

**PRESENTED TO THE  
BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL'S  
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**COUNCIL BILL 20-0628  
CITY PROPERTY – NAMING A PAVILION AND A NATURE PARK IN THE  
JOSEPH H. RASH PLAYFIELD TO BE THE BGE PAVILION AND THE BGE NATURE PARK**

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**Council Bill 20-0628 – City Property – Naming a Pavilion and a Nature Park in the Joseph H. Rash Playfield to be the BGE Pavilion and the BGE Nature Park** was introduced by Councilman Eric Costello, at the request of the Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, as a means to recognize and honor the major financial commitment of BGE to the transformation of Rash Field into Rash Field Park.

The Greater Baltimore Committee has been a strong supporter of the Rash Field renovation project, being a partner in the original Inner Harbor 2.0 Plan. The current proposed renovation project will convert an underutilized waterfront park and transform it into a safe and central place enjoyed by families from neighborhoods/communities throughout Baltimore City.

The park will support education & ecology, health & wellness, recreation & play, and programming & entertainment.

The State of Maryland and City of Baltimore have both contributed to the project although a significant amount of money will still need to be raised through the private sector and other sources for completion of the project. BGE has pledged to contribute a significant portion of that amount and its commitment to the completion of the project is worthy of public recognition and appreciation.

The significant financial contribution toward this transformational project is just an example many ways that BGE provides for the betterment of the City of Baltimore and its residents. Each year, BGE employees donate more than 25,000 volunteer hours to worthy nonprofits throughout the Baltimore region. In response to the coronavirus outbreak, BGE donated an additional \$300,000 to the United Way of Central Maryland, Maryland Food Bank and Baltimore Community Foundation to respond to community needs.

Approving this legislation to name a pavilion and nature park at Rash Field as the BGE Pavilion and the BGE Nature Park is an excellent way to honor a local business that consistently demonstrates a desire to be a partner and good neighbor to Baltimore and its residents.

The Greater Baltimore Committee is fully in support of Council Bill 20-0628, and respectfully requests the Judiciary Committee give the bill a favorable report.

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