

Dear Cambridge City Council Representatives,

I am writing out of blinding frustration and anger. You cannot even begin to understand the immeasurable damage that the decision to destroy the meadow by the BU bridge has, and will continue to bring. I am sure that the surrounding communities will also be enraged when they learn that a habitat that formerly contained the geese's lush nesting ground, now holds soil that wouldn't allow for any plant life to grow.

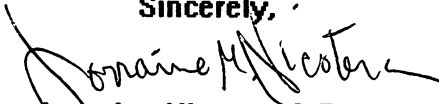
It angers and saddens me that the City Council's position is that of blatant lack of concern and maybe even plain greed. When I saw what was left of the meadow my first thoughts were that the city officials should be notified. Upon talking to my family members who are residents of the area, I found out that both Boston University and the MBTA were among the characters influencing the City Council- which knew of these plans all along!

It comes down to this- what does the City Council value more; transit dollars or its residents?

I bring my two children to what used to be the meadow, to feed the geese. As a mother, the choice to destroy a nest particularly disturbs me. What could be more cruel than taking away a nest and thus destroy life?

You can count on our family never spending money in the Cambridge area. A family of four that would travel to the city five or more times per month, using the T, and having lunch at a community restaurant, can sometimes command over eighty-dollars. I will no longer support your city with my consumer money as long as the city directs its negative efforts in such ways. I will also be sure to tell all of our friends, family and neighbors to do the same in light of all of this unnecessary destruction of the meadow.

Sincerely,

  
Lorraine Nicotera & Family  
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In City Council June 12, 2000

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