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Honorable President Bernard Young
Members of the City Council
Baltimore City Council
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE: **Council Bill # 15-0207R**
Informational Hearing - Park and Open Space Policies

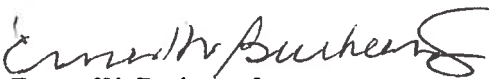
Dear President Young:

The Department of Recreation and Parks is reporting on City Council Bill # 15-0207R. This Bill is for the purpose of inviting all interested government officials, institutional leaders, and citizens to appear before it to discuss the status of all activities and planning underway in the city that might contribute to either maintaining the current open space estate or improving and expanding upon it, and to raise issues and questions about a governance paradigm for public open spaces for the 21st century, one that is of no less vision and grandeur than that which the city had at the beginning of the last century.

We at BCRP welcome the opportunity to engage in this informational hearing on Council Bill #15-0207R.

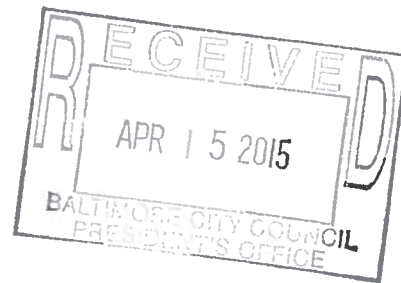
Therefore, the Department of Recreation and Parks supports the intent of Council Bill #15-0207R.

Respectfully yours,


Ernest W. Burkeen, Jr.
Director

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cc: Angela Gibson, Liaison to City Council



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