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

RE: **Council Bill # 13-0281**  
**Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation –**  
**Department of Recreation and Parks - \$200,000**

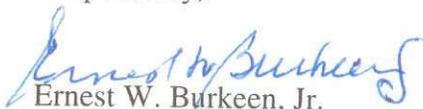
Dear President Young:

The Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks **supports** this legislation that is for the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$200,000 to the Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 654 (Urban Forestry), to provide funding to allow the department to collaborate with multiple partners, including Baltimore City Public Schools, to create a system-wide process that merges existing Maryland Service-Learning standards with new Environmental Literacy standards, to apply to park and schoolyard restorations; and providing for a special effective date.

This is a partial appropriation for a grant that in total was approximately \$400,000. The other part of the appropriation was in the budget for State Funds in FY 2014. This \$200,000 appropriation will be used in the TreeBaltimore Initiative for the hiring of a grants coordinator, as well as other staff time, tools, trees and for partners that will be leading professional development opportunities and tree plantings and maintenance.

The Department of Recreation and Parks **supports** passage of City Council Bill #13-0281.

Respectfully,

  
Ernest W. Burkeen, Jr.  
Director

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cc: Angela Gibson, Liaison to City Council