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Honorable President Stephanie Rawlings Blake
Members of the City Council
Baltimore City Council
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE: **Council Bill # 09-0377**

Acquisition of Property – Block 6990, Lots 1 -7, and Block 6991, Lots 1 - 26

Dear President Rawlings Blake:

The Department of Recreation and Parks **supports** Council Bill #09-0377. The bill is for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to acquire, by purchase or condemnation, the fee simple or other interests in certain property known as Block 6990, Lots 1 through 7, and Block 6991, Lots 1 through 26, and needed to create a public park.

Approval of this Bill would authorize the purchase of 33 properties that are privately owned in the vicinity of Browning Highway, Colgate Creek, the Dundalk and Seagrit Marine Terminals. This portion of land which extends into Baltimore City would be used as a part of the proposed Dundalk Heritage Park that is being developed by Baltimore County. All costs associated with this property acquisition will be paid by Baltimore County.

Once developed, it is expected that this open space will serve both City and County residents as well as provide a new transportation link between Baltimore City and County.

Therefore, the Department of Recreation and Parks **supports** Council Bill #09-0377.

Respectfully,



Wanda S. Durden, Director

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cc: Angela Gibson, Legislative Liaison to the City Council

