



October 14, 2011

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

RE: **Council Bill # 11-0780 Natural Resources – Notice Required Before
Removal of Trees on City Streets**


Dear President Young:

The Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks has no objection to City Council Bill # 11-0780 which is for the purpose of clarifying that no person or City agency may remove a tree from a City street without providing notice; clarifying and conforming related provisions; and generally related to the removal of trees from City streets.

The Department of Recreation and Parks does not object to the intent of this bill that will amend Section 53-5 of Article #7 of the Baltimore City Code. The modification would result in requiring the City to make notice before it permits anyone to remove or destroy a tree along a City street, lane, alley or public way. The City is currently required to post a sign no less than 5 days immediately preceding its intended removal of a tree.

The Department of Recreation and Parks has no objection to City Council Bill #11-0780 which supports the goals of the Baltimore Sustainability Plan.

Respectfully yours,


Gregory Bayor
Director

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cc: Angela Gibson, Liaison to the Mayor's Office

