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<b>FROM</b>	NAME & TITLE	THOMAS J. STOSUR, DIRECTOR
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #15-0552/ City Property Renaming Robert E. Lee Park to Lake Roland Park

CITY of  
BALTIMORE  
**MEMO**



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

DATE: August 28, 2015

At its regular meeting of August 27, 2015, the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #15-0552, for the purpose of changing the name of Robert E. Lee Park located in Baltimore County to Lake Roland Park.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report recommending approval of City Council Bill #15-0552. Upon a motion to defer the bill, eight members voted to defer. As such the Planning Commission is unable to make a recommendation to the Council.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wolde Ararsa, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-4488.

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Attachment

- cc: Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, Chief of Staff  
 Mr. Colin Tarbert, Deputy Mayor for Economic and Neighborhood Development  
 Mr. Leon Pinkett, Assistant Deputy Mayor for Economic and Neighborhood Development  
 Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office  
 The Honorable Rochelle "Rikki" Spector, Council Rep. to Planning Commission  
 Mr. David Tanner, BMZA  
 Mr. Geoffrey Veale, Zoning Administration  
 Ms. Sharon Daboin, DHCD  
 Ms. Barbara Zektick, DOT  
 Ms. Elena DiPietro, Law Dept.  
 Ms. Natawna Austin, Council Services  
 Ms. Melissa Krafchik, PABC  
 The Honorable Bernard "Jack" Young, City Council President  
 The Honorable Bill Henry, Councilmember, 4<sup>th</sup> District



*Stephanie Rawlings-Blake*  
Mayor

## PLANNING COMMISSION

*Wilbur E. "Bill" Cunningham, Chairman*



*Thomas J. Stosur*  
Director

### STAFF REPORT

**August 27, 2015**

**REQUEST:** City Council Bill #15-0552 Property – Renaming Robert E. Lee Park to Lake Roland Park

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approval

**STAFF:** Ivor A. Quashie

**PETITIONER:** City Council President Bernard C. "Jack" Young and City Councilmember Bill Henry

**OWNER:** Mayor and City Council

#### **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**

There are no previous Planning Commission actions regarding this site.

#### **CONFORMITY TO PLANS**

The proposal is also consistent with the City of Baltimore's Comprehensive Master Plan.

#### **ANALYSIS**

The park was named Robert E. Lee after a confederate general in the American Civil War by ordinance #173 in 1945.

The stated purpose of the bill is to change the name of this park known as Robert E. Lee Park, located in Baltimore County, to Lake Roland Park.

**Thomas J. Stosur**  
Director