



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

September 11, 2000

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

ORDERED: That the City of Cambridge is fortunate to have more excess levy capacity than any other municipality in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS: Sixty-eight percent of all the all the commercial development in Cambridge since 1980 has taken place in the eastern part of the city; and

WHEREAS: The development in and around East Cambridge generates approximately \$35,000,000 annually to the city in taxes; and

WHEREAS: This amount represents roughly twenty-five percent of the total tax levy for the city; and

WHEREAS: A study by the Community Development Department shows that there is a critical shortage of open space in Eastern Cambridge – only a combined 21.5 acres of playing fields and tot lots in all of East Cambridge, Welling-Harrington and Area IV; and

WHEREAS: The amount of open space in the entire section of the city represents slightly more than one-third the area of Danehy Park located in North and West Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The Green Ribbon Open Space Committee stated, “the creation of 3 to 4 multipurpose fields that would accommodate soccer, field hockey and lacrosse equally is a priority. If possible, these fields should be located in the eastern half of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: A recent real estate report by the Trammel Crow Company stated that the average weighted rent for office space in Eastern Cambridge is \$53.12 a square foot compared to \$49.75 for office space in the Financial District in Boston; and

WHEREAS: The Boston Business Journal recently published a report predicting that in the very near future class one office space in Cambridge and Boston may be renting for \$100.00 a square foot; and

WHEREAS: A chart in the most recent Community Development Department Log illustrates the fact that thirty of the forty-six major developments in Cambridge are located in the eastern third of the City; and

WHEREAS: It is self-evident that if the current economic conditions continue, any opportunity for increased open space in the eastern part of the City may be lost forever; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to continue in his active efforts to acquire land in the eastern third of the city for the expressed purpose of constructing active recreational open space in the eastern part of the City including the East Cambridge, Wellington-Harrington and Area IV neighborhoods; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council the status of these efforts by January, 2001.

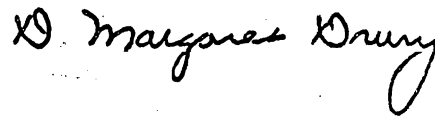
In City Council September 11, 2000.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

Whereas: The city of Cambridge is fortunate to have more excess levy capacity than any other municipality in the Commonwealth; and

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Whereas: ~~The financial strength Cambridge now enjoys is due to the large amount of commercial development in the city since 1980; and~~

Whereas: 68% of all the Commercial development in Cambridge since 1980 has taken place in the eastern part of the city; and

Whereas: The development in and around East Cambridge generates approximately \$35,000,000 annually to the city in taxes; and

Whereas: This amount represents roughly 25% of the total tax levy for the city; and

Whereas: A study by the Community Development Department shows that there is a critical shortage of open space in Eastern Cambridge- only a combined 21.5 acres of playing fields and tot lots in all of East Cambridge, Wellington-Harrington and Area IV; and

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State House, Boston 02133-1054

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Comments: For Council Agenda 9/11/00

Thank you very much.

Tim

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Land acquisition for the purpose of
constructing active recreational
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City of Cambridge.

Councillor Toomey

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ORDER ADOPTED