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*FYI (and
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Dear Prospective Applicants:

I am pleased to announce that the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA), through the Division of Conservation Services, will conduct a fiscal year 1998 grant round for the Self-Help and Urban Self-help programs. These programs provide state financial assistance to cities and towns for the purchase of conservation or recreation land or the design and construction of public outdoor recreation facilities. Properties assisted with state funds become permanently protected open space ensuring that they will remain parks for generations to come. **The filing deadline for the Fiscal Year 1998 grant round is June 2, 1997.**

Funds from both programs have specific eligibility requirements and are awarded on a competitive basis. Priority consideration will be given to innovative projects and to ones which foster inter-municipal or municipal-state cooperation. Similarly, projects which advance EOEA's Watershed and Planning for Growth initiatives will be given extra consideration in application ranking.

Approximately \$8,000,000 will be made available for the grant round. Grants will be limited to a maximum total of \$500,000 per applicant community, with percentages of reimbursements ranging from 52% to 70% depending upon your community's equalized valuation per capita (EVPC) decile rank.

You should be advised that a state approved Open Space and Recreation Plan is a program prerequisite. There is still time to begin the planning process if your plan has expired and you wish to participate in the grant round. Information on the status of your plan, a list of sites in your community which have received this funding in the past and are therefore permanently protected, and your EVPC decile rank is available from the Division of Conservation Services.

This is a perfect opportunity to accomplish new and innovative park, recreation and conservation projects. Please contact the Division of Conservation Services at (617)727-1552 if you wish to receive an application package, and mark your calendars for the June 2, 1997 application deadline.

Cordially,

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