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	Agency Name & Address	Baltimore City Department of Recreation & Parks 3001 East Drive, Baltimore, Maryland (MD) 21217		
	Subject:	<i>City Council Bill 21-0047R Upkeep and Maintenance of Vacant Lots &amp; Public Green Spaces</i>		

**DATE:** Monday, August 2, 2021

**TO:** The Honorable President  
Members of the City Council City Hall  
100 North Holliday Street

**INTRODUCTION**

I am herein reporting on City Council 21-0047R introduced by Councilman Kristopher Burnett.

**PURPOSE**

For the purpose of requesting the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks (BCRP), the Director of the Department of Planning, the Director of the Department of Transportation, the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Head of the Bureau of Solid Waste, the Sustainability Coordinator, a representative from the Office of the Comptroller, and the Chief of the Bureau of Budget and Management Research to report on the annual cumulative total of calls for service for the upkeep and maintenance of vacant lots and green spaces; and recommending to the Administration that a single City agency be charged with the responsibility for mowing all City-owned lots, parcels, parks, and green spaces.

**BRIEF HISTORY**

BCRP currently contracts the mowing of its +/- 2924 acres of park properties to a local contractor. The BCRP contract has specifications particular to maintaining best practices for municipal park areas including frequency of cuts, trimming, edging, weed control, trash removal, and detailed documentation.

**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION**

BCRP would not be in favor of a single city-wide contract based on several issues including contract administration, quality control, and differences in specifications which vary from one agency to another. One critical point of opposition is that a contract of this magnitude automatically precludes the City from fostering and attracting small business for future awards. Respectfully, BCRP opposes City Council Bill 21-0047R.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jenny Morgan, *Legislative Liaison* at [jmorgan@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:jmorgan@baltimorecity.gov).