

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 24-0507  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Conway  
Introduced and read first time: April 8, 2024  
Assigned to: Public Safety and Government Operations Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Office of the City Administrator,  
Department of Finance, Office of Sustainability, Commission on Sustainability

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Study and Report – Infrastructure and Urban Meadows**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Baltimore City Administrator, the Baltimore Office of  
4 Sustainability, and the Baltimore Commission on Sustainability to submit a report to the  
5 Mayor and City Council assessing the costs and benefits of installing and maintaining 100  
6 acres of low-maintenance and self-sustaining native plant communities (otherwise known as  
7 “urban meadows”) and mapping vacant lots and existing areas with packed dirt that could be  
8 transformed into urban meadows; and providing for a special effective date.

9 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That:**

10 (a) No later than 120 days from the enactment of this Ordinance, the Baltimore City  
11 Administrator, in consultation with the Baltimore City Office of Sustainability and the  
12 Baltimore Commission on Sustainability, shall submit a report, as fully described in  
13 subsection (b) of this section, to the Mayor and City Council assessing the costs and  
14 benefits of installing and maintaining 100 acres of otherwise known as “urban  
15 meadows” and mapping vacant lots and existing areas with packed dirt that could be  
16 transformed into urban meadows.

17 (b) The report required by this section shall include:

18 (1) a cost and benefit analysis of an initiative to install and maintain 100 acres of  
19 urban meadows in the City;

20 (2) a map of existing vacant lots and existing areas with packed dirt and minimal  
21 vegetation that could be transformed into urban meadows;

22 (3) a logistical analysis of installing and maintaining 100 acres of urban meadows;  
23 and

24 (4) an assessment of the environmental impact of installing and maintaining urban  
25 meadows in the City.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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