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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To James L. Sullivan, City Manager

Date 6/10/74

From Barbara Hansel, Director
Cambridge Community Schools

Reference

Subject The allocation of plots at four sites for Cambridge Community Gardening, a joint effort of the Cambridge Conservation Commission, Forestry and Parks, and Cambridge Community Schools.

The four sites are at: Fresh Pond; the City Dump (St. Peters Field); Youville Hospital, (Hovey Avenue); and Watson Street.

These sites solicited because of their location service the following areas:

City Dump - North Cambridge
Hovey Avenue - Central Cambridge
Watson Street - Cambridgeport

Persons in Area 3 and 4 and Webster Community who were interested have been allocated space at Hovey Avenue.

The process of allocating space: The Conservation Commission had developed a list of persons previously involved or interested in community gardening.

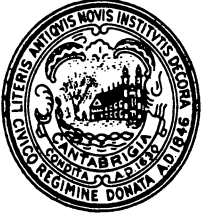
Those persons who were involved in the gardens at Fresh Pond last year were guaranteed a plot there this summer.

Community Schools sought to expand the original list by informing residents of this summers possibilities for community gardening via: Community Schools Councils, word of mouth, notices and newsletters.

All names of new candidates were put into a lottery, (about 300). This was as advertised in the Cambridge Rambler and Chronicle. In total there are about 150 individual 10x10 plots on the four sites; approximately 115 plots on the three new sites. Persons who responded positively were then assigned space on a first-come-first-serve basis. In many cases this will involve shared responsibility for the 10x10 plots in order to accomodate as many people as possible.

Although our responsibility for organizing space and people for this years venture is almost through, we will continue throughout the coming year to identify and seek permission for the use of other open lots in anticipation of next year.

From the calls I have personally handled, I'd say this will grow to be one of the City's most intensive and popular undertakings.



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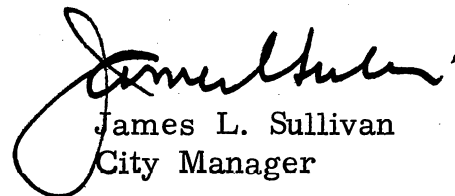
To the Honorable, the City Council:

With reference to several items on the Awaiting Report list of June 10, 1974, I submit the following information at this time:

- Item 9 - re: Council Order of April 22, 1974 - Mr. Fagone advises me that the shade trees will be planted on Worthington Street during the upcoming tree planting program.
- Item 12 - re: Council Order of April 29, 1974 - the benches have been ordered and will be set in the center strip on Langdon Street as soon as they are received.
- Item 16 - re: Council Order of May 20, 1974 - four garden plots have been prepared for citizens by the Public Works Department. Enclosed please find copy of communication from Community Schools relative to this matter.

With reference to Council Order of May 20, 1974, relative to Bowdoin Street, I have been advised by Mr. Fagone that this street will be patched by the Public Works Department inasmuch as funds are not available at this time to repave the entire street.

Very truly yours,


James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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Awaiting reports.

In City Council,

June 10, 1974

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