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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 14-0316 Establishment of Special Fund for Preserving the City's Natural Environment		

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The Honorable President and Members of City Council
 City Hall 4th floor
 100 N. Holliday Street

February 3, 2014

Please be advised of the following comments offered on behalf of the Baltimore Office of Sustainability.

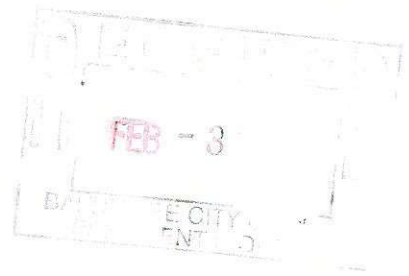
City Council Bill # 14-0316 proposes to create a special, non-lapsing fund in Article 5 of the City Code called the Special Fund for Preserving the City's Natural Environment. The fund would receive monies collected from grants, fees and surcharges, and would be specifically used for cleaning and preserving the City's natural environment, including the establishment, maintenance and restoration of parks and open spaces. The Department of Recreation and Parks is designated to administer the funds.

Creating a special fund for environmental purposes assures that if funds are raised through environmental based programs, grants or ordinances, they can be directed specifically to a special account that will hold them for that intended purpose.

The Office of Sustainability appreciates the intent of Council Bill #14-0316. However we defer to the Office of Finance for direction on this bill. It is not clear how the recommended changes will impact the larger City budget process.

Should you have any questions, I can be reached at 410-396-8360 or beth.strommen@baltimorecity.gov.

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