

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

(5) The Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has reviewed the County Plan in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 43L01 and on September 16, 1970 declared these plans approved.

(6) The Water and Sewerage Plan is on file with the Circuit Court of Harford County; and

WHEREAS, The text and drawings for the water system portion of the County Plan indicates a site near Stafford Bridge on Deer Creek as the central facility for one or all of the following three surface water sources for which Harford County has rights by permit or legislation: Deer Creek, Susquehanna River or the Susquehanna Raw Water Conduit; and

WHEREAS, Whitman, Requardt and Associates recommended the development of a treatment plant on Deer Creek in the vicinity of Stafford Bridge as the best source of water supply for Harford County; and

WHEREAS, A comparative study of water sources indicates that the most desirable plan to supply the county with potable water for the next ten year period is to construct treatment facilities at Deer Creek in the Stafford Bridge area with Deer Creek as the primary source and the Susquehanna Intake as the supplemental source; and

WHEREAS, By starting property acquisition and engineering designs now, a new facility to withdraw, treat and distribute ten million gallons of Deer Creek water in the vicinity of Stafford Bridge, should be operative within the next 3 to 5 years and the existing permit from the Department of Water Resources to take water from Deer Creek at Route 1 should be revised to provide for withdrawal from Deer Creek in the vicinity of Stafford Bridge; and

WHEREAS, The county water supply plan has not been implemented and the need for a surface water supply is becoming critical to the health, safety and general welfare of Harford County citizens; and

WHEREAS, Harford County's permit for a surface water allocation from Deer Creek expires on May 26, 1973; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the County Executive and County Council of Harford County are requested to take immediate action to:

- (1) Renew the water allocation permit from Deer Creek, and
- (2) Authorize implementation of the County Plan to construct a water treatment facility at Stafford near the confluence of Deer Creek, the Susquehanna River and the Susquehanna Conduit; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Charles B. Anderson, County Executive, County Office Building, Bel Air, Maryland; the Honorable John H. O'Neill, President, County Council, County Office Building, Bel Air, Maryland; the Honorable James B. Coulter, Secretary, Department of Natural Resources, Tawes Office Building, Rowe Boulevard, Annapolis; and the Honorable Dr. Neil Solomon, Secretary, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 301 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

Approved May 7, 1973.