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1 (c) ~~(b)~~ The report required by this section shall include:

2 (1) a cost and benefit analysis of an initiative to install and maintain up to 100
3 acres of ~~urban meadows~~ low-maintenance and ecologically beneficial
4 vegetation types and management practices, including urban meadows, in the
5 City; City, including evaluating and comparing the following factors for
6 installing and maintaining low-maintenance and ecologically beneficial
7 vegetation types and management practices as alternatives to the current
8 practice of installing and maintaining mown grass:

9 (i) financial costs and savings;

10 (ii) community impact and acceptance;

11 (iii) environmental impact, including greenhouse gas emission and carbon
12 sequestration;

13 (iv) safety;

14 (v) aesthetics;

15 (vi) biodiversity;

16 (vii) urban heat island effects and mitigation;

17 (viii) opportunities for workforce development;

18 (ix) legal implications; and

19 (x) operational impacts on City agencies and partners; and

20 (2) a map of existing ~~vacant lots~~ existing areas maintained by the City as mown
21 grass and existing areas with packed dirt and minimal vegetation that could be
22 transformed into sites to pilot low-maintenance and ecologically beneficial
23 vegetation types and management practices, including urban meadows; and

24 (3) a logistical analysis of installing and maintaining up to 100 acres of urban
25 meadows; and low-maintenance and ecologically beneficial vegetation types
26 and management practices, including urban meadows.

27 (4) ~~an assessment of the environmental impact of installing and maintaining urban~~
28 ~~meadows in the City.~~

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1 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is**
2 **enacted.**

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Certified as duly passed this 18 day of November, 2024



President, Baltimore City Council


Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this 18 day of November, 2024



Chief Clerk

Approved this 27th day of November, 2024



Mayor, Baltimore City

Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency
This 22nd Day of November, 2024.



Chief Solicitor