

# HOUSE BILL 343

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## ENROLLED BILL

— *Environment and Transportation/Education, Energy, and the Environment* —

Introduced by **Delegate Munoz**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Speaker.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – ~~Cox Creek Citizens Oversight Committee – Membership~~**  
3 **Alterations Dredged Material – Containment, Redeposit, and Oversight**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Cox Creek Citizens Oversight  
5 Committee; requiring the Committee to provide certain input and recommendations  
6 to the Maryland Port Administration regarding certain management of dredged  
7 material; and generally relating to the Cox Creek Citizens Oversight Committee  
8 authorizing the Department of the Environment to approve the redeposit of certain  
9 dredged material under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to  
10 approve contained areas at a large redevelopment site for the redeposit of certain  
11 dredged material; authorizing the Board of Public Works to approve a license or an  
12 amendment to a license for the deposit of certain dredged material; altering the  
13 responsibilities of the Hart–Miller–Pleasure Island Citizens Oversight Committee;  
14 and generally relating to the containment, redeposit, and oversight of dredged  
15 material.

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#### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 2 Article – Environment  
 3 Section 5–1102.1, *5–1103, and 5–1104(c)*  
 4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 5 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

6 *BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,*  
 7 *Article – Environment*  
 8 *Section 5–1104(a)*  
 9 *Annotated Code of Maryland*  
 10 *(2013 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)*

11 *BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,*  
 12 *Article – Environment*  
 13 *Section 16–202(a)*  
 14 *Annotated Code of Maryland*  
 15 *(2014 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)*

16 *BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,*  
 17 *Article – Environment*  
 18 *Section 16–202(i)*  
 19 *Annotated Code of Maryland*  
 20 *(2014 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)*

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
 22 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article – Environment**

24 5–1102.1.

25 (a) (1) The Governor shall appoint a Cox Creek Citizens Oversight Committee.

26 (2) The terms of the members of the Oversight Committee shall be  
 27 determined by the Governor.

28 (b) The Oversight Committee shall be composed of the following members:

29 (1) ~~2 members of the North County Land Trust~~ **1 MEMBER OF THE LAND**  
 30 **TRUST THAT HOLDS THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT OF THE COX CREEK FOREST**  
 31 **CONSERVATION EASEMENT AREA;**

32 (2) 1 delegate to the Greater Pasadena Council who represents a  
 33 waterfront community;

1 (3) 1 member of the Pasadena Sport Fishermen's Group;

2 (4) 1 ~~member of the Anne Arundel County Watermen's Association~~  
 3 INDIVIDUAL WHO REPRESENTS RECREATIONAL BIRDING IN ANNE ARUNDEL  
 4 COUNTY;

5 (5) [1 member of the Maryland Saltwater Sport Fishermen's Association;

6 (6)] 1 individual who represents the pleasure boating industry in Anne  
 7 Arundel County;

8 [(7)] (6) 1 member of the Pasadena Business Association;

9 [(8)] (7) 1 member of the Restore Rock Creek organization;

10 [(9)] (8) 1 member of the [South Baltimore Business Alliance]  
 11 BALTIMORE INDUSTRIAL GROUP;

12 (9) ~~1 MEMBER OF THE STONEY BEACH ASSOCIATION~~ 2 INDIVIDUALS  
 13 WHO REPRESENT A WATERFRONT COMMUNITY IN THE NORTHERN PART OF ANNE  
 14 ARUNDEL COUNTY;

15 ~~(10) 1 MEMBER OF THE RIVIERA BEACH RESIDENTS COUNCIL;~~

16 ~~[(10)] (11)~~ 1 resident of legislative district 31; and

17 ~~[(11)] (12)~~ 1 resident of legislative district 46.

18 (c) The Oversight Committee shall:

19 (1) Monitor the ~~redeposit of Anne Arundel County dredged material and~~  
 20 ~~other dredged material in the Cox Creek area~~ MANAGEMENT OF DREDGED MATERIAL  
 21 AT THE COX CREEK DREDGED MATERIAL CONTAINMENT FACILITY;

22 (2) (I) ~~Hear and dispose~~ ADVISE THE MARYLAND PORT  
 23 ADMINISTRATION of complaints lodged by individuals affected by the redeposit of Anne  
 24 Arundel County dredged material and other dredged material in the Cox Creek area; ~~and~~

25 (II) PROVIDE INPUT AND FEEDBACK TO THE MARYLAND PORT  
 26 ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF DREDGED MATERIAL AT THE  
 27 COX CREEK DREDGED MATERIAL CONTAINMENT FACILITY; AND

28 (III) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MARYLAND PORT  
 29 ADMINISTRATION ON THE POTENTIAL IMPACT THAT ACTIVITIES AT THE

1 CONTAINMENT FACILITY MAY HAVE ON NEARBY COMMUNITIES AND NATURAL  
 2 RESOURCES; AND

3 (3) Appoint a member from the Committee to serve as a liaison to the  
 4 Innovative [Use Advisory Council] REUSE COMMITTEE.

