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March 1, 1999

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Dear Friend,

On behalf of the Department of Environmental Management I am pleased to announce the third round of Historic Landscape Preservation Grant Program. This matching grant program supports projects aimed at preserving municipally-owned historic landscapes including parks, commons, cemeteries and the grounds of public buildings.

Enclosed with this letter is a fact sheet about the grant program. If you would like a copy of the full program guidelines or an application please contact Gordon Marshall, DEM grant administrator, at 617-727-3160 ext. 519, or visit our web site at www.state.ma.us/dem/programs/histland/histland.htm. I encourage you to share this information on the Massachusetts Historic Landscape Preservation Grant Program with others who may be interested.

The deadline for applications is June 1, 1999. I hope that your municipality will participate in this exciting initiative designed to promote and strengthen community preservation efforts across the Commonwealth. I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Peter C. Webber
Commissioner



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SAVE THE DATE!

The Massachusetts Historic Landscape Preservation Grant Program
will be offering
Historic Landscape Preservation and Maintenance Training
on
Tuesday April 27
9:00-3:00

Location to be announced

A comprehensive introduction to the basics of planning and maintenance for public historic landscapes. Workshop sessions will focus on how to resolve the many conflicting objectives and demands facing our legacy of public landscapes. For all stewards of public historic landscapes including volunteers, site managers, municipal staff and consultants.

Training registration will be mailed directly to you. For more information, call Katy Lacy at 617-727-3160 x 529. Training information will also be available on the World Wide Web at www.state.ma.us/dem/programs/histland/histland.htm.



MASSACHUSETTS HISTORIC LANDSCAPE PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM FACT SHEET, ROUND III

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The Historic Landscape Preservation Grant Program is a state-funded competitive grant program established in 1997 to support the preservation and restoration of historic landscapes listed or in certain instances eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Applicants must be a municipality. The program is administered by the Department of Environmental Management in accordance with Section 32 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 1996.

Many municipal landscapes across the state are over a century old and continue to suffer from deferred maintenance, intrusive additions and limited ability of municipalities to fund rehabilitation projects. By providing funding and technical assistance to these important, municipally owned, historic landscapes the Department of Environmental Management hopes to promote community preservation throughout the Commonwealth.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Inventory and Planning

Inventory, planning and design activities include the survey of historic landscapes, preparation of historic landscape reports, nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, park user studies, landscape preservation master plans, preservation maintenance plans, construction documents and specifications, pre-acquisition studies, and pre-development studies.

Construction

Construction activities include stabilization, protection, rehabilitation and restoration projects that are consistent with current planning documents.

Preservation Maintenance

Preservation maintenance activities include those cyclic maintenance activities that are essential to the long-term protection and preservation of historic fabric and features of a site such as vegetative restoration, or staff training necessary to implement an innovative preservation maintenance program.

Public Education and Stewardship

Public education and stewardship activities include workshops, school programs, brochures, signage, and interpretive elements for the purpose of providing public awareness and support for historic preservation and rehabilitation efforts.

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

DEM will award up to \$50,000 per year per project. Municipalities with projects requiring greater funding are eligible to apply for a multi-year phased grant. Work completed prior to grant award is ineligible for funding consideration.

MATCH REQUIREMENT

The Historic Landscape Preservation Program is a reimbursement program which requires a municipal cash match. The municipality is required to provide a cash match of no less than 30% and no more than 48% of the total project. The cash match required is based on the municipality's equalized valuation per capita decile rank among all Massachusetts municipalities as determined by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

NATIONAL REGISTER LISTING

The Department of Environmental Management will only accept proposals for sites that are listed, or in certain instances eligible for listing, on the State or National Register of Historic Places. Only those projects addressing properties that are already listed on the National Register of Historic Places are eligible for Construction and Preservation Maintenance Funds. Communities that own historic properties which are not currently listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places may only apply for Inventory and Planning funds.

PROJECT SELECTION GUIDELINES

Applications for funding eligible projects will be evaluated by DEM based on the overall quality and responsiveness of the application. The following criteria will be used to evaluate proposals:

- ◆ Demonstrated local, state or national significance of the landscape, with preference given to those that are already listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places
- ◆ Appropriateness of proposed scope of work and compatibility with the site's historic character and current planning documents
- ◆ Demonstrated commitment by the municipality to preserve and protect its historic resources including its historic parks and landscapes
- ◆ Demonstration of community support and investment
- ◆ Demonstration of potential threat to site
- ◆ Demonstration of long term preservation maintenance commitment for the proposed landscape
- ◆ Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act
- ◆ Demonstrated ability to administer grant funded project

In addition to the above criteria, the Historic Landscape Preservation Grant Program seeks a state-wide distribution of funds.

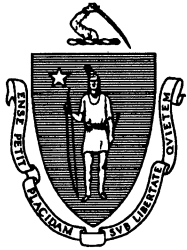
APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications may be submitted by municipalities only. Decisions are made by the Department of Environmental Management. **Full applications are due June 1, 1999 at 4:00 P.M.**

Additional information and application forms may be obtained from:

Office of Historic Resources, Department of Environmental Management, 100 Cambridge St., Boston, MA 02202 Phone: (617) 727-3160 ext. 519 Fax: (617) 727-2630

Our guidelines, application, training announcement and other information can also be found on the World Wide Web at <http://www.state.ma.us/dem/programs/histland/histland.htm>.



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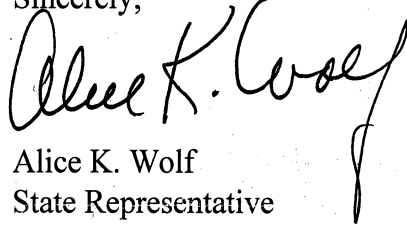
March 29, 1999

Mayor Frances Duehay
Cambridge City Council
795 Massachusetts Ave
Cambridge, Ma. 02139

Dear Mayor Duehay and City Councillors:

I am forwarding this important information on the Historic Landscape Preservation Grant Program. I hope this information is useful and that the City of Cambridge is able to take advantage of this opportunity. If there is any further information that I can provide, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


Alice K. Wolf
State Representative

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A communication was received from
Mayor Francis Duehay, transmitting
information from State Rep. Alice K.
Wolf regarding the Historic Landscape
Preservation Grant Program.

In City Council April 5, 1999

Referred to the City Manager