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<b>FROM</b>	NAME & TITLE	William Vondrasek, Acting Director	CITY OF BALTIMORE  <b>MEMO</b>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Baltimore City Recreation & Parks 3001 East Drive		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill #16-0725 / Carroll Camden Urban Renewal Amendment		

**TO** The Honorable President and Members of Baltimore City Council, Room 400, Baltimore City Hall

DATE: September 2, 2016

With respect to Bill #16-0725: "AN ORDINANCE FOR the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Carroll Camden to change the allowable land use and proposed development for an existing disposition lot, to add a new disposition lot to the Plan...." the Baltimore City Recreation & Parks Department supports the legislation #16-0725, to change the proposed development use and include a new lot to allow for "redevelopment for retail, parking and/or outdoor recreational use", with the addition of use for public open space.

These lots are located within the Middle Branch and were identified in the 2007 Middle Branch Master Plan as sites within the urban renewal plan to be amended to allow "increased commercial uses". The plan also recommended that "...the green shoreline and public access to the waterfront be protected at all private redevelopment sites". To ensure public access to the sites, the Department would like public open space to be added to the proposed development uses as part of the amendment.

The Department continues to be involved in the provision of outdoor recreation programs and expanding public use of and access to waterfront amenities and open spaces along the Middle Branch. It would be expected that the Department be consulted in any new development that is proposed for these parcels.

- cc: Angela Gibson, Liaison to City Council
- Colin Tarbert, Deputy Mayor for Economic and Neighborhood Development
- Tom Jeannetta, Chief of Parks
- Paul Taylor, Chief of Capital Development & Planning

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