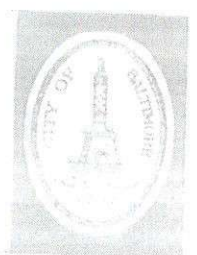


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TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 N. Holliday Street

The Commission on Sustainability is in receipt of City Council Bill #12-0153 Soil Erosion and Sediment Control for the purpose of establishing minimum requirements and procedures to control the adverse impacts associated with land disturbances; minimizing soil erosion and preventing off-site sedimentation by using soil erosion and sediment control practices; reducing the negative impacts of land development on water resources, maintaining the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of streams, and minimizing damage to public and private property; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to soil erosion and sediment control.

The Office of Sustainability was forwarded the request for a bill response on November 7, 2012, and the Commission on Sustainability has not convened a meeting since that date, and will not be meeting until December 4, 2012. The staff of the Sustainability Office recommends that the Commission on Sustainability defer comment on this bill until information has been officially submitted to them for review at their December 4th meeting.

Due to the expedited nature of this bill, the staff of the Sustainability Office also respectfully submits the following comments on City Council Bill #12-0153. The intent of this bill addresses the following goals of the Baltimore Sustainability Plan as approved by City Council on March 2, 2009:

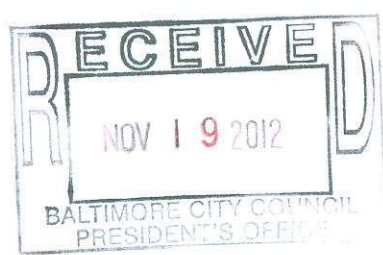
- Water pollution compromises the human and environmental health of Baltimore and its residents. Erosion and sediment control directly assists in preventing pollution of our waterways.
- The Pollution Prevention chapter of the Sustainability Plan has a goal #3 of "Ensuring that Baltimore water bodies are fishable and swimmable". City Council Bill 12-0153 positively affects this goal and strategies within the goal.

Due to the great impact that sediment and erosion control has on improving our water quality and environment, the Office of Sustainability staff has no objections to City Council Bill #12-0153.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Beth Strommen, Chief of Sustainability Division at 410-396-8360.

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No obj. comment