

Cambridge,..... January 15, 19 74

To the Honorable, the City Council of the
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The undersigned respectfully pray

that the City Council of the City of Cambridge,
Massachusetts take action to resolve the problem of flooding
on Plympton Street between Memorial Drive and Mill Street.

The first flood causing considerable damage took place
Sunday, June 4, 1972. There was seven feet of water in the
basement at 101-103 Plympton Street; and at least one foot of
water in the ground floor apartment. The flood occurred at
7:30 P.M.. Sewer tops burst off the sewers and Plympton
Street was a virtual river. The Fire Department arrived at
10:45 P.M. after the water had subsided. The water damage
to the basic foundation of the house was considerable and
approximately \$1,000 was spent on repairs and in recouping
losses caused by the flood.

There had been no flooding on Plympton Street prior
to MDC construction on the corner of Plympton Street and
Memorial Drive. Residents, in good faith, have assumed that
once the construction was completed, the problem would be
resolved. But as construction moves toward completion the
flooding has not subsided. Floods have occurred since then: two
of considerable import, July 27, 1973 and December 17, 1973 when
water entered the ground level apartment. The Fire Department
was called December 17, 1973. It arrived, and firemen pumped
water for approximately four hours. Considerable damage has
been caused to the basic foundation of the house as a result
of repeated flooding. Pleas have been made repeatedly to the
Department of Public Works, the Department of Public Utilities,
the Department of Sewage, the Cambridge Health Department, and
Cambridge City Hall; but none have resulted in any definitive
action. There is always a flurry of activity which accompanies
each flood; but in the end no definitive action has been taken
to resolve a problem which is devastating, and has shaken our
very sense of well-being.

Barbara Harrison
Genia L. Bartlett
JH Putnam
Margaret Diez

PETITION

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No. _____

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In City Council, _____ 19:

Referred to the Committee on

Attest:

City Clerk.

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IN CITY COUNCIL
January 28, 1974

Councillor Dushay

ORDERED:

That this City Council go on record urging the City Manager to investigate the hazardous and unsanitary problem which continues to exist on Plympton Street, and be it further

ORDERED:

That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to this City Council within two weeks, the action he has taken regarding the serious problem.

In City Council January 28, 1974.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.
Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy,

ATTEST:-

Paul E. Healy
CITY CLERK

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C. Duehay re: hazardous and unsanitary
conditions on Plympton Street.

In City Council,

January 28, 1974

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City Inq. 1/31/74 dl*