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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 11-0675 Urban Renewal-Key Highway South-- Renewal Area Designation and Urban Renewal Plan		

TO

DATE:

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

September 26, 2011

Please be advised of the following comments offered on behalf of the Baltimore Commission on Sustainability (CoS). The CoS has reviewed the City Council Bill # 11-0675 Urban Renewal – Key Highway South – Renewal Area Designation bill and is offering the following comments.

The intent of this bill addresses the following goals of the Baltimore Sustainability Plan as approved by City Council on March 2, 2009:

- Cleanliness Goal 3: Transform vacant lots from liabilities to assets that provide social and environmental benefits; The Urban Renewal area will transform industrial area into mixed use residential and commercial areas.
 - Strategy D: Return abandoned properties to productive use
- Pollution Prevention Goal 3: Ensure that Baltimore water bodies are fishable and swimmable;
 - Strategy C: Reduce amount of impervious surface and increase on-site stormwater treatment; No permanent surface parking lots shall be permitted in areas designated as Mixed Use.
- Greening Goal 3: Provide safe, well-maintained recreation space within ¼ mile of all residents; Urban Renewal area addresses this by providing open space and linkage to the waterfront.
- Transportation Goal 2: Make Baltimore bicycle and pedestrian friendly; The Promenade shall be land-based and a minimum of 30 feet in width where possible, of which a minimum of 20 feet must be permanently constructed hardscape for pedestrian use, including an 8-foot wide bike path.
- Green Economy Goal 2: Make Baltimore a center for Green Business
 - Strategy C: Encourage construction industry to use “green” building practices; Development on the site within the Urban Renewal Area should trigger Green Building standards.
- Green Economy Goal 4: Raise Baltimore’s profile as a forward thinking, green city
 - Strategy D: Support innovative and pilot projects and technologies

It was the consensus of the Commission on Sustainability to support City Council Bill # 11-0675

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