

THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION IS DECEMBER 17, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 24-38

Re: Bird City Maryland Initiative

WHEREAS, birds are some of the most beautiful and easily observed wildlife that share our communities; and

WHEREAS, many communities recognize and value birds that are residents and those that pass through during their migration seasons; and

WHEREAS, birds play an important ecological role in our local community, controlling insect pests and contributing to pollination and seed dispersal; and

WHEREAS, birds play an important economic role in our local community, attracting tourists and generating millions in recreational dollars statewide; and

WHEREAS, migratory birds and their habitats are declining throughout the Americas, facing a growing number of threats on their migration routes and in both their summer and winter homes; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and concern are crucial components of migratory bird conservation; and

WHEREAS, since 1993, World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) has been observed annually on the second Saturday in May in the United States of America and has become a primary vehicle for focusing public attention on the nearly 350 species that travel between nesting habitats in our communities and throughout North America and their wintering grounds in South and Central America, Mexico, the Caribbean, and the southern U.S.; and

WHEREAS, throughout the Bird City Network conservation program created by the American Bird Conservancy and Environment for the Americas, hundreds of thousands of people will observe WMBD, gathering in town squares, community centers, schools, parks, nature centers, and wildlife refuges to learn about birds, take action to conserve them, and simply to have fun; and

WHEREAS, community members who are enthusiastic about birds, informed about the threats they face, and empowered to help address the threats they face can directly contribute to maintaining healthy bird populations; and

WHEREAS, sound policies and practices enhancing natural ecosystems and reducing threats to birds also make healthier communities for people; and

WHEREAS, Bird City Maryland is an initiative to build relationships within local communities and guide action to protect and conserve birds; and

WHEREAS, Frederick County, Maryland, finds that it is in the best interest of the local community and its residents to show its support for the Bird City Maryland Initiative and to become the first designated 'Bird County' of the Bird City Network in the State of Maryland; and

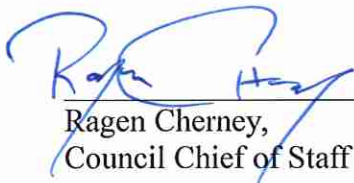
WHEREAS, the adoption of this Resolution is a necessary prerequisite to becoming a member community of the Bird City Network.

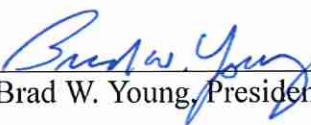

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Frederick County, Maryland, by the County Council's adoption of this Resolution and the County Executive's approval as shown below, hereby shows its support of the Bird City Maryland Initiative.

The undersigned hereby certify that this Resolution was approved and adopted on the 17th day of December 2024.

ATTEST:


COUNTY COUNCIL OF
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND


Ragen Cherney,
Council Chief of Staff

By: 
Brad W. Young, President 

Received by the County Executive on 12/19/24.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE ACTION: ☒ Approved ☐ Vetoed ☐ No Action


Jessica Fitzwater, County Executive
Frederick County, Maryland

12/20/24
Date