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**July 12, 2016**

**REQUEST:** Review and Response to City Council Bill: City Council Bill 16-0693: Repeal of Port Covington Urban Renewal Area and Plan

**RECOMMENDATION:** No Opposition

**STAFF:** Stacy Montgomery

**PETITIONER(S):** Introduced by the City Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of Housing and Community Development)

**SITE/HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The Port Covington Urban Renewal Area covers an area of Southwest Baltimore that is bounded by I-95 and East McComas Street to the north, South Hanover Street to the west, and the Middle Branch of the Patapsco River to the south and east. The area is a large peninsula with a variety of buildings that are mainly industrial.

Port Covington is located south of the Riverside National Register Historic District; however, there are no Baltimore City or National Register Landmarks or Districts within the boundaries of the Port Covington Urban Renewal Area.

**BACKGROUND**

- This bill has been referred to CHAP for comment.

**PROPOSAL**

Bill 16-0693: Repeal of Port Covington Urban Renewal Area and Plan proposes to remove the existing Urban Renewal Plan put in place in 1987 in its entirety. The current Urban Renewal Plan reflects the plan for the peninsula in the 1980s (heavy industrial), but would not be appropriate for the current plans for Port Covington (mixed-use).

**ANALYSIS**

The proposal does not have any direct impact on historic buildings as there are no historic designations in Port Covington and the Urban Renewal Area and Plan addresses land use and zoning.

**Staff recommends a finding of no opposition to the proposal, as no designated historic properties will be impacted, and defers to Planning regarding land use and zoning.**

**Eric Holcomb**  
Director

**Arial View of Urban Renewal Plan Area**



**Boundaries of Port Covington Urban Renewal Plan**



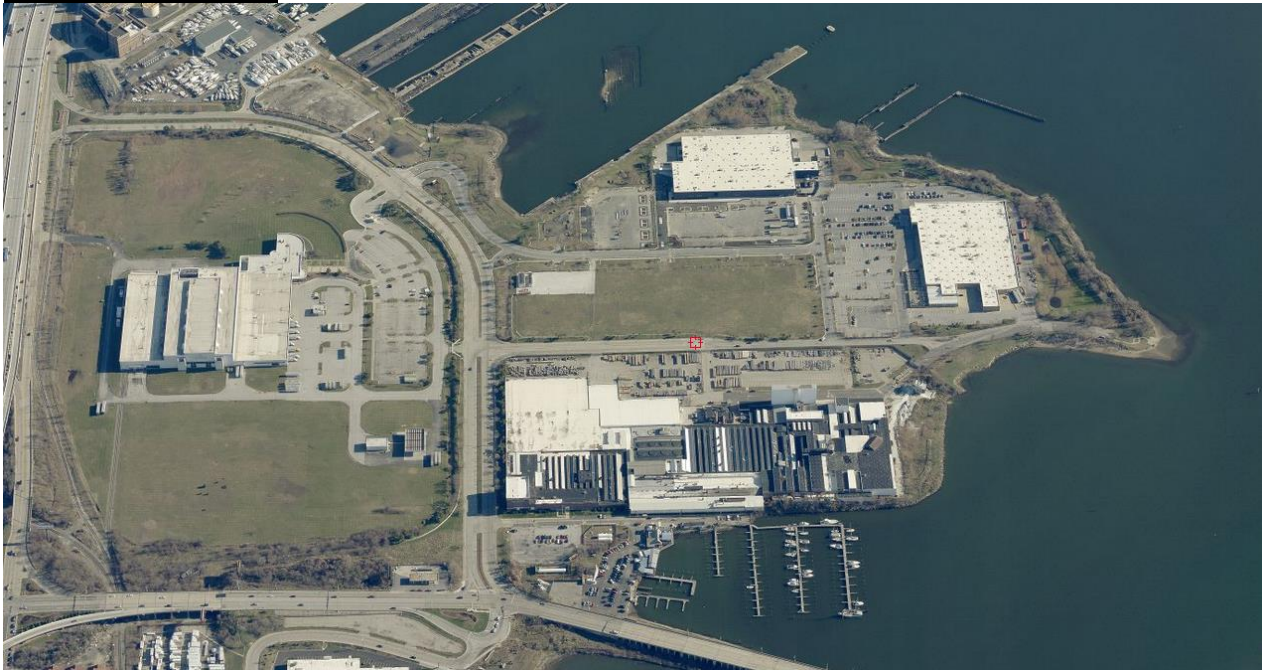
**View from the South**



**View from the East**



**View from the West**



**View from the North**

