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To the Honorable, the City Council:

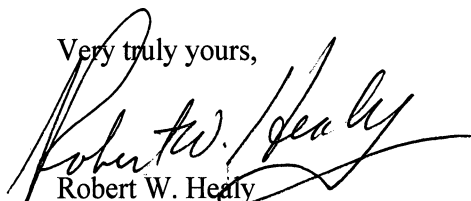
In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-80, regarding a report on changes to the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) and implications for MDC resources in the City of Cambridge, please be advised of the following:

On June 30, 2003, Governor Mitt Romney signed FY2004 State Budget legislation, enabling the existing MDC and Department of Environmental Management (DEM) to become one organization, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). The DCR was established as a Department within the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs and is responsible for managing and overseeing approximately 460,000 acres of state lands. While these lands include a variety of conservation areas, parks, pools, rinks and beaches throughout the state, a DCR Division of Urban Parks and Recreation will be responsible for managing the former MDC parks, reservations, recreational facilities and parkways in urban areas such as Cambridge.

The details of how the Division of Urban Parks and Recreation will manage the former MDC lands in Cambridge have not yet been elucidated and will be a subject of the DCR transition team, appointed by the Governor on July 2, 2003. The DCR transition team is comprised of top managers from within DEM, MDC and EOEA. Currently, former MDC lands in Cambridge continue to be managed as they were prior to creation of the DCR.

Please be assured that we will keep you informed of any new information on this topic as it becomes available.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Transmitting communication from
Robert W. Healy, City Manager,
relative to **Awaiting Report Item
Number 03-80**, regarding a report on
changes to the MDC including
implications for MDC resources in
the City.

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