

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 14-0316
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Kraft, Henry, Holton, Branch, Mosby, Stokes, Middleton,
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Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Recreation and Parks,
Department of Finance, Office of Sustainability

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Special Fund for Preserving the City's Natural Environment – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a continuing and nonlapsing special fund to be known as the
4 Special Fund for Preserving the City's Natural Environment; specifying the purposes, sources
5 of revenue, and uses of this Special Fund; and generally relating to the establishment and
6 operation of a special fund to promote the cleaning and preserving of the City's natural
7 environment, including the establishment, maintenance, and restoration of parks and other
8 open spaces, streams, and the harbor.

9 BY authority of

10 Article I - General Provisions
11 Section(s) 11
12 Baltimore City Charter
13 (1996 Edition)

14 BY adding

15 Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement
16 Section(s) 8-2
17 Baltimore City Code
18 (Edition 2000)

19 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
20 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

21 **Baltimore City Code**

22 **Article 5. Finance, Property, and Procurement**

23 **Subtitle 8. Special Funds**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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§ 8-2. SPECIAL FUND FOR PRESERVING THE CITY’S NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

(A) FUND ESTABLISHED.

THERE IS A SPECIAL FUND FOR PRESERVING THE CITY’S NATURAL ENVIRONMENT .

(B) NATURE OF FUND.

THE SPECIAL FUND IS A CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CITY CHARTER ARTICLE I, § 11 (“SUSTAINABILITY AND RELATED FUNDS”).

(C) PURPOSE OF FUND.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL FUND IS TO PROVIDE INCREASED SUPPORT FOR CLEANING AND PRESERVING THE CITY’S NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT, MAINTENANCE AND RESTORATION OF PARKS AND OTHER OPEN SPACES, STREAMS, AND THE HARBOR.

(D) CONTENTS OF FUND.

THE SPECIAL FUND CONSISTS OF:

- (1) PROCEEDS FROM FINES, FEES, TAXES, SURCHARGES, AND OTHER REVENUES THAT HAVE BEEN DEDICATED TO THE SPECIAL FUND BY ORDINANCE;
- (2) CONTRIBUTIONS, GRANTS, OR GIFTS RECEIVED FROM ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOURCE FOR THE SPECIFIC BENEFIT OF THE SPECIAL FUND; AND
- (3) MONEY OTHERWISE APPROPRIATED TO THE SPECIAL FUND BY THE ANNUAL ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES OR BY A SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION

(E) USES OF FUND.

THE SPECIAL FUND MAY BE USED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

(F) ADMINISTRATION OF FUND.

THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS SHALL:

- (1) ADMINISTER THE SPECIAL FUND; AND
- (2) DETERMINE THE ACTIVITIES AND PRIORITIES FOR WHICH SPECIAL FUND MONEY IS BEST USED TO PROMOTE ITS PURPOSES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior Ordinance.

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1 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
2 after the date it is enacted.