

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 863

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and M. Washington” and substitute “M. Washington, and Cardin”; in line 2, strike “Baltimore Green Space” and substitute “Community-Managed Open Space”; in line 3, strike “Baltimore Green Space and” and substitute “a certain community open space management entity,”; in line 4, after “space” insert “, and subject to a certain agreement”; and in the same line, after “tax;” insert “authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to enact certain provisions to carry out the exemption; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 14, insert:

“(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “COMMUNITY-MANAGED OPEN SPACE” MEANS A LOCAL PARK, GARDEN, WOODS, OR OTHER PREDOMINANTLY UNDEVELOPED AREA THAT IS UTILIZED AND CARED FOR BY THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IN A NATURAL OR CULTIVATED STATE FOR THE GENERAL BENEFIT OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

(3) “COMMUNITY OPEN SPACE MANAGEMENT ENTITY” MEANS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT HAS A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST AND THE PURPOSES OF WHICH ARE PRIMARILY TO:

(Over)

(I) PRESERVE COMMUNITY-MANAGED OPEN SPACES IN FULLY DEVELOPED AREAS;

(II) ACQUIRE, SELL, LEASE, TRANSFER, MANAGE, ESTABLISH, OR HOLD EASEMENTS TO PARCELS OF LAND FOR USE AS COMMUNITY-MANAGED OPEN SPACE IN FULLY DEVELOPED AREAS; AND

(III) ENCOURAGE, SUPPORT, AND FACILITATE THE PARTICIPATION OF COMMUNITIES IN THE BEAUTIFICATION, MAINTENANCE, AND PRESERVATION OF COMMUNITY-MANAGED OPEN SPACES IN FULLY DEVELOPED AREAS.

(B)";

in line 16, strike "BALTIMORE GREEN SPACE" and substitute "A COMMUNITY OPEN SPACE MANAGEMENT ENTITY"; in the same line, strike "AND"; and in line 18, strike the period and substitute "; AND

(3) IS THE SUBJECT OF AN AGREEMENT, WHICH IS PERIODICALLY REVIEWED, BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY OPEN SPACE MANAGEMENT ENTITY AND THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN WHICH THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED UNDER WHICH THE GOVERNING BODY AGREES THAT THE PROPERTY IS NOT SUBJECT TO PROPERTY TAX.

(C) THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY ENACT REGULATIONS, PROCEDURES, AND ANY OTHER PROVISION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE EXEMPTION UNDER THIS SECTION."