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APPENDIX A
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

ENVIRONMENTAL NOTIFICATION FORM

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I. SUMMARY

A. Project Identification

1. Project Name John Fitzgerald Kennedy Park
2. Project Proponent Metropolitan District Commission
Address 20 Somerset St Boston, MA 02108

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this space

B. Project Description: (City/Town(s)) Cambridge Mass

1. Location within city/town or street address Memorial Drive at Kennedy St
2. Est. Commencement Date: October 1985 Est. Completion Date: October 1986
Approx. Cost \$ 2,700,000.00 Current Status of Project Design: 90 % Complete

C. Narrative Summary of Project

Describe project and give a description of the general project boundaries and the present use of the project area. (If necessary, use back of this page to complete summary).

Development of a park to the memory of President Kennedy as directed by the Massachusetts legislature, Chapter 299, Acts of 1976. The land is currently parkland in unfinished state, having served as the site of MBTA car barns and more recently as an MBTA staging area. Approximately 2/5 of the site was temporarily converted to grass in 1978. The proposed development consists of a park for passive recreation consisting of grass, trees, walks, and a memorial fountain.

The approximately 5 acre, wedge-shaped property is bounded by the City of Cambridge's Kennedy St to the east, by the MDC's Memorial Drive to the south, by the Society of St. John the Evangelist to the west, and by Charles Square and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government to the north; a 45' wide pedestrian corridor of parkland runs northward between Charles Square and Kennedy School.

Copies of this may be obtained from:

Name: Charles Shurcliff Firm/Agency: MDC
Address: 20 Somerset St. Boston, MA 02108 Phone No. 727-7090

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For Information, call (617) 727-5830

Use This Page to Complete Narrative, if necessary.

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This project is one which is categorically included and therefore automatically requires preparation of an Environmental Impact

Report : YES NO X

D. Scoping (Complete Sections II and III first, before completing this section.)

1. Check those areas which would be important to examine in the event that an EIR is required for this project. This information is important so that significant areas of concern can be identified as early as possible, in order to expedite analysis and review.

	Construc- tion Impacts	Long Term Impacts	Construc- tion Impacts	Long Term Impacts
Open Space & Recreation	_____	_____	Mineral Resources	_____
Historical	_____	_____	Energy Use	_____
Archaeological	_____	_____	Water Supply & Use	_____
Fisheries & Wildlife	_____	_____	Water Pollution	_____
Vegetation, Trees	_____	_____	Air Pollution	_____
Other Biological Systems	_____	_____	Noise	<u>X</u>
Inland Wetlands	_____	_____	Traffic	_____
Coastal Wetlands or Beaches	_____	_____	Solid Waste	_____
Flood Hazard Areas	_____	_____	Aesthetics	_____
Chemicals, Hazardous Substances, High Risk Operations	_____	_____	Wind and Shadow	_____
Geologically Unstable Areas	_____	_____	Growth Impacts	_____
Agricultural Land	_____	_____	Community/Housing and the Built Environment	_____
Other (Specify)	_____	_____		_____

2. List the alternatives which you would consider to be feasible in the event an EIR is required.
no construction

E. Has this project been filed with EOEIA before? Yes _____ No X
If Yes, EOEIA No. _____ EOEIA Action? _____

F. Does this project fall under the jurisdiction of NEPA? Yes _____ No X
If Yes, which Federal Agency? _____ NEPA Status? _____

G. List the State or Federal agencies from which permits will be sought:

Agency Name	Type of Permit
none	

H. Will an Order of Conditions be required under the provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act (Chap. 131, Section 40)?
Yes _____ No X

DEQE File No., if applicable: _____

I. List the agencies from which the proponent will seek financial assistance for this project:

Agency Name	Funding Amount
none	

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Include an original 8 1/2 x 11 inch or larger section of the most recent U.S.G.S. 1:24,000 scale topographic map with the project area location and boundaries clearly shown. Include multiple maps if necessary for large projects. Include other maps, diagrams or aerial photos if the project cannot be clearly shown at U.S.G.S. scale. If available, attach a plan sketch of the proposed project.

