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To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

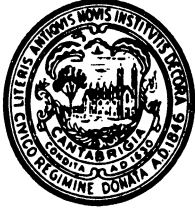
From: Alex Strysky, Conservation Commission *AL*

Re: Council Order #44, dated 6/12/95
and Council Order #94, dated 9/11/95
Clean-up of Jerry's Pond

The Conservation Commission has had several discussions with Mr. David Vickery, a representative of the owners of Jerry's Pond, in regard to cleaning up the site. Mr. Vickery agreed that a clean-up is necessary, and could be arranged to occur this fall. This clean-up will include the removal of litter and larger debris (such as tires and shopping carts), and some selective thinning of dead and undesirable vegetation. The Commission will keep you informed about scheduling and other details regarding the clean-up.

The Commission will also work with other City departments to improve and enhance the appearance of the paved area bordering the pond (used by MBTA busses).

The Commission believes that Jerry's Pond is a valuable natural resource that could become an even greater asset in the future. The Commission would welcome the opportunity to continue to work with property owners and other interested parties to restore Jerry's Pond. The future of Jerry's Pond will become clearer depending on whether the W.R. Grace site is developed, and/or whether Jerry's Pond becomes accessible to the public (the MDC is currently investigating the possibility of purchasing Jerry's Pond). The Commission believes that further restoration efforts, which will require the investment of much greater resources, should be based on clear goals for the site, i.e., whether the pond should become primarily a publicly accessible recreational area or primarily a wildlife habitat area, for example.



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October 2, 1995

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 41, regarding an update on the clean-up of Jerry's Pond, please find attached a report from Alex Strysky, Conservation Commission Director.

In addition, the City has retained a consulting firm Brown & Rowe to develop a Master Plan for Russell Field. In the context of these discussion, the future of Jerry's Pond has been discussed with David Vickery, the MDC and the neighborhood.

Very truly yours,

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Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #3

S-295

Awaiting Report Item Number
Forty-one, regarding an update
on the clean-up of Jerry's Pond.

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1995 City Manager
Requests # 380

In City Council October 2, 1995

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