



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF OUTDOOR RECREATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Hon. Philip J. Philbin
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Philbin:

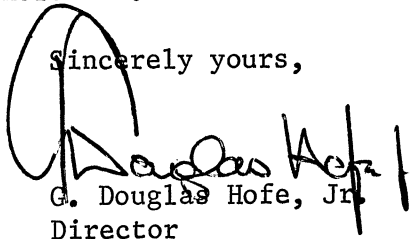
This is in further reply to your inquiry of October 8 which was forwarded to us by the National Park Service concerning the Dorchester Bay-Boston Harbor area.

The City Council of the City of Cambridge is to be highly commended for its September 22 action which in effect recommended the Dorchester Bay-Boston Harbor islands, waterways, and foreshores be proclaimed a national recreation area and historic site. It is such civic interest and concern that ensures the protection and preservation of our Nation's natural resources for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.

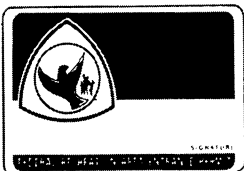
This Department is vitally interested in the conservation and preservation of open space and natural areas, and especially resources such as the Boston Harbor islands, near our large urban centers. The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, as part of its forthcoming report on the American Islands study, inventoried all American islands 10 acres and over. That inventory found the Dorchester Bay-Boston Harbor island group to have conservation and recreation values largely of State and regional significance.

We hope that this information will be of assistance to you in your consideration of this matter. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us. The resolution of the City Council of Cambridge is returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,


G. Douglas Hofe, Jr.
Director

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

December 3, 1969

Mr. Paul E. Healy
Temporary City Clerk
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

My dear Friend

Paul-

Thank you for sending me a copy of the resolution by the City Council of Cambridge recommending that the Dorchester Bay-Boston Harbor islands, waterways, and foreshores be proclaimed a national recreation area and historic site.

In response to my intercessions, I have received the enclosed report from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Department of the Interior, on this matter, and thought you might like to have it. As stated in the report, the Bureau's inventory found the Dorchester Bay-Boston Harbor island group to have conservation and recreation values largely of State and regional significance.

Call upon me whenever I can be helpful.

With warm regards and best wishes of the Season to all, I am

Sincerely yours,

Phil

Philip J. Philbin

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*Regards all
Best to you, Jean and all the
folks.*

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Communication from Philip J. Philbin,
House of Representatives, Washington,
D.C., acknowledging resolutions adopted
by the City Council relative to the
Dorchester Bay-Boston Harbor islands, wa-
terways and foreshores; and enclosing
a report from the Bureau of Outdoor Rec-
reation, Department of the Interior on
this matter

December 15, 1969

Copies of enclosures

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