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## **SENATOR CARDIN JOINS MAYOR DIXON, CONGRESSMAN CUMMINGS IN ANNOUNCING FEDERAL FUNDING FOR GREEN JOBS**

BALTIMORE – U.S. Senator **Benjamin L. Cardin** today joined **Baltimore City Mayor Sheila Dixon** and U.S. Congressman **Elijah Cummings** at the Cylburn Arboretum in announcing \$4.7 million in federal funding for the Baltimore City summer jobs program. The funding includes \$3.5 million through the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* and \$1.2 million in funding from the U.S. Department of Labor for the creation of the Green Jobs Youth Corps, a partnership with the Department of Recreation & Parks.

**Senators Cardin** and **Barbara A. Mikulski**, along with **Congressmen Cummings** and **John Sarbanes** specifically requested the \$1.2 million to provide a six-week YouthWorks project in “green” jobs such as horticulture, wildlife management and urban forestry. YouthWorks offers summer job opportunities in private sector and nonprofit locations throughout the city to more than 7,000 youth and young adults, ages 14-24. Support comes from the business and philanthropic communities, local government and individuals. For the first time in nearly a decade, the federal government is providing funding specifically for summer jobs.

“The federal government has a responsibility to assist local communities in preparing young adults for employment,” said **Senator Cardin**. “I am particularly pleased to have helped get federal funding for the Green Jobs Youth Corps program and funding that assists in employing some 7,000 young people in summer jobs this year.”

“I am grateful to the congressional delegation for bringing this much needed relief to Baltimore,” said **Mayor Dixon**. “Green jobs are the future, and 350 young people in Baltimore will get a head start this summer. A new generation of Baltimore residents can begin careers in the green economy long before their peers.”

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