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**Title:** Investigational Hearing - Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant  
For the purpose of inviting the City Solicitor and representatives from the Department of Public Works, the Baltimore City Health Department, the Environmental Control Board, the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Maryland Department of Health, including the Environmental Health Bureau, the Maryland Environmental Service, and other relevant stakeholders to brief the City Council regarding recent events at the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant as well as ongoing mitigation efforts.

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**Introductory\***

**City of Baltimore  
Council Bill                    R  
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Conway

A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning

**Investigational Hearing - Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant**

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events at the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant as well as ongoing mitigation efforts.

**Whereas**, the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant (“the Back River Plant”), located at 8201 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21224, is responsible for the treatment of 180 million gallons of wastewater a day.

**Whereas**, adequate treatment of wastewater at the Back River Plant is integral to the environmental health of the surrounding area, including both the Back River and Chesapeake Bay watershed.

**Whereas**, ongoing events at the Back River Plant have resulted in illegal discharges of partially treated wastewater into the Back River and prompted the Maryland Environmental Service to take charge of operations at the Back River Plant.

**Whereas**, the Baltimore City Council recognizes the potential environmental health risks associated with inadequate treatment of wastewater and its subsequent discharge into vital waterways and would like to better understand the recent events at the Back River Plant as well as ongoing mitigation efforts.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore**, that the City Council invites the City Solicitor and representatives from the Department of Public Works, the Baltimore City Health Department, the Environmental Control Board, the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Maryland Department of Health, including the Environmental Health Bureau, the Maryland Environmental Service, and other relevant stakeholders to brief the City Council regarding recent events at the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant as well as ongoing mitigation efforts.

**And be it further resolved**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the City Solicitor, the Director of the Department of Public Works, the Commissioner of the Baltimore City Health Department, the Executive Director of the Environmental Control Board, the Secretary of the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health, the Executive Director of the Maryland Environmental Service, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.