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House Bill 1017

Boundary of the Frederick Soil Conservation District - Alteration

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To: Education, Energy & the Environment Committee

Position:

Favorable

From:

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Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) **SUPPORTS** HB 1017, which authorizes consolidating two Soil Conservation Districts, the Catoctin and Frederick Soil Conservation Districts, to one Soil Conservation District. The resulting Frederick Soil Conservation District would encompass the entirety of Frederick County.

Soil Conservation Districts provide vitally needed technical assistance and funding in the jurisdictions where they exist. At present, Frederick is the only jurisdiction in Maryland with more than one District. HB 1017 would align Frederick with other counties that have a Soil Conservation District.

CBF urges the Committee's FAVORABLE report on HB 1017.

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