**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY**

**INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

**DECISION ON SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION SPONSORED PROJECT**
**JOPPATOWNE HIGH SCHOOL**
**TAYLOR CREEK STREAM RESTORATION**

**MARCH 23, 2026**

Background Information:

The Harford County Department of Public Works (DPW) is proposing the restoration of approximately 3,350 linear feet of Taylor Creek which is located along the western edge of the Joppatowne High School property. The construction of these types of water quality improvement projects are required under federal regulations to be completed by the DPW within the local jurisdiction. This initiative is part of DPW's Stream Protection and Restoration Program, which is designed to enhance the health and water quality of streams throughout Harford County and, ultimately, the Chesapeake Bay. Improving local waterways supports a healthier ecosystem and provides long-term benefits to the community, including cleaner, safer streams that are drinkable, fishable, and swimmable.

Discussion:

Project design and engineering services are being provided by BayLand Consultants and Designers, Inc. under an open-end contract with DPW. The project will be funded and managed by DPW personnel. The Harford County Public Schools Department of Facilities Management will oversee the work to ensure compliance with the approved scope. DPW will also assume responsibility for both short- and long-term corrective maintenance associated with the stream restoration.

All necessary documentation has been submitted and reviewed by the appropriate school system staff, with comments through the Assistant Superintendent for Operations, as required by school system procedures. The DPW will comply with the items described in the comments.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the stream restoration and stormwater management project proposed by the DPW. The estimated cost for design, construction, and inspection services for the project at Joppatowne High School is $3,100,000.