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TO	Chair Danielle McCray
FROM	Baltimore City Recreation & Parks, Dr. Reginald Moore, Executive Director 
DATE	April 29, 2026
SUBJECT	26-0181
REQUEST TOPIC	Community and Economic Development Loan - \$50,000,000

Baltimore City Recreation & Parks is reporting on City Council Bill 26-0181

PURPOSE

Ordinance 26-0181 authorizes the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to issue up to \$50,000,000 in bonds to support community, commercial, and industrial economic development initiatives. These funds may be used for land and property acquisition, planning, development, and implementation of projects that contribute to the City's economic vitality, including improvements that intersect public spaces and community assets.

BACKGROUND

The Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks (BCRP) manages a wide range of public assets, including parks, recreation centers, and open spaces that serve as critical components of neighborhood stability and economic health. Investment in recreational infrastructure often complements broader economic development by increasing property values, attracting businesses, and improving quality of life.

Baltimore continues to experience uneven development, and many park and recreation facilities particularly in historically underserved communities require significant capital improvements. While this ordinance is primarily focused on economic development, Recreation and Parks projects may align with its goals where park improvements support community revitalization, public safety, and local economic activity.

AGENCY POSITION

Baltimore City Recreation & Parks supports City Council Bill 26-0181. Bond funding is essential to advancing our mission to improve quality of life and ensure equitable access to safe, modern recreational spaces across all neighborhoods. Investment in public infrastructure is fundamental to the City's continued growth, health, and resilience.



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BCRP respectfully requests a favorable report on City Council Bill 26-0181.