



MEMORANDUM

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RAWLINGS-BLAKE,
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,
Executive Director, DHCD
Commissioner, CHM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle, *Executive Secretary*

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: February 9, 2011

Re: **City Council Bill 11-0643 - Urban Renewal - Coldstream Homestead Montebello - Amendment** _

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 11-0643, which was introduced for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Coldstream Homestead Montebello to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area and to correct and clarify certain language; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

An amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan for Coldstream Homestead Montebello (CHM) is necessary to reauthorize the Plan's powers of acquisition and condemnation so that these actions may legally continue, in compliance with § 12-105.1 of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Without this reauthorization, the authority to acquire property under the Plan will terminate in November, 2011. In addition to obtaining the reauthorization of general acquisition authority of the properties already located within the existing land disposition map, the proposed legislation would also further clarify the City's ability to acquire adjacent streets or alleys that abut or are adjacent to these properties including all rights, title and interest or any private rights of use.

DHCD has begun the clearance of the area known as the "Triangle" located on the 2700 blocks of Tivoly, Fenwick and Hugo Avenues, per the CHM Area Master Plan. The project began with the 2700 block of Tivoly Avenue, and will be done in five phases. Working with the community, Baltimore Housing is preparing an alternative plan to prioritize relocating owner-occupants and long-term rental residents of the Tivoly corridor.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 11-0643.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, *Deputy Mayor*

