


MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council
Attention: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

FROM: William H. Cole, President and CEO 

DATE: November 24, 2014

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 14-0453
Baltimore City Landmark List – Olmsted Parkways

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) supports City Council Bill 14-0453. If passed, the Bill will name Baltimore City's Olmsted Parkways, which consist of the public right of way of the 2600-3200 blocks of the Alameda, the public right of way of the 0000-1800 blocks of 33rd Street, and the public right of way of the 1600-3900 blocks of Gwynns Falls Parkway, a historic landmark.

Frederick Law Olmsted and his sons, as well as Calvert Vaux were renowned landscape architects. Baltimore City is privileged to be host to some of their work. In many other cities across the country, including Buffalo, New York and Louisville, Kentucky, Olmsted parks and parkways are established landmarks on the national, state, and local district levels. It is important for Baltimore City to treat its parkways with care and pride by naming them historic landmarks.

The BDC respectfully requests that favorable consideration is given by the City Council for Bill No. 14-0453.

cc: Colin Tarbert
Angela Gibson

