

October 2, 2021

Phylicia Porter  
Baltimore City Council  
100 Holliday Street  
Room 527  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: In support of City Council Bill #21-0083 and the Wilkens Ave. Bridge (BC 5202) replacement

Dear Councilwoman Porter,

I am writing in support of City Council Bill #21-0083, which allows for the relocation of BGE gas infrastructure to the Lower Gwynns Falls Park. This relocation is necessary so that the bridge on Wilkens Avenue, crossing over the Gwynns Falls waterway, can be replaced. The bridge is visibly crumbling in places with trees growing through cracks in the bridge's structure. This bridge needs to be replaced.

The Gwynns Falls Community Association is committed to working with Councilwoman Porter's office and with Baltimore DOT to ensure that this project is completed efficiently and safely. The proposed detour for this project runs through our neighborhood. We are confident that DOT, Councilwoman Porter's office, and the Gwynns Falls Community Association will maintain open and effective channels of communication throughout all phases of this project. This will ensure that the needs and concerns of Gwynns Falls residents will be addressed.

We look forward to the completion of the Wilkens Avenue bridge replacement and for improvements to the surrounding transportation infrastructure. The members of the Gwynns Falls Community Association are happy to lend our support to this project without reservation.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 413-658-8908, or [christopher.a.schulze@gmail.com](mailto:christopher.a.schulze@gmail.com).

Sincerely,



Christopher Schulze

President, Gwynns Falls Community Association