


MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council  
Attention: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

FROM: William H. Cole, President and CEO 

DATE: December 18, 2014

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 14-0465  
Community Legacy Project Application – Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation

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The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill No. 14-0465, an ordinance for the purpose of approving a Community Legacy Project Application for the Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation (GEDCO).

With the City's support, GEDCO's plan to continue developing Stadium Place with the addition of The Village Center project will bring much needed amenities to the 57,000 residents of the Stadium Place catchment area.

The Village Center parcel (1100 E. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street) measuring approximately 2.6 acres in area, is located along Ednor Road and 33<sup>rd</sup> Street. The project site is one of the few remaining pieces of the Stadium Place affordable retirement community left to develop. It is the most visible portion of the Stadium Place campus, easily accessible to both community members and daily commuters. GEDCO proposes creation of an innovative model of mixed use physical development focused on serving seniors on the campus and in the surrounding neighborhoods. This model will complete GEDCO's proposed continuum of care which will allow seniors to age within the community.

Envision a "Village Center" linked with a "Village Green," where a variety of service, medical, social and other needs of the elders of North Baltimore will be met. The Village Center will serve all those who live and work in the surrounding neighborhoods. By its very design it will be a gathering place where all ages will have casual opportunities for positive, stimulating interaction.

BDC has reviewed the ordinance and supports the proposed ordinance and is respectfully requesting that Bill No. 14-0465 be given favorable consideration by the City Council.

cc: Colin Tarbert  
Angela Gibson 