

10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CROSS COUNTY CONNECTOR**

20 **WHEREAS:** Charles County is attempting to build a multi-lane highway through the precious
30 Mattawoman Creek watershed; and,

40 **WHEREAS:** The Maryland Department of the Environment will be deciding whether to issue
50 permit for this highway as early as November 17th; and,

60 **WHEREAS:** This watershed is one of the most fragile and important to the Chesapeake Bay
70 because of the amount of pollutants filtered out by its wetlands; and,

80 **WHEREAS:** Mattawoman Creek is already overburdened by run off from urban and
90 developing areas; and,

100 **WHEREAS:** Mattawoman Creek is in the top 25% of all Maryland waterways for life-
110 destroying nitrogen pollution loads; and,

120 **WHEREAS:** This road is a flagrant violation of Maryland's policy of smart growth, promoting
130 growth in areas with existing infrastructure; and,

140 **WHEREAS:** This highway will directly destroy 7.18 acres of federally protected wetlands and
150 6.13 acres of State protected natural buffers; and,

160 **WHEREAS:** Charles County plans for at least 1113 residential, single unit houses to be built in
170 low density developments after the completion of the CCC; and,

180 **WHEREAS:** This massive housing expansion will devastate the Mattawoman Creek
190 watershed, by clearing thousands of additional acres of land; and,

200 **WHEREAS:** Allowing the construction of the CCC will not only further wreck our fragile
210 environment, but is directly contradictory to Maryland's stated policies of stewardship for the
220 Chesapeake Bay and our environment.

230 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature demands that the
240 Maryland Department of the Environment deny Charles County permits to destroy the
250 Mattawoman Creek watershed.

260 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the State of
270 Maryland to protect the Mattawoman Creek watershed, especially its wetlands and natural
280 buffers.

290 **MANDATES:** Martin O'Malley, Governor
300 Michael Busch, Speaker of the House
310 Thomas V. "Mike" Miller, President of the Senate

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