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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 11-0778 Natural Resources – Floodplain Management		

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TO

DATE:
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The Honorable President and Members of City Council
City Hall 4th floor
100 N. Holliday Street

Please be advised of the following comments offered on behalf of the Baltimore Commission on Sustainability (CoS). The CoS has reviewed **City Council Bill 11-0778 Natural Resources – Floodplain Management**.

For the purpose of modifying the statutes governing flood plain management to meet requirements for eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program and to otherwise comply with the requirements of Federal and State law; defining and redefining certain terms; updating references to various agencies; repealing redundant provisions; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related language; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the protection, maintenance, and enhancement of the public health, safety, and welfare through floodplain management.

The intent of this bill addresses the following goals of the Baltimore Sustainability Plan as approved by City Council on March 2, 2009:

- Pollution Prevention Goal 1: Reduce Baltimore’s greenhouse gas emissions by 15% by 2015
 - Strategy A: Create a Climate Action Plan for the City of Baltimore
 - Strategy B: Implement Climate Action Plan for the City of Baltimore
- Education & Awareness Goal 3: Raise the environmental awareness of the Baltimore community

The Commission on Sustainability recommends the approval of City Council Bill # 11-0778 with the following amendments:

Amendment No. 1: On page 1, in line 19, after “3-17(d)”, strike “and (e)”; and, on the same page, in line 27, after the second comma, insert “3-17(e)”; and, on page 9, in line 26, after “furnaces,” insert “TOILETS, SHOWERS, SINKS.”; and, on page 11, strike lines 11 through 19, in their entireties.

Amendment No. 2: On page 2, strike beginning with “the 100-year” in line 24 through “Division I” in line 26 and substitute “A FLOOD THAT HAS A 1% CHANCE OF BEING EQUALED OR EXCEEDED IN ANY GIVEN YEAR”.

Amendment No. 3: On page 13, in line 7, after the closing bracket, insert “A”; and, on the same page, in line 32, strike “the 100-year” and substitute “BASE FLOOD”; and, on the same page, in line 35, strike “100-year” and substitute “BASE”.

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