



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)..

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.

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