

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

**DECISION ON SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION SPONSORED PROJECT
MAGNOLIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND MAGNOLIA MIDDLE SCHOOL
LANDCOVER CONVERSION BMP PLANTINGS**

FEBRUARY 10, 2025

Background Information:

Harford County Department of Public Works (DPW) is proposing to plant forested acreage/urban canopy trees and establish native meadow areas on the grounds of Magnolia Middle School, and Magnolia Elementary School. The project is part of the County's watershed protection and restoration program. The purpose of this program is to improve the quality of the streams in Harford County, and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay. The community-at-large benefits from streams that are drinkable, fishable, and swimmable.

Discussion:

The design, coordination, purchase and installation of the trees and meadows will be completed by DPW's Watershed Protection and Restoration Department. The project will be funded and managed by personnel from the DPW. The HCPS Department of Facilities Management will monitor all work that is completed to ensure compliance with the agreed scope of work. The DPW will be providing short-term and long-term maintenance.

All necessary documentation has been submitted and reviewed by the appropriate school system staff, with comments through the Assistant Superintendent for Operations, as required by school system procedures. The DPW will comply with the items described in the comments.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the tree planting and meadow establishment project proposed by the DPW. The estimated cost for design, construction, and inspection services for the project at Magnolia Middle School and Magnolia Elementary School is \$194,005.