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August 14, 2013

Ms. Amy Gilder-Busatti  
City of Baltimore Planning Commission  
Department of Planning  
417 E. Fayette Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202-3416

Re: Central Avenue Streetscape

Dear Ms. Busatti:

Thank you for forwarding the above-referenced project submittal per the requirements of COMAR 27.02.02 - State and Local Agency Actions Resulting in Development of Local Significance on Private Lands or Lands Owned by Local Jurisdictions. The City proposes streetscape improvements on the 500, 600 and 700 blocks of South Central Avenue. The 2.65 acre project site is in the Critical Area, it is designated as an Intensely Developed Area (IDA) and it is within the City's Waterfront Revitalization Area (WRA).

The proposed streetscape improvements require removal of three trees on the site which will be mitigated with the planting of 25 two and a half-inch caliper trees on the site. The project's 10% pollutant removal requirement will be addressed with the installation of bioretention facilities.

The applicant has submitted a consistency report determining that the proposed project is consistent with Baltimore City's Critical Area program and this office concurs with that determination.

Please feel free to contact me at 410-260-3481 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amber Widmayer".

Amber Widmayer  
Natural Resources Planner

cc: BA 235-13

