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TO

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin
Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 18-0298 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of Recreation and Parks).

The purpose of the Bill is to grant a franchise 50 feet wide to the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) to construct, use and maintain a new 26-inch OHP gas main (Granite Pipeline); and to decommission and maintain an existing 26-inch OHP gas main (Granite Pipeline), both running through “Gwynns Falls Leakin Park”, owned by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore located in Baltimore City, Maryland, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations.

Prior ordinances granted a 40-foot wide right-of-way through portions of Gwynns Falls Leakin Park to BGE for the locating of a 26-inch OHP gas main known as the Granite Pipeline. City Council Bill 18-0298 would allow BGE to decommission portions of these older pipelines and replace them with a new 50-foot wide right-of-way containing a 26-inch OHP gas main through Gwynns Falls Leakin Park. In granting this franchise, BGE agrees and will be held to the following: replanting of the decommissioned pipeline right-of-way area with native trees, restoring the land to the original grade and replant trees as necessary, and maintaining this area for two years; forested land impacted within the Limit of Disturbance will be replanted with native trees and the area maintained for two years; the newly established 50-foot right-of-way will have a 30-foot wide meadow mixed planting area and a 20-foot wide mowed area maintained throughout the term of the franchise; and professional management of nonnative invasive plant species will be performed inside the Level of Disturbance (and outside if attributable to the pipeline).

The Department did review and sign off on the BGE construction plans for the gas mains, understanding that appropriate techniques will be exercised during construction to protect an existing 48-inch water main located near the intersection of Cooks Lane and N. Forest Park Avenue and existing 24-inch, 21-inch, and 8-inch sanitary pipes located near N. Franklinton Road and Dead Run. Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 18-0298.

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