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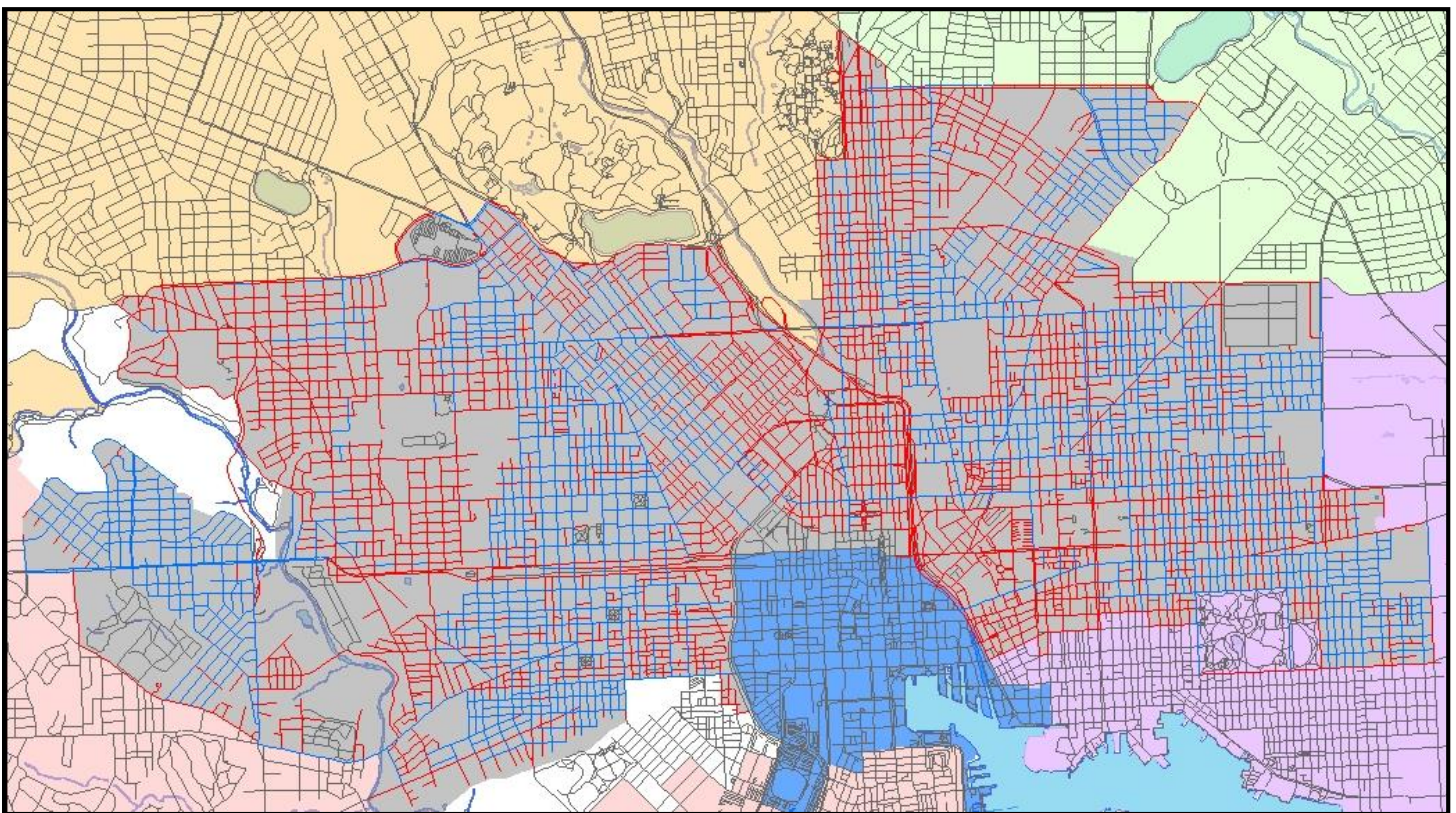


- **Making Progress**

- **Municipal Can Program.** The Bureau of Solid Waste initiated a pilot municipal can program in the select neighborhoods of Belair and Mondawmin. Through this program they distributed approximately 9,000 trash cans to Baltimore City residents in the select neighborhoods. Based on the findings of the pilot, which resulted in a 26 percent reduction in extermination requests in the selected neighborhoods, the City has decided to expand the program to all Baltimore City residents. The Bureau has awarded the contract for furnishing Baltimore City residents with these new trash cans, and trash cans will be delivered to residents in waves starting in early 2016. A picture of the purchased can is shown below.



- **Central District Sweeper Expansion.** Street sweeping is a best management practice (BMP) for protecting waterways, according to the U.S. EPA. Effective street sweeping programs can remove several thousand tons of debris a year, minimizing pollutants in stormwater runoff. The Bureau of Solid Waste is expanding its Central District sweeping program in order to comply with the Mayor's priority of having a Cleaner City. The program is expected to increase the % of city streets that receive mechanical sweeping from 30% to 90% and increasing the total mileage swept from 96,000 to approximately 172,061. The map below shows the current and proposed expansion to the Central District (Grey Area). The blue lines show the existing routes and the red lines are the proposed added routes. The Bureau of Solid Waste will begin the program as soon as the signage is in place.



- **Needs Improvement**

- **Recycling.** The State of Maryland has enacted the Maryland Recycling Act (MRA), which requires Baltimore City to achieve a recycling rate of 35%. Baltimore City's current MRA recycling rate is 25.4%. The graph below shows the MRA recycling percentage for Baltimore City from 2003 to 2015. Some of the decrease is due to the State no longer capturing ash in the MRA percentage. The Bureau is conducting outreach in order to get more private businesses to report what they recycle and educating residents on how to recycle.

