

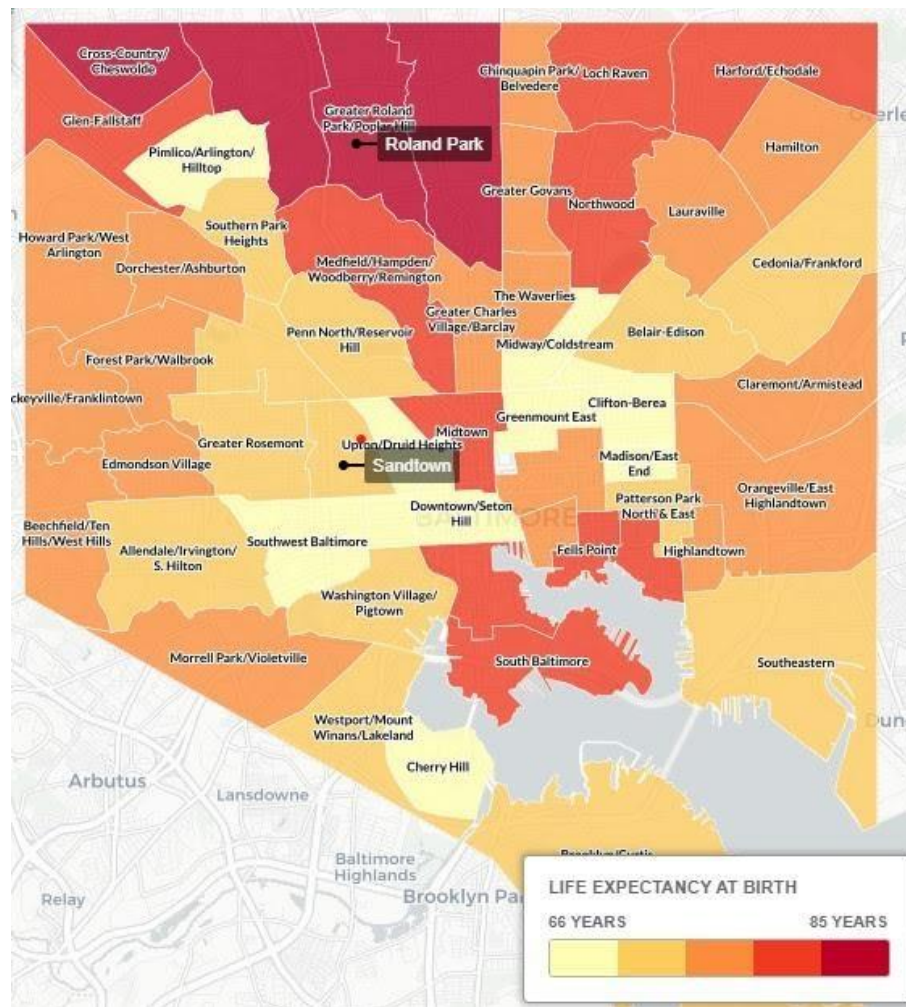


HB1033 - Energy and Environment - Investment in Overburdened Communities
Appropriations and Economic Affairs Committees
Hearing: March 15, 2022
Favorable

Dear Chair McIntosh, Vice-Chair Chang, Chair Wilson, Vice-Chair Crosby and Honorable Members of the Committees,

Decades of redlining and other environmental policy inequities have led to the most unfortunate public health discrepancies.

The chart below shows that there is a 20 year expected life-span difference between those living in areas with greater environmental health and those in areas with few environmental amenities.



While many factors contribute to this discrepancy, clustered sources of pollution and inadequate open spaces and trees which lead to increased heat (there can be [as much as an 8 degree discrepancy in ambient temperature](#) between neighborhoods) are major contributors.

HB1033 provides the framework to address these inequities, engage communities in conversations about their own destiny and bring essential resources to them to create the future they seek.

I urge you to support this important bill.

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