

Town of Bladensburg, Maryland RESOLUTION NO. 28 - 2025

Date Introduced: May 12, 2025

Date Adopted: May 12, 2025

Date Effective: May 12, 2025

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING FROM THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION FOR A CHESAPEAKE BAY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of Bladensburg is committed to fostering sustainable development and environmental stewardship for the well-being of its residents and the long-term resilience of the Chesapeake Bay watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bladensburg, in collaboration with the Town of Edmonston, seeks to address the chronic and historic flooding issues that have significantly impacted the industrial areas of both municipalities; and

WHEREAS, this joint effort aims to conduct a comprehensive study of the area's existing grey and green infrastructure to propose viable, long-term solutions that prioritize environmental integrity and climate resilience; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project aligns with the mission of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and supports broader efforts to improve stormwater management, enhance water quality, and restore ecological function within the Chesapeake Bay watershed; and

WHEREAS, this initiative has garnered strong support from fellow Port Towns, local community organizations, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC), and the regional business community, highlighting its collaborative and community-centered approach; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Bladensburg has approved the submission of a \$150,000 grant application to NFWF. The grant will fund engineering analyses and robust community outreach to ensure inclusive, transparent, and equitable project planning and implementation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Bladensburg, on this 12th day of May 2025, that the Town formally supports the joint grant

application to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for funding a critical infrastructure and environmental planning project in partnership with the Town of Edmonston.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Administrator is authorized to take all necessary actions to facilitate the grant application, manage project implementation, and promote public engagement in alignment with the Town's commitment to sustainability, equity, and regional cooperation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be and is hereby adopted this ____ Day of May 2025 and shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Attest:

Regine Watson Town Clerk Takisha D. James, Mayor