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CITY of BALTIMORE





TO

DATE: February 19, 2010

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council c/o Karen Randle Room 400 - City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 10-0440 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Comptroller (Department of Real Estate).

The purpose of the Bill is to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property known as Baltimore County Map 100, Parcel 1365 and no longer needed for public use.

The subject property is an unimproved and wooded parcel approximately 11.01 acres in size. The property is located in the Catonsville area of Baltimore County in the vicinity of Frederick Road and Maple Avenue, to the west of the I-695 Beltway and near Patapsco Valley State Park. The parcel is zoned RC-2, a resource conservation area which limits its development. It is our understanding that there has been previous interest in this property but the restrictive zoning and unsuccessful percolation tests render the property unsuitable for development.

The City of Baltimore was deeded the site in 1921 by the Baltimore County Water and Electric Company. A recent survey was completed to delineate the site and provide a parcel number. The Department of Real Estate, through this legislation, is seeking authority to sell the property to Baltimore County with a deed restriction that the parcel must remain as open space. Having checked our records, this Department has no utility or other interests that would be affected by the proposed sale and therefore supports passage of City Council Bill 10-0440.

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