

SB 225: Environment - Interjurisdictional Watersheds - Flood Management
House Environment and Transportation Committee
Thursday, April 2, 2026

Position: FAVORABLE

Dear Chair Delegate Korman, Vice Chair Delegate Guyton, and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

I am writing to express my **strong support for Senate Bill 225**. This legislation is critical to addressing the growing risks of flooding and stormwater runoff in Maryland by designating the Carroll Creek, Gwynns Falls, Jones Falls, and Herring Run watersheds as interjurisdictional flood hazard watersheds.

As a Baltimore City resident, I am deeply concerned about the health of our local watersheds and the impacts of flooding and stormwater runoff originating in Baltimore County. Water travels downstream, and the runoff from upstream development and environmental destruction directly affects Baltimore City neighborhoods, contributes to flooding, and ultimately impacts the Inner Harbor. SB 225 is a necessary step to ensure that these watersheds are managed holistically, with collaboration between state and local governments to protect both upstream and downstream communities.

Flooding and stormwater runoff are already causing significant challenges in many areas, particularly where development pressures have exacerbated environmental risks. These issues highlight the urgent need for stronger oversight and coordination to ensure that flood management plans are comprehensive and effective. SB 225 provides a framework for this collaboration, helping to prevent future instances of property damage, environmental degradation, and risks to public safety caused by inadequate stormwater controls.

I urge you to **support SB 225** to protect Maryland's communities from the devastating impacts of flooding and to ensure that our watersheds are safeguarded for future generations. Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.

Sincerely,
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Baltimore City Resident