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STAFF REPORT

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Director

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REQUEST: <u>Review and Response to City Council Bill for Urban Renewal Amendments:</u> City Council Bill 16-0077: Repeal of Rosemont Urban Renewal Area and Plan

RECOMMENDATION: CHAP has no objection to the amendment and defers to Planning regarding zoning amendments.

STAFF: Stacy Montgomery

PETITIONER(S): Introduced by City Councilman Bullock

SUMMARY: City Council Bill 17-0077 proposes to repeal the Rosemont Urban Renewal Area and Plan.

SITE/HISTORIC DISTRICT
The Rosemont neighborhood is located in west Baltimore, east of Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park and south of North Avenue. The Urban Renewal Plan Area is located east of the neighborhood and is an irregularly shaped area that roughly follows the line of the railroad. There are no designated historic sites within the boundaries of the Urban Renewal Plan area. The Edmondson National Register District and the Melvin Cade Armory Baltimore City Landmark are both located to the south of a portion of the Urban Renewal Plan.

BACKGROUND
o   There are no previous CHAP actions.

PROPOSAL
Bill 16-0077: Repeal of Rosemont Urban Renewal Area and Plan will repeal the urban renewal plan and area entirely. The plan is no longer necessary, as many of the reasons it was adopted are no longer relevant. For example, the goals of the urban renewal plan are now addressed through Transform Baltimore, the newly adopted zoning code.
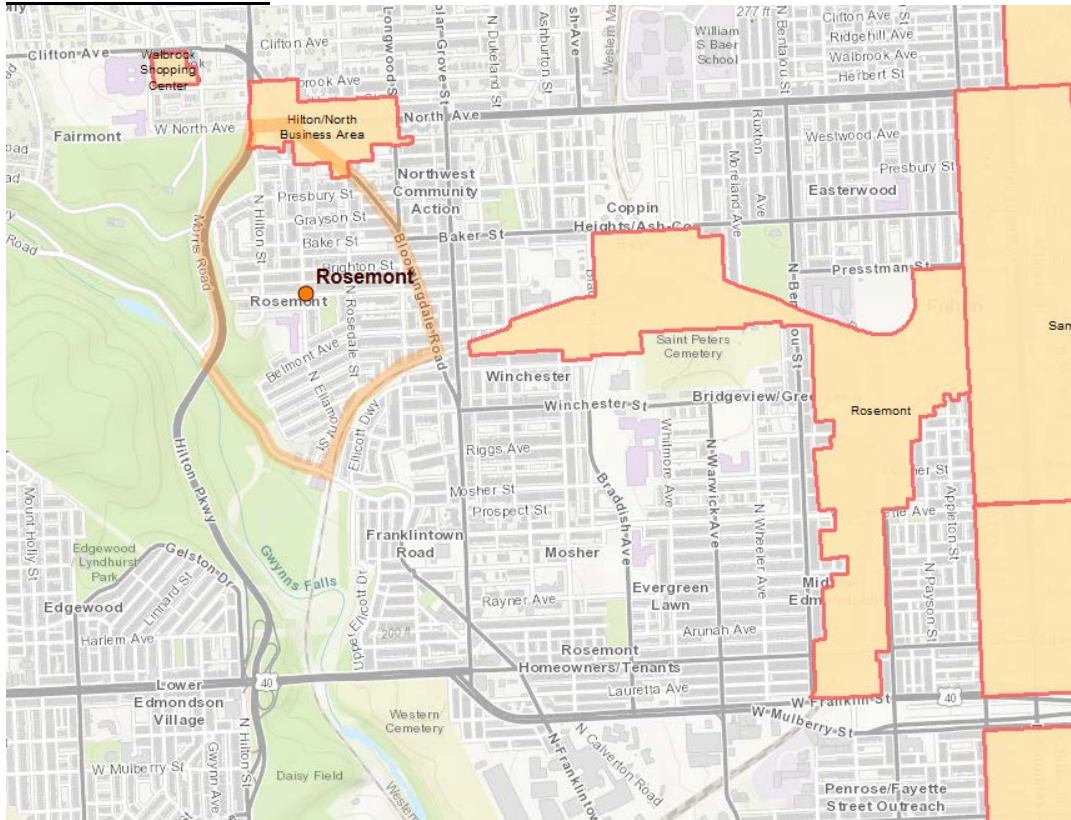
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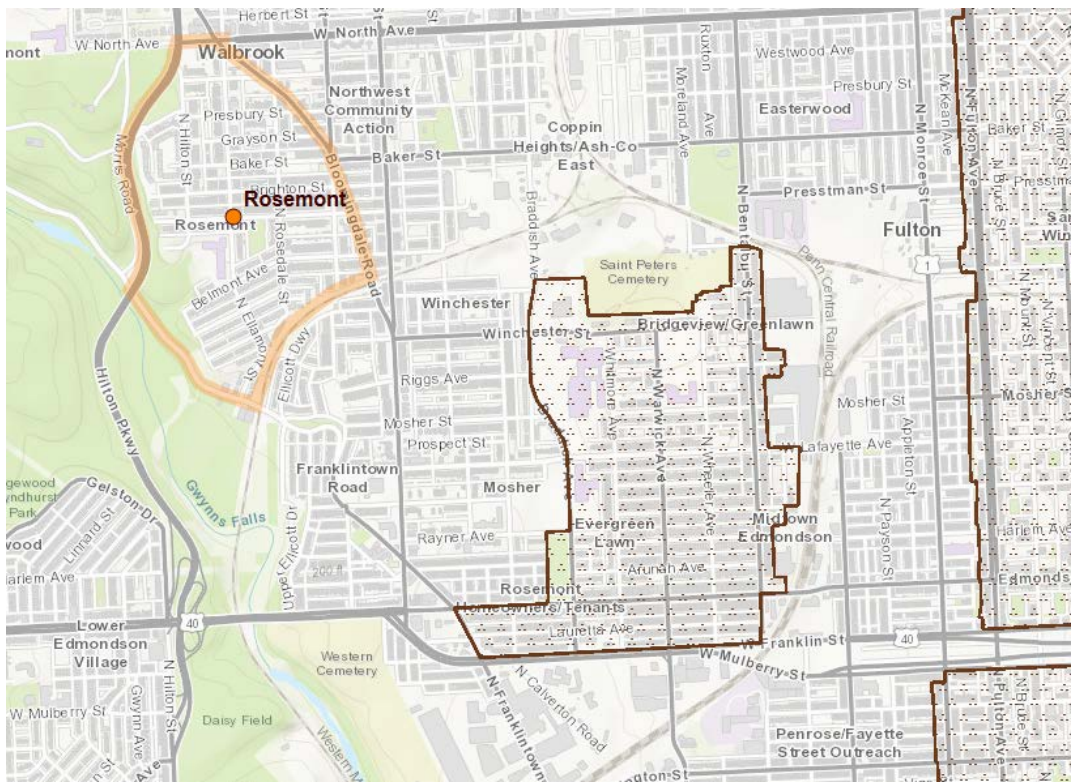CHAP staff finds that the proposed repeal will have no impact on designated historic properties.

