

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 08-0015R  
(Resolution)**

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**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

1       **A Request for the Allocation of Funds from the Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund and**  
2               **Nonpoint Source Fund for Metropolitan Parks**

3       FOR the purpose of requesting that the State of Maryland allocate \$5 million of the Chesapeake  
4               Bay 2010 Trust Fund and Nonpoint Source Fund to be used for metropolitan parks.

5                               **Recitals**

6       The Chesapeake Bay is a valuable and unique resource that must be protected. Sadly, most  
7       of the Bay's waters continue to be degraded. In 2006, less than one-third of Bay water quality  
8       goals were met, despite recovery efforts.

9       According to the Environmental Protection Agency's Chesapeake Bay Program, urban and  
10       suburban stormwater is the one pollution sector where progress has been negative, due to  
11       population growth and related development. Where development replaces natural forests and  
12       fields with impervious surfaces, the volume of stormwater run-off increases, and this run-off  
13       moves across the land more quickly than it did under pre-development conditions. As a result,  
14       more pollutants reach the Bay, degrading the water. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation reports  
15       that the total acres of imperviousness in the watershed increased from 611,017 acres in 1990, to  
16       860,004 acres in 2000 - an increase of 40.7%. At the current impervious change rate of 24,899  
17       acres per year, the watershed is estimated to contain 1,108,991 impervious acres by 2010.

18       Municipal parks offer urban centers a means of restoring natural surfaces and vegetation,  
19       thereby curbing run-off and water pollution. However, Baltimore City, as well as many other  
20       cities in Maryland, will face difficult budgetary decisions in the coming years. It is crucial that  
21       these cities have the necessary resources to protect the Bay without sacrificing public services.  
22       As the Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund and Nonpoint Source Fund was originally proposed,  
23       Baltimore City would be eligible for such funds.

24       Senate Bill 213 and House Bill 369 propose certain changes to the Chesapeake Bay 2010  
25       Trust Fund and Nonpoint Source Fund, including alterations to the distribution of funds. .

26       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That this  
27       Body requests that the State of Maryland allocate \$5 million of the Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust  
28       Fund and Nonpoint Source Fund to be used for metropolitan parks.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1       **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the  
2 Governor, the Honorable Chairs and Members of the Senate and House Delegations to the  
3 Maryland General Assembly, the Mayor, the Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of State  
4 Relations, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.