

22 May 2003

Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Re: Cambridge Conservation Commission

Dear Mr. Healy:

This letter will serve as my formal request to be considered for the open position on the Cambridge Conservation Commission. I believe that my professional background and experience would make me an excellent candidate for the position. The Commission has the exciting yet challenging task of regulating development in the areas of Cambridge's most valuable resource areas, Fresh Pond, Alewife Brook, the Charles River, Blair Pond and Jerry's Pond. I would welcome the opportunity to contribute to this challenge.

I am a registered Landscape Architect in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with over 17 years of professional experience. I am currently a Partner/Principal at Geller Associates Inc, a Landscape Architectural and Civil Engineering firm with offices in Boston and Wellesley, Massachusetts. Our work includes a wide range of project types; Schools, including public and private schools, preparatory schools and Colleges and Universities; Urban design, public parks, streetscapes and courtyards; health care projects, including hospitals, assisted living and conjugate care facilities; as well as other site planning and development projects. Our geographical area is New England, with a majority of our projects being in eastern Massachusetts.

On behalf of our clients, I have been in front of many of the Conservation Commissions in the Metropolitan Boston area, for Requests for Determination of Applicability (RDA's), Notice of Intent (NOI's) as well as informal or informational presentations. Because of this experience, I am well educated in the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the responsibilities of the local Conservation Commissions to regulate it.

I have been a resident in the City of Cambridge for over 15 years, and have been a homeowner for over 7 years. My Children attend the Cambridge Public Schools. I am a vested member of this Community and look forward to the possibility of contributing my skills and expertise to the Cambridge Conservation Commission.

Please contact me should you require additional information.

Sincerely,



Robert Corning
9 Ellsworth Avenue

Robert M. Corning

Partner

Mr. Corning has extensive experience managing a wide range of landscape architectural projects including site master planning and design, historic landscape preservation, and the restoration and implementation of urban, rural and waterfront parks. Previous to joining Geller Associates, Mr. Corning managed the design and construction of the \$6 million, 2.5 acre waterfront park in Battery Park City, New York. This project was completed in 1994 and has won numerous awards, including a Merit Award in Urban Design from the American Institute of Architects.

Currently, Mr. Corning is leading a multi-disciplinary team for the off-site street improvements project for the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center in South Boston. He is also the Partner-in-Charge and lead designer for a 650-unit housing development in South Boston. Mr. Corning was also the Principal-in-Charge of the landscape master planning project at Boston College and continues to head all of the Boston College landscape improvement projects throughout the campus.

For the city of Malden, Mr. Corning has served as the Partner-in-Charge of five new K-8 schools and one pre-K school that are being built as part of Malden's \$98 million revitalization building program.

Other projects under Mr. Corning's direction have been a master plan and site specific design for a prominent New England preparatory school, a plaza and park for a large new clinical facility within the Longwood Medical Area in Boston, and the preparation of a Cultural Landscape Report and design documents for a National Park Service site in South Boston. Mr. Corning has provided meticulous project management and coordination for these projects and others from design development through construction administration.

Education

Cornell University, Bachelor of Landscape Architecture

Mohawk Valley Community College, Associate of Applied Science

Registration

Registered Landscape Architect in Massachusetts (#983), New York and Connecticut

Professional Affiliations

American Society of Landscape Architects

Boston Society of Landscape Architects

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May 29, 2003

Robert W. Healy
City Manager
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy,

It is with pleasure that I submit this letter of interest for the open position on the Conservation Commission. I have both professional and personal interest in wetlands and the ecological systems of which they are a part and look forward to the opportunity to participate on this Commission for the City of Cambridge.

I am a landscape architect with 8 years of professional experience at firms based in and around the Boston area. I have worked on projects all over the country and have gained a solid working knowledge of issues related to development on ecologically sensitive sites and the dramatic need to maintain and manage natural resources. At Exploration Place, a science museum along the Arkansas River in Wichita, Kansas I designed a constructed wetland which is being used as an educational tool for museum programs. I co-authored *Water Connections: Wetlands for Science Instruction*, a chapter of the *Handbook of Water Sensitive Planning and Design* about the project that was published last year.

Most recently I have been working on projects in Cambridge and other nearby towns that have put me before the Conservation Commission. I am very aware of issues such as compensatory flood storage and appropriate plant material choices as well as the myriad others that must be considered in ecologically sensitive sites. The Conservation Commission plays an important role in not only protecting and also guiding the future of Cambridge's landscape along the Charles and other water bodies in the City and I believe my expertise would be an asset to the Commission.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my interest in the position and I look forward to hearing from you. I would also be happy to provide additional information as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaki Martin

Squires, Diane

From: Carvello, Maryellen
Sent: Friday, May 30, 2003 8:27 AM
To: Squires, Diane
Subject: FW: Conservation Commission Member

-----Original Message-----

From: kaki martin [mailto:kakimartin@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, May 30, 2003 1:58 AM
To: citymanager@cambridgema.gov
Subject: Conservation Commission Member

Please accept the attached letter regarding the open position on the Conservation Commission.

Thank you,
Kaki Martin



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August 4, 2003

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Please be advised that I have appointed the following persons as member of the Cambridge Conservation Commission, effective August 4, 2003:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Robert Corning 9 Ellsworth Avenue Cambridge, MA 02139	August 4, 2006

Kaki Martin 149 Hancock Street, Apt. 3 Cambridge, MA 02139	August 4, 2004
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Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #23

Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of members to the Cambridge Conservation Commission, effective August 4, 2003: Robert Corning and Kaki Martin.

In City Council August 4, 2003

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