Staff recommends a finding of no objection and defers to Planning regarding zoning.

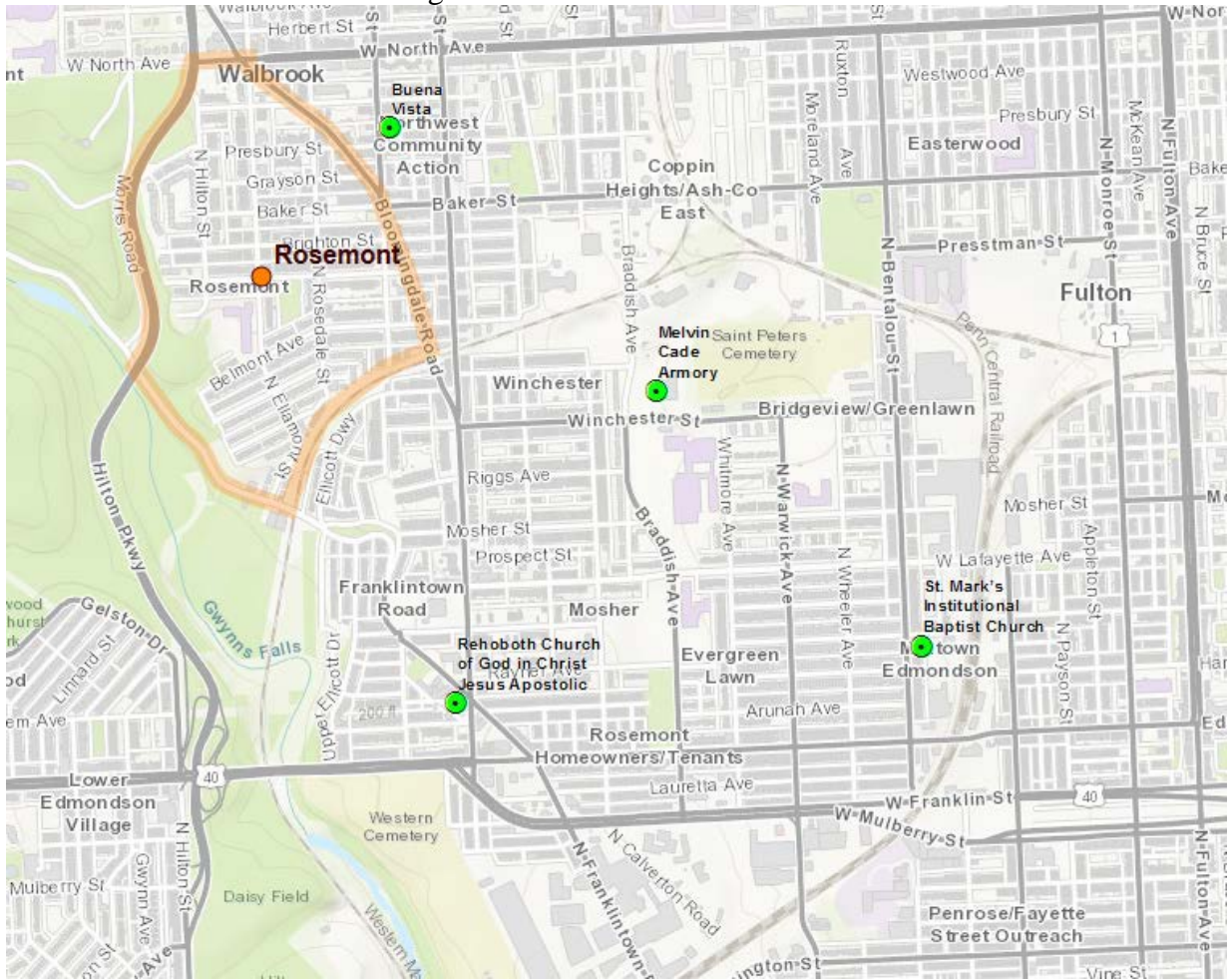**Eric Holcomb**
Director

MAPS & IMAGES

Neighborhood and Urban Renewal Plan Boundaries

Edmondson Avenue National Register Historic District located south of area

Baltimore City Landmarks in area