



June 11, 2015

Honorable President Bernard Young  
Members of the City Council  
Baltimore City Council  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE: **Council Bill # 15-0220R**  
**Informational Hearing – Cleaner Streets**

Dear President Young:

The Department of Recreation and Parks is reporting on City Council Bill # 15-0220R. This Bill is for the purpose of requesting that representatives from the Department of Public Works, and other City agencies working to make Baltimore cleaner, appear before the Council to discuss the City's plan for cleaner streets and neighborhoods, the current results of this plan, and what additional steps can be taken to progress towards a cleaner Baltimore.

BCRP teaches environmental stewardship to citizens to ensure sustainability of the City's green spaces. Through our recreation center operations we maintain a presence that is a vital part of the many communities we serve. It is only fitting that through our stewardship programs and many community partnerships we encourage the importance of maintaining a cleaner city overall. Through our newly launched "Stop Don't Drop" anti-litter campaign focusing on clean parks and waterways, we educate citizens on the importance of clean neighborhoods and the impact of litter on the environment as a whole.

The Department of Recreation and Parks welcomes the opportunity to come together with the Council to discuss this important issue.

**Therefore, the Department of Recreation and Parks Supports Council Bill 15-0220R.**

Respectfully yours,

Ernest W. Burkeen, Jr.  
Director

EWB:VSO

cc: Angela Gibson, Liaison to City Council