B. State total area of project: 5.06 Acres

Estimate the number of acres (to the nearest 1/10 acre) directly affected that are currently:

1. Developed	<u>1</u> acres	4. Floodplain	<u>0</u> acres
2. Open Space/Woodlands/Recreation	<u>4</u> acres	5. Coastal Area	<u>0</u> acres
3. Wetlands	<u>0</u> acres	6. Productive Resources	
		Agriculture	<u>0</u> acres
		Forestry	<u>0</u> acres
		Mineral Products	<u>0</u> acres

C. Provide the following dimensions, if applicable:

Length in miles	Number of Housing Units	Number of Stories
<u>NA</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>NA</u>
	Existing	Immediate Increase Due to Project
Number of Parking Spaces	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Vehicle Trips to Project Site	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Estimated Vehicle Trips past project site	<u>NA</u>	<u>0</u>

D. If the proposed project will require any permit for access to local or state highways, please attach a sketch showing the location of the proposed driveway(s) in relation to the highway and to the general development plan; identifying all local and state highways abutting the development ; and indicating the number of lanes, pavement width, median strips and adjacent driveways on each abutting highway. and indicating the distance to the nearest intersection.

III. ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Instructions: Consider direct and indirect adverse impacts, including those arising from general construction and operations. For every answer explain why significant adverse impact is considered likely or unlikely to result.

Also, state the source of information or other basis for the answers supplied. If the source of the information, in part or in full, is not listed in the ENF, the preparing officer will be assumed to be the source of the information. Such environmental information should be acquired at least in part by field inspection.

A. Open Space and Recreation

1. Might the project affect the condition, use or access to any open space and/or recreation area?

Yes X No _____

Explanation and Source:

B. Historic Resources

1. Might any site or structure of historic significance be affected by the project? Yes _____ No _____

Explanation and Source:

The only nearby element of historic significance is the MDC's abutting Charles River Reservation, including Memorial Drive and its sycamore trees, which element is included in the State and National Register; care is taken to assure no affect on same.

2. Might any archaeological site be affected by the project? Yes _____ No X

Explanation and Source:

There is no known archaeological site within the project area. The site has already undergone extensive development over the past century.

C. Ecological Effects

1. Might the project significantly affect fisheries or wildlife, especially any rare or endangered species?

Yes _____ No X

Explanation and Source:

2. Might the project significantly affect vegetation, especially any rare or endangered species of plant?
Yes _____ No X

(Estimate approximate number of mature trees to be removed: 0)

Explanation and Source:

The only trees to be affected are two to three immature trees, which are the only trees existing within the project area.

3. Might the project alter or affect flood hazard areas, inland or coastal wetlands (e.g., estuaries, marshes, sand dunes and beaches, ponds, streams, rivers, fish runs, or shellfish beds)? Yes _____ No X

Explanation and Source:

4. Might the project affect shoreline erosion or accretion at the project site, downstream or in nearby coastal areas? Yes _____ No X

Explanation and Source:

5. Might the project involve other geologically unstable areas? Yes _____ No X

Explanation and Source:

D. Hazardous Substances

1. Might the project involve the use, transportation, storage, release, or disposal of potentially hazardous substances?
Yes _____ No X

Explanation and Source:

Extensive soil tests have been undertaken and the results reviewed carefully with DEQE. Testing indicates no hazardous materials.

E. Resource Conservation and Use

1. Might the project affect or eliminate land suitable for agricultural or forestry production?

Yes _____ No X

(Describe any present agricultural land use and farm units affected.)

