



MEMORANDUM

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Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,
Executive Director, HABCD
Commissioner, HCD

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle, *Executive Secretary*

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: October 7, 2011

Re: **City Council Bill 09-0323 - Tax Credit - Conservation Land**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 09-0323, which was introduced for the purpose of providing a real property tax credit for certain conservation land; providing for the amount and duration of the credit; defining certain terms; and generally relating to property tax credits.

This bill was introduced by Councilmembers Branch, Kraft, Henry, Young, Welch and Clarke at the request of Charm City Land Trusts, Inc. (CCLT), a Maryland 501(c)(3) that is included on the list of Maryland Land Conservation Organizations, as reported in the September 2011 list available at the website of the Maryland Environmental Trust. The bill's legal effect would be to add a new provision to the Code of Baltimore City to provide for a tax credit on property taxes levied against qualifying Baltimore City property.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 09-0323 and defers to the Department of Finance on this bill.

PTG:nb

cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, *Deputy Mayor*



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