



January 7, 2015

Honorable President Bernard Young
Members of the City Council
Baltimore City Council
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE: **Council Bill # 14-0453**
Baltimore City Landmark List – Olmsted Parkways

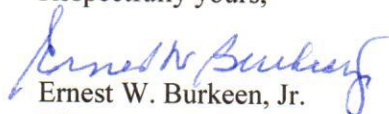
Dear President Young:

The Department of Recreation and Parks is reporting on City Council Bill # 14-0453. This Bill is for the purpose of designating the Olmsted Parkways, which consists 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 the Gwynns Falls Parkway, as a historical landmark.

Frederick Law Olmsted and his sons set a standard of excellence in landscape architecture that continues to influence green space design. His commitment to conservation and belief that common green spaces must be always be equally accessible to all citizens aligns his concepts with the mission of the Department of Recreation and Parks. To have these parkways designated historical landmarks befittingly recognizes the importance they hold in our great City and distinguishes their place in the history of our urban green spaces.

Therefore, the Department of Recreation and Parks Supports Council Bill 14-0453.

Respectfully yours,


Ernest W. Burkeen, Jr.
Director

EWB:VSO

cc: Angela Gibson, Liaison to City Council