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**Title:** City Property - Renaming Ambrose Kennedy Park to Henrietta Lacks Educational Park  
For the purpose of changing the name of Ambrose Kennedy Park, located at 1002 Harford Avenue, to Henrietta Lacks Educational Park.

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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
9/17/2018	0	Mayor	Signed by Mayor	
7/9/2018	0	City Council	Approved and Sent to the Mayor	
6/25/2018	0	City Council	3rd Reader, for final passage	
6/25/2018	0	Judiciary and Legislative Investigations	Recommended Favorably	
6/13/2018	0	Judiciary and Legislative Investigations	Recommended Favorably	Pass
6/4/2018	0	Judiciary and Legislative Investigations	Scheduled for a Public Hearing	
4/19/2018	0	The City Council	Refer to Dept. of Transportation	
4/19/2018	0	The City Council	Refer to Planning Commission	
4/19/2018	0	The City Council	Refer to Dept. of Real Estate	
4/19/2018	0	The City Council	Refer to Dept. of Recreation and Parks	
4/19/2018	0	The City Council	Refer to City Solicitor	
4/16/2018	0	City Council	Assigned	
4/16/2018	0	City Council	Introduced	

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### Introductory\*

## City of Baltimore Council Bill

Introduced by: Councilmember Stokes

## A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning

### **City Property - Renaming Ambrose Kennedy Park to Henrietta Lacks Educational Park**

For the purpose of changing the name of Ambrose Kennedy Park, located at 1002 Harford Avenue, to Henrietta Lacks Educational Park.

By authority of

Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement

Section 20-2

Baltimore City Code

(Edition 2000)

### **Recitals**

In January 1951, Henrietta Lacks, an African American woman, went to The Johns Hopkins Hospital because of abnormal pain and bleeding, and she was diagnosed with cervical cancer. During subsequent radiation treatments, doctors removed 2 cervical samples from her, without her knowledge. She died later that year of the disease.

The cells from her tumor made their way to the laboratory of researcher Dr. George Otto Gey, where he noticed that they had an unusual property, that of durability, unlike most cells that survived only a few days. He isolated and multiplied a specific cell, thus creating a cell line that he named HeLa, derived from the name of Henrietta Lacks.

The HeLa strain revolutionized medical research. Jonas Salk used the strain to develop the polio vaccine, sparking much scientific interest in the cells. Since then over 10,000 patents involving HeLa cells have been registered, and researchers have used the cells to study disease.

In honor of her contributions to medical research, Morgan State University granted Henrietta Lacks a posthumous honorary degree. It is fitting that this park, located at 1002 Harford Avenue, be renamed to honor her.

**Section 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore,** That the name of Ambrose Kennedy Park, located at 1002 Harford Avenue, is changed to Henrietta Lacks Educational Park.

**Section 2. And be it further ordained,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date it is enacted.