5 5-1103.

6 (a) IN THIS SECTION, "LARGE REDEVELOPMENT SITE" HAS THE MEANING  
 7 STATED IN § 4-101.1 OF THIS ARTICLE.

8 (B) (1) [Except for dredge spoil from local dredging projects initiated by  
 9 Baltimore County in the waters of Baltimore County, the] THE Department may not approve  
 10 any contained area for the redeposit of [spoil] DREDGED MATERIAL within 5 miles of the  
 11 Hart-Miller-Pleasure Island chain in Baltimore County EXCEPT FOR:

12 (I) DREDGE SPOIL FROM LOCAL DREDGING PROJECTS  
 13 INITIATED BY BALTIMORE COUNTY IN THE WATERS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY; OR

14 (II) CONTAINED AREAS FOR THE REDEPOSIT OF DREDGED  
 15 MATERIAL AT A LARGE REDEVELOPMENT SITE.

16 (2) A contained area described in paragraph [(1)] (1)(I) of this subsection  
 17 may not exceed the approximately 1,100 acre size provided in the projects U.S. Army Corps  
 18 of Engineers permit dated November 22, 1976.

19 (3) (i) Subject to [subparagraph] SUBPARAGRAPHS (ii) AND (III) of  
 20 this paragraph, dredge spoil may not be deposited in the Hart-Miller Island Dredged  
 21 Material Containment Facility after the first of the following to occur:

22 1. The maximum height of dredge spoil deposited in the  
 23 Hart-Miller Island Dredged Material Containment Facility reaches:

24 A. 44 feet above the mean low water mark in the north cell;  
 25 and

26 B. 28 feet above the mean low water mark in the south cell; or

27 2. January 1, 2010.

28 (ii) New dredge spoil dredged from a channel may not be deposited in  
 29 the south cell.

30 (III) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, ON OR BEFORE  
 31 DECEMBER 31, 2027, THE DEPARTMENT MAY APPROVE THE REDEPOSIT OF

1 DREDGED MATERIAL AT THE HART-MILLER ISLAND DREDGED MATERIAL  
2 CONTAINMENT FACILITY IF:

3 1. THE DREDGED MATERIAL IS FROM A LOCATION  
4 WITHIN 1 MILE OF THE SHORELINE OF A LARGE REDEVELOPMENT SITE; AND

5 2. THE PERSON UNDERTAKING THE DREDGING PROJECT  
6 HAS, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE HART-MILLER-PLEASURE ISLAND CITIZENS  
7 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, ENTERED INTO AN ENFORCEABLE COMMUNITY BENEFITS  
8 AGREEMENT WITH BALTIMORE COUNTY ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, THAT:

9 A. AT THE REQUEST OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF  
10 BALTIMORE COUNTY, WAS PRESENTED TO AND APPROVED BY THE COUNTY  
11 COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY; AND

12 B. REQUIRES THE PERSON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO  
13 BALTIMORE COUNTY AND ESTABLISHES A PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE SUM OF  
14 MONEY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING BENEFITS TO COMMUNITIES IN THE  
15 VICINITY OF THE HART-MILLER ISLAND DREDGED MATERIAL CONTAINMENT  
16 FACILITY.

17 [(b)] (C) (1) Except as provided in [paragraph] PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) of  
18 this subsection, only [spoil] DREDGED MATERIAL from the excavation or dredging of  
19 Baltimore Harbor, its approach channels, and Baltimore County tributary [spoil]  
20 DREDGED MATERIAL from an approved dredging project in any of the Baltimore County  
21 tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay may be redeposited in a contained area described in  
22 subsection [(a)] (B)(1)(I) of this section.

23 (2) Only [dredge spoil] DREDGED MATERIAL from local dredging projects  
24 initiated by Baltimore County in the waters of Baltimore County may be redeposited in any  
25 additional contained area for the redeposit of [spoil] DREDGED MATERIAL authorized  
26 under subsection [(a)(1)] (B)(1)(I) of this section.

