



Cambridge Redevelopment Authority

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May 19, 1978

Mr. James L. Sullivan
City Manager
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Re: Response to Cambridge City Council Order
on Mechanism to Make Available Sites for Residential Development

Wellington-Harrington Neighborhood Renewal Area
Project No. Mass. R-108

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Authority staff has reviewed the City Council Order, approved on April 24, 1978, with respect to the immediate establishment of a mechanism to dispose of Authority-owned property for the development of single-family homes in the Wellington-Harrington Neighborhood Renewal Area.

The following constitutes a report:

- (1) The Wellington-Harrington Neighborhood Renewal Plan provides for the acquisition and clearance of several sites which could be utilized for the development of single-family homes. A map locating those sites is attached as Exhibit 1.
- (2) The current status of Authority acquisition of these sites is as follows:

Tract Numbers 10, 12A, 32, and 34 are presently owned by the Authority and, subject to standard disposition procedures, are available for development.

Tract Number 6 is partially acquired and would not be immediately available for development.

Tract Numbers 11, 28A, and 39 are not acquired but negotiations and/or orders of taking are underway.

Tract Number 40 is included for acquisition as a part of the Application for Financial Settlement for the Urban Renewal Program which is in preparation and will be presented to the Authority and the Council for approval before July 1, 1978.

- (3) As these nine (9) sites become available for development, the Authority, I am sure, is prepared to advertise them for development subject to controls in the Zoning Ordinance as owner-occupied single-family housing. The maximum number of units which could be built on these sites is approximately 15.

It should be noted that single-family housing construction may not be as simple and inexpensive as one would believe. The Authority, working with the Just-A-Start Corporation, recently made available a site for the construction of a single-family house on the corner of Portland Street and Berkshire Place. In order for this to be a successful undertaking, substantial Authority staff time, supervising and providing construction work, land write-down, and other services were required to arrive at a product within the financial capability of local area residents.

We are prepared to allocate whatever assistance is necessary to commence immediately on this program as outlined above.

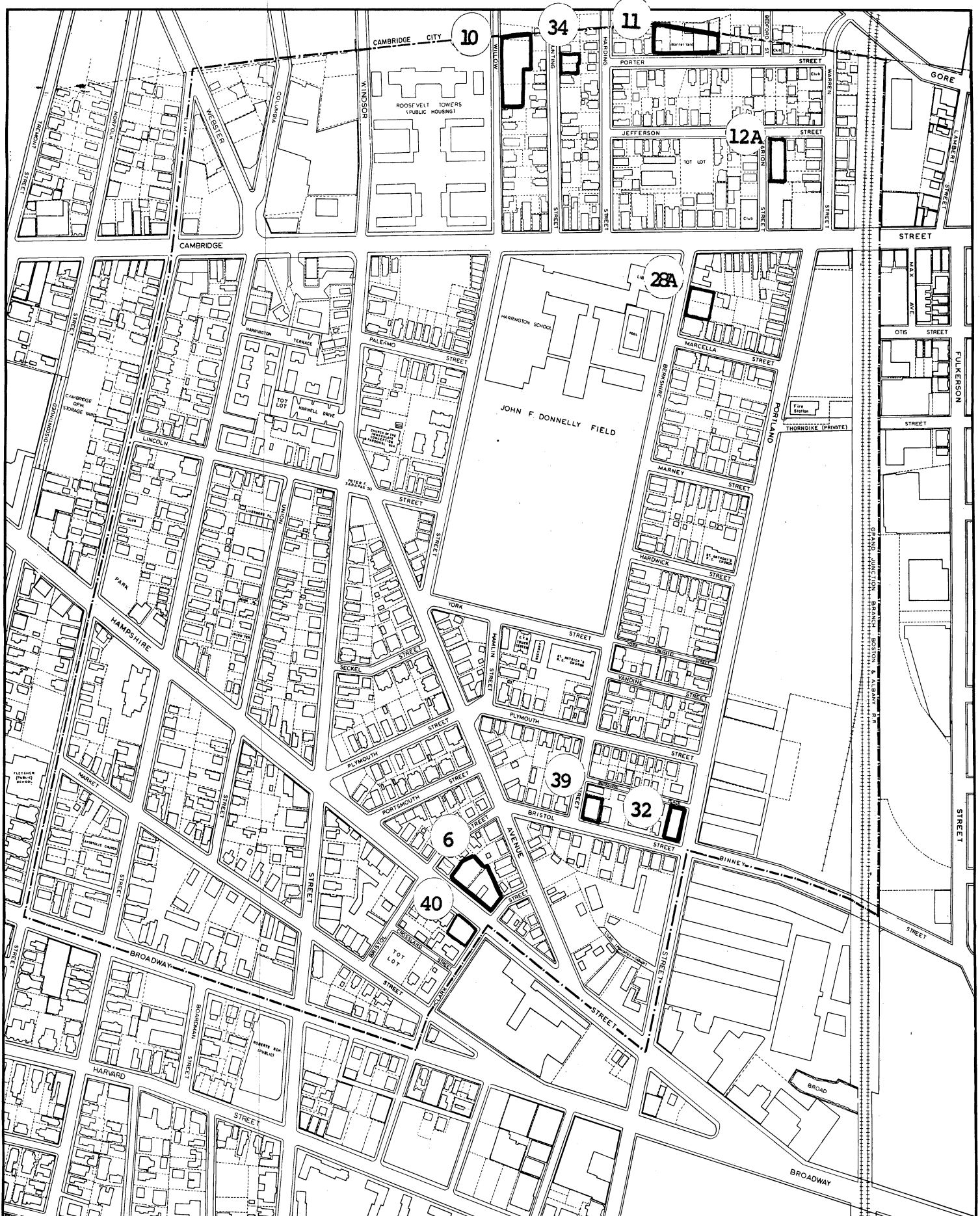
If you or any Councillors have any questions, please contact me. Please be advised that Dan Driscoll, Authority Site Development Officer, is in responsible charge of directing the implementation of this program and is also available to answer any questions which you may have.

Sincerely yours,



Joseph F. Tulimieri
Deputy Executive Director

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Enclosure (1)



**POTENTIAL SITES FOR SINGLE FAMILY HOME
DEVELOPMENT**

**WELLINGTON-HARRINGTON
URBAN RENEWAL AREA**

CAMBRIDGE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
CAMBRIDGE MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MASS.
MASS. R-108

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PROJECT BOUNDARY

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0 100 200 feet
300



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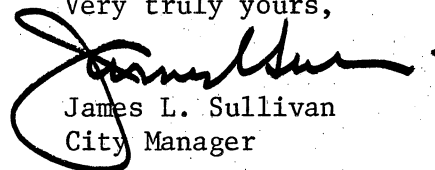
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

May 22, 1978

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I transmit herewith a copy of a communication from Joseph Tulimieri, Deputy Executive Director of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, in response to City Council Order No. 7 of April 24, 1978, relative to the establishment of a mechanism to make available sites for residential development in the Wellington-Harrington Neighborhood Renewal Area.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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Re: mechanism to make available sites for
residential development.

In City Council,
May 22, 1978

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