



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 10, 2023
TO: Economic and Community Development Committee
FROM: Colin Tarbert, President and CEO
POSITION: Favorable
SUBJECT: City Council Bill 23-0417: Rezoning – 4911-4917 and 4919-4925 West Forest Park Avenue

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INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill 23-0417 introduced by Councilmember Kristerfer Burnett.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this bill is to change the zoning for the property known as 4911-4917 and 4919-4925 West Forest Park Avenue from Single-Unit Residential (R-1) Zoning District to an Open Space (OS) Zoning District.

BRIEF HISTORY

The rezoning efforts for 4911-4917 and 4919-4925 West Forest Park Avenue are aligned with the Baltimore Green Network Plan, which aims to reuse vacant land through sustainable practices. This includes linking existing green spaces with new parks and vacant lots to create sustainable corridors for people and wildlife. The lots are also in proximity to Baltimore's two largest parks, Druid Hill Park and Gwynns Falls Leakin Park, which feature the Jones Falls Trail and the Gwynns Falls Trail respectively. These trails link the neighborhoods to open spaces, providing residents with opportunities for recreation and exercise. The proposed rezoning is also consistent with nearby Open Space Zoning Districts, including the adjacent Forest Park Golf Course. Additionally, it is aligned with the Greater Northwest Community Coalition's adopted community planning efforts for additional open spaces to support potential recreational opportunities for residents.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation respectfully presents a **favorable** report on City Council Bill 23-0417. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Clark at 410-837-9305 or KClark@baltimoredevelopment.com.

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