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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**  
City Hall Annex - Inman & Broadway - Cambridge, Mass. 02139

To: Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

From: Michael H. Rosenberg *MHR*  
Assistant City Manager for Community Development

Re: City Council Order #18, April 25, 1988 concerning water conservation

Date: June 16, 1988

In response to the Order of April 25, 1988, I have asked Ken Nathanson, Program Manager for the Residential Energy Office, to initiate discussions with city departments as well as MWRA, concerning the feasibility of establishing a water conservation program in Cambridge. The attached memo from Mr. Nathanson reports on his progress to date and suggests a number of worthwhile activities that can be undertaken in this regard. I will keep you advised of our progress.

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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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**To** Michael Rosenberg  
Asst. City Manager for Community Development

**From** Ken Nathanson  
Residential Energy Program Manager

**Date** 6/15/88

**Subject** Water Conservation

This memo is a summary of "The Energy Office" activities relating to Water Conservation, and to the City Council order, dated April 25, 1988, specifically.

Originally, I initiated a meeting with Barbara Lahage, of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, on April 21, 1988, to discuss any potential for our involvement in Water Conservation. At that meeting, Ms. Lahage said that the MWRA had no formal programs in place, and that its major emphasis would be on information dissemination, and public awareness. She also informed me that her office would "entertain" proposals for other kinds of pilot/demonstration water conservation projects.

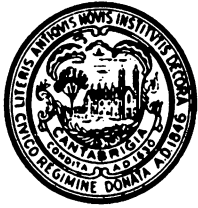
The RISE program which operates out of our office, is the technical/educational component of our HEAT 0% interest loan program. As such, RISE is mandated to offer technical and informational workshops to the general public in our service area. This presents an obvious and easy opportunity to tie in with the MWRA, and we have subsequently had several meetings to plan for a series of workshops, which will begin in late Summer or early Fall.

Since receiving the Council order, I have had two meetings with John Cusack of the Cambridge Water Department. Our first meeting was also attended by Kathy Mitchell of the Department of Human Services, but that agency's link to the issue of Water Conservation was not at all clear. The Cambridge Water Department will probably be putting together a Water Conservation mailer package to include in bill mailings to customers. We are still in preliminary planning stages as to the specifics of products to include in this package, and are still considering whether or not to propose that MWRA lend some support to the effort (either materials or funds).

I have also had some very preliminary discussions with John Kane of the Cambridge Housing Authority, who expressed great interest in instituting some Water Conservation

Projects in some Housing Authority facilities. I will be meeting with Mr. Kane in the near future to discuss, more substantively, the possibility of a joint venture between the MWRA, the CHA, and CDD. Some of the options could include training in conservation techniques for CHA maintenance staff, or a pilot project to implement some conservation measures in Housing Authority facilities, and monitor pre and post installation water consumption to gauge effectiveness. I will put together the proposal to the MWRA, based on the outcome of my meetings with Mr. Kane.

I will keep you updated as to further developments.



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Deputy City Manager

June 20, 1988

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to City Council Order No. 18 of April 25, 1988 regarding the development of water conservation programs, I submit the attached report from the Community Development Department.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

Re: development of water conservation  
programs.

In City Council,

June 27, 1988

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C. W. J. Sullivan

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