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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill #15-0207R – Informational Hearing- Park and Open Space Policies		

TO

DATE: April 21, 2015

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
Room 400, City Hall

Attention: Ms. Natawna Austin

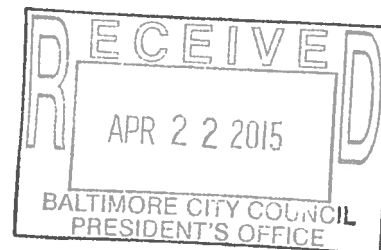
City Council Bill #15-0207R has been introduced for the purpose of inviting all interested government officials, institutional leaders, and citizens to appear before it to discuss the status of all activities and planning underway in the city that might contribute to either maintaining the current open space estate or improving and expanding upon it, and to raise issues and questions about a governance paradigm for public open space that will ensure that Baltimore has a great and expansive system of public open spaces for the 21st century, one that is of no less vision and grandeur than that which the city had at the beginning of the last century.

The Department of Recreation and Parks receives Program Open Space funding, City General Funds, and other Capital funding for maintenance of and improvements to parks and open space. In Fiscal 2015 BCRP received \$9 million in General Fund operating dollars for Park Maintenance. This funds: cleaning and repairing playgrounds; preparation and maintenance of athletic fields; cleaning trails; mowing grass; mulching trees; and removing leaves/snow from the parks.

BCRP had \$1.2 million budgeted in State Program Open Space funding in the Fiscal 2015 operating budget. There is additional POS funding in the Capital Budget for specific projects. In Fiscal 2016 the Governor's budget proposed reductions to total POS funding, but the impact on operating or capital funding is not yet clear.

We are happy to provide additional information or clarification as requested.

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