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**CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER  
RESOLUTION 13-2009**

**A Resolution in Support of Strong and Protective Stormwater Regulations in Prince George's  
County**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Maryland enacted the Stormwater Management Act of 2007 (2007 Act), changing the approach to stormwater management in Maryland from structural measures such as pipes and detention ponds to Environmental Site Design (ESD), in recognition of the increasingly detrimental effect stormwater runoff is having on Maryland's waterways; and

**WHEREAS**, the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation is drafting county level regulations to implement the 2007 Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Prince George's County Executive will review these draft regulations before their submission to Maryland Department of the Environment before November 11, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the Prince George's County Council will ultimately review the proposed Prince George's County regulations before Maryland Department of the Environment's May 2010 deadline; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Mount Rainier occupies a special space between the Northwest Branch and the tidal Anacostia River, the City of Mount Rainier elected officials recognize that these waterways are a special asset of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mount Rainier elected officials recognize that the city has a long history of flooding, and that the citizens of Mount Rainier have long dealt with wet basements and flooded yards; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mount Rainier elected officials recognize that there is a significant need for reinvestment and revitalization of the older communities in Prince George's County, MD; and

**WHEREAS**, the green infrastructure generated by Environmental Site Design would invigorate the City of Mount Rainier with attractive rain gardens, green roofs, and tree cover that would treat and absorb stormwater while at the same time reducing harmful runoff from roads, sidewalks, and other impervious surfaces, thereby beautifying the community while simultaneously improving the local quality of life.

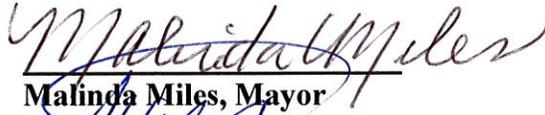
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED** that, the City of Mount Rainier, MD City Council hereby endorses the strongest possible stormwater regulation for Prince George's County, in particular:

In new development and redevelopment settings, the full channel protection volume (CPv), 2.7 inches, must be retained on site through use of environmental site design (ESD) to the maximum extent practicable (MEP) and where retention using ESD is not practicable, the channel protection volume should be detained on site for a period necessary to protect our streams from erosion and our homes and businesses from flooding.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, copies of this Resolution are sent to Prince George's County Council Chairperson Marilyn Bland and other members of the Prince George's County Council, County Executive Jack Johnson, and Prince George's County Director of Public Works and Transportation Haitham Hijazi.

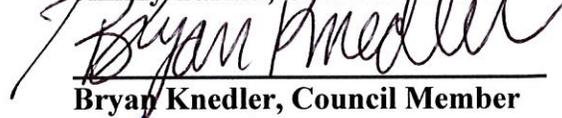
Attest:

  
Jeannelle B. Wallace, City Manager

  
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Jimmy Tarlau, Council Member

  
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