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DATE: November 1, 2021

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council

FROM: Baltimore City Recreation & Parks

POSITION: Support

Re: City Council Bill #21-0070R – Informational Hearing – Soil Conservation in Baltimore City

Dear President Mosby and City Council Members,

Baltimore City Recreation and Parks (BCRP) has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0070R, Investigational Hearing – Soil Conservation in Baltimore City. The purpose of the resolution is to invite representatives from the Department of Planning, Department of Public Works, Department of Recreation and Parks, Office of Sustainability, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Transportation, and the Environmental Control Board to address their current roles in soil conservation and urban agriculture and servicing Baltimore City's farmers.

Please note that the legislations language is incorrect and should be corrected from “The Department of Recreation and Parks has been committed to doing this *through their partnership with TreeBaltimore*, planting thousands of new trees annually...” to “The Department of Recreation and Parks has been committed to doing this *through their program TreeBaltimore*, planting thousands of new trees annually.”

BCRP’s role in soil conservation manifests in a variety of ways through tree planting, natural resource conservation procedures, storm water management, and the agency’s City Farms program. The agency will participate in the upcoming hearing to provide an overview our work and to answer any related questions.

Therefore, Baltimore City Recreation and Parks ‘Supports with Amendment,’ City Council Bill 21-0070R. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jenny Morgan at jenny.morgan@baltimorecity.gov.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reginald Moore".

Reginald Moore

Executive Director

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