamens

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2013-7

Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Maryland Department of the Environment on behalf of Walgreens

WHEREAS, the City's Strategic Plan FY 2010-FY 2015 establishes prioritized goals, including a Sustainable Community, to ensure a Takoma Park that is fiscally, environmentally and economically sustainable; and

WHEREAS, the Council adopted the New Hampshire Avenue Concept Plan in 2007, and the New Hampshire Avenue Streetscape Standards in 2012, outlining the development possibilities and guidelines for the New Hampshire Avenue Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Langley Park Shopping Center in the SE quadrant of the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and University Boulevard is a 9.7 acre property, owned by the Walgreen Company, which was developed in the 1950s and stormwater management has not been addressed; and

WHEREAS, the Walgreen Company wishes to undertake a stormwater retrofit project that will provide water quality and channel protection to the headwaters of the Northwest Branch of the Anacostia River, promote infiltration, reduce the heat island effect, and improve the overall appearance of the property; and

WHEREAS, a Maryland Department of the Environment grant is available to help pay the costs of the project but the application must be submitted by the jurisdiction in which the project is located; and

WHEREAS, the Walgreen Company has requested the City of Takoma Park to submit the grant application on its behalf, but will be responsible for the work, reporting requirements and any costs required of the applicant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Takoma Park agrees to authorize the City Manager to submit the Maryland Department of the Environment application for Capital Project Financial Assistance on behalf of the Walgreen Company, the owner of the Langley Park Shopping Center, conditioned upon the following criteria:

1. The Walgreen Company enters into a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Takoma Park for the purpose of the application which states that the Walgreen Company is responsible for the complete cost of the project, all reporting requirements for the application and all subsequent reporting if the grant is received;

2. The City of Takoma Park will review and approve the final project design and engineering.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council supports environmental sustainability efforts and stormwater management in Takoma Park and strongly urges the Maryland Department of the Environment to allocate funding for this application.

Adopted this 4th day of February, 2013.

ATTEST:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk