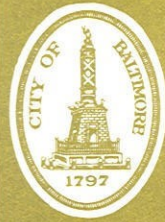


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TO

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 Resolution 09-0095R introduced by Council Members Cole, Kraft, Young, Henry, D'Adamo, Middleton, Clarke, Curran, Conaway, and Spector.

The purpose of the Resolution is to request the Director of Public Works and the Cleaner Greener Baltimore Coordinator to report to the City Council on efforts to reduce trash and debris in Baltimore's Inner Harbor, both through citizen education and through controlling waste at the Inner Harbor's 27 outfalls.

Trash and debris in the Inner Harbor is one visible symptom that results from a multitude of actions, from littering, to poor sanitation habits, to the disposable lifestyle practiced by many people within and outside of the City. Finding effective means to remove the unsightly trash and debris from the Inner Harbor is an important goal. Our Bureau of Water and Wastewater is developing a comprehensive water protection program in an effort to reduce the trash and debris that washes into and collects in the Harbor and other surface waterways. Evaluating the effectiveness of some of the methods mentioned in this Resolution and other options will be part of that study.

While this comprehensive plan is focused on the specific issue of trash in the City's waterways, it will build upon and integrate with other key City initiatives: the Mayor's Cleaner Greener campaign; the newly adopted Sustainability Plan; the successful Single Stream Recycling program; our One Plus One Sanitation legislation; and our expanding Stormwater Management Program. What all of these efforts have in common are the need to educate ourselves and our neighbors to understand our personal responsibilities, act to change our behaviors, and work together to resolve these challenges. Our role as government is to provide our citizens with the information they need to make smart choices in how they dispose of their waste and treat their environment, give them the programs and services that make those smart choices possible, and support their efforts to improve their communities.

Comments

