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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 09-0365		

TO DATE: August 10, 2009

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 Bill 09-0365 introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake on behalf of the Administration (Department of Public Works).

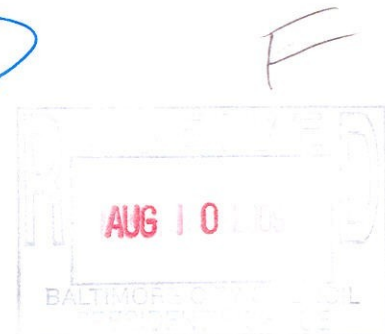
The purpose of the Bill is to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain parcels of land located in Baltimore County in the vicinity of Poplar Hill Road and no longer needed for public use.

A Mr. Todd Garliss, Sr., owner of property located in the Phoenix area of Baltimore County, adjacent to City-owned reservoir land, filed for building permits with the County to construct a large, single family home and access drive on what he thought was his property. The property, known as 13910 Poplar Hill Road, was eventually sold to his son, Mr. Todd Garliss, Jr. and the house construction was completed in 2000. In 2005, Mr. Garliss, Jr. attempted to sell the property, but a title report conducted at the time indicated that the access drive infringed on City-owned land. A more complete survey revealed that the house and most of the access drive was constructed on City-owned reservoir land. Since this discovery, Mr. Garliss has been working with the City's Department of Law to resolve this error. A tentative agreement has been reached which provides for the following: a payment to the City by Mr. Garliss of \$65,000 as damages for his trespass and use of the City's property; City assumption of ownership of the four-acre parcel owned by Mr. Garliss; assumption of three-acres of City-owned land currently built upon by Mr. Garliss; payment by Mr. Garliss of all necessary recordation and executed deed charges; and Mr. Garliss to obtain a real property tax exemption from Baltimore County for the property the City will acquire under this agreement.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 09-0365.


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