

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
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CITY HALL ANNEX, 57 INMAN STREET, CAMBRIDGE 39

October 1, 1973

The Honorable, the City Council
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Councillors:

The Planning Board is pleased to submit its recommendation on the re-use of the former City Dump as follows:

Recommended Plan

Subsequent to the release in May 1973 of our analysis of the re-use potential of the former City dump, the Planning Board and the Planning and Development Department held public meetings to review the analysis with interested City officials and members of the Cambridge community.

From the analysis and reviews has come the recommended plan for the dump site presented to you tonight. It is a slight revision of Alternative Plan E, the land bank scheme, described in the analysis. It also revises the alignment of New Street so that it does not encroach as much upon the dump site and also reflects the concerns of some people that a road connecting New Street and Sherman Street would present traffic problems not warranted by the assumed utility of such a through street. Further, since the Dodge Chemical Site now has been purchased for private redevelopment, the acquisition of that site for high school physical education no longer figures in the cost analysis of the land bank scheme, increasing the net cost saving of the scheme thereby to \$2,838,000 to \$3,024,000.

Development Schedule

The anticipated schedule for implementation of the recommended plan is as follows:

Design and engineering: 6 months

Staged site preparation: 1 year for each section of the site; includes time for surcharging and monitoring of ground settlement and monitoring of methane gas emission

Construction of Recreation facilities: 6-8 months for each staged section

Thus, if the dump site were divided into three sections for staged site preparation, the full site would be completely developed four years from beginning of design.

Costs and Funding

The applicable Federal source of funding for outdoor recreation development is the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. The Massachusetts Department of Natural Resources administers the allocation of BOR funds within the Commonwealth and currently has available \$3,000,000 in uncommitted BOR funds. The estimated total cost of recreation development on the dump site under the recommended plan is about \$3,700,000. The 50% Federal share of the eligible costs in this development would be about \$1,600,000. Our understanding is that Cambridge has an excellent chance of receiving this Federal assistance if we act promptly.

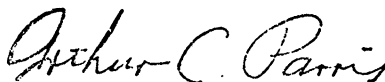
Recommended Action

The following actions of the City Council are required to put into effect the recommended plan for the dump site:

1. Approve in principle the recommended re-use of the dump site and authorize the preparation of an application for qualification for Federal funds to develop the recreation open space portions of the recommended plan.
2. Approve the qualification application when completed and appropriate the funds for detailed design and engineering of the site necessary for final application for Federal funds and for site development.
3. Once the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation approves the qualification application, approve the final application for Federal funds when completed and authorize the borrowing necessary to furnish the City's share of the recreation development costs.

The Planning Board recommends that the City Council at this time take the action described in paragraph #1.

Very truly yours,



Arthur C. Parris
Chairman



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JOHN H. CORCORAN
City Manager

October 1, 1973

To the Honorable, the City Council,

I transmit herewith communication from the Planning Board with its recommendations on the re-use of the former City Dump.

Very truly yours,

John H. Corcoran
City Manager

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Agenda # 2.

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Planning Boards recommendations for the re-
use of the City Dump.

In City Council,

October 1, 1973

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Referred to Hearing
at 8 PM
