



MARYLAND
Association of
COUNTIES

House Bill 940

Local Government - Authorized Uses of Revenues From Development Impact Fees

MACo Position: **SUPPORT**

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The Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) **SUPPORTS** HB 940. This bill grants counties more flexibility in how they may use locally enacted development impact fees to fund public infrastructure.

Counties in Maryland maintain and operate the vast majority of public infrastructure, including 5 out of every 6 road miles, most water-related infrastructure, recycling, waste management, etc. As stewards of these facilities and services, counties have an outsized role in ensuring growth comes with the requisite increase in infrastructure capacity.

One important mechanism for financing these needed expansions is through using development impact fees. By HB 940 expanding the scope of public infrastructure that can be financed by development impact fees, the State will be granting additional local flexibility needed to address affordable housing, manage sensible growth, and maintain critical infrastructure.

HB 940 is a commonsense bill that gives county leaders more flexibility to address challenges in their communities. For this reason, MACo urges the Committee to give HB 940 a **FAVORABLE** report.