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Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council,

As I read the Comprehensive Master Plan for the City of Baltimore (bill 924-0583), I am pleased to see the concern to conserve Baltimore's trees. What I do not see is a plan to conserve our streams, the surrounding watershed, and especially the wildlife they contain.

I have personally witnessed Stony Run and the surrounding watershed improve year by year. A decade ago, there was little life in and around the polluted stream. Now, fish, frogs, dragonflies, crayfish, rabbits, ducks, racoons, deer and herons populate the area in and around Stony Run.

I'm concerned that lack of regulations will reverse these wonderful improvements to Baltimore's streams and wetlands. Many citizens in the community have worked hard to keep our streams clean, healthy, and visually attractive. I do hope the Master Plan can add regulations to control run-off and sewage pollution, and to curtail construction projects that infringe on the health of Baltimore's wetlands and streams (many of which flow into the Chesapeake Bay).

Sincerely,

Rick Shelley, resident of Wyman Park South