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Friends of Alewife Reservation



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To Mayor Michael Sullivan and City Councilors:

We of the Friends of Alewife Reservation, long term advocates and stewards on the MDC Reservation, are very pleased to see progress by the MDC and Design Firms in entering the final phases of planning this unique and remarkable urban wild in the Boston area. We understand that you are in the Design-Development phase (fifty percent), which focuses on 3 priority areas: MDC Parking lot, on north side of the river for a detention basin, restored area for ameliorating flooding, wildlife habitat, and passive recreation for the 3 municipalities. The other priority area of design is Little Pond in Belmont, or the headwaters of Little River, and the central part of the Reservation on the south side of Little River. We understand you are now preparing the draft plan and soon, a public meeting should follow with time lines. Your support is needed for the completion of these plans.

FAR is pleased to assist in any way we can for this grand gesture of city and state of improving the quality of life for the 100 thousand plus who live in the condensed area and have little access to such beauty and special wilderness learning and recreation. FAR has come along way to plan a beautiful regional art mural project which we hope will benefit the Reservation improvements and which will be paid by our non-profit organization through private fund-raising sources. We have asked that someone from the MDC planning team join our lunches at the Summer Shack. There will be a presentation in one of the school classes on April 8 at 12:30 at the Career Resource Center, Cambridge Rindge and Latin on the Mural plan, and what has been achieved in this vein.

It is amazing what the MDC and firms have accomplished in these uncertain times; and it now seems, we are within grasp of some of these improvements. We and the neighborhoods are committed to making this dream come true.

The following signatures were made after a discussion of this matter at our march 29th FAR Steering Committee meeting with all of the following individuals present.

Ellen Mass- President

George Ehrenfreid
Mary White
John Walker
Bryan Hamlin
Suzanne Watson
Ernie Kirwan
Mark Kirk
Jane Eisenstark
Peter Alden

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Rep. Anne Paulsen
Rep. Alice Wolf
Sen. Steve Tolman
Sen. Robert Havern
Rep. Tim Toomey
Mayor Michael Sullivan
Vice Mayor, Henrietta Davis- Health and Environment Committee
Councilor Anthony Galluccio- Health and Environment Committee
Councilor Brian Murphy- Health and Environment Committee
Conservation Commissioners: c/o Sarah MacLennan (Ex. Dir.)

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Communication #7

A communication was received from Friends of Alewife Reservation, regarding the progress by the MDC and Design Firms in entering the final phases of planning the urban wild in the Boston area.

In City Council April 7, 2003

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