



RMC Legislative Committee Meeting
Monday, February 24, 2025
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Zoom

Agenda

Invited Participants: Members of the RMC Legislative Committee

- I. Welcome and Introductions Kurt Fuchs and Patty Shreves, Co-Chairs
- II. Review of February 10, 2024, Minutes
- III. Budget FY2026 Update
 - a. Discussion: FY2026 Budget Strategies to Restore RMC to Full Funding at \$9 Million
- IV. Legislation
 - Staff Favorable to Support:
 - a. SB980/HB1327 Natural Resources - Maryland Heritage Areas Authority - Funding and Grants
 - b. HB1199 Physicians - Licensing - Internationally Trained Physicians
 - c. HB716 - Housing and Community Development - Statewide Rental Assistance Voucher Program Eligibility – Alterations (Bill Revisit)
 - Discussion Needed:
 - d. SB931/HB1036 Public Utilities - Generating Stations - Generation and Siting (Renewable Energy Certainty Act) (favorable w/ amendment)
 - i. RMC recommends amending the bill to prohibit construction on prime agricultural soil and requiring that mitigation fees be directed to a fund dedicated to restoring lands to their pre-solar development condition.
 - e. HB846 Transportation Access and Revenue Act
 - Request by Legislators:
 - f. HB631 Eminent Domain - Agricultural and Conservation Easements - Prohibited Taking (Del. Guyton)
 - g. HB640 Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity – Overhead Transmission Lines – Conservation Easements (Del. Guyton)
 - h. HB368 General Provisions - Commemorative Month - Maryland Native Plant Month (Del. Guyton)
 - i. HB84 Transportation – Major Highway Capacity Expansion Projects and Impact Assessments (Transportation and Climate Alignment Act of 2025) (Del. Edelson - waiting for information)
 - Bills to Monitor:
 - j. SB699 Forest Conservation Act - Linear Projects - Alteration
 - k. HB1463 Transportation - Maryland Transit Administration - Funding (Transit Safety and Investment Act of 2025)
 - l. HB973/SB804 Maryland Building Performance Standards - Fossil Fuel Use, Energy Conservation, and Electric- and Solar-Ready Standards (Better Buildings Act of 2025)
 - m. HB352/SB393 Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2025

- n. SB909/HB1037 Energy Resource Adequacy and Planning Act
 - o. SB937/HB1035 Public Utilities - Electricity Generation Planning - Procurement, Permitting, and Co-Location (Next Generation Energy Act)
 - p. HB488 Public Schools - Discipline-Related Data - Collection and Publication
 - q. HB1370/SB881 Transportation - Regional Transportation Authorities
 - r. HB191 Vehicle Laws - Towed, Removed, or Abandoned Vehicles - Electronic Notice to Owner
 - s. SB861 Economic Development - Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Board and Senator George C. Edwards Fund - Alterations
 - t. HB1474 Licensed Professional Counselors - Telehealth - Students Enrolled in Institutions of Higher Education
 - u. HB1469 Taxes - Sugary Beverage Distributor Tax (For Our Kids Act)
- V. Events
 - a. Legislative Luncheon, February 26
 - b. Maryland Day, March 25
- VI. Next Meeting
 - a. Special Meeting: March 3, 2025, to discuss Energy, Transmission, and Data Center Bills (SB478, SB485, SB640, SB643, SB716, SB903, HB631, HB739, HB742, HB904, SB931/HB1036)
 - b. Regular Meeting: March 10, 2025
- VII. Announcements/Updates
 - a. Forestry Day in Annapolis – Register to participate [here](#)!
 - b. SMADC – Call for Action
- VIII. Other
- IX. Adjourn