



# City of Cambridge

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**IN CITY COUNCIL**

July 29, 2002

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
 VICE MAYOR DAVIS  
 COUNCILLOR DECKER  
 COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO  
 COUNCILLOR MAHER  
 COUNCILLOR MURPHY  
 COUNCILLOR REEVES  
 COUNCILLOR SIMMONS  
 MAYOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that developers in Belmont may be planning to remove eight acres of dense silver maple forest abutting Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The forest is made up of 100 year old trees, which are habitat for close to 90 bird species; the forest also provides a home for many species of mammals; and

WHEREAS: This forest, with its dense vegetation and huge vernal pool areas, provides significant protection from the upland flooding that Cambridge would experience if the forest were to be destroyed; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Conservation Commission and the appropriate Belmont offices to request that all efforts be made to preserve this forest and protect Cambridge from the floodwaters that removal of the forest would bring to North Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

In City Council July 29, 2002.  
 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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**ORDER # 24**

Requesting the City Manager to confer with the Conservation Commission and the appropriate Belmont offices to request that all efforts be made to preserve the forest that protects Cambridge from floodwaters.

**Councillor Toomey**

**In City Council July 29, 2002**

**ORDER ADOPTED.**