

Mayor Ackermann,

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Longfellow Community School
c/o The Community School Office
City Hall Annex
Broadway and Inman Sts.
Cambridge

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To the Editor:

The Longfellow Community School Council wishes to express its support for the residents of the Agassiz neighborhood in their effort to retain Norton's Woods, a large wooded site bounded by Beacon and Irving Sts., as a primary open space resource for the City. Longfellow and other Community Schools had very successful summer "wilderness" programs for children in these woods.

Not only residents of Cambridge city-wide, but also the nearby residents of Somerville look to Norton's Woods as an important recreational and environmental asset. We therefore urge the Cambridge Conservation Commission to explore with the residents of the Agassiz School neighborhood, Harvard and other interested parties all public and private means necessary to make Norton's Woods accessible as public open space for all to enjoy.

We urge Harvard to participate as part of the larger community by sitting down with residents from the Agassiz School district, as well as the King School, ~~the~~ Peabody School and Longfellow School districts, to discuss its plans for development. Only in this way will the needs and desires of the residents in areas around Harvard be fully recognized.

We hope that other interested groups and citizens will join this struggle to maintain and improve the quality of life in the City for all its people, particularly its working class families.

The Longfellow Community School Council

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Comm. from Longfellow Community School
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