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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 TH FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #15-0608/ SUPPLEMENTARY GENERAL FUND OPERATING APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING - \$500,000

CITY of
BALTIMORE

MEMO



TO

DATE:

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

January 5, 2016

The Department of Planning is in receipt of City Council Bill #15-0608, which is for the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$500,000 to the Department of Planning - Service 761 (Development Oversight and Project Support) to provide funding for community greening projects in targeted neighborhoods throughout the City; and providing for a special effective date. These funds are part of the CSX Settlement Revenue.

The Department of Planning recommends approval of City Council Bill #15-0608, with one amendment. The funds should be directed to the Department of Planning – Service 765, Sustainability.

The Growing Green Initiative launched in 2014 to use sustainable, innovative, and cost-effective practices for stabilizing and holding land for redevelopment, and reusing vacant land to green neighborhoods. The funding will be used by the Growing Green Initiative to implement a variety of greening treatments on vacant lots including reseeding, fencing, planting trees, and supporting the creation of Community Managed Open Spaces. Neighborhoods and community associations will be engaged through non-profit partners and the Growing Green Initiative Community Organizer.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Beth Strommen, Director, Office of Sustainability, at 410-396-8360.

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