

Hello Neighbors!

**Big things are happening in your neighborhood! Come celebrate with us as Congressman Mfume presents a check to fund Gwynns Falls Mighty Park! All neighbors and community partners are welcome to join us at the press conference. Please see information below.**

*~Christopher Schulze~*

## **WEDNESDAY: Congressman Mfume Delivers \$1.3 Million for Eco-friendly, Community Development Projects in Baltimore City**

**BALTIMORE – Wednesday, December 6, at 10:00 a.m.,** U.S. Congressman Kweisi Mfume (MD-07) will present **\$1,285,000** in Congressional Funding to the Green & Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI) and the Gwynns Falls Business and Homeowners Association for their eco-friendly, community development projects in Baltimore City.

The Green & Healthy Homes Initiative will receive **\$750,000** for its Green & Healthy Homes Baltimore Initiative, to renovate **75 homes** in Baltimore City to improve energy efficiency and health outcomes. In addition, the Gwynns Falls Business and Homeowners Association will utilize **\$535,000** in congressional funds for its Gwynns Falls Mighty Park project, which will transform **6 contiguous vacant lots** into a vibrant community park in the Gwynns Falls area of Southwest Baltimore.

Congressman Mfume fought to include this funding in the fiscal year 2023 appropriations bill. These federal investments were secured by Congressman Mfume alongside Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen (both D-MD), who worked in parallel to the Congressman through the United States Senate appropriations process.

**WHO:** Congressman Kweisi Mfume (MD-07)  
Ruth Ann Norton, President and Chief Executive Officer of GHHI  
Christopher Schulze, President, Gwynns Falls Business and Homeowners Association  
Aurelia Ballentine, GHHI Client

**WHAT:** Check presentations to local organizations committed to eco-friendly, community development projects and discussion of impact in Baltimore City.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** The A. Hoen & Co. Lithograph Building  
2101 East Biddle Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21213

**More Information on Gwynns Falls Mighty Park**

- Congressman Mfume secured \$535,000 in congressional funds for the Gwynns Falls Mighty Park project, which will transform 6 contiguous vacant lots into a vibrant community park in the Gwynns Falls area of Southwest Baltimore.
- The Gwynns Falls Business and Homeowners Association seeks to address the needs of their community, which were identified in a listening campaign the Association conducted. Their campaign identified the most pressing issues are:
  - Lack of safe places for children to play;
  - Need for more community events where neighbors can get to know each other and have a shared sense of identity and purpose;
  - Limited access to healthy foods and lifestyles.
- These three items will all be addressed by the creation of this park, and invest in this neighborhood to provide access to amenities that go along with healthy communities.