

Introduced by: Councilmember Male

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-55**

A Resolution Authorizing the City of Takoma Park to Place a Covenant on Dorothy's Woods for the Purpose of Preserving the Property as Undeveloped Wooded Open Space

WHEREAS, the City purchased 2.68 acres of land, more or less, known as Parcel 3, Takoma Park, Montgomery County, MD, from the Internal Revenue Service at a public sale in order to satisfy delinquent internal revenue taxes of the Washington-McLaughlin Christian School, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, this ±2.68 acres was conveyed to the City as Grantee by a Deed made January 29, 2016, and recorded on February 8, 2016, in Liber 51579, Folio 362 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, this ±2.68 acres of land, known as Parcel 3 and formerly owned by the Washington-McLaughlin Christian School, Inc., is an undeveloped wooded area now known as "Dorothy's Woods"; and

WHEREAS, the City purchased Dorothy's Woods in order to protect the ±2.68 acre wooded parcel from development and to preserve the property in its undeveloped natural state; and

WHEREAS, protecting the City's tree canopy and wooded open space are important to the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, preserving the Dorothy's Woods property in its natural wooded state will provide passive recreational open space for the pleasure and use of the public; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that placing perpetual covenants, running with the land, to prevent the use or development of the property for any purpose or in any manner that would conflict with the maintenance of the natural character of the Dorothy's Woods property promotes a public purpose by preserving an undeveloped wooded area of significant aesthetic and environmental value to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT the City of Takoma Park shall place perpetual covenants on the Dorothy's Woods property, to run with the land, for the purpose of protecting the property from development and conserving the property as an undeveloped natural wooded area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Manager is authorized to execute covenants, running with the land, to preserve the Dorothy's Woods property as undeveloped wooded public open space and to arrange for the recording of such covenants in the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK THIS 1ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017.