AN ACT to update a reference in the LEED green building rating system related to bird-friendly buildings; and generally relating to environmental design.
Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard County Code is amended as follows:

By amending:

Title 3. Buildings.

Subtitle 10. Energy efficiency and environmental design.

Section 3.1105. Required submissions; conditions of approval; certification of use and occupancy.

Subsection (b). Required submissions—Building Permit Application.

In addition to other documents required to be submitted with a building permit application, an applicant for new construction subject to this subtitle shall submit to the Director:

(1) (i) Documentation showing that the project has been registered with the Green Building Council and an updated LEED checklist that shall be prepared, signed, and dated by the project LEED accredited professional; or

(ii) If the Director has adopted equivalent standards by regulation, an updated checklist that is approved by the Director as demonstrating that the Applicant meets the equivalent standards;

(2) Documentation showing that the building meets:

1. the bird-friendly design standards of the [2019] edition of “Pilot Credit #55: reducing bird collisions” in the LEED green building rating system; or

2. the bird-friendly design standards that the Director adopts by regulation and that are equivalent to Pilot Credit #55;
Any other document or information the Director finds necessary to determine whether the building will achieve the applicable standard under section 3.1004 of this subtitle;

If applicable, documentation that the LEED design features and specifications have been reviewed and approved by the project's LEED accredited professional; and

General notes or individual detail drawings on all construction documents showing or explaining the green building measures used to attain the applicable LEED rating.

Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.