



<b>FROM</b>	NAME & TITLE	CHRIS RYER, DIRECTOR 	CITY of BALTIMORE  <b>MEMO</b>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #22-0218 / RENAMING ROBERT E. LEE PARK TO LAKE ROLAND PARK 1000 LAKESIDE DRIVE		

**TO**

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
City Hall, Room 400  
100 North Holliday Street

DATE: May 19, 2022

At its regular meeting of May 19, 2022, the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #22-0218, for the purpose of renaming Robert E. Lee Park to Lake Roland Park, located at 1000 Lakeside Drive.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report, which recommended approval of City Council Bill #22-0218 and adopted the following resolutions, with six members being present (six in favor):

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff recommends that City Council Bill #22-0218 be approved by the City Council.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Eric Tiso, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-8358.

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attachment

cc: Ms. Natasha Mehu, Mayor's Office  
Ms. Nina Themelis, Mayor's Office  
Mr. Ethan Cohen, Mayor's Office  
The Honorable Eric Costello, Council Rep. to Planning Commission  
Mr. Matthew Stegman, City Council President's Office  
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Mr. Colin Tarbert, BDC  
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Mr. Geoffrey Veale, Zoning Administration  
Ms. Stephanie Murdock, DHCD  
Ms. Elena DiPietro, Law Dept.  
Mr. Francis Burnszynski, PABC  
Mr. Liam Davis, DOT  
Ms. Natawna Austin, Council Services



Brandon M. Scott  
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## PLANNING COMMISSION

Sean D. Davis, Chairman

### STAFF REPORT



Chris Ryer  
Director

May 19, 2022

**REQUEST:** City Council Bill #22-0218/ City Property – Renaming Robert E. Lee Park to Lake Roland Park

For the purpose of changing the name of the park known as Robert E. Lee Park, located at 1000 Lakeside Drive, Baltimore, Maryland, 21210, to Lake Roland Park.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approval

**STAFF:** Ivor A. Quashie

**INTRODUCED BY:** The Council President

**OWNER:** Mayor & City Council of Baltimore

#### **SITE/GENERAL AREA**

**Site Conditions:** Robert E. Lee Park, 1000 Lakeside Drive is a 450 acre park located in Baltimore County surrounding Lake Roland. The park though located in Baltimore County and is owned by the Mayor and City Council. Baltimore County manages the park via its Recreation and Parks Department.

**General Area:** The park site is located in the southwestern part of Towson in Baltimore County between Bellona Avenue to the east and Falls Road to the west. Lake Roland a former reservoir is located at the center of the park.

#### **HISTORY**

- The park was named Robert E. Lee after a confederate general in the American Civil War by ordinance #173 in 1945.
- City Council Bill #15-0552 proposed to change the name of the park, and was reviewed by the Planning Commission on August 27, 2015, but the bill died at the end of the session without being adopted.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Robert Edward Lee, born January 19, 1807, Virginia, U.S. – died October 12, 1870, Lexington, Virginia. Robert E. Lee came to military prominence during the U.S. Civil War, commanding his home state's armed forces and becoming general-in-chief of the Confederate forces toward the end of the conflict. Though the Union won the war, Lee earned renown as a military tactician for scoring several major victories on the battlefield.

City Council Bill #15-0552 was introduced to change the name of the park to Roland Park in 2015. The bill died at the end of the council session. Subsequently, Baltimore City Recreation and Parks has changed the name of the park to Lake Roland Park even though the renaming bill was not approved as an Ordinance. This action will formally approve the renaming that was never completed.

The Department of Planning supports this renaming.



**Chris Ryer**  
**Director**