



**BALTIMORE
HOUSING**

SHEILA DIXON
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: September 8, 2009

Re: **City Council Bill 09-0365 - Sale of Property - Portion of City Property
- Poplar Hill Road - Baltimore County**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 09-0365, which was introduced for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain parcels of land located in Baltimore County in the vicinity of Poplar Hill Road and no longer needed for public use.

The private owner of the subject property filed for building permits with the County to construct a large, single family home and access drive on what he thought was his property. The house was constructed on property, known as 13910 Poplar Hill Road, which appeared only to be adjacent to a City-owned reservoir land. In 2005, a more complete survey revealed that the house and most of the access drive was, in fact, constructed on the City-owned reservoir land and therefore homeowner cannot sell the property. Consequently, a tentative agreement has been reached which provides that in return for a payment of \$65,000 as damages for his trespass and use of the City's property, the City will swap ownership of the four-acre parcel owned by the private citizen for the three-acres of City-owned land on which the house had been erroneously constructed.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 09-0365.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson
Ms. Diane Hutchins
Mr. Andrew Frank

