



STAFF, STAFFING IMPACT, AND FISCAL IMPACT REPORT ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

To: Mayor Jared Littmann

From: Victoria Buckland, Acting City Manager

Date: February 4, 2026

Subject: O-3-26: Annapolis Harbor Lines at Hawkins Cove

Purpose of legislation

The purpose of this legislation is to change the City of Annapolis harbor line on Hawkins Cove to allow for the implementation of the Hawkins Cove Restoration; and matters generally related to harbor lines. The Hawkins Cove Restoration has been a City priority for several years to address longstanding inequitable public water access to Spa Creek, manage upland stormwater that outfalls at the Cove, enhance shoreline resilience, and improve ecological function of the tidal marsh habitat. The project is integral to the larger revitalization of adjacent public housing communities known as the Eastport Choice Neighborhood Initiative and has received substantial state and federal funding. The proposed changes to the harbor line will not impact access to adjacent piers or limit the potential for future improvements by neighboring property owners. The project design is currently under review by the Maryland Department of the Environment and cannot proceed without this modification to the harbor line for alignment with local land use regulations.

Exhibits illustrating the existing and proposed harbor line at Hawkins Cove are attached to this report.

Impact of legislation on operations

No impact on operations.

Impact of legislation on staffing needs

No impact on staffing needs.

Fiscal impact of legislation

This legislation allows the City to move forward with permitting through the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) for this capital project. This will allow the City to proceed with utilizing this appropriation. The cost for drawings and associated exhibits and descriptions is expected to be minimal and will be paid for through grant funds.

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