



City of Cambridge

R-33.

IN CITY COUNCIL

June 4, 2001

COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DECKER
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Cambridge is participating in the Commonwealth's Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, Biodiversity Days June 8-10, the second annual event with nearly 500 towns participating. In 2000, the Commonwealth held a world record for the most species counted in one state cooperative event; and

WHEREAS: Friends of Alewife Reservation (FAR) and co-sponsor, the Mystic Watershed Association, have initiated during this period 6 environmental activities with 6 known naturalists in the area to look for "all life forms" larger than 1 millimeter to record and send to the state's inventory pool for the state record; and

WHEREAS: The Alewife Reservation tours are also conducted for the purpose of bringing awareness of shrinking Massachusetts wetlands by noticing wetland plants and animals, birds, insects, mosses, lichens, ferns and other species; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has endorsed the governor's plan to regain 200,000 acres of wetland by the year 2010, (City Council Resolution April 10, 2000); and

WHEREAS: Alewife Reservation is designated for major water and sewer improvements by completing the restoration of 64 thousand square feet of wetland planned by the Department of Public Works and the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, including the state's top engineering firms of Metcalf and Eddy, Montgomery and Watson, SEA Construction with permitting in all phases of the project by the Cambridge Conservation Commission; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge DPW and the MWRA and consultants provided many public forums (10) from November till May in Cambridge, Belmont, Arlington and Somerville, explaining problems and benefits to a wetland storm water management plan on the Reservation (2001-2008) and the importance of sewer separation in northwest Cambridge; and

- WHEREAS: A Metropolitan District Commission's Master Plan of the area was passed by the Massachusetts Legislature in November and the MDC is presently in process of contracting major design firms to master plan the area in order to restore wetland and make the area more publicly accessible; and
- WHEREAS: Prospects are favorable for the wetland restoration of over 3 acres of impervious pavement of the Arthur D. Little Parking lot wetland; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record in support of Biodiversity Days (June 8-10) for attention to wetland plants and animals, region-wide education on the Cambridge sewer separation, stormwater and wetland plan, the importance of a wetland, urban wild on a major regional transportation artery - the Alewife T stop, and all citizen and Alewife groups who have called attention to Cambridge wetlands at Alewife and the importance of keeping them healthy.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury

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City Clerk

From: MDrury@CI.Cambridge.MA.US (D. Margaret Drury)
Organization: City of Cambridge, Massachusetts USA
To: pcrane
Date sent: Thu, 31 May 2001 14:30:12 -0400
Subject: (Fwd) biodiversity
Priority: normal

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----- Forwarded message follows -----

From: HenriDavis@aol.com
Date sent: Thu, 31 May 2001 14:18:59 EDT
Subject: biodiversity
To: mdrury@ci.cambridge.ma.us

ALEWIFE AND BIODIVERSITY DAYS RESOLUTION

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Whereas ~~over 3 acres of impervious pavement of the Arthur D. Little Parking lot wetland have recently been returned to MDC for wetland restoration by Bullfinch property owner spokesman, Rich McKinnon,~~ *now Margaret Drury*

12 Cambridge City Council endorses; *go on record in support of*
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Region-wide education on the Cambridge sewer separation, stormwater and wetland plan.

The importance of a wetland, urban wild on a major regional transportation artery - the Alewife T stop.

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Commonwealth's Executive Office
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Biodiversity Days which will take
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Councillors Braude and Davis

In City Council June 4, 2001

ORDER ADOPTED