

**Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Vincent C. Gray
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
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DATE: DEC 15 2008

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Transfer of Jurisdiction Over a Portion of Fort Dupont Park Approval Resolution of 2008"

REFERENCE: Draft Resolution – No Bill Number

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. There will be an additional cost of \$60,000 per year to maintain the land that is transferred under this legislation; however the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development confirmed that the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will be able to absorb the additional maintenance costs.

Background

The proposed resolution would approve the transfer of jurisdiction over a portion of Fort Dupont Park, in Southeast Washington, from the National Park Service to the District of Columbia. The transferred portion of the park includes 6 tennis courts, a multi-purpose field, a baseball field, a parking lot, and an ice rink. The ice rink is currently leased to a third party operator and DPR will not incur any maintenance costs related to that facility.

The future proposed use for much of the transferred land is the establishment of a Youth Baseball Academy as mandated by prior agreements related to baseball in the District. The Academy will offer a year-round program which teaches the fundamentals of baseball and provides after-school educational programs for children in the wider community. The proposed facility would consist of an administrative building, a regulation hardball field and two softball

fields. The District would enter into a lease with a third party, at some point in the future, who would construct and hold operational responsibility for the facility.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. DPR will absorb the \$60,000 annual increased cost of maintenance resulting from the transfer of jurisdiction of this portion of Fort Dupont Park.