Explanation and Source:

2. Might the project directly affect the potential use or extraction of mineral or energy resources (e.g., oil, coal, sand & gravel, ores)? Yes _____ No X

Explanation and Source:

3. Might the operation of the project result in any increased consumption of energy? Yes X No _____

Explanation and Source:

(If applicable, describe plans for conserving energy resources.)

Increased energy will be used for normal park lighting and the recycling system for the fountain.

F. Water Quality and Quantity

1. Might the project result in significant changes in drainage patterns? Yes _____ No X

Explanation and Source:

2. Might the project result in the introduction of pollutants into any of the following:

- (a) Marine Waters
 (b) Surface Fresh Water Body
 (c) Ground Water

Yes _____	No <u>X</u>
Yes _____	No <u>X</u>
Yes _____	No <u>X</u>

Explain types and quantities of pollutants.

3. Will the project generate sanitary sewage? Yes _____ No X

If Yes, Quantity: _____ gallons per day

Disposal by: (a) Onsite septic systems Yes _____ No _____
 (b) Public sewerage systems Yes _____ No _____
 (c) Other means (describe) _____

4. Might the project result in an increase in paved or impervious surface over an aquifer recognized as an important present or future source of water supply? Yes _____ No X

Explanation and Source:

5. Is the project in the watershed of any surface water body used as a drinking water supply?

Yes _____ No X

Are there any public or private drinking water wells within a 1/2-mile radius of the proposed project?

Yes _____ No X

Explanation and Source:

6. Might the operation of the project result in any increased consumption of water? Yes X No _____

Approximate consumption 1000 gallons per day. Likely water source(s) City of Cambridge

Explanation and Source:

Fountain (recycled): 10,000 gal per year

Irrigation system: 80,000 gal per week (seasonal)

7. Does the project involve any dredging? Yes _____ No X

If Yes, indicate:

Quantity of material to be dredged _____

Quality of material to be dredged _____

Proposed method of dredging _____

Proposed disposal sites _____

Proposed season of year for dredging _____

Explanation and Source:

G. Air Quality

1. Might the project affect the air quality in the project area or the immediately adjacent area?

Yes _____ No X

Describe type and source of any pollution emission from the project site. _____

2. Are there any sensitive receptors (e.g., hospitals, schools, residential areas) which would be affected by any pollution emissions caused by the project, including construction dust? Yes X No _____

Explanation and Source:

Immediately abutting the site is the Kennedy School of Government and the Charles Square condominium complex.

Pollutants would occur during normal construction only and be in the form of dust arising from the grading and transport of soils.

3. Will access to the project area be primarily by automobile? Yes _____ No X

Describe any special provisions now planned for pedestrian access, carpooling, buses and other mass transit.

Access is expected to continue to be pedestrian. Walkways are to be constructed in the park to serve this pedestrian access from all four sides of the park. The Pedestrian Corridor runs north toward Harvard Square and is convenient to existing mass transit.

H. Noise

1. Might the project result in the generation of noise? Yes X No _____

Explanation and Source:

(Include any source of noise during construction or operation, e.g., engine exhaust, pile driving, traffic.)

Noise will be generated during construction only.

Noise will derive from pile driving, beneath the fountain only, traffic, and the normal operation of heavy vehicles.

2. Are there any sensitive receptors (e.g., hospitals, schools, residential areas) which would be affected by any noise caused by the project? Yes X No _____

Explanation and Source:

Immediately abutting the site is the Kennedy School of Government, the Charles Square condominium complex, and further away the monastery of the Society of St. John the Evangelist.

I. Solid Waste

1. Might the project generate solid waste? Yes X No

Explanation and Source:

(Estimate types and approximate amounts of waste materials generated, e.g., industrial, domestic, hospital, sewage sludge, construction debris from demolished structures.)

Generation of solid waste is expected during construction only.
Solid waste will consist of debris from demolished structures,
estimated at 1500 cu. yds.

J. Aesthetics

1. Might the project cause a change in the visual character of the project area or its environs?
Yes X No

Explanation and Source:

The visual character will change from wasteland to parkland.

