

RESOLUTION NO. 2105

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SALISBURY, MARYLAND AUTHORIZING THE
PERFORMANCE OF A STORMWATER FINANCING
FEASIBILITY STUDY AS PROPOSED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF
MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE CENTER

WHEREAS, the City is currently preparing to meet its obligations to comply with the forthcoming Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that, as a result of the Clean Water Act's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit which is administered by Maryland's Department of the Environment (MDE) on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the City will be issued a renewed Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit in 2012; and

WHEREAS, it is probable that the City will be obligated through the TMDL and the MS4 permit to perform extensive retrofits to existing stormwater management facilities and untreated impervious areas throughout the City; and

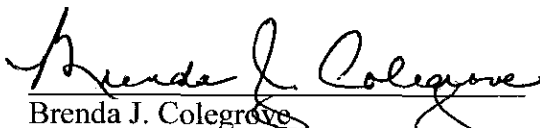
WHEREAS, the City currently has no dedicated funding stream to meet the TMDL and MS4 regulations or to keep pace with the need for improvements to or maintenance of its existing storm drain collection system infrastructure; and

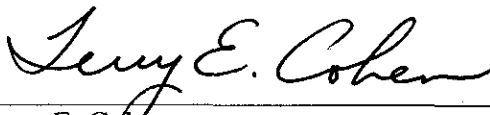
WHEREAS, the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center has offered to perform, at no cost to the City, a study of financing alternatives that are available in order to implement a self-sustaining stormwater program and, as a final product of the study, to prepare a list of recommended strategies designed to address the current and future needs of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND authorizes the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center to proceed with the Stormwater Financing Feasibility Study on behalf of the City as set forth in this Resolution.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced and duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland held on September 26, 2011 and is to become effective immediately upon adoption.


ATTEST:


Brenda J. Colegrove
CITY CLERK


Terry E. Cohen
PRESIDENT, City Council

APPROVED BY ME THIS

27th day of September 2011


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TO: John Pick, City Administrator
FROM: Dale Pusey, Acting Deputy Director
DATE: September 20, 2011
SUBJECT: Stormwater Financing Feasibility Study

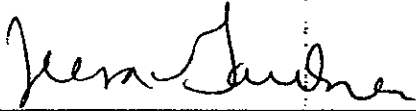
Information found below explains the above referenced study that was verbally authorized by the City Council at the September 19 work session. Formal authorization to the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center by Council resolution will be proposed at the September 26 regular Council meeting. See the attached draft resolution.

The Stormwater Financing Feasibility Study being proposed by the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center will be performed by a university team that will conduct research in identifying appropriate financing recommendations based on information gathered regarding the City's current and future stormwater related activities. The study will be performed at no cost, other than some assistance in the form of Public Works staff time, to the City. It will investigate options for creating a stormwater financing strategy that makes the most sense for Salisbury and will include some outreach activities that engage and educate citizens on stormwater issues.

The study's final product will be a set of financing recommendations to City Council designed to address the current and future stormwater needs of Salisbury and will propose strategies for meeting those needs. It is possible that creation of a self-sustaining stormwater utility will be the preferred recommendation that results from this study. However, the study will likely provide information that will be useful to the City's future stormwater related objectives even if the Council chooses not to pursue the recommended strategy.

In summary, it is anticipated that Salisbury will be provided sufficient information to act upon one or more financing recommendations in order to implement a self-sustaining stormwater program. This self-sustaining program is one of the recommendations in the Final Report of the Environmental Policy Task Force.

Unless you or the Mayor has further questions, please forward this memo and the draft resolution attachment to the City Council.



Approved: Teresa Gardner, P.E.



Dale Pusey, P.E.
Acting Deputy Director