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House Bill 577
Appropriations

(Delegate James)

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2010 - Harford County - Nuttal Avenue Park

This bill extends the deadline – from June 1, 2012, to June 1, 2013 – for the County Executive and County Council of Harford County, as grantee, to present evidence that a matching fund will be provided for the construction of Nuttal Avenue Park as required by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2010. The bill also specifies that the proceeds of the loan must be encumbered by the Board of Public Works or expended by the grantee by June 1, 2013.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2012.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially affect governmental operations or finances.

Local Effect: Absent the bill, Harford County could lose access to the \$100,000 in matching funds authorized for the project.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 483 of 2010 authorized up to \$100,000 in matching funds for the construction of Nuttal Avenue Park in Edgewood. Matching funds may not consist of in-kind contributions, real property, or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2010 effective date, of Chapter 483.

Background: Harford County Department of Parks and Recreation is constructing a community park with amenities including trails and picnic areas on what is currently a vacant lot. Development of the site is scheduled to occur in phases as funding allows. The total project is estimated to cost \$400,000. Harford County reports \$50,000 in county funds was appropriated for the project in the fiscal 2011, and an additional \$50,000 in county funds was included in the fiscal 2013 Harford County Department of Park and Recreation budget request. This \$100,000 in county funds will be used to meet the match fund requirement of the grant.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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