2. Are there any proposed structures which might be considered incompatible with existing adjacent structures in the vicinity in terms of size, physical proportion and scale, or significant differences in land use?
Yes No X

Explanation and Source:

3. Might the project impair visual access to waterfront or other scenic areas? Yes X No

Explanation and Source:

Trees will be planted within the five acre park area. Since the Charles Square complex and Kennedy School overlook the park to the view of the Charles River, trees will necessarily lie within the visual access to the River.

Care has been taken to assure trees do not seriously block these views. There is some thought that the trees and parkland as a whole will themselves produce and constitute a scenic area.

K. Wind and Shadow

1. Might the project cause wind and shadow impacts on adjacent properties? Yes No X

Explanation and Source:

IV. CONSISTENCY WITH PRESENT PLANNING

- A. Describe any known conflicts or inconsistencies with current federal, state and local land use, transportation, open space, recreation and environmental plans and policies. Consult with local or regional planning authorities where appropriate.

There is no known conflict or inconsistency with such plans and policies.

V. FINDINGS AND CERTIFICATION

- A. The notice of intent to file this form has been/will be published in the following newspaper(s) :

(Name) Boston Globe (Date) August 1985
Morrissey Boulevard
Boston Mass.

- B. This form has been circulated to all agencies and persons as required by Appendix B.

July 31

Date

Signature of Responsible Officer
or Project Proponent

William J. Geary, Commissioner
 Name (print or type)

Address Metropolitan District Comm.

20 Somerset Street, Boston

Telephone Number 727 - 9693

July 31

Date

Signature of person preparing ENF
(if different from above)

CHARLES SHURCLIFF
 Name (print or type)

Address MDC

20 Somerset St
Boston MA 02108

Telephone Number 727-7090

301 CMR: EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

10.35. Appendix F - Forms of Notice

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(1) NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT ENVIRONMENTAL NOTIFICATION FORM

MDC hereby gives
(proponent)
notice that on or about August 1, 1985 an Environmental
(date)
Notification Form (ENF) will be submitted to the Secretary of
Environmental Affairs under the provisions of MEPA, M.G.L.,
Ch. 30, ss. 62 to 62H, inclusive for the Development of
John Fitzgerald Kennedy Park
(brief description of project)

at Memorial Drive and Kennedy St., Cambridge Mass
(locus of project or street address, city or town)

Copies of this ENF will be available from MDC Parks Engineering and Construction
(name and address)
20 Somerset St., Boston, MA 02108
where proponent will have copies)

This ENF will be available for public inspection during business
hours at the MEPA Unit, Executive Office of Environmental Affairs,
100 Cambridge Street, 20th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, 02202,
and also at Cambridge Clerk City Hall
(municipal clerk or conservation commission)
located at City Hall, Massachusetts Avenue Cambridge
(address of municipal clerk or conservation

commission)

Public Notice of the filing of this ENF will be published by the
Secretary of Environmental Affairs in the Environmental Monitor.
A twenty day period for submission of public comments will follow
the publication of notice in the Monitor. Please
write or call the MEPA Unit at 727-5830 for information on public
comment periods and how to subscribe to the Monitor.

By Metropolitan District Commission
(proponent)

