

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 25-0045**

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Introduced by: The Council President  
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)  
Introduced and read first time: March 24, 2025  
Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee  
Committee Report: Favorable, with Amendments  
Council action: Adopted  
Read second time: May 12, 2025

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation –  
Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 654 (Urban Forestry) – \$90,000**

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$90,000 to the Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 654 (Urban Forestry), to provide funding for addressing the pressing concerns surrounding the detrimental impact of deer on the forested natural areas within Baltimore City parks, particularly those affecting forest ecology in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) Inflation Reduction Act (“IRA”) Disadvantaged Communities; and providing for a special effective date.

BY authority of  
Article VI - Board of Estimates  
Section 8(b)(2)(ii) and (c)  
Baltimore City Charter  
(1996 Edition)

**Recitals**

The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents ~~State funding a grant~~ from the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources Community Catalyst Fund in excess of the revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

That ~~funding grant~~ could not have been expected with reasonable certainty when the Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2025 was formulated.

On February 7, 2025, the Board of Estimates recommended this appropriation to the City Council.

**EXPLANATION:** CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.  
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

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1       **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That  
2       \$90,000 shall be made available to the Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 654 (Urban  
3       Forestry) as a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2025, to  
4       provide funding for addressing the pressing concerns surrounding the detrimental impact of deer  
5       on the forested natural areas within Baltimore City parks, particularly those affecting forest  
6       ecology in EPA IRA Disadvantaged Communities. The source of revenue for this appropriation  
7       is ~~the State funding a grant~~ from the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources  
8       Community Catalyst Fund in excess of the amount from this source that was relied on by the  
9       Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year  
10      2025.

11      **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is  
12      enacted.

**Council Bill 25-0045**

Certified as duly passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

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Chief Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

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Mayor, Baltimore City