

City of Cambridge

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Calendar #24

~~July 27, 1998~~
September 14, 1998

COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: Cambridge has less open space per resident than all but one other municipality in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge is currently riding the wave of an economic boom which is leading to an unprecedented amount of development in the City which not only fills the city's tax coffers but affects the quality of residential life in the City because of the increase in traffic and general congestion it brings; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council take the opportunity to preserve the quality of life in the City by making a Grand Millennial Gift of significant new open space to the City, by establishing a special Green Ribbon Open Space Committee with representation from every neighborhood in the City. Such committee modeled on the Affordable Housing Trust shall oversee a neighborhood-by-neighborhood-open space "needs assessment" to identify specific goals and use that information to draw on an Open Space Acquisition Fund (see May 4 order of Councillor Born, currently awaiting report from the Manager) to negotiate the purchase of land to fill the needs of the neighborhoods that are currently most underserved by parks and recreational open spaces; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to take immediate action to establish such committee and to report in September to the Council about the progress of such plans.

In City Council September 14, 1998.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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**Establishment of a Green Ribbon Open
Space Committee.**

In City Council September 14, 1998