



**BALTIMORE
HOUSING**

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PAUL T. GRAZIANO
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: September 8, 2009

Re: **City Council Bill 09-0363 - Sale of Property - The Former Beds of
Certain Streets Lying Within the Uplands Apartment Complex and
Bounded by Edmondson Avenue, Athol Avenue, Pen-Lucy Road and
Uplands Parkway**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 09-0363, which was introduced for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain parcels of land known as the former beds of certain streets lying within the Uplands Apartment Complex and bounded by Edmondson Avenue, Athol Avenue, Pen-Lucy Road and Uplands Parkway and no longer needed for public use.

City Council Bill 09-0363 and its companion bill, CCB #09-0362, would authorize the closure and sale of certain streets located within the former Uplands apartment complex. A new street layout will be then designed as part of the redevelopment of the site to improve internal circulation and to provide better connectivity with surrounding communities.

The new Residential Planned Unit Development (PUD) in the Uplands Urban Renewal Area is currently before the City Council for final consideration. The PUD proposes a mixture of residential dwellings that would include single-family, duplexes, triplexes, mansionettes, townhouses, and multi-family structures. Old Frederick Road would become the central boulevard, with the higher density development occurring along N. Athol Avenue and Edmondson Avenue. Through-traffic would be shifted to N. Athol Avenue. The housing would be clustered to encourage walking and use of mass transit, reduce impervious surface areas, and environmental site design elements would be used to replicate, as much as possible, natural hydrology.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 09-0363.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson
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Mr. Andrew Frank

