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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report No. 03-23 regarding how the elimination of the MDC will impact the MDC-owned lands in Cambridge, please be advised that the City has not yet received a response from the Commissioner's Office concerning this matter and therefore cannot comment at this time about potential changes to the ownership or management of MDC-owned lands.

In addition, please note that the proposal to eliminate the MDC has not yet been acted upon by the state legislature. Therefore, the MDC remains an agency of state government, one of five departments of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. The MDC, on behalf of the Commonwealth, owns and manages lands in Cambridge, including the Charles River Basin parklands, the Memorial Drive parkway, Blair Pond, the Alewife Reservation, and Alewife Brook Parkway. As these properties are part of the broader MDC-owned Metropolitan Park Network, including almost 20,000 acres of woodlands, wetlands, and urban parklands in the greater Boston area, they will continue to be managed as part of this network and any concerns related to such lands may still be directed to the MDC.

You may be assured that we will continue to monitor the situation regarding the potential elimination of the MDC and will keep you informed of any new developments.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #4

Awaiting Report Item Number 03-23, regarding how the elimination of the MDC will impact the MDC-owned lands in Cambridge.

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