

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2017-24

RESOLUTION NO. 58-2017

**Title of Resolution:** Supplemental Appropriation – Parks and Recreation – Former Bittersweet Golf Course

**Synopsis:** A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, to increase the revenue estimate and budget expenditure authority within the General Fund by \$138,000 in order to have sufficient budgetary authority to pay for operations and maintenance costs associated with maintaining and providing safe entry into the newly acquired park property, formerly known as Bittersweet Golf Course.

**Introduced by:** Council President on behalf of the County Executive

Introduced and ordered posted on: December 19, 2017

Scheduled for consideration on: January 2, 2018

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Manager

Notice and title of Resolution having been posted by \_\_\_\_\_ at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton and consideration by the Council having been scheduled on \_\_\_\_\_.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Manager

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Supplemental Appropriation – Parks and Recreation – Former Bittersweet Golf Course

1           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 505 of the Cecil County Charter, on April 1, 2017, the County  
2 Executive submitted a proposed budget to the County Council for Fiscal Year 2018; and

3           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 506 of the Cecil County Charter, the County Council held  
4 public hearings on the proposed budget submitted by the County Executive for Fiscal Year 2018; and

5           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 507(b) of the Cecil County Charter, on June 15, 2017, the  
6 Budget for Cecil County was adopted for Fiscal Year 2018; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the Maryland Board of Public Works has approved more than \$930,000 in Program Open  
8 Space grant funds to allow Cecil County to purchase the former golf course, located at 1190 Augustine  
9 Herman Highway Elkton, Maryland, in order to establish a County park on the former golf course site; and

10           **WHEREAS**, the addition of a park at this site addresses the lack of parkland in the southern part of  
11 the County and provides a more centrally located facility for County citizens; and

12           **WHEREAS**, the County Executive is revising the FY2018 expenditure budget by \$138,000 within the  
13 Department of Parks and Recreation to provide the needed staff and equipment necessary to maintain the  
14 new park; and

15           **WHEREAS**, this appropriation is necessary to ensure the safety of the site once acquired, the  
16 onetime costs of a storage facility for equipment, and the construction of a gravel lot to allow safe, but  
17 limited, access to the site in the spring of 2018; and

18           **WHEREAS**, the County Executive is revising the FY2018 real property tax revenue budget by  
19 \$138,000 due to the increased taxable real property assessments versus the State's (SDAT's) original  
20 estimate; and

21           **WHEREAS**, real property is projected at the end of the first quarter to be \$351,145 greater than  
22 budget.

23           **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**  
24 **MARYLAND**, that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for Fiscal  
25 Year 2018 is hereby amended for the supplemental appropriation by \$138,000; and that by amending the  
26 Current Budget to increase the revenue estimate and budget expenditure authority within the General  
27 Fund to pay for operations and maintenance costs associated with maintaining and providing safe entry  
28 into the newly acquired park facility.

29           **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND**, that this  
30 Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage.

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**INTRODUCED:** December 19, 2017

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of the Council

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Council Manager



# CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND

## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

### FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

#### **SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION**

SPONSOR: Council President Bowsbey at the request of the County Executive

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 58-2017 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION – PARKS AND RECREATION – FORMER BITTERSWEET GOLF COURSE**

**SYNOPSIS:** A resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 to increase the revenue estimate and budget expenditure authority within the General Fund by \$138,000 in order to have sufficient budgetary authority to pay for operations and maintenance costs associated with maintaining and providing safe entry into the newly acquired park property (Bittersweet)..

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**FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:** Net fiscal impact to the County will be zero for Fiscal 2018. The increase projected in the real property tax revenue of will offset the increase of \$138,000 to the Department of Parks and Recreation's expenditure budget.

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#### **FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

In October 2017, the state Board of Public Works (BPW) approved the use of over \$930,000 in Project Open Space grant funds to purchase park land in Cecil County. The park site is located at 1190 Augustine Herman Highway Elkton, MD. Not knowing exactly when the approval by the state BPW was going to occur, the County Administration decided when putting the FY2018 budget together in February that including any funds for operations of the new park was premature. Now that the County has the approval in hand, the settlement is set for January 2018. The Administration's goal for the remainder of FY2018, is to assure the site is secure and provide limited access. It is the goal of the Department to allow fishing and access to walking paths for public use as soon as possible. Without additional funding, the site will remain totally off limits to the public until the operations budget of the Department can support the needs of the facility