

March 3, 2023

Statement on House Bill 971
Department of Environment – Green Roof Grant Program
House Environment and Transportation Committee

Position: Support with Amendment

Maryland Nonprofits is a statewide association of more than 1500 nonprofit organizations and institutions. We urge you to support House Bill 971 to assist building owners to install “green roofs” to help reduce harmful runoff, improve building insulation, and potentially also help improve air quality.

We are requesting that the term “commercial building” be defined or clarified to include buildings owned and used by nonprofit organizations in serving their tax exempt, public service missions.

Nonprofits represent more than 13% of all private sector employment in Maryland, and face the same, or greater financial challenges in financing improvements to properties they own.

We urge a favorable report with an amendment to that effect.