



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 17, 2002

VICE MAYOR DAVIS
 COUNCILLOR DECKER
 COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
 COUNCILLOR MAHER
 COUNCILLOR MURPHY
 COUNCILLOR REEVES
 COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
 MAYOR SULLIVAN
 COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The Department of Environmental Management, the Mystic River Watershed Association, and the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs have initiated preliminary informal conversations between Arlington, Belmont, and Cambridge on the matter of watershed protection in the Alewife area; and

WHEREAS: There is potential benefit for regional action in the Alewife Watershed area to improve water quality and to control water quantity; and

WHEREAS: Areas of mutual discussion and action could possibly include:

1. coordinated management of the water levels in area ponds to reduce flooding,
2. storm water education and retrofitting and other potential new projects,
3. examining watershed grant programs for collaboration,
4. investigating methods to reduce flood risk, for example installing backflow valves, and
5. examining prior studies for specific water quality recommendations and flooding that are achievable ("low hanging fruit"); now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager designate a Cambridge delegation consisting of the Department of Public Works and Conservation Commission to participate in a working group to be facilitated by the Department of Environmental Management; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to have the delegation report back to the City Council on its progress in this regional approach to controlling water quantity and protecting water quality in the Alewife watershed area.

In City Council June 17, 2002.
 Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
 Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- 

D. Margaret Drury
 City Clerk

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Requesting the City Manager to designate a Cambridge delegation to participate in a working group to be facilitated by the Department of Environmental Management and report back to the City Council on its progress in this regional approach to controlling water quantity and protecting water quality.

Vice Mayor Davis

In City Council June 17, 2002

ORDER ADOPTED.