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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

From: ^{BRM}Beth Rubenstein, Assistant City Manager
for Community Development

Date: February 22, 2001

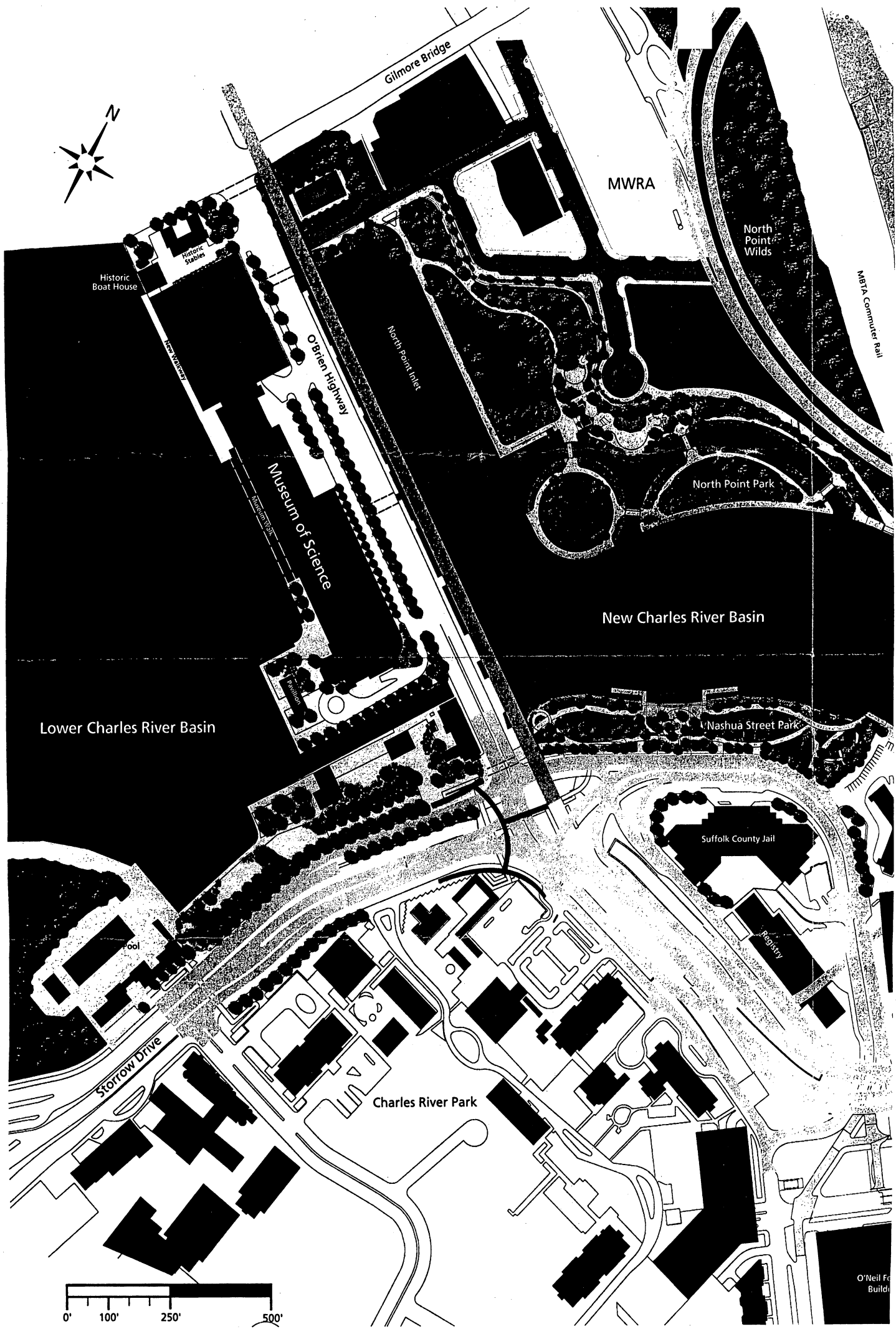
Re: Council Order #12, dated 12/4/00: Report on progress of plans for
open space at North Point

In response to the above-referenced order, we report the following:

The Citizens Advisory Committee for the New Charles River Basin was established in 1990 by then Secretary of Environmental Affairs, John DeVillars. The mission of the CAC is to review the design work for the 40 acres of new parklands that are intended as mitigation for the Central Artery project. According to the Secretary's order, members are to be designated by the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, the City of Boston, and the City of Cambridge. The City of Cambridge has generally tried to balance appointment of residents, businesspeople, and staff. Current Cambridge members are Hugh Russell (resident), Ruby Mintz (resident), Walter Willett (resident), Roger Boothe (staff), Cara Seiderman (staff), and Martha Mullane (businessperson). Since we are allowed up to 7 members, another member could be appointed.

After a decade composed of dozens of meetings, the work of the CAC on major portions of the plan is moving towards completion. The extensive new parkland will include passive recreation areas, new trees and plantings, plazas, walkways, as well as new pedestrian and bicycle paths. Paul Revere Park has been constructed, and much of the remaining work, including the principal North Point Park space, will begin construction next year (see attached plan of North Point Park).

While the principal North Point Park is completely designed and ready to be constructed, the North Point Wilds are not part of the project now going out to bid. The North Point Wilds will undergo planning under MDC direction over the next few years, with continuing advice from the CAC. As planning moves into this next phase, you may wish to appoint an additional representative from East Cambridge to bring more of the concerns and perspectives of that area into the next stage of planning by the MDC, Boston, and Cambridge.



Gilmore Bridge

MWRA

North Point Wilds

MRTA Commuter Rail

Historic Boat House

Historic Stables

O'Brien Highway

North Point Inlet

Museum of Science

North Point Park

New Charles River Basin

Lower Charles River Basin

Nashua Street Park

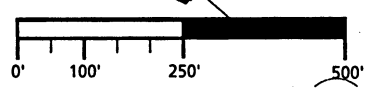
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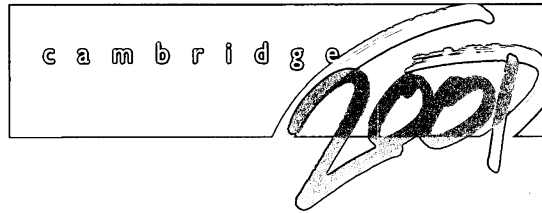
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Robert W. Healy, City Manager Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

February 26, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 00-134, regarding a report on the progress of plans for open space at North Point, received from Assistant City Manager for Community Development Beth Rubenstein.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy".

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #3

**Awaiting Report Item Number
00-134**, regarding a report on the
progress of plans for open space
at North Point.

In City Council February 26, 2001

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