



City of Cambridge

33.

IN CITY COUNCIL
February 28, 1994

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
VICE MAYOR RUSSELL

WHEREAS: The previous City Council by unanimous vote expressed its support of the Massachusetts River Protection Act and The Open Space Bond Bill, in Council Orders of which copies are attached; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of the River Protection Act is to prevent further degradation of the natural integrity of the state's river, and the purpose of the Open Space Bond Bill is to authorize bonds to fund environmental needs of open space acquisition and maintenance, and includes assistance for municipalities which could be of benefit to Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: These bills were not enacted during the last legislative session; and

WHEREAS: The bills have been refiled, and the State Legislature has committed itself to early consideration of both bills this term; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council be recorded as favoring the prompt enactment of the Massachusetts River Protection Act and the Open Space Bond Bill; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk deliver copies of this resolution to Representatives Thompson and Toomey, to Speaker Flaherty and to Senators Travaglini, Barrett, Havern and Birmingham.

In City Council February 28, 1994.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

26.

IN CITY COUNCIL

June 28, 1993

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR WALSH

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts River Protection Act, Senate Bill 1620, has passed the Massachusetts Senate and is awaiting action in the House; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of the Act is to prevent further degradation of the natural integrity of the state's rivers; and

WHEREAS: The operation of the Act will protect and enhance the values of rivers and adjacent lands for natural habitat, beautiful landscapes, water supply, pollution absorption, flood storage, and fishing, boating and other forms of recreation; and

WHEREAS: The chief mechanism of the Act establishes a setback for certain types of potentially harmful land use activities adjacent to rivers and streams ranging from 25 to 150 feet and whereas other beneficial land use activities are specifically permitted within the riverfront area; and

WHEREAS: The state's twenty most populous and/or densely developed cities and towns are prequalified for a 25 foot setback; and

WHEREAS: For all other communities, the setback is reduced to 25 feet for densely developed areas (such as the downtowns of mill communities) and/or areas covered by an approved municipal development or river corridor plan and whereas cities and town are also empowered to adopt local river protection ordinances or bylaws; and

WHEREAS: Cities and towns are also empowered to grant variances to any landowner for which the strict application of the setback would constitute a hardship, and are required to issue variances where the failure to do so would constitute a "taking"; and

WHEREAS: Existing uses are grandfathered as well as projects that have building or other specified permits in hand and/or have gone through the MEPA process but have yet to begin construction; and

WHEREAS: The Act does not establish any new programs or require the expenditure of additional funds at the state or local level; and

WHEREAS: The Act does not establish additional rights of public access over private land; and

- WHEREAS: The Act aids in the administration of the Wetlands Protection Act and reduces the workload of Conservation Commissions by designating an easily defined area within which specific land use activities are allowed or restricted; and
- WHEREAS: The Act is intended to stabilize and enhance property values through the protection of rivers as natural amenities; and
- WHEREAS: The Act would lead to a reduction in flood insurance premiums, as restrictions on additional development with the floodplain lowers the risk of flood damage to existing structures; and
- WHEREAS: The 150 foot setback will keep potential sources of pollutants away from the Charles River and its tributaries upstream, thereby helping to maintain and enhance the water quality of the river downstream in Cambridge; and
- WHEREAS: This legislation would affect both the Charles River and Alewife Brook in Cambridge (but would not in itself prevent city-endorsed development projects along the rivers from occurring); and
- WHEREAS: The passage of this Act will maintain and improve the quality of the water in Cambridge's suburban reservoirs which are fed in part by rivers and streams; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in favor of passage of Senate Bill 1620 and that the City Clerk immediately deliver copies of this resolution to Senators Havern, Barrett and Travaglini, to Speaker Flaherty and to Representatives Thompson and Toomey, and to members of the Legislature of our bordering communities: Belmont, Arlington, Boston, Watertown and Somerville; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Council asks that the special language inserted by the Senate in the bill to protect Massachusetts Broken Stone in Weston be deleted since its inclusion has an undesirable effect on the Cambridge reservoirs' watershed.

In City Council June 28, 1993.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

D. Margaret Drury

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

13.

IN CITY COUNCIL

December 20, 1993

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
MAYOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The Open Space Bond Bill (H. 5568) is awaiting action in the Massachusetts legislature; and

WHEREAS: H.5568:

- o Authorizes \$300 million in environmental spending;
- o Dedicates \$148 million of the total authorization to land acquisition;
- o Earmarks \$50 million to establish a "Land Conservation Trust", which will provide financial assistance for land purchases sponsored by land trusts or municipalities;
- o Creates a \$3 million dollar fund to provide grants for environmental education;
- o Provide \$20 million to make state park facilities accessible to people with physical disabilities;
- o Identifies \$15 million to help municipalities develop land use plans;
- o Allocates \$15 million to complete satellite mapping to identify the state's critical resource areas;
- o Funds an \$8 million Massachusetts coast-wide pollution monitoring program;
- o Restores funding to the Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) Program. \$30 million will be available to maintain farmland as open space;

- o Helps maintain park facilities through a \$78 million infrastructure improvement grant;
- o Reauthorizes and augments a fund earmarked to assist the open space acquisition efforts of urban communities. \$11 million will be available;
- o Provides an additional \$10 million for watershed protection.

WHEREAS: Cambridge has urgent needs which can be helped through passage of this bill, such as funding of a land trust at Alewife and watershed protection; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council urges its delegation to vote favorably on this bond issue, H.5568; and be it further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to Representatives Thompson and Toomey, to Speaker Flaherty and to Senators Traviglini, Barrett, Havern and Birmingham

In City Council December 20, 1993.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

Whereas: ~~During~~ the
The previous City Council by ~~a~~ unanimous
vote expressed its support of The Massachusetts
River Protection Act and The Open Space Bond
Bill ~~of the~~ ~~and~~ in ~~the~~ ~~and~~ Council Order of
which copies are attached; and

Whereas: The purpose of the River Protection Act is to
prevent further degradation of the natural
integrity of the state's rivers, and the
purpose of the Open Space Bond Bill, to
authorize bonds to fund ^{environmental needs} ~~a variety of~~ open
space acquisition and maintenance, ~~and~~
and includes assistance for municipalities for
which could be of benefit to Cambridge; and

Whereas: These bills were ^{being} ~~not~~ enacted in the
last ~~session~~ legislative session; and

Whereas: The bill have been refiled, and the State
legislature has committed itself to early
consideration of both this term; now therefore
be it

Resolved: That ^{two} ~~this~~ ^{Cambridge} City Council ^{be} ~~votes its~~ ^{be} ~~renewed~~
^{promptly} favouring the enactment of the Massachusetts
River Protection Act and the Open Space
Bond Bill; and be it further

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Resolved: That the City Clerk deliver copies of this resolution to Representatives Thompson and Torrey, to Speaker Flaherty and to Senators Travigline, Bennett, Haven and ~~Benny~~ Birmingham.

February 28, 1994

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Born Sullivan *Triestifellow*
Consent Order #33
Russell *R-67*
Councillor Duehay re: Support of
the Massachusetts River Protection
Act and The Open Space Bond Bill.

Order Adopted

In City Council,
February 28, 1994