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20 Somerset Street, Boston 02108

WILLIAM J. GEARY
COMMISSIONER

July 18, 1984

Herbert M. Meyer
President
Mystic River Watershed Association
277 Mass. Ave.
Arlington, MA 02174

Dear Dr. Meyer:

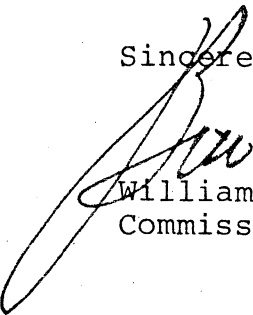
Thank you for your letter concerning land use issues in the area of Alewife Reservation. Your Association has been a long standing and effective advocate for many open space issues and I respect that advocacy. I must differ with the statement in your letter that the Metropolitan District Commission is "collaborating" in an inappropriate way with the transportation planning process and the MAPC open space study. In fact we are participating, just as the Mystic River Watershed Association is participating, in the planning process. We attend the same meetings and share many of the same objectives. It is essential that both of us participate in these planning efforts if we hope to achieve quality development and quality open space in the area.

Our discussions with Arthur D. Little Company are exploratory in nature and do not directly affect the ADL development proposal that is currently before MEPA. There is no "riding roughshod" and any disposition of land, if such is agreed to, would require an open public process of review and legislation.

We look forward to your help in making the MAPC open space plan a helpful and effective plan as well.

Please review the attached letters I have sent to others with similar concerns.

Sincerely,


William J. Geary
Commissioner

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Attachments

cc: Governor Michael Dukakis
Sen. Edward M. Kennedy
Lt. Gov. John Kerry
Sec. James S. Hoyte
Cong. James M. Shannon
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Sen. Richard Kraus
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Comm. from William J. Geary, Commissioner
MDC Re: land uses in the area of Alewife
Reservation.

In City Council,

August 15, 1984

*Referred to the
City Manager for*

Report

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