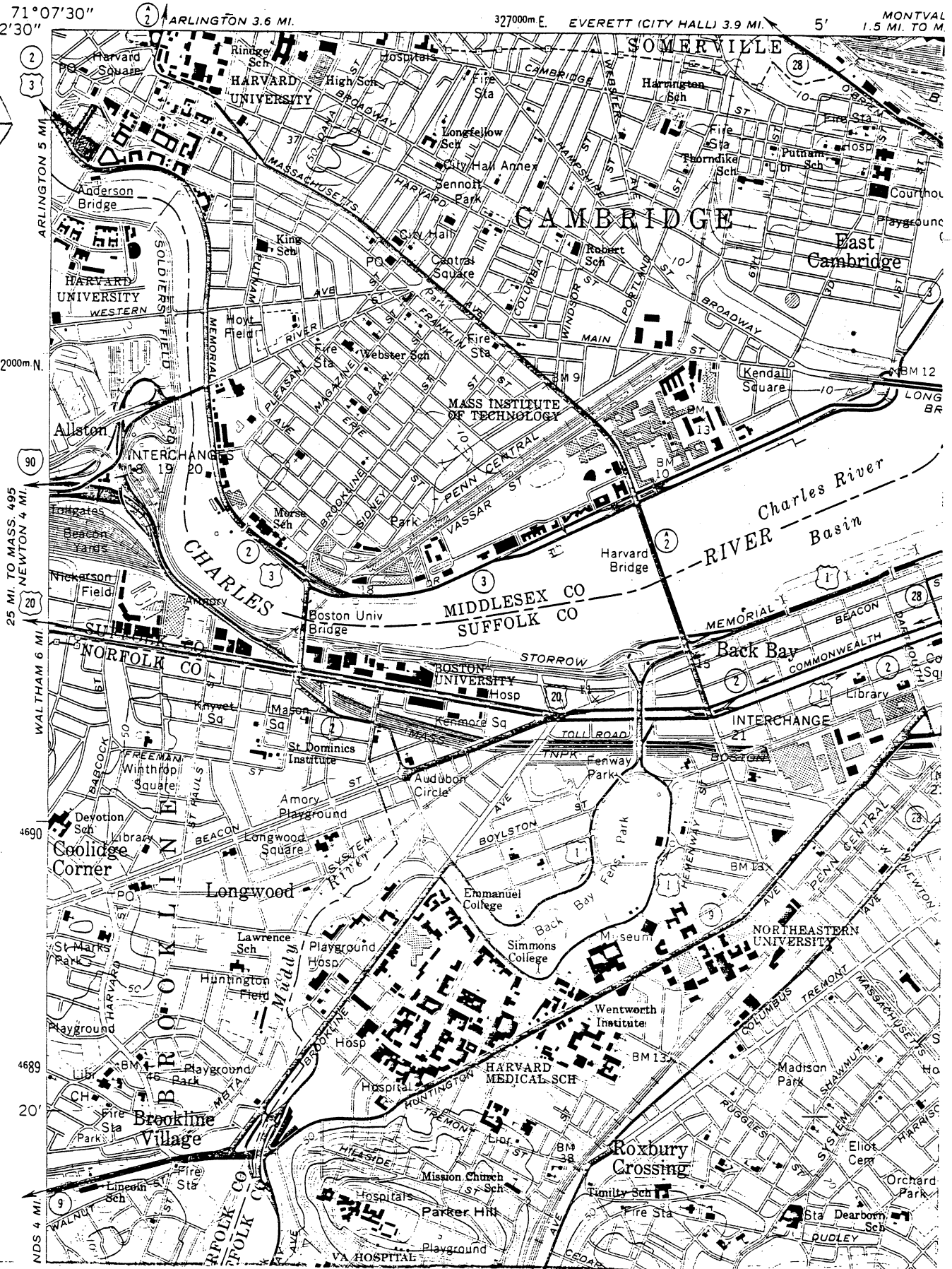
JFK PARK PROJECT AREA 5.0 ACRES

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

AREA SHOWN IN GREEN
(SEE PLAN AT 1"=300' ATTACHED)

67°58'1" NW
(LEXINGTON)

71°07'30"
42°22'30"



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Environmental notification form received
from the MDC regarding the John F. Kennedy
Park at Memorial Drive & John F. Kennedy St.;
siad project to commence in October, 1985.

copy sent to the City Manager 8/8/85 mlr

In City Council,

August 5, 1985

8/5/1985

*Referred
to
the
City Manager*