



City of Cambridge

R-34.

IN CITY COUNCIL

December 17, 2001

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

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WHEREAS: Massachusetts Community Water Watch works to improve water quality by fostering community commitment to the health of local waterways; and

WHEREAS: Water Watch is organizing the fourth annual January Education Week during which Water Watch volunteers will educate 4000 students from across the state by giving 4000 education presentations; and

WHEREAS: Water Watch's theme of the week will be "Toxics in Our Waterway;" now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record supporting Massachusetts Community Water Watch and its January Education Week; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Massachusetts Community Water Watch on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council December 17, 2001.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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R: SEC to Massachusetts Community Water Watch



**MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY
WATER WATCH**

Massachusetts Community Water Watch
29 Temple Place, Boston, MA 02111
(617) 292-4800 • masswaterwatch@pirg.org

4th Annual Education Week
January 11th -18th

The waterways in Massachusetts have the second worst water quality in the country. They are so polluted that over 60% do not meet the minimum standards for safe fishing and swimming. Massachusetts Community Water Watch works to improve water quality through fostering a community commitment to the health of local waterways.

Right now Water Watch is organizing the fourth annual January Education Week during which we will educate 4000 students from across the state by giving 160 classroom environmental education presentations. This week provides us with an opportunity to increase the knowledge and understanding of the importance of water in our lives to both students and leaders in the community. Our theme for the week will be "Toxics in Our Waterways."

We would like to invite you to participate in Education Week by joining us in the classroom. Together as AmeriCorps members and community leaders, we will teach children about local water quality issues and encourage them to protect their waterways.

If you are unable to participate, then please convey your support by endorsing this program. Endorsements provide both recognition of the problem and help to muster public support for our continuing efforts to educate the community on water quality issues.

Organization: _____
Contact Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Comments/Quotations: (for use in press for the event) _____

We would like to:

- ☐ Participate in a classroom presentation
- ☐ Speak during the week
- ☐ Participate in the Boston Kickoff event, on January 14th
- ☐ Endorse Massachusetts Community Water Watch's January Education Week
- ☐ Provide donations or supplies

Please send participation commitments or endorsements by 12/05/01 to:
Massachusetts Community Water Watch
Attn: Pattie Weikert
29 Temple Place, Boston, MA 02111
Fax: 617-292-8057



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www.WaterWatchOnline.org



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To: Cambridge City Councilors.
(to All members please)

Fax: 617-349-4287

From: Pattie Wilkert

Massachusetts Community Water Watch Organizer.

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November 29, 2001

Dear Cambridge City Councilors,

I am writing to invite you to participate in Massachusetts Community Water Watch's fourth annual Education Week to be held January 11th through the 18th. Massachusetts Community Water Watch is an AmeriCorps program in partnership with the Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group Education Fund and the Massachusetts Service Alliance. There are 12 AmeriCorps members working across the state with Water Watch and our mission is to improve Massachusetts' water quality through research, service, and education.

Based on 14 college campuses across the state, we strive to build a partnership of college students, faculty and community members to address their local water quality problems. Through this partnership we are able to organize water cleanups, to physically remove trash from our waterways, stream walks and monitoring programs, to help identify future cleanup sites and pin-point pollution sources, and give environmental education presentations, to educate students and community groups on water quality issues.

Education Week is a special part of our education program because it is an entire week dedicated to giving environmental presentations to students, k-12, and it is the only time when all 12 AmeriCorps members are able to teach together. Last year we were able to present lessons to 156 classrooms across the state, educating 3000 students on the importance of water in our daily lives. This year we are on target to surpass those figures and are planning to educate 4000 students.

On January 15th we will be giving classroom presentations in Cambridge. As a local community leaders we urge you to attend the activities on the 15th. We understand that scheduling conflicts are often unavoidable and therefore, if you are unable to attend, you can simply endorse Education Week to convey your support. Please see the accompanying endorsement form for more information. Again, your support for our efforts would be greatly appreciated by our organization and would help to stress the importance of education on this essential natural resource. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at 617-879-7735.

Sincerely,

Pattie Weikert

Massachusetts Community Water Watch Organizer



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**Councillor Davis and entire
membership**

In City Council December 17, 2001

ORDER ADOPTED