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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 09-0377		

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TO
 The Honorable President and Members
 of the Baltimore City Council
 c/o Karen Randle
 Room 400 - City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 09-0377 introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake on behalf of the Administration (Department of Recreation and Parks).

The purpose of the Bill is to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to acquire, by purchase or by condemnation, the fee simple or other interests in certain property known as Block 6990, Lots 1 through 7, and Block 6991, Lots 1 through 26, and needed to create a public park.

City Council Bill 09-0377, if approved, would authorize the purchase of 33 privately held properties located near Browning Highway, Colgate Creek, and the Dundalk and Seagirt Marine Terminals. The properties are bounded by the Conrail right-of-way and Ralls Avenue, Riverview Avenue, the eastern City boundary line, and the property known as Block 6990, Lot 8 currently owned by the City. Baltimore County is developing a new park to be called Heritage Park, a portion of which would extend into Baltimore City, thus requiring the proposed acquisition of the 33 properties. All acquisition, maintenance, and development costs would be paid for by Baltimore County. The development of this area is intended to provide recreational, open, and community space for City and County residents, preserve and enhance the waterfront area, attract visitors to the area and foster commercial revitalization, and provide a new transportation link between Baltimore and Dundalk. As part of this proposed park development, the Department of General Services is working with the Department of Real Estate to begin the closure process for a portion of Ralls Avenue, between Riverview Avenue and Woodhouse Avenue, which will require the introduction and approval of a separate ordinance to do so.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 09-0377.


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 Director

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 No objection

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