

<p><b>CITY OF BALTIMORE</b></p> <p><b>BERNARD C. "JACK" YOUNG,</b> <i>Mayor</i></p>		<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS</b></p> <p>REGINALD MOORE, <i>Executive Director</i> Dr. Ralph W. E. Jones, Jr. Building 3001 East Drive - Druid Hill Park Baltimore, Maryland 21217 410-396-7900</p>
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**DATE: August 4, 2020**

**TO:** Honorable President and Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Baltimore City Recreation & Parks

**POSITION:** Support

**Re: City Council Bill #20-0546 – Natural Resources – Forest and Tree Conservation.**

Dear President and City Council Members,

Baltimore City Recreation and Parks (BCRP) has reviewed City Council Bill 20-0546, an ordinance concerning amendments to the City Code under Article 7 – Natural Resources – Forest and Tree Conservation.

As stewards of Baltimore City's public outdoor recreation spaces, we fully support efforts to maintain and increase Baltimore's forest and tree canopy and know the benefits trees bring to the citizens. Therefore, we encourage the passing of Council Bill #20-0546 and all of its amendments.

Furthermore, we will continue to advocate for the approval of Afforestation funding in the CIP and from other sources. In recent years this line item in the CIP budget has been zeroed out. Your support in reversing that trend so that we can continue to grow the City's tree canopy would be greatly appreciated.

In closing, Baltimore City Recreation and Parks recommends approval of City Council Bill 20-0546. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jenny Morgan at [jenny.morgan@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:jenny.morgan@baltimorecity.gov) or at 410-396-7900.

Respectfully,



Reginald Moore

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