

Cambridge City Council,

I am now a resident of Billerica, Massachusetts and I am writing to you after learning of the situation occurring with the geese who live along the Charles River. Ever since I was very young, my grandmother would go for walks with me to visit the geese at this site in Cambridge. I had not been to the geese area in over a year but the other day I went to see my Grandmother, a lifetime resident of Cambridge who lives moments away from the river, and to my surprise I saw what the meadow has been reduced to. It is a mess.

I was also informed of the situation by a few people who are there daily to feed the geese. They told me about the "plans" for the area and what the city and MBTA wish to do with the land. It greatly saddens myself and my family to hear that the lives of the beautiful geese are being threatened because someone wants to put an ugly pathway to a subway station. Can't we have anything nice left in this city?

I would just like to ask you to reconsider these plans and try to find any other area to put such a path. Thank you for your time and please take this into consideration. Please do so, for if the geese lose their land and what little freedom they have left, the hearts and spirits of many people who have grown to love them and the site in the past twenty years will be crushed.

Sincerely,

Shon Mahoney and Grandmother

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A communication was received from
Shon Mahoney and her grandmother,
relative to the protection of the
white geese along the Charles River.

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