

PLANNING COMMISSION

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Wilbur E. "Bill" Cunningham, Chairman

STAFF REPORT

August 27, 2015

REQUEST: City Council Bill #15-0552 Property – Renaming Robert E. Lee Park to Lake

Roland Park

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

STAFF: Ivor A. Quashie

PETITIONER: City Council President Bernard C. "Jack" Young and

City Councilmember Bill Henry

OWNER: Mayor and City Council

SITE/GENERAL AREA

<u>Site Conditions</u>: Robert E. Lee Park, 1000 Lakeside Drive is a 450 acre park located in Baltimore County surrounding Lake Roland. The park though located in Baltimore County and is owned by the Mayor and City Council. Baltimore County manages the park via its Recreation and Parks Department.

<u>General Area</u>: The park site is located in the southwestern part of Towson in Baltimore County between Bellona Avenue to the east and Falls Road to the west. Lake Roland a former reservoir is located at the center of the park.

HISTORY

There are no previous Planning Commission actions regarding this site.

CONFORMITY TO PLANS

The proposal is also consistent with the City of Baltimore's Comprehensive Master Plan.

ANALYSIS

The park was named Robert E. Lee after a confederate general in the American Civil War by ordinance #173 in 1945.

The stated purpose of the bill is to change the name of this park known as Robert E. Lee Park, located in Baltimore County, to Lake Roland Park.

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Director