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2 **Creek Restoration Partnership** - For the purpose of expressing the City Council’s commitment
3 to partnering with local watershed organizations to achieve the restoration of our Creeks, and to
4 streamlining its laws and processes to facilitate restoration project approval, completion, and
5 perpetual maintenance.

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7 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**

8 *City of Annapolis*

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10 **Resolution 23-18**

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12 **Introduced by: Alderman Savidge, Mayor Buckley, Alderman Rodriguez,**
13 **Aldерwoman Tierney and Alderman Arnett**

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15 **Referred to**

16 **Environmental Matters Committee**

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18 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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20 **Creek Restoration Partnership**

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22 **FOR** the purpose of expressing the City Council’s commitment to partnering with local
23 watershed organizations to achieve the restoration of our Creeks, and to streamlining its
24 laws and processes to facilitate restoration project approval, completion, and perpetual
25 maintenance.

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27 **WHEREAS,** on April 23, 2018, the Mayor announced the establishment of the Creek Cabinet,
28 its mission statement is to “improve local water quality faster, better, and
29 cheaper” by advising the Mayor and his administration on coordinated
30 Department activities relating to management of Annapolis’s watershed and the
31 impacts to, and health of, the City’s four local Creeks.

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33 **WHEREAS,** some of the issues that the Creek Cabinet intends to tackle include, but are not
34 limited to:

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- 37 ● Watershed restoration efforts, both private and public,
 - 38 ● Use of the Watershed Restoration Fund (i.e. stormwater fee),
 - 39 ● Climate change adaptation and sea level rise resiliency efforts,
 - 40 ● Application of the Forest Conservation Act and other environmental regulations
41 that are multi-departmental efforts,
 - 42 ● Development projects that may have significant environmental impacts,
 - 43 ● Transportation initiatives, including pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure (i.e. bike
44 paths),
 - 45 ● Environmental sustainability efforts, and
 - 46 ● Expenditures and grants related to the aforementioned issues.

1 **WHEREAS**, on July 31, 2017, the City Council adopted the Stormwater Management
2 Inventory and Watershed Improvement Plan dated March 2017; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to reaffirm its commitment to cooperating and partnering
5 with local watershed organizations to achieve joint goals of improving the water
6 quality of our local waterways, implementing the Stormwater Management
7 Inventory and Watershed Improvement Plan, and meeting our Federal pollution
8 reduction targets; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, the City Council acknowledges that local watershed organizations are key
11 partners in these initiatives and that those organizations are conducting much of
12 the restoration work for projects within the City limits; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, the City of Annapolis commits to the goal of streamlining its laws, permitting,
15 project review and inspection procedures, to facilitate restoration projects
16 approval and completion, and to ensure perpetual maintenance of restoration
17 projects; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, the City of Annapolis pledges to write letters of support and authorization for
20 meritorious restoration projects within our community.

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23 **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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25 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the Stormwater
26 Management Inventory and Watershed Improvement Plan dated March 2017 is hereby
27 reaffirmed.

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29 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the
30 watershed implementation plans of the non-profit organizations representing watersheds within
31 the Annapolis jurisdictional limits shall be reaffirmed as appendices to the Stormwater
32 Management Watershed Improvement Plan adopted by R-21-17.

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34 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the
35 City commits to the goal of streamlining its laws, permitting, project review and inspection
36 procedures, to facilitate restoration project approval and completion, to ensure perpetual
37 maintenance of restoration projects, and to write letters of support and authorization to help
38 facilitate meritorious restoration projects in our community.

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40 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this
41 resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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44 **EXPLANATION**

45 CAPITAL LETTERS indicate matter added to existing law.

46 ~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.

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Underlining indicates amendments.