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**COMMISSION FOR
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STAFF REPORT



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REQUEST: Review and Response to City Council Bill: City Council Bill 18-0247: Urban Renewal-
Johnston Square - Amendment

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

STAFF: Stacy Montgomery

PETITIONER(S): Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Administration

SUMMARY: City Council Bill 18-0247 proposes to the Johnston Square Urban Renewal Plan to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area.

SITE/HISTORIC DISTRICT

The Johnston Square neighborhood is located in central Baltimore, south of Greenmount Cemetery and east of the Jones Falls Expressway. A portion of the Old East Baltimore National Register Historic District is within the plan area. There are two Baltimore City Landmarks within the boundaries of the Urban Renewal Plan, the Nazarene Baptist Church and Saint Frances Academy.

BACKGROUND

There are no previous Commission actions on this matter.

PROPOSAL

Bill 18-0247 Urban Renewal – Johnston Square – Amendment reauthorizes the plan's powers of acquisition, which must be reauthorized every four years. HCD is actively acquiring properties identified in the Urban Renewal Plan. No new properties are being added to the existing list, but those already acquired are being removed through the amendment.

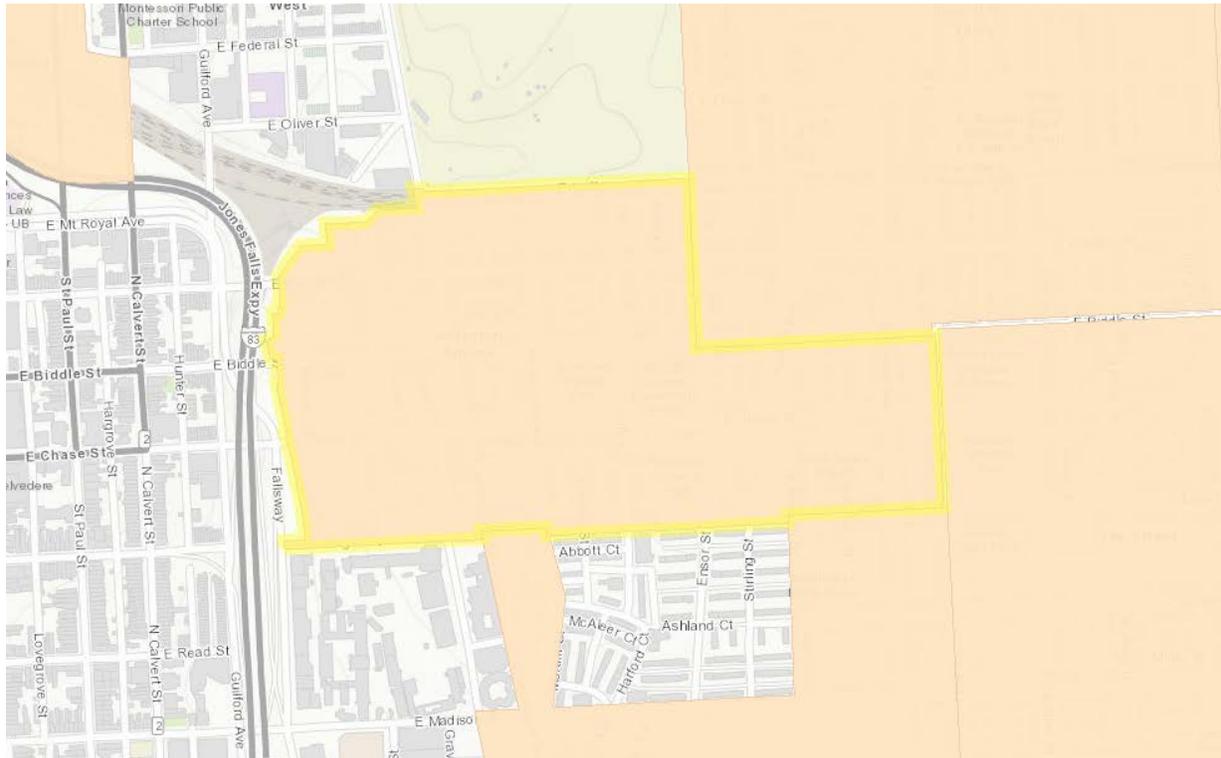
ANALYSIS

CHAP staff finds that the proposed amendments will have no impact on designated historic properties as the amendments address use and have no physical impact on locally designated historic resources.

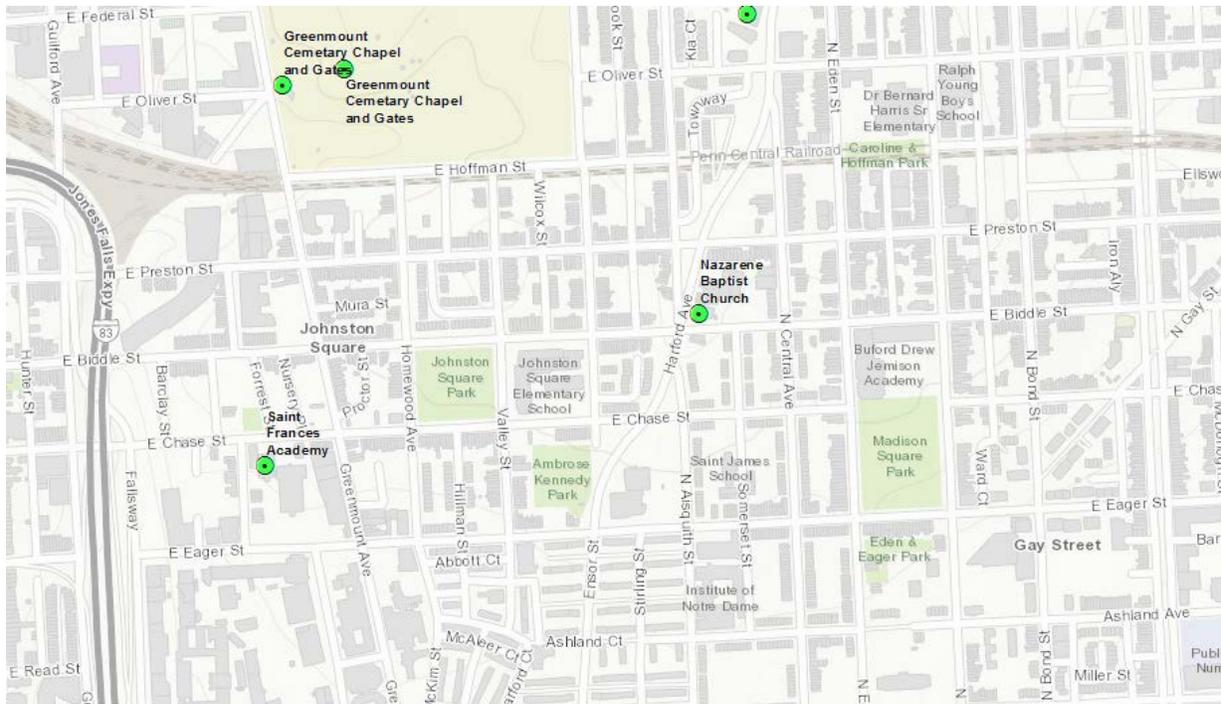
Staff recommends a finding of no objection and deferment to Planning.

**Eric Holcomb
Director**

MAPS & IMAGES



Urban Renewal Plan Boundaries (yellow outline)



Baltimore City Landmarks in area