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PAUL T. GRAZIANO
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: February 9, 2015

Re: **City Council Bill 14-0448 – Natural Resources – Soil Erosion and
Sediment Control**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0448, for the purpose of revising the provisions governing delegations of hearing authority in administrative appeals of soil erosion and sediment control matters to conform to the counterpart delegations authorized in appeals of floodplain management matters and in appeals of stormwater management matters; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to administrative hearings relating to soil erosion and sediment control.

This bill, if enacted, would allow the Director of Public Works to delegate to a hearing officer the authority to issue the appropriate findings and the final administrative decision of the department for administrative appeals of soil erosion and sediment control matters.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 14-0448.

PTG:sd

cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Mr. Colin Tarbert, *Deputy Mayor*

