



MEMORANDUM

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RAWLINGS-BLAKE,
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,
Executive Director, HAHC
Commissioner, HCD

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To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle, *Executive Secretary*

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*  PTG

Date: November 16, 2012

Re: **City Council Bill 12-0153 – Soil Erosion and Sediment Control**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 12-0153, which was introduced for the purpose of establishing minimum requirements and procedures to control the adverse impacts associated with land disturbances; minimizing soil erosion and preventing off-site sedimentation by using soil erosion and sediment control practices; reducing the negative impacts of land development on water resources, maintaining the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of streams, and minimizing damage to public and private property; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to soil erosion and sediment control.

This bill, if adopted, would repeal and re-enact certain portions of the existing Laws of Baltimore, as well as add a new section delineating certain responsibilities to be undertaken and administered by the Department of Public Works. It is the understanding of HCD that the instant legislation is based upon a model erosion and sediment control ordinance adopted by the State earlier this year, and is adapted to the existing Baltimore City Code.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 12-0153.

PTG:nb

cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Kaliopé Parthemos, *Deputy Mayor*

No obj.