27 (3) ONLY DREDGED MATERIAL FROM A LOCATION WITHIN 1 MILE OF  
28 THE SHORELINE OF A LARGE REDEVELOPMENT SITE MAY BE REDEPOSITED IN A  
29 CONTAINED AREA FOR THE REDEPOSIT OF DREDGED MATERIAL AUTHORIZED UNDER  
30 SUBSECTION (B)(1)(II) OF THIS SECTION.

31 (D) THE FEE PAYABLE FOR EACH CUBIC YARD OF DREDGED MATERIAL  
32 DEPOSITED AT THE HART-MILLER ISLAND DREDGED MATERIAL CONTAINMENT  
33 FACILITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B)(3)(III) OF THIS SECTION SHALL:

34 (1) NOT EXCEED THE STATE'S ACTUAL INCREMENTAL COSTS OF  
35 OPERATING AND MAINTAINING THE HART-MILLER ISLAND DREDGED MATERIAL

1 CONTAINMENT FACILITY, TO THE EXTENT SUCH COSTS ARISE FROM THE REDEPOSIT  
 2 OF DREDGED MATERIAL DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B)(3)(III) OF THIS SECTION,  
 3 EXPRESSED ON A PER-CUBIC-YARD BASIS; AND

4 (2) BE IN ADDITION TO THE PAYMENTS REQUIRED BY THE  
 5 COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(3)(III)2 OF THIS  
 6 SECTION.

7 (E) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO  
 8 APPROVE THE REDEPOSIT OF DREDGED MATERIAL WITHIN 5 MILES OF THE  
 9 HART-MILLER-PLEASURE ISLAND CHAIN IN BALTIMORE COUNTY USING CONFINED  
 10 AQUATIC DISPOSAL.

11 5-1104.

12 (a) (1) With the advice and consent of the Senate, the Governor shall appoint a  
 13 Hart-Miller-Pleasure Island Citizens Oversight Committee.

14 (2) The terms and qualifications of members of the Oversight Committee  
 15 shall be determined by the Governor.

16 (c) The Oversight Committee shall:

17 (1) Monitor and provide oversight regarding:

18 (i) The future development, use, and maintenance of the  
 19 Hart-Miller-Pleasure Island chain; [and]

20 (ii) The water quality immediately surrounding the islands;

21 (III) THE REDEPOSIT OF DREDGED MATERIAL AT THE  
 22 HART-MILLER ISLAND DREDGED MATERIAL CONTAINMENT FACILITY; AND

23 (IV) ANY COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO IN  
 24 ACCORDANCE WITH § 5-1103(B)(3)(III)2 OF THIS SUBTITLE; and

25 (2) Hear and dispose of complaints lodged by individuals affected by the  
 26 future development and the water quality immediately surrounding the  
 27 Hart-Miller-Pleasure Island chain.

28 16-202.

29 (a) A person may not dredge or fill on State wetlands without a license.

1 (i) (1) [The] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE  
2 Board may not approve a license or an amendment to a license authorizing the dredge  
3 material deposited in the Hart–Miller Island Dredged Material Containment Facility to  
4 exceed an elevation of:

5 (i) 44 feet above the mean low water mark in the north cell; and

6 (ii) 28 feet above the mean low water mark in the south cell.

7 (2) [On] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ON or  
8 after January 1, 2010, the Board may not approve a license or an amendment to a license  
9 authorizing the deposit of dredge material at the Hart–Miller ISLAND Dredged Material  
10 Containment Facility.

11 (3) (I) IN THIS PARAGRAPH, “LARGE REDEVELOPMENT SITE” HAS  
12 THE MEANING STATED IN § 4–101.1 OF THIS ARTICLE.

13 (II) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, ON OR BEFORE  
14 DECEMBER 31, 2027, THE BOARD MAY APPROVE A LICENSE OR AN AMENDMENT TO A  
15 LICENSE AUTHORIZING THE DEPOSIT OF DREDGED MATERIAL AT THE HART–MILLER  
16 ISLAND DREDGED MATERIAL CONTAINMENT FACILITY IF:

17 1. THE DREDGED MATERIAL IS FROM A LOCATION  
18 WITHIN 1 MILE OF THE SHORELINE OF A LARGE REDEVELOPMENT SITE; AND

19 2. THE PERSON UNDERTAKING THE DREDGING PROJECT  
20 HAS, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE HART–MILLER–PLEASURE ISLAND CITIZENS  
21 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, ENTERED INTO AN ENFORCEABLE COMMUNITY BENEFITS  
22 AGREEMENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 5–1103(B)(III)2 OF THIS ARTICLE.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 ~~October~~ July 1, 2024.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.