

Resolution

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QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION FOR RECONSTITUTING THE QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY COUNTY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Queen Anne's County Commissioners and the Department of Parks and Recreation are dedicated to protecting the environment, while preserving and enhancing our natural resources to enrich the quality of life for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners are committed to fostering the eco-tourism industry as vital Queen Anne's County economic base and recognize the importance of involving both public and private sectors in planning, developing, enhancing and maintaining the County's natural resources, open spaces and waterfront properties as a means to stimulate economic development within the County; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners are committed to the wise stewardship of our public lands and natural resources so as to ensure that they are preserved for compatible public recreational and educational uses, while protecting wildlife and preserving open space, wetlands and woodland components as well as the scenic vistas, landscape and natural beauty of our waterways; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners are committed to the same principles and ideals established by the National Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service, the National Association of State Foresters, National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. and the National Arbor Day Foundation, which encourage landscape activities and beautification initiatives designed to provide pleasant surroundings and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners wish to foster community involvement and develop opportunities for educating citizens and involving businesses and volunteers in on-going beautification, resource restoration and conservation activities; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes the importance of joining the efforts of Federal agencies, state and local governments, non-profit organizations, community groups, citizens, and the private sector in a combined effort to improve the quality of life through environmental improvement and beautification initiatives; and

WHEREAS, THE Board of County Commissioners adopted a resolution establishing the Queen Anne's Beautification Committee in February 2002 for the purpose of promoting the public image of County as an environmentally sensitive and attractive community and encouraging residential, commercial, public and private beautification initiatives, which foster public awareness and individual stewardship of our environment, while promoting sound resource management and an appreciation for our natural, cultural, historical and recreational resources.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Queen's Anne's County Commissioners do hereby reconstitute the Queen Anne's County Beautification Committee as a citizen advisory committee charged with developing and administering a comprehensive countywide beautification program for county-owned and managed property.

This Committee is to be chaired by a representative from the Department of Parks and Recreation and is to be comprised of sixteen (16) volunteer citizens; which are representative of the County's population and geography, including representatives from community service organizations, garden clubs, youth and sports organizations and environmental groups. Representatives shall be recommended by the current Beautification Committee and appointed by the County Commissioners to serve one (1), two (2), three (3) and four (4) year terms beginning September 1, 2007; and thereafter shall be appointed to serve four (4) year staggered terms.

The Committee will be charged with developing and implementing a comprehensive annual countywide beautification work program, subject to the review and approval by of the Commissioners and contingent on the availability of funding. The Committee will identify specific public properties along streets, in parks, around public buildings and in other locations within the County, which would benefit from community clean up, renovations and/or landscaping improvements. The Committee will also provide clear guidance on the design, care and maintenance of these sites and will make recommendations for recruiting community volunteers in implementing the beautification work program.

The Department of Parks and Recreation and/or designated County Department(s) will be charged with the responsibility of implementing and coordinating beautification program recommendations approved by the County Commissioners. All landscape plans and designs for beautification initiatives will be subject to the review and approval of the appropriate County Department(s) and the Board of County Commissioners

In addition, the Committee will encourage and provide for the recognition of outstanding beautification efforts by public agencies, volunteer organizations, community groups local citizens and the private sector (i.e. business or industrial complexes) in the County.

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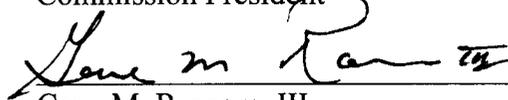


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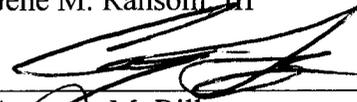
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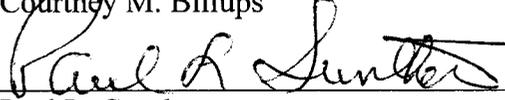
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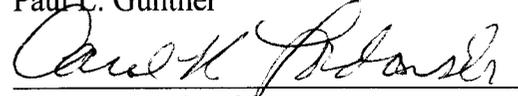
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