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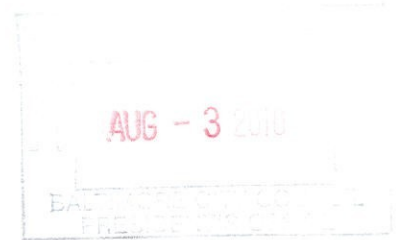


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Honorable President Bernard Young
Members of the City Council
Baltimore City Council
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202



RE: **Council Bill # 10-0577**
Naming a Trail in Wyman Park to be the "Steve Pedersen Memorial Trail"

Dear President Young:

The Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks **supports** City Council Bill #10-0577 which is for the purpose of naming a trail located in Wyman Park to be the "Steve Pedersen Memorial Trail."

We at BCRP wish to acknowledge Mr. Pedersen's steadfast commitment to park stewardship. Mr. Pedersen's devotion to his community through cleaning, clearing, and maintaining the trails in Wyman Park is certainly noteworthy. As an avid user of Wyman Park, Mr. Pedersen worked tirelessly to ensure the park would be enjoyed by all.

According to information gathered by BCRP, the trail to be named after Mr. Pedersen is apparently an old trail that until the time of a sewer project had been overgrown and under-utilized. The sewer project blocked the more commonly used trail through Wyman Park and neighbors and other users trampled around the project with no real path. Mr. Pedersen led the charge in clearing the path that the proposed legislation names after him so that there is a clear trail that bypasses the sewer project and has allowed users to continue to enjoy Wyman Park during the several years the sewer project has been ongoing.

It is with the deepest of heartfelt sympathy that the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks offers its condolences to Mrs. Virginia Pedersen and her family on the loss of Steve Pedersen.

The Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks supports Council Bill #10-0577.

Respectfully yours,

Gregory Bayor
Director

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Cc: Angela Gibson, Liaison to City Council