

City of Annapolis


City Council Citation

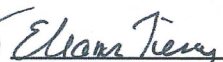
On behalf of the residents of the City of Annapolis, we are pleased to confer this City Council Citation in recognition of the life and contributions of Melvin Wilkins (1939-2020). Over the years, Mel spent thousands of hours volunteering on environmental and watershed restoration projects in Annapolis and Anne Arundel County. He mentored countless environmental activists. He raised more than \$9 million in grant funds, starting with the Sensory Garden at ARC of Central Chesapeake where he used plants to interact with the sensory perception parts of the brain in developmentally disabled individuals. He assisted in the conversion of the old radio station into Chesapeake Children's Museum and created a nature trail with English and Spanish signage. Mel oversaw the initial restoration of Back Creek Nature Park and the installation of several stormwater management features there. He founded Spa Creek Conservancy and loved his work with churches, children and the environment. He is missed, but his legacy lives on.

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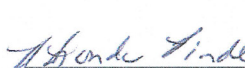
Melvin Wilkins


Given Under Our Hands & the Great Seal of the City of Annapolis this 14th day of March, 2022.

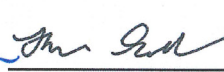

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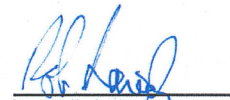

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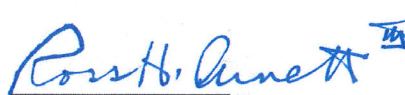

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