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	Subject :	City Council Bill 23-0367 Gas Powered Debris Removal Equipment		

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TO: The Honorable City Council President Nick Mosby
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 North Holliday Street
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Baltimore City Recreation & Parks (BCRP) is herein reporting on City Council 23-0367 introduced by Councilman Ryan Dorsey. The purpose of the bill is to prohibit the use of gas-powered debris removal equipment in Baltimore City; defining certain terms; establishing procedures for reporting the use of gas-powered debris removal equipment; establishing certain penalties; and providing for a special effective date.

Conservation is a critical component of BCRP's mission. Our agency strives to be at the forefront of responsible environmental best practices. To that end, our agency began transitioning from gas-powered hand-held leaf blowers to battery-powered leaf blowers over the last several years and that transition continues.

BCRP respectfully requests an amendment to clarify in Article – Health 8-301 E (2) Inclusions (II) Leaf Vacuums, that the ban specifically refers to handheld leaf blowers with a vacuum function and not self-propelled motorized leaf vacuums, including walk-behinds, riding, hitch mount, or leaf vacuum trucks.

With the inclusion of the amendment requested above, BCRP is happy to support City Council Bill 23-0367. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Morgan at jmorgan@baltimorecity.gov.

