

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 27, 2023

TO: Economic and Community Development Committee

FROM: Colin Tarbert, President and CEO

POSITION: Favorable

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 23-0346

Urban Renewal - Brooklyn-Curtis Bay- Renewal Area Designation and Urban

Renewal Plan

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill No. 23-0436 introduced by Councilmember Porter.

PURPOSE

This bill will repeal the Brooklyn-Curtis Bay Business Area Urban Renewal Plan (URP) and replace it with an expanded Renewal Area with updated provisions to the URP.

BRIEF HISTORY

The prior Renewal Plan area will remain intact and will expand to an additional group of properties currently zoned C-2 that was not a part of the Brooklyn-Curtis Bay Business Area URP's boundaries. With a spur of development along 2nd Street and Hanover Street leading up to the main commercial corridor at Patapsco Avenue, placing these parcels within the boundaries will allow for clarification of the business types the community would like to see and engage with. The repeal and replacement of the Brooklyn-Curtis Bay Business Area URP may create opportunities for development throughout the designated area, including the parcels in the expanded boundary. It will also provide opportunities to expand and diversify the businesses and retail goods offered in that area.

FISCAL IMPACT TO BDC

None.

AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation respectfully submits a **favorable** response to City Council Bill No. 23-0463. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Clark at 410-837-9305 or KClark@baltimoredevelopment.com.

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