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Office of the Mayor

To: City Council
From: John R. Pick 
Subject: Resolution of Support – Priority Places Designation – North Prong of Wicomico River
Date: August 2, 2005

Attached, for your consideration, is a resolution of support for the City's application for Priority Place designation for the North Prong of the Wicomico River under the State's Priority Places program. If approved by the Council, it is the City's intent to file this application in partnership with the Urban River Task Force.

The Priority Places program was established by the State of Maryland to "help local communities and developers achieve smart growth by designating outstanding development projects and plans for special state assistance and attention. The idea is that the State can play a major role in helping these proposals succeed, spurring broader development trends that will strengthen economic growth and improve quality of life."

The North Prong of the Wicomico River has been suggested for Priority Places designation because it fits the criteria of this program:

- it is located in the City's downtown area;
- it is in need of rehabilitation and redevelopment;
- the redevelopment of this area is consistent with the goals of the "smart growth" concept in that it would help focus growth in a previously developed area;
- the redevelopment of this area will help to create a healthy economic climate by providing opportunities for businesses to flourish and people to work;
- the assistance of State agencies will be a key component of the success of this project; and
- the redevelopment of this area will spur the development and redevelopment of the surrounding area.

The application is being written by the City's Grants and Special Projects Director in conjunction with the Urban River Task Force. The deadline for submittal to the State is October 1, 2005.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

cc: Mayor Tilghman
Jack Lenox
Lore' Chambers
Brenda Colegrove

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RESOLUTION NO. 1278

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND SUPPORTING THE CITY'S APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF THE NORTH PRONG OF THE WICOMICO RIVER AS A PRIORITY PLACE UNDER THE STATE OF MARYLAND "PRIORITY PLACES" PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the area surrounding the North Prong of the Wicomico River is a traditional industrial area which has experienced a decline in recent years; and

WHEREAS, this area is in need of rehabilitation and renovation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury, in conjunction with the Greater Salisbury Committee has formed the Urban River Task Force II, whose purpose is to help develop a strategy to guide the redevelopment of this area; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland has developed the Priority Places program, which is designed to focus the efforts of a number of State agencies to aid in the redevelopment of designated areas throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, the Urban River Task Force believes that the Priority Places program would provide great benefit to the redevelopment effort for the North Prong; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Urban River Task Force are working on developing an application for the designation of the North Prong as a Priority Place under the Priority Places program:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Salisbury hereby expresses its support of the City's application for Priority Places designation for the North Prong of the Wicomico River; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is to accompany the City's application for Priority Places designation.

The above resolution was introduced, read and passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury held on the ___ day of _____, 2005.

Brenda J. Colegrove
CITY CLERK

Michael P. Dunn
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY ME THIS
_____ day of _____, 2005

Barrie P. Tilghman
MAYOR