

# HOUSE BILL 343

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By: **Delegate Munoz**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Cox Creek Citizens Oversight Committee – ~~Membership~~**  
3 **Alterations**

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 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Environment  
10 Section 5–1102.1  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Environment**

16 5–1102.1.

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

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

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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.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) The Oversight Committee shall:

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

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

4                                   **(II) PROVIDE INPUT AND FEEDBACK TO THE MARYLAND PORT**  
5 **ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF DREDGED MATERIAL AT THE**  
6 **COX CREEK DREDGED MATERIAL CONTAINMENT FACILITY; AND**

7                                   **(III) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MARYLAND PORT**  
8 **ADMINISTRATION ON THE POTENTIAL IMPACT THAT ACTIVITIES AT THE**  
9 **CONTAINMENT FACILITY MAY HAVE ON NEARBY COMMUNITIES AND NATURAL**  
10 **RESOURCES; AND**

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

13                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
14 ~~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.