

TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

February 16, 2023

The Honorable Brian J. Feldman
Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment
2 West
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Support of Senate Bill 813 with Amendments - Comprehensive Flood Management Grant Program - Environmental Justice Funding

Dear Chair Feldman and Committee Members:

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Riverdale Park support Senate Bill 813 - Comprehensive Flood Management Grant Program - Environmental Justice Funding. SB 813 would require at least 40% of funding provided under the comprehensive flood management grant program to be used for projects located in or directly benefiting underserved or overburdened communities, and require the Governor to include in the annual State budget an appropriation of \$20,000,000 for the comprehensive flood management grant program in fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter.

The Town of Riverdale Park has experienced multiple devastating flooding events in recent years that have severely impacted Town residents and businesses. The majority of the stormwater management infrastructure in Town is owned and managed by Prince George's County. The Town has serious and urgent concerns about the condition and capacity of Prince George's County stormwater management infrastructure yet recognizes the size and scope of the tasks required to design, fund, and construct new or improved stormwater infrastructure. The Town is supportive of any efforts to provide additional funding specifically to address the flooding issues that have drastically impacted Town residents and businesses.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this important legislation. If you require any additional information, please contact me at akthompson@riverdaleparkmd.gov.

Sincerely,



Alan K. Thompson
Mayor