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### **Harford Executive Cassilly Statement on County Council's Failure to Fight Urban Sprawl**


**BEL AIR, Md.**, (June 21, 2023) - Harford County Executive Bob Cassilly today issued the following statement on the County Council's failure to pass [Bill 23-011](#).

"I'm very disappointed that last night a majority of the County Council failed to support my effort to fight urban sprawl in Harford County. The citizens have made it very clear that they do not want more high-density housing dropped into low-density areas like Fallston, Benson, Forest Hill, and Hickory, where we lack the infrastructure to support these projects. To stop this, my administration submitted to the County Council Bill 23-011. Last night, that bill was defeated by the Council.

As a result, more than 188 acres of B-3 land, which was intended for small businesses to support the local community, is at risk of being developed as high-density residential. Moreover, all B-3 properties countywide are now at risk of being developed that way.

I appreciate Council members Giangiordano, Reilly, and Bennett, who supported the legislation, and I look forward to an opportunity for the rest of the Council to reconsider this matter when they return from their summer